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CELEBRATING & RECOGNIZING SPC'S ANNIVERSARY

Celebrations

Exciting celebrations of our 50th anniversary are already under way. Our first event, the "Birthday Boogie" on January 16th was a whopping success. The many of us who love to dance came home exhausted. And we made \$700.

Five decades of S.P.C. history will be on display at the Onondaga Historical Association at 311 Montgomery Street for a month starting in mid-February. Their hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon till 4 p.m. Please stop by to see it and urge them to extend the dates of the display.

The Syracuse Cultural Workers Project has received a grant to put on 3 Oral History Programs about S.P.C. They will take place in October.



Fall is also the scheduled time for the release of Against the Odds: The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council being published by the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project. See pages 12-17.

Shove Park in Camillus is named after one of our strong supporters, the late Ben Shove. We hope to have a S.P.C. Picnic there in the summer.

We're working on getting a "big name" speaker for our 50th and having an extravaganza with nationally-known entertainers at the Landmark Theatre.

If you'd like to work on one or more of these events, please call us.

Get Involved in SPC

When people say "I can't find a way to plug in to work at S.P.C.", I think "Either you're not trying to find a way and/or we're not trying because there are lots of ways." To prove the point, I decided - since it's our 50th anniversary - to attempt a list of 50 ways that people could work with S.P.C. Coming up with 50 was easy!

So, now the time-worn excuses won't do. For those who say "I don't know how to organize an event or type", there are 48 other tasks from which to choose. Those who say "I can't help at S.P.C. during the day; that's when I work", could think about the many tasks - actually the majority - that can be done on evenings and weekends. Those who would like something creative to do could take on banner-making, photo-taking, PNL cover designing and PNL layout. There truly is something for everyone.



S.P.C. would like to salute our many volunteers and ask that you, too, become "one who doesn't wait for someone else to do it."

Please go over this list and check off the jobs you could do. Then call us. Thank you.

-- Corinne Kinane

- Party with us (PNL mailing parties)
- Telephone for a worthy cause; Phonathon
- Become a Program Committee member
- Poster before events
- Help with spring cleaning
- Paint S.P.C. bathroom
- Write an article for the PNL
- Shovel snow
- Help to paint S.P.C. house
- Help organize Tax Day Vigil
- Take a phone shift
- Help with PNL production
- Help with our Garage Sale
- Become the S.P.C. Pledge Person
- Help take and set-up displays at museums & libraries for our 50th anniversary
- Take Front Room Bookstore materials to events
- Write thank-you notes to contributors
- Make lunch one day a week or month or ...
- Call people about upcoming event(s)
- Be a S.P.C. representative at meetings of other organizations
- Type up articles for PNL
- Become a PNL Editorial Committee member
- Help organize Hiroshima/Nagasaki activities (for August)
- Help with Plowshare - our annual Crafts Fair



Call us for the other 25.



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In this special section

Our usual 24 page PNL this month has been both enlarged and shrunk. It's been enlarged to become the 50th anniversary special and shrunk to this 8 page insert section for Feb. '86 continuing the regular PNL format.

These eight pages include several of our regular features: the monthly events calendar will be found on the last page of this insert rather than on the last page of the whole issue since the whole (minus these eight pages for February) will be distributed through the year.

The section also includes a brief article by Angus MacDonald on Libya and Ronald Reagan; an analysis of the Reagan strategy in Nicaragua; and excerpts from a sermon on freedom and survival in the nuclear age by Rev. David Bumbaugh.

Dates and Deadlines

Please note: in keeping with the new PNL publishing pattern of alternating 24- and 8-page PNLs (see SPC page), the March PNL will be only 8 pages. Space will be quite limited for the March PNL and we are asking that space requests for the April issue come in earlier to give the editorial committee more lead time.

8 page March PNL

Feb 14	article space
Feb 14	ad space
Feb 19	copy deadline
Feb 24-26	production
Mar 1	mailing party

24 page April PNL

Mar 1
Mar 14
Mar 19
Mar 24-26
Mar 30

the peace council page

Spring Central America Actions

Reagan is about to ask Congress for 100 million dollars in aid for the Contras. Stopping this aid package is a key goal of the Central American solidarity movement this spring. Here are some important events to keep in mind:

* Throughout the month of February the award-winning film "The Official Story" will be playing at the Manlius Cinema. If you buy your tickets in advance from the Peace Council or any one of Syracuse's Central American solidarity groups, a portion of the proceeds goes to benefit solidarity work in Central New York. It's entertainment, education, organizing and fundraising all at once, so come down to SPC, get some tickets, and sell them to your friends. Or call us -- we'll get them to you.

* The Syracuse Pledge of Resistance Coalition plans to hold a major action three working days after Reagan officially makes the aid proposal to Congress. Keep your ears peeled, and if you're not already on the Pledge of Resistance phone list, call SPC and we'll get you on it.

* March 20 is National "WORK-A-DAY with the people of El Salvador." The organization "New El Salvador Today" is asking all of us to donate one day's wages for peace. Contact Liam at the SPC office if you are

interested in helping to publicize this campaign, or if you would like to donate a day.

* March 21-24 have been designated as a national time for actions on Central America. Many activities, both national and local, are in the planning stages now.

* A newsprint broadsheet on Nicaragua has been published by a group of Syracuse activists for mass distribution, door-to-door. This publication can be used as a basic educational tool for people not familiar with what is really going on in Central America. If you would like to get involved in this distribution/education project, call Liam at S.P.C.

Introducing New Staff

Yes, we've just hired two new staff people! Labeeb Hameed, a local Syracusan and graduate of LeMoyne College, and Leeann Irwin, fresh from a tour of European peace camps, are joining us this month. You can look forward to hearing from them in the March PNL. But in the meantime there will be a welcoming potluck at 6:00 pm at 504 Allen St. on

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Come on Board

SPC activists from all three steering committees met to discuss how to go from 3 staff people to 2. To reduce staff workload we decided to hire a part-time bookkeeper and to change the Peace Newsletter from ten 24 page issues to 12 issues a year which alternate between 8 pages and 24 pages. We'll evaluate this after 6 months, so be sure to let us know how you feel! SPC's structure will remain basically the same-one staff person will be the PNL production coordinator, and the other will work with the Organizational Maintenance Committee (both will be responsible for program work). We reinstated a program committee which will give program guidance to the staff and work on projects. We feel good about these decisions and excited about the possibilities. Please join us for the first meeting of our new program committee- Tuesday, February 18 from 7-9 pm at 212 Standish Dr., Syracuse (the Brule's house).

Anniversary Peace Award

For many years the Peace Council has given out an annual "Peace Award" at its Birthday Dinner. For our fiftieth year we are trying to be a little more organized by getting in nominations. So, if you have any ideas for our 50th anniversary Peace Award- either individuals, groups or institutions- send them in now!

Good Wishes to Virden

Syracuse will really miss Virden Seybold. He has been at the American Friends Service Committee for 11 years as area director, with program responsibilities in disarmament, the death penalty, community development, etc. He has been very active in his church, and he and Elva have often opened their home to many people, including Marco Burkli-Vils and Christa Pranter when they were here as interns at S.P.C.

Now Virden has moved on to an exciting position as regional Peace Education director for A.F.S.C. in Baltimore. Baltimore's gain is our loss. Virden has always been a quiet, subtle anchor in the local peace community; always reliable, determined and committed.

We wish you the best of luck, happiness and satisfaction, Virden, and we insist that you come back to visit!

Upcoming Projects

Three major SPC events are coming up this spring: First, our spring phonathon. We need help from any of you who are good on the telephone. The rest of you should prepare yourselves for a call -- please consider, if you're not already doing so, making a monthly pledge to S.P.C. in honor of our fiftieth anniversary.

After the phonathon comes our Fiftieth Birthday dinner. Call in your speaker suggestions now! And finally, we're trying for a major fundraising concert in May. Want to help out? Call us today.

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The Price of Freedom

by Rev. David E. Bumbaugh

The following is the muchly condensed text of a sermon delivered in Syracuse at the May Memorial Unitarian Society on September 24, 1985.

For as long as I can remember, "freedom" has been a word symbolizing values more profound than any strict definition of the term would admit. During World War II we believed that the world was divided into the Allies who were struggling against evil and the forces of evil: the Nazis and the Japanese who had attacked us without warning or provocation, and who were a different color, race, religion and presumably lived by an inferior social code.

Early in my childhood I came to think of the United States as the bastion of freedom, without ever understanding what freedom meant. I believed that freedom was ever in jeopardy, threatened with subversion by wicked foreigners; that "the price of freedom is eternal vigilance;" and that young men must prepare to do battle for freedom. I accepted that it is better to die in freedom's cause than to live in slavery, even though slavery was never clearly defined, only shrouded in images of helpless people dominated by cruel men.

World War II ended with the triumph of the free world over its enemies, but scarcely had our soldiers marched home when we found ourselves in a new struggle between slavery and freedom. It was hard to understand since the forces of evil we had just defeated now became part of the free world, and some of the nations who had been part of the struggle for freedom now became our enemies. But the old image of the "free world" endangered by the forces of slavery was still powerful. We watched our young men march off to Korea to fight for freedom. And so it has been ever since. Our wars, our foreign policies, military budgets, the arms race and our dithering in the affairs of other nations, all are justified not in terms of the needs of our nation, but in terms of a global metaphysical mission -- the defense of the "free world" against demonic forces.

We are never very clear about what we mean by freedom. At times we seem to be talking about political rights. At other times, a standard of living. Likewise, the "forces of oppression" are only vaguely defined. They are often totalitarian systems which we reject because they object to our global dominance and economic practices. But we accept similar systems of government which murder their own citizens and accept them as part of the "free world" because they support us. Thus a number of sometimes contradictory concerns are united in one powerful word: "freedom." And our political leaders use that emotion-laden word to rally us behind their policies.

The strength of this rallying cry derives from a conviction that it is freedom which makes life worthwhile; that freedom gives meaning to our being. This also may cause us to decide that life is worth less than freedom; that only the free life is worth living. It exerts enormous power over us and shapes our actions in ways that

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are seldom understood.

There was a time, not long ago, when this cherishing of freedom made sense. We knew that political, civil and economic freedom created a special quality of life and that freedom was worth defending and sacrificing for. We drafted our young men and, with a mixture of pride, regret, fear and sorrow, sent them out to kill and to be killed. Freedom has never been cheap. But in August 1945, when we incinerated two Japanese cities and shoved an ill-prepared humanity into the nuclear age, the stakes multiplied and the values by which we had lived for so very long were profoundly called into question. Einstein suggested that the advent of the nuclear age had changed everything except the way we think and therefore we drift toward unparalleled destruction.

It is utterly foolish to talk about preserving freedom or defending the "free world" as if Hiroshima had never happened. The primary aim of any rational system of values, public policy, or relevant religious concern must be the preservation of human life on this planet. All other concerns must be subordinated to that aim. When we did not have the power to destroy the human community, it may have made sense to talk about risking the lives of some, perhaps even a whole nation, to preserve qualities which gave life its value. But once we had the power to destroy the entire human community, we could no longer afford that profligate attitude toward life. If we fail to prevent the nuclear holocaust, the earth, once silent of human voices, will remain silent forever. All human accomplishment will be swept away.

Whether our antagonists are demons without conscience, or human beings like us -- frightened, confused, ambitious, cunning and eager to avoid Armageddon -- is irrelevant. I believe that nothing -- not economic well-being, nor our political system, nor our personal freedoms, nor even the nation -- is so important that we can risk destroying the human race on its behalf.

That does not mean that we must surrender our values or cease struggling to create a world in which we may live in peace and plenty, knowing the blessings of freedom, secure in our civil and human rights. But it does

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mean we must understand that these goals in the nuclear age have become instrumental, not absolute, and that we must find new, less lethal ways to serve the ends we would achieve. The instruments we use must be carefully chosen so that life itself, the basis from which all conscious value arises, be not threatened. Freedom is worth much sacrifice, but to risk all of human existence in behalf of "freedom" is too high a price.

The code words must be stripped of their power. Words like "the American way" and "the free world" and "the evil empire" and "the world communist conspiracy" must be demystified and desacralized. We must demand to know what we are being asked to risk and in service to what aims. We must insist that no national aims are legitimate -- including national survival -- if they involve risking the human race.

That is a hard concept for me to confront for I was


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reared to believe that choosing slavery rather than death is cowardly; the freedom is worth any price; that it is not life but the quality of life which we should cherish. It is hard to conceive that true courage must be demonstrated by restraint, even in the service of freedom. But in the nuclear age that is the truth which forces itself upon us. In the book of Deuteronomy we find these words: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live." That is the stark choice we have before us. If there is any hope that humanity may live in freedom, in peace, in plenty, we must first choose life. We must reject that which imperils the human race, and no longer support policies which risk all the future. The choice is between life and the obliteration of all life. Let this generation choose life that we and our seed may live and so that the quality of life we cherish will survive on a green and living planet. ☸

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PEACES

Changed Relocation Tactics at Big Mountain

Ten to fifteen thousand Indian people at Big Mountain, Arizona are still threatened with relocation from their ancestral homelands, at a cost to taxpayers of \$1.5-2 billion before it is over. In December 1985, Congress passed PL 99-190 providing \$50 million more to be spent on relocation by Sept. 30, 1986, clearly bypassing the July '86 confrontation date laid out in the original Federal Law. In addition, the Secretary of the Interior was granted broad powers bypassing safeguards previously provided in law to protect the environment and archeology of the area: "the Secretary may carry out construction and lease approvals or executions under this provision...without regard to the rule making requirements of any law, executive order, or regulation."



Mobilization plans for the summer will be made in direct response to what Congress does over the next six months. Mobilization however, is far less desirable than repeal. Whatever happens, no one should do anything without approval from the elders at Big Mountain. That especially includes plans to go to Big Mountain this summer.

Information on the Spring Gathering, slide show and local support is available. Please contact Syracuse Support Group for Indigenous People and Traditional Pathways, (315)476-6103. *by Jan Peterson*

Black History Month

The existence of Black History Month can be traced back to 1926 when originally launched as "Negro History

Week" by Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson. Dr. Woodson had become an educator and historian from his early beginnings as a laborer in a W. Virginia coal mine. His goal was to mark a special period of time each year to recognize the achievements and contributions of Afro-Americans. In 1976 the week was extended to the entire month of February.

This year in celebration a special festival has been organized by the Syracuse Cultural Workers and The Community Folk Art Gallery, with financial assistance from the N.Y. State Council on the Arts. "SYMBOL OF SOUL," a festival of films, artists, filmmakers, and poets will open on Feb 2 and continue through Feb 27. Eight wonderful films by Black filmmakers will be shown on Saturday and Wednesday evenings beginning on the 8th, with visits from the directors on the 15th and 22nd.

Please see the inserted NVS Films schedule for dates, times and locations of all the films. Call 474-1132 for more info.

New Speakers Bureau

Last Fall, in aim of getting the message to the public that there is a real potential for Nuclear War, and that this is preventable, the Central NY FREEZE along with other local organizations formed the Speakers and Programs Bureau.

The Bureau decided on three areas to produce programs that local speakers would present to community groups: "Star Wars," or the Strategic Defense Initiative; Avenues of Hope in a Nuclear Age; and US-USSR Relations, which is not under way, but should be in the Spring.

These presentations are appropriate for meetings, luncheons, or special gatherings of organizations.

To learn more about programs now available, "Star Wars", and Avenues of Hope in a Nuclear Age; or to arrange a presentation, call (315) 445-1332 or write: Speakers and Programs Bureau, Box 394, Syracuse, NY 13214.

Thanksgiving Action.

On Thanksgiving Day, the second anniversary of the Plowshares 7 action, 11 people entered the Skyline Gate at Griffis Air Force Base and served the base a copy of the original protests of the Plowshares '77. Approximately an hour after they entered the base, ten of the eleven

were arrested and held for six hours in two "squash courts" in the base gymnasium.

Six of the ten were brought to trial on January 23, and sentenced to 5 days or \$75. Five of the six chose to serve the 5 days. One, due to a trial in Rhode Island for a similar action, paid the fine.

The remaining four have to have their trial separately due to Ban and Bar orders issued in the past, the sentence for the group could be six months' imprisonment or a \$500 fine. The trial, originally set for January 30, is postponed indefinitely for medical reasons of Judge Conan.

Watch for trial date in the news, or call 475-2811 for up to date info.



BOYCOTT

The Free South Africa Movement, or FSAM, is shifting gears. After a year of protests at the South African Embassy in Washington, the foes of apartheid are taking aim at the strategic foundation of the apartheid state; multinational corporate investment in South Africa.

FSAM announced Jan. 9 the start of a consumer boycott on Shell Oil, one of the world's largest international corporations, that makes massive contributions to the repressive apartheid regime in South Africa.

Vietnam Victory Memorial

The Vietnam Victory Memorial Committee is building America's first memorial to those who died opposing the government's illegal war in Vietnam. April 30, 1985, on the 10th Anniversary of the Liberation of Siagon, the ground breaking for the memorial took place, in spite of threats from local veterans groups that say the day it goes up, is the day it comes down. Terry Choate, director of the project, says that they have incorporated into the design several fences so that it would be "difficult to get close enough to attach plastic explosives" and anyway it would just bring more publicity to the memorial's meaning.

The memorial is scheduled for completion this April 30th. If you can help, or know of someone's name that should go on the memorial, write to: Vietnam Victory Memorial
P.O. Box 9364
Phoenix, Arizona 85068

War of Attrition

by Robert Armstrong

This article is condensed from the December Progressive Magazine. Its subtitle is "Washington turns the screws on the Sandinistas." The Magazine is available for \$2.50 from the Progressive, PO Box 2049, Marion, OH 43306

Invasion. war of attrition, negotiation. Those are the three options the Reagan Administration has in Nicaragua. But since negotiation does not suit the Administration's style, it is seriously considering only the other two alternatives, which share the same objective: getting rid of the Sandinistas.

"There's a faction that wants to invade and another that thinks invasion is unwise," says Bill LeoGrande, a staff member of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee. "But it isn't one department versus another; it cuts across departments and agencies." Battle lines are drawn between the advocates of invasion, who look for a symbolic "rollback" of the Soviet empire and a spectacular demonstration of American military prowess, versus the proponents of a war of attrition, who seek the slow strangulation of the Sandinistas.

"The result of the disagreement is that nothing happens," says LeoGrande. "It's a rut. Some want to push the policy out to the right, some want to push it to the left. But neither side can do it. So the policy stays where it is and keeps going forward. The policy is the synthesis of their disagreement."

Administration policy has meant continued funding for the contras, economic embargo, pressure on private and multilateral banks to limit loans, pressure on allied governments that try to maintain normal relations with the Sandinista government, travel bans, and the prospect of breaking diplomatic relations. This policy of attrition aims to turn the screws so tightly that the Nicaraguan government will run out of resources, its people will rise up in frustration, the leaders of the revolution will turn against each other in fratricidal recrimination, and the Sandinistas will be squeezed dry and lifeless at the feet of the Yankee giant.

The policy is working. Mounting internal discontent has already led the Sandinista government to declare a state of emergency. In announcing the suspension of civil liberties in mid-October, President Daniel Ortega blamed U.S. meddling.

"There is a new strategy at work in Nicaragua and Central America: low-intensity war," says Deborah Barry, an American analyst of U.S. foreign policy who lives in Nicaragua. The doctrine of low-intensity war, Barry argues, refines the counterinsurgency theories of the Vietnam era.

Robert Armstrong is the executive director of the North American Congress on Latin America, (NACLA).



Political and social campaigns become as important as the military front. "The battlefield," says Barry, "is against the insurgents or radical government, using guerilla and 'resistance' soldiers; with the civilian population, winning their hearts and minds; pressuring foreign governments and organizations, like the Socialist International, and convincing American and world public opinion through manipulation of the media." As Barry sees it, it is a total and integrated conception of war.

To render the enemy "politically useless," the principal task must be to separate the population from the revolutionary government. "In Nicaragua, the war must prevent the Sandinista government from delivering on the promises of the revolution. It tears at the veins and arteries of the economy and internationally it blocks access to international financing, trade, and aid," says Barry.

In the United States, the battle for public opinion is all-important to Administration strategy. It plays up Nicaragua's mistakes and appropriates the language of the revolution, Barry notes. Justice, peace, democracy, dialogue -- these become goals of the contras, according to Washington's propaganda. Even the word "revolution" itself is turned against the Sandinistas, as the contras claim to be the rightful bearers of the revolutionary banner.

"Manipulation of the media agenda is essential, and simplicity and repetition the secret to success," says Barry. "New ideas are combated with old, simple, and familiar ones."

The most recent polls on Nicaragua, taken in June before the House of Representatives voted \$27 million in aid to the contras, continue to show decided disagreement with the U.S. policy of helping to overthrow the Sandinistas: 53 per cent still oppose it, a figure that has remained approximately the same since June 1983. But the polls show an ominous shift that reflects the partial success of the Administration's media campaign to paint the Sandinistas as "evil" and "communists": Those favoring U.S. assistance in toppling the Managua regime have increased from 23 per cent to 32 per cent over the past two years. Even more disquieting is the fact that the Administration seems to be steadily winning converts to its cause.

"The ideological climate is changing," says Debra Reuben, coordinator of the Nicaragua Network. "At the grass-roots level, when you go out to talk about Nicaragua, the barriers, the questions, come much sooner. There is less willingness to listen."

Most Americans, however, remain ignorant of U.S. policy. Only one out of every four persons polled in June knew the United States was backing the contras. "It doesn't intrude into their daily life," says LeoGrande. "It doesn't even touch it."

For all the problems facing the anti-interventionist movement, the number of people committed to opposing U.S. policy in Nicaragua "has skyrocketed," says Reuben. She points to the 70,000 persons who have signed the Pledge of Resistance, a church-inspired campaign that enlists people to perform civil disobedience in the event of U.S. escalation of the existing war or the invasion of Nicaragua. Some 40,000 Americans have gone to Nicaragua since 1979, Reuben estimates.

Still, the threat of an outright invasion hovers as an everyday presence. Under what circumstances would the United States invade? If the government of Nicaragua were to show signs of serious divisions, says LeoGrande, then "a pretext" would be all that is needed.

Neither LeoGrande nor Reuben expects an invasion, however. Instead, they assume the war of attrition will simply continue. It has taken its toll already. Up to 50 per cent of Nicaragua's national budget already goes to support the war effort. And 12,000 Nicaraguans have died so far in the contra war, President Ortega told The New York Times in July. The first national conscription in Nicaraguan history has been confronted by considerable resistance.

The embargo which the Reagan Administration imposed in May has meant that all U.S. imports -- from toothpaste to sanitary napkins -- are either prohibitively expensive or just don't

exist. Distribution problems bring periodic shortages; shortages mean long lines. The price of basic goods has been driven up by inflation, and life is hard.

This low-profile war also wears away at its opposition in the United States. The grass-roots opposition complains of being overloaded. "There are too many crises too often," Reuben laments. "Your educational campaigns suffer, your humanitarian aid campaigns and sister-city projects get put aside." The feeling is one of perpetual siege, "and with the shift in the ideological climate, we expect more harassment from the Government."

For Deborah Barry more than Reagan's good luck is at work. "It's a new strategic conception, prolonged counterrevolutionary war," she says. "It is the result of the reinterpretation of Vietnam and the experience of the Third World liberation struggles of the last forty years. And it's not just Nicaragua. It's El Salvador. It's the whole Third World."

The question that both the Nicaraguan government and the U.S. critics of Reagan policy have to answer is how to deal not with an invasion but with this enervating constant war. ♣

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Ronald Reagan, Libya and the Constitution

by Angus MacDonalid

The cover of the January 13 issue of NEWSWEEK magazine carries the question, "Stopping Khadafy: What are Reagan's Options?" It does not say, "What Are The Options of the United States?" The Congress of the United States has not declared war on Libya. Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States Constitution reserves to Congress the right to declare war.

Ronald Reagan, upon becoming President, swore to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. Yet from the beginning of his presidency Ronald Reagan has been trying, with terrifying success, to usurp this power of Congress and to grab for himself the power to make war whenever and wherever he wants to. Mr. Reagan urges that his (limited) authority to conduct foreign policy and his position as commander-in-chief of U. S. armed forces authorize him to use those armed forces at his indiscretion -- conveniently ignoring the fact that the people who wrote the Constitution gave Congress the power to declare war precisely to curb trigger-happy presidents.

Mr. Reagan placed U. S. Marines in Lebanon in violation of the War Powers Act, and over 200 of them were killed there. A cowardly, corrupt and compliant Congress let him get away with it.

President Reagan ordered the attack on Grenada without even notifying Congress. A few in Congress considered impeaching the President, but the U. S. public backed Reagan and the brave small voices faded away.

As I write, the aircraft carrier Saratoga moves to join the carrier Coral Sea in the Mediterranean near Libya, to await President Reagan's orders. No Congressman or Senator has cried, "No attack on Libya unless and until Congress declares war on Libya!"

An attack on Libya would not stop terrorism. Terrorism is low-budget war; it would go without Khadafy's support. But an attack could start World War III. The Soviet Union and Libya's Arab neighbors have announced their support of Libya.

When elected representatives fail to uphold the Constitution, the job falls to us.

Recently I sent a telegram to Ronald Reagan, President, The White House, Washington, D.C., which said, "Stop trying to start World War III in Libya." If you should send the president a telegram, a letter or a postcard with a similar message, it might help to keep the peace, and also to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. ♣

Cut and hang on bulletin board

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Black History Month

BLACK HISTORY FILMS:
Several area groups are sponsoring a film series, **SHAROL OF THE SOUL**, this month in honor of Black History Month. There are a few play dates for each film. Check it out!

9	Planning Mtg: Int'l Women's Day Pancake Breakfast 7pm Women's Info 478-4636 New Environment Cheese Order Deadline 446-9409 Pst When League Sunday "Support of the Black Family" Church of the Christ 121 Haven St. 472-6955 Service/Reception	10	Community Writers' Project Open Reading 8pm Evan Methodist Church 472-0400 \$2 donation Black History: "Five on the Black Hand Side" 1:30-7pm 100 New St. FREE 472-0130 7pm BOB 446-6902	11	Blues and Deprivation in the US, Victor Stibel M.D. SU Wesleyan Hall FREE St. Shabanun Chapel FREE St. Marye College Gay/Lesbian Conf. Mtg. & Covered Dish 6:30-9pm Church Center: 422-5732 Black History: "Harriet Tubman and the Underground R.R." 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel/Noble Bm FREE	12	"Health & Gov't" 12pm SU Wesleyan Hall FREE CIV NOW Mtg. 7:30pm 960 S. Warren St. Conf. Bm. 472-4200 Caribbean Prev. Movement Mtg. 7pm 960 Salt Spring Rd. 475-7101 South Africa Belongs to Us 7:15pm 2223 East Genesee St. \$2 424-8487	13	WMAF Mtg. 7:30pm 10019 New St. 470-8300 Educators for Social Responsibility 7:30pm LaSalle High School Sally Brule sj 472-6478 People for Animal Rights 7pm Jane/Linda 475-0062 Film: "Pink Triangle & Silent Pioneers" 7pm SU Hendricks Chp. Nobel Bm FREE	14	Greater Syn. NW 8pm 1800 New St. FREE SVC Program Committee Mtg. 7pm 218 Strandl. Drive (Sally Brule sj 472-6478) VA Hospital 9th floor Neurolepsy Support 2pm "Police Violence: Afro-Americans" Prof. Hawkins SU Blvd Lab. 3pm 1916 Bm 473-4395 FREE	15	Women's Net. Lunch 12:00-1:30pm 100 New St. 472-0130 FREE Black History "A Matter of Struggle" 7pm Beauchamp Library. S. Sallink Colvin FREE 473-4395 New Women's Mtg. Lunch 12:00-1:30pm 100 New St. 472-0130 FREE Matter 1 Council Negro Women 7pm Dunbar Center Black History: "Matter of Struggle" 1:30-3:30 7pm 100 New St. 472-0130 FREE Black History "Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich" Nothing But a Sandwich! 7pm Beauchamp Lib. Sallink Colvin 473-4395 FREE	16	Friends of Mental Patients 4pm Plymouth Church	17	Reburial Display: Sights and Scenes from Afro-American Life SU Blvd Library Bm. 1916	18	Black History: "Death of a Prophet" 1:30-7pm 100 New St FREE 472-0130	19	EVERY SUNDAY: Metro Community Church Worship Service 5pm Grace Episcopal Church	20	EVERY SUNDAY: Women's Radio Show PM 89 WJZZ 9:30am	21	EVERY MONDAY: Women's Radio Show PM 89 WJZZ 9:30am	22	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE	23	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE	24	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE	25	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE	26	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE	27	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE	28	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE	29	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE	30	EVERY MONDAY: Contra Dancing 8:30-11pm Grace Episcopal Church \$1.50 Physicians of Social Responsibility Meeting 475-0962 Film: "Choosing Children" 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Bm FREE
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VALENTINE'S DAY VIGIL
FOR PRISONERS RIGHTS
FRIDAY FEB. 14 12:30 - 1:00 pm PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
511 S. STATE ST.
"While there is a soul in prison, I am not free"
Eugene Oels

CALLING ALL LEGS AGAINST ARMS
STAND UP AND GIVE PEACE A DANCE!
5th Birthday Party for the Central NY Weapons Freeze
DATE: Saturday February 15
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Introduction: We Made It!

Fifty years! We've made it! Fifty years of effort, patience, perseverance, commitment and caring by thousands of people known as the Syracuse Peace Council. Fifty years of often lonely organizing, sometimes popular agitating and daily, tireless educating. Fifty uninterrupted years of working to raise society's consciousness on the nature of war and of putting ourselves into action to abolish it. Fifty years! We've made it.

To the best of our knowledge we have endured longer than any locally based, self-funded group in the country. We've always been proud of this small-miracle. So it seems an opportune time to ask, "What has our history added up to?" When we peer back at five decades, when we read the yellowed newspaper clippings, dust off the brittle documents and faded leaflets, when we search our own selves for memories and history, what do we conclude?

Our Peace Council has always been a collection of many different people's aspirations for peace and justice. We've been a community of similar-minded dissenters, a kind of family of protesters, a celebration and an experiment by caring people with alternative social values and a vision of peace. We've been an informal congregation of citizens with principles that make us stand up and fight back. We've been in the consciousness-raising business; a workforce of organizers, educators, leafleters, volunteers. It seems there are many, many ways to understand what we accomplished, who we've been, what our history adds up to, to understand what forces have brought Peace Council people together and kept us together.



What is this Peace Council we've built? Well, we've built an office, a library, a community as well as a safehouse and a haven for that community. We've built a printshop, a growing bookstore, a graphic arts center, a clearinghouse for activism, a dependably and responsibly staffed nerve center for progressive politics. We've built a solid organization with an unshakeable tradition of working for the interconnected beliefs in nuclear disarmament, social justice, feminism, community, nonviolence, environmentalism, global solidarity and peace. And we've built a small institution with staying power; a voice of people against the permanent war economy of U.S. society.

Yet, one label we just might enjoy and be proud of is "movement." The history of progressive movements in this country is a long, glorious one. It is a record of human struggle, liberation and evolution against all forms of oppression. The

Peace Council's place in this movement and our place within the overall history of movements in the U.S. is precious. It creates meaning in our lives. Anyone who has ever been able to say, "I am a member of the Syracuse Peace Council..." has been able to say they were active in making history. I believe I speak for many Peace Council people when I say that it is a rare and special place to be. And from this special feeling flows our motivation to work for peace and progress. It is a precious reinforcing cycle for us.

In this issue, our 522nd, we bring you unique articles and pieces of news as well. We are happy to announce that the Peace Council's archives have found an honored resting place with the Onondaga County Public Library. We have been carefully studying and reading back upon the 521 issues of the PNL in preparation for our fiftieth year anniversary. These PNLs embody our very history and it is a very rich history; a history of our premonitions of future events and our sorrow, anger and analysis of those events afterwards. They contain news of war and peace spanning five decades.



Photos by Paul Pearce

We have built a movement and been part of that movement. Who has the movement moved? Will there ever be an end to the nuclear arms race, to racism, sexism, militarism, to economic exploitation?? Does the fact that we risk a greater threat of war today than ever before mean that SPC's fifty years of work is nearly in vain? Just how have we impacted public consciousness? Can SPC grow, take in new members, become ten times more vigorous? These are our biggest questions. Maybe this special issue will assist us throughout these next few years to create strong collective answers that will empower us to shape our future history: the next fifty years of the Syracuse Peace Council.

Gary Weinstein for The Peace Council



The Syracuse Peace Council

SPC Collectives, Committees & Projects

New people are always welcome to join any of these activities. Contact the SPC office at 472-5478 or the person listed to find out what you can do.

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.



photo by Paul Pearce

Staff and volunteers at the SPC office, January 1986

bottom row: Laurie Goldman, Chuck Durand, Paul Siegel, Paul Pearce
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Corinne Kinane, Angus MacDonald
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About the Cover

EDUCATE, AGITATE, ORGANIZE! The cover to this special issue of the PNL was designed by Paul Pearce and Gary Weinstein. All photos by Paul Pearce. The top photo is from the 1981 SPC Birthday Dinner, where hundreds listened to Molly Rush and Phillip Berrigan. The center photo is from our first demonstration of our fiftieth year, which was a protest of United States policy in Central America at the Hotel Syracuse while Vice-President George Bush was inside at a fundraising luncheon for Congressman George Wortley. At the bottom is a shot from a post-Three Mile Island gathering in Oswego organized by the Lakeshore Alliance, in which SPC played a very active role.

The back cover, also designed by Paul and Gary, chronicles SPC's physical moves to various buildings in Syracuse, culminating in the purchase of our own building at 924 Burnet Ave.



Thanks!

Editorial Committee

Corinne Kinane, Liam Mahony, Paul Pearce, Glenda Neff, Mary Van De Weert, Gary Weinstein

Many Thanks

Many people helped make this special issue a reality. We would especially like to thank LetterCrafters for their generous typesetting, Paul Pearce for his untiring hours of darkroom work, and everyone else who volunteered their resources and time.

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Congratulations from Our Friends

Starting on page 6, and interspersed throughout this special issue are dozens of anniversary greetings from our friends and supporters, both individuals and organizations.

The PEACE NEWSLETTER (PNL) is published monthly (except January and August) by the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC). SPC, founded in 1936, is a nonprofit, community based organization working for peace and social justice. The PNL strives to serve three functions: that of a paper offering alternative news analysis covering a wide range of political issues; that of the internal organ of SPC (the traditional newsletter role); and as a forum for articles which discuss many issues of concern to the peace movement. The opinions expressed in the PNL reflect the diversity of opinions within SPC itself. While we are not able to print every possible viewpoint, we do welcome your letters and article submissions as well as suggestions and assistance. The PNL has very reasonable ad rates; call or write for our rate card. Movement groups, feel free to reprint articles and graphics, but please give credit. Profit groups please inquire. The

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Your organization, co-op etc. can receive 15-25 PNL's each month at a bulk rate of \$25 per year. Contributions to SPC beyond PNL subscriptions support our activist programs. PEACE NEWSLETTER/SPC 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13203 (315) 472-5478. Circulation: 5500.

Our 50th Birthday Wish List

There once was a long, long list
Of things for which SPC wished.
Our birthday! We're going to be fifty!
'Twould be neat to receive a small gift!

So here's a few of our favorite things,
(Remember what joy gift-giving brings):
For leaflets and posters and of course PNL,
A headliner, typewriter and word processor do well.

To help the office more smoothly run,
We need staplers, stamps and a staple gun.
Any supplies at all we'd surely not bar --
We'd love a car mechanic and a car.

A new phone system would improve the scene,
As well as a working answering machine.
A nicer, more pleasant house we'd adore,
How about coming in to paint, or refinishing the floor?

A hand sickle for grass, a picnic table for food,
Your carpentry skills would help brighten the mood.
It's our time to party and celebrate --
Ideas for banners, shirts and buttons do really rate.

Of course we have wild ideas galore:
A new press, a typesetter, another branch for
the bookstore
A safe for our money would be mighty fine,
And lots more of that money -- but we won't whine.

You may have many things you can give SPC,
Or little at all that's available for free.
Whichever the case, we need your support and your time,
In our work for peace which is the reason for this rhyme!

Thank You!

Greetings!!

Barb Kobritz
Joan Goldberg
Elinor Cramer
Shubert & Eva Frye

David Kossack
Marion Susie Kossack
Eleanor Cash
**Ulster County Conference for
Peace & Justice**

"May the Syracuse Peace Council prevail in its struggle for
peace and justice."

Garrett Stryker

"On to the next 50!"

Ruth Mueller

"A worthy life has a human price"

Jerry & Carol Berrigan

"May your next 50 years be as creative in peace and justice
advocacy."

Elva and Virden Seybold

"Shalom!"

Peter & Carol LaGrasse Stony Creek, N.Y.

"Human Race - Not Arms Race!"

Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace

"Congratulations on Fifty Years!"

Monty Berman

"Heartly wishes for paz - MiP - Frieden - paix - shalom - in every
tongue and all ways."

Chris, Marge and Christian Spies-Rusk

"Congratulations SPC! Continue to fight the good fight!"

Richard Weiskopf

"The Peace Council united will never be defeated. Onward to
peace through justice."

Mairead Connor & Gary Weinstein

"Together we can have hope! Best wishes."

Henry Yobel & Harry Freeman-Jones, Syracuse.

"We thank SPC for working for peace and justice. Best wishes for
the next 50 years."

The Bobis Family

"Congratulations."

Elyse Meltz, Paul Weichselbaum & Noah Meitz Weichselbaum

"As we all age gracefully, may we also become wiser and
more effective in our common work."

Love, Lois Levitan, Josiah and Katie, Ithaca.

"Warm congratulations to SPC for untiring leadership in the
cause of Peace. Happy 50th Birthday. Gracias, Amigas."

Dory, Francis and Oscar Sokol, Unadilla, N.Y.

"Congratulations for half a century of dedication to the cause
of Peace."

Patricia Gieger, Syracuse

"I May We Grow Older Together"

Mary Ann Zeppetello

"Thank you to everyone who made these 5 decades
possible. The achievement is celebrated coast to coast!"

Donna Warnock, Oakland, California

"We Are Not Lonely Voices."

**John B. Kaufmann, member of Gray Panthers, the
Anti-Nuke Movement and Sanctuary Movement,
Phoenix, Arizona**

"Swinging Progressive Couple, tired of the leftist bar scene,
seeks Peace organization. Likes meetings, craves good
process. Send photo."

P & M

"Solidarity and Congratulations on 50 years of regional
peace leadership."

**Peacework, a New England Peace & Social Justice
Newsletter, 2161 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140.**

"Like us, you don't show your age. Keep up the struggle."

Jane & Sam Feld



Resources for Change

Films

El Salvador, Another Viet Nam

58 min. Investigates El Salvador's repressive security forces, & its guerrillas, repression of the Church, etc.

Controlling Interests

An ambitious film dealing with the relationship between corporate objectives and democracy, touching on Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, runaway shops & the CIA.

I Have Three Children of My Own

20 min. slideshow, narrated by Helen Caldicott on the medical dangers of nuclear power and weapons.

The following films are available from the American Friends Service Committee, 821 Euclid Ave. Syracuse N.Y. (315)475-4822.

Witness to War

30min. 16mm. Traces the path of Charlie Clements from Air Force pilot in Viet Nam to medical doctor behind the rebel lines in El Salvador

War Without Winners

28 min. 16mm. Former military and gov't officials make surprising statements for the case against nuclear war.

Americas In-Transition

29 min. color 16mm. Narrated by Ed Asner, traces U.S. involvement in Latin America in this century.

Other Films

The Syracuse community is loaded with other audio-visual materials on peace and social justice issues: films, tapes, slideshows, videos, etc. Tell us what you are looking for and we will do our best to track it down.

Speakers

Do you need a speaker for your organization or class? The staff of the Peace Council would be happy to arrange for speakers and audio-visuals on a variety of topics, including:

Disarmament: Star Wars, the Test-Ban Treaty, Nuclear Weapons Facilities in NYS, Medical Effects of Nuclear War, and much more.

Central America: El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Witness for Peace, Sanctuary, the Contras, etc.

Other Foreign Policy: South Africa, the Philippines, general Latin America, Cuba, etc.

Other: Draft Registration and Counter-Recruitment, Feminism and Militarism.

Want Some More SPC History?

In August, 1983, we published the 500th issue of the Peace Newsletter, which included a large section of oral histories, among other things. We have tried in this 50th Anniversary PNL not to repeat ourselves. So, if we've whetted your appetite today for SPC history, send us \$1 and we'll send you the 500th PNL.

Buy the 500th PNL issue.



(9p) Everything is Connected
Donna Warnock and Karen Kerney/SCW
By mail \$3.75, 3/57



Posters

(12p) Disarmament Now
Syracuse Peace Council/SCW
By mail \$5.25, 3/511

Both these posters have been produced by the Syracuse Peace Council. They can be ordered, along with countless other wonderful posters, cards and calendars, from the Syracuse Cultural Workers (see p. 11). Wholesale rates are available on all products. Send 50¢ for a catalog: Syracuse Cultural Workers, Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217. (315) 474-1132.

Videos

The Syracuse Alternative Media Network has produced several original documentaries, including the following. To arrange showings call 425-8806.

Witnesses for Peace

40 min. Video-documentary, VHS or Beta.

Central NY's Witness for Peace delegates share their motivations and experience of non-violent activism in Nicaragua during the 1984 elections and U.S. threats at the Port of Corinto.

Queremos la Paz

(We Want Peace): Nicaraguans speak to North Americans.

Nicaraguans speak about their dreams, accomplishments, and desire for peace in spite of U.S. sponsored aggression.

Topical Files

Need to do some research? Interested in finding some of the information that's not in the encyclopedias? SPC keeps an extensive file system: everything from Afghanistan to Women's Struggles; from the "Progressive" magazine to the Herald Journal. Come by and look it over.



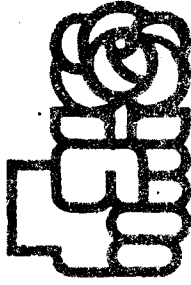
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"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Martin Luther King, Jr.,
April 4, 1967

Spending priorities in our nation underscore the validity of that statement. As Douglas John Hall puts it, we live in a culture which has made a "covenant with death." But some of us persevere in trying to reverse the trend, looking forward to that day when the culture will have made a covenant with life.

Alan & Etta Peabody, Deansboro, N.Y.



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

Mahatma Gandhi

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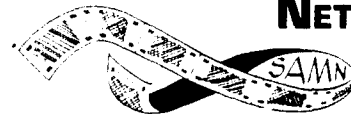
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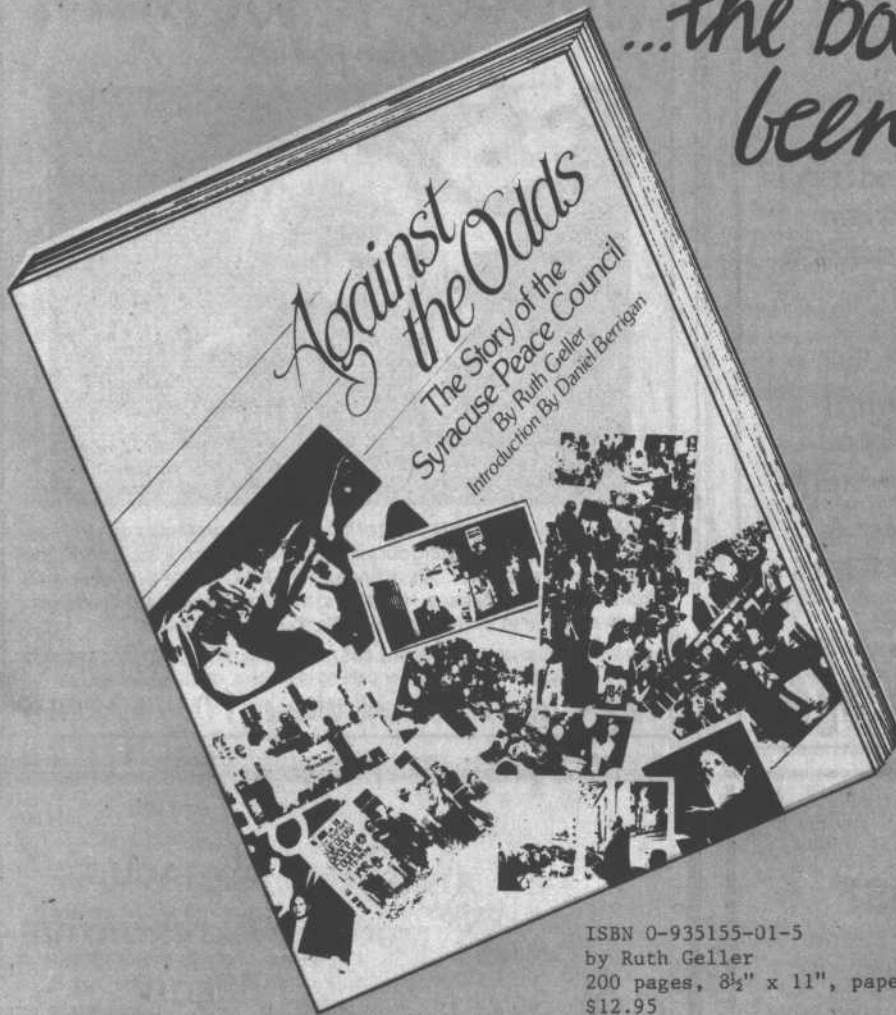


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Against the Odds

The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council

by Ruth Geller

The text which follows has been excerpted from the first draft of Against the Odds: The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council by Ruth Geller. The book is being published by the Syracuse Cultural Workers, with a publication date of September 1, 1986. For information about supporting the book, see the facing page. These excerpts have been selected and edited by Andy Mager. Please do not reprint any of this material without permission.

More than anything, the story of the Syracuse Peace Council is the story of people—people moved by a vision of peace and justice who have built and sustained an organization that survived for 50 years. Not one of those 50 years has been easy. They have been years of external repression, internal conflict and financial deficits; yet the Council has "carried on," its spirit continually renewed by the people who have come here to work out their opposition to injustice and war.

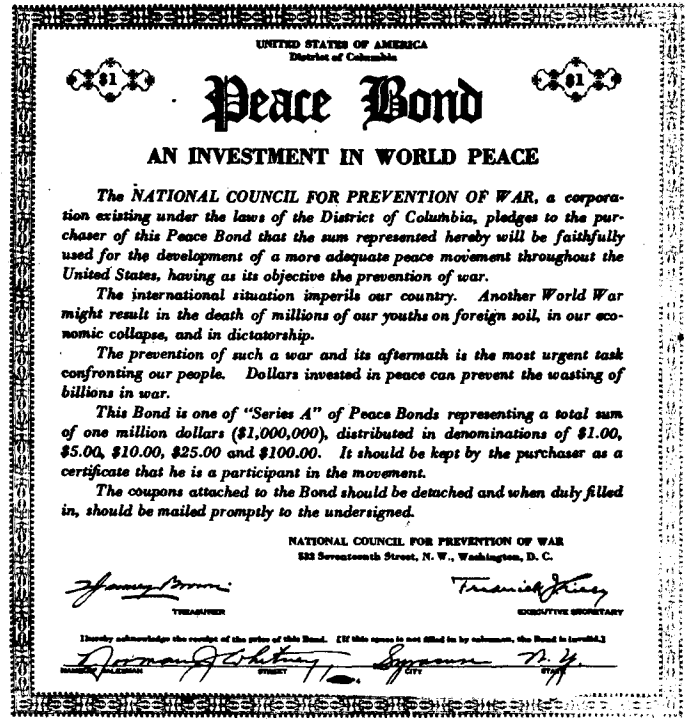
The following are the stories of some of those people.

The Peace Bishop

In 1935, at a time when pacifists were becoming increasingly concerned about the drift toward war, a group had begun meeting at The Tea Kettle, a basement coffee shop on East Genesee Street in downtown Syracuse. There they would gather at a round table in the corner and talk about war, and peace. Among the group were Horace and Emily Eaton, active pacifists and socialists, Luther Wesley Smith, the minister of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Morton Adkins, a woman whose wealth and community influence was largely a result of her family's ownership of the Hubbard Pharmaceutical Company, Mildred Whitney, a high school science teacher, Florence Fowler, a Quaker, and her son Albert, who had cerebral palsy. It was difficult for Albert at first, he was self-conscious about his movements and speech; but soon he became more comfortable with the group. One reason for this was the presence of Mildred Whitney's brother, Norman.

Norman Whitney was a talkative, outgoing, compassionate man who knew how to listen to other people, to be sensitive to their incapacities and inabilities, and to encourage them in their strength. He was born—he was to write years later—in Western New York, "far enough from the wicked city of Buffalo to escape metropolitan contamination, but near enough for identification." In 1913 he left home with his sister Mildred to attend Alfred University, and in 1919 he came to Syracuse University to teach English.

Ruth Geller is the author of three books of fiction, including Seed of a Woman, an historical novel about the Women's movement, and Triangles. She writes on social issues for a wide variety of publications; and her short fiction is included in the anthologies Nice Jewish Girls and The Things that Divide Us. She lives in Buffalo, and is a board member of the W.N.Y. chapter of Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, and the W.N.Y. Peace Center.



The Peace Bond Campaign, sponsored by the National Campaign for the Prevention of War, began in 1935. Syracuse sold the second largest number of bonds of any city in the country.

He had a rather professorial demeanor: he was heavy set and balding, dressed in a suit and tie, and wore a pince-nez instead of glasses. However, among friends he was known for his ability to see humor in a situation, even if the humor was at his expense. He was a strongly religious man who found distasteful the hierarchy of the church, yet he was known as the Pacifist Bishop of New York State, for his presence was to dominate the Syracuse Peace Council for over twenty years.

In June of 1935, Tracey Jones of the Syracuse Y.M.C.A. wrote to Norman asking him to accept the Chairmanship of the Council of Churches Peace Booth at the New York State Fair, the purpose of which was to "further a movement in the interests of world peace." Norman was delighted to accept, mainly because of his hopes in building a basis for future local action. He suggested as a theme, "Peace by Peace," and the display of literature from organizations such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Women's International League



for Peace and Freedom, the Committee on Militarism in Education, and the War Resisters League. Booth space was at first refused by the Fair's General Manager because "the purpose and spirit of some of the written material might be construed as interfering with and dangerous to tariff and other governmental policies." But space eventually was granted, and a list of names was gathered of people who were, as Norman put it, "genuinely interested in doing something to secure peace by peace means."



The 1939 State Fair Booth shows SPC's early commitment to public outreach. Booths at the State Fair have continued sporadically during the past 50 years.

In the spring of 1939, Mildred Whitney and Adelaide Webster accompanied Norman on a trip to Alfred, New York, where he was to speak at the graduation of his alma mater. Mildred was driving, and Adelaide was looking out the window at the countryside. The two women had been chatting when all of a sudden Norman reached into his jacket pocket, took out a little notebook and said, "What am I going to say to these people?" Adelaide looked at him and said, "You mean you don't have your speech all... all ready and typed up and put away in your pocket?"

"No," he said. "I'll have to think."

"Well, we'd better be quiet," Adelaide told Mildred, but Norman said, "Oh, no! I can think while you're talking, don't keep quiet, just keep right on talking."

They'd started out late, and in spite of Mildred's fast driving, they arrived at the University late. They expected to find a crowded auditorium, and people anxiously watching out for their arrival so that they could start the program. But the auditorium was empty, and it turned out that they'd come one month too early, one month to the day. Norman's confusion about the dates surprised Adelaide because he was usually so precise, and it pointed out to her what she already knew, that he was terribly overworked.

Peacework During War Time

He was to continue to be overworked. On September 1, 1939, Germany attacked Poland, and Great Britain and France declared war.

During the war years, Norman Whitney took a leave of absence from his position at Syracuse University to work for the American Friends Service Committee; and he spent much of his time travelling to the Civilian Public Service camps (internment camps for conscientious objectors during World War II) to offer friendship, counselling and support to the young men. In January 1943, he wrote:

I went to the camps because I wanted to share at first hand something of how the men are living and what they are thinking... I have memories of fire drills in Massachusetts, of louse hunts in New Hampshire, of rain making in Ohio, of mountainside vespers in Pennsylvania. I recall hours of potato peeling and dishwashing—I seem to have specialized in KP—and bull sessions that lasted half way through the night. I have tried to see the camps through the eyes of the campers.... As far as possible—as far as they and the circumstances will allow—I should like to identify myself with them.

Given that he might have romanticized the lives of these "campers," he nevertheless had an "urgent need to communicate with the young men whose faith I shared but whose experience was denied by the accident of age," and he began corresponding with them. As his contacts increased, his correspondence became unmanageable, and he took to writing a monthly mimeographed letter he called The Spectator Papers.

The idea for the monthly letters, he said, was suggested by "A Letter to Peace Lovers" sent by the English feminist-pacifist writer Vera Brittain during World War I. He called them The Spectator Papers not only because of his function in the letters as an observer of life, but because of his relationship with his readers in the CPS Camps. "On my continuing visits," he said, "I never left a camp or prison without feeling that, try as I might to share the experience of these men whom I so loved and admired, I was in some sense a spectator. I could go; they must remain."



Jean Young of the Friends Meeting, Emil S. Evertz, of the German-American Relief Society, and Ray Fuller of the Peace Council, prepare clothing for shipment to Germany in 1947. The Post-Standard called SPC, "One of the outstanding world relief agencies." Post-Standard photo





A posed photo of some of the Peace Council's Executive Committee from the 20th Birthday Dinner in 1956.



Norman Whitney speaking to the Institute for International Relations at the Yates Hotel in Syracuse, March 20, 1965. After leaving Syracuse Norman frequently returned to Syracuse to speak at Peace Council events. Photo by Olga Diamond.

Connections to Gandhi

Several months after Norman's last Annual Report (1956), he met Rajendra Nanavati, a soft-spoken young man who was to have a quiet but important effect on the Peace Council in the 1960's. Raj, as he was called, had long talks with Norman about Gandhi's theories of non violence, and his experiences in the Indian Independence Movement.

Raj had become aware of India's social and political upheavals in 1942, when he was twelve years old. He remembers,

There was a call to the people to join Gandiji's non-cooperation movement, which meant that we were not to cooperate with the British in those things which were inconsistent with the goals of India's independence. And if you joined the movement you had to agree that no matter what, you would not use violence, even to defend yourself. There was controversy over nonviolence: some people said Gandiji was crazy since he didn't understand the way of the real world—how can you possibly get freedom without being willing to fight? Yes there were people who were intrigued by the idea that this was a wonderful way to work for one's country's independence, and not use violent means that were not... wholesome.

There was an excitement in the country at the time, and what Gandiji was proposing seemed right to me, even at so young an age, and it felt good to be a part of that. Many young people were a part of the nonviolent movement, and it was apparent to me that this was a movement which everyone could participate in—the old, the young, the men, the women. There was a real camaraderie between the people who were actively involved in the movement, and a feeling that the goal of obtaining freedom was possible. You didn't know why, but that feeling was certainly there.

On a visit to his uncle in Bombay who had a house on a beachfront, Raj learned that at a nearby beach there was to be a meeting at which Gandhi was to speak. It was a common practice among Hindus to have an evening prayer as a salutation to the interval between day and night, and Gandhi utilized that custom to have

what he called "prayer meetings." Raj attended the meeting and listened to Gandhi speak about the Indian Independence Movement, and his hopes and wishes for India.

I'd never seen him in person, and having heard so much of him, I thought he'd be a big man, a strong man. But he was very frail looking, and I was very impressed by the humility that I saw in him. He was clearly a great man, but he was humble, and he talked softly. He wasn't a great orator, but you paid attention to every word he spoke, and there was no doubt in my mind that he was a very genuine person. I was sure that every word he said was not something he was just telling people but was part of his own life.

Raj became active in the Indian Independence movement, and dedicated to the methods of active noncooperation and nonviolence, and to the Gandhian concept of "satyagraha." As he explains it:

When people talk of 'pacifism' there is often the negative connotation of being passive. Satyagraha means insistence upon truth, literally. Asserting your belief in freedom and peace. Gandiji said that the methods that you use to gain peace must themselves be peaceful, otherwise you subvert the ends, become corrupted. He was an idealistic person who was practical about trying to gain freedom for India in a method that was consistent with the ends that you seek.

Raj came to America in 1949 to study, first in Cambridge and later in Cleveland. In both places he sought out Quakers, and coming to Syracuse in 1956 he did the same. At a Friends' Meeting, he met Mildred and Norman Whitney, who introduced him to the Peace Council, where he was to influence local acceptance of the nonviolent direct action that had been taking place on a national level for several years.

"Now More Than Ever"

...Some felt that it was a wise decision to make while the Council was still financially solvent. (In 1966, there was talk of disbanding the organization.) But Raj Nanavati disagreed. He had closely followed

the history of Viet Nam since the mid-fifties, and knew that the rhetoric that was coming from Washington was completely distorted and incorrect. "And you can't just stand by and have something like that go on and not do something about it," he said. "Now of course what an individual can do may seem like next to nothing, but if enough individuals join together into a movement, things can happen. I had seen it happen in India."

He voiced strong opposition to closing the Peace Council, and said that at this particular time in history there was a greater need for such an organization than ever before. He felt that the Council could function

without a chairman, but it would mean that each member of the Executive Committee would be forced to work with greater zeal, and perhaps each member could chair on a rotating basis. But he believed there were untapped resources. Many people in Central New York were vitally concerned about the war in Viet Nam and wanted to participate in an effort to end it, he said. And the Peace Council had to be there for them.

The Executive Committee was convinced, and decided that in order for the Council to be effective it must find new approaches and a new format to enlist new members and contributors.



Mrs. Sally Sachs marches silently past an ROTC review at Syracuse University on May 13, 1958. Sally, who said she detested war, is not known to have been a member of the Syracuse Peace Council. *Post-Standard* photo



A February 3, 1962 demonstration against nuclear arms. It is significant as one of the first SPC protests to draw a counter-demonstration. Photo by *The Post-Standard*

From G.E. to S.P.C.

Chris Murray had been a software designer for General Electric, and lived in Oswego, a town about 40 miles north of Syracuse. "Like many people," she says, "I became morally outraged over the war. The total carnage, the cultural annihilation... We had absolutely no right to be destroying those people." In 1971 she began working with a small group in Oswego, one of the groups started through Pat Vitacolonna's efforts to initiate semi-autonomous peace centers within a 50 mile radius of Syracuse; and eventually she came to the Peace Council office at the Church Center to lay out a leaflet. She says:

Frankly, it was with an incredible amount of trepidation that I walked into the Peace Council, knowing that I did not look like what I thought most anti-war activists looked like. I wore make-up and heels, I had my hair styled, I wore dresses... Also, I was very conscious of being a neophyte, and understood my own lack of a broader political analysis. I was of another generation in the sense that I was in my early 30's. I had not gone through a process of rejecting a lot of cultural stuff. All I knew was that I was outraged about the war.

The avenue that lead her to quit her job at General Electric and join staff was War Tax Resistance.

An outgrowth of the Hang Up on the War Project, a national movement to resist paying the federal excise tax on the phone bill, War Tax Resistance in Central New York began in 1972. In that year, the I.R.S. had made a change on the tax form that inadvertently made it easier for people to withhold their income taxes as a means of protest. As Chris describes it:

In the spring of 1972 a group of us got together: Peter Wirth, Lillian Reiner, Beth Brown, Peter and Ruth Caplan, Jerilyn and Jim Prior. The group in general was pretty militant Quakerist in its orientation. Everyone was frustrated at the fact that nothing was seeming to work—letters, demonstrations, meeting Congresspeople, whatever. So we formed the War Tax Resistance Fund of the S.P.C. We were going to withhold all of our taxes, and then would pool the money, and start funding alternative community projects.

It was a wonderful group because it built its own sense of community and our work, in addition to outreach, was basically administering the funds, and recycling the money. At the very beginning we had two or three very highly salaried resisters, one of whom was me, and we actually fed the funds for quite awhile. We would make an interest free loan to a group, and when they would pay it back we would loan it to another group.

In September 1972 the fund made its first loan of \$150 to the Eastwood Tenants' Association. Among the organizations it loaned money to were the Boston Ball Project, Glad Day Press in Ithaca, and in Syracuse the



Women's Information Center, the Citizen's Prison Committee, The Kid Co-op, and the Peace Council. As Chris says,

Basically we were concerned that the group represented an alternative to existing society. There were worker owned industries in Syracuse at the time that included an auto shop, an electronics shop, an alternative bakery. It was much more important to us that these groups were structured in decentralized, shared decision-making ways than say... use only whole wheat flour. That's what we were looking for: an alternative political and social structure.

This increased political activism lead Chris to think about her own life. Having worked in computers since 1958, she was fairly well established in her profession, and though her work was not involved directly in any kind of military application, ultimately she knew it could be used in that way. In addition, though her perspective at the time was strictly an anti-militarist rather than an anti-corporate one, she nevertheless saw that General Electric was clearly profiting from Viet Nam being the prototype of the electronic battlefield. In 1971 alone, for example, G.E. had been awarded Department of Defense contracts totalling over one billion dollars. G.E. might be "bringing good things to life," in the United States, but it was bringing Vulcan cannons and F-4 jets to Viet Nam.

I was already tormented in terms of my work, but also, on a day to day level, I couldn't stand it anymore. I couldn't stand the mentality I was surrounded with: ranging at the very best as apathy toward the war, to a real cold war mentality. I felt like I was working in an environment that was so war-based and war-oriented, that it had created Viet Nam. So I was torn.



A "Funeral for the Draft" demonstration in downtown Syracuse sometime in 1972 or 1973. SPC staffer David Easter can be found in the center of the photo, speaking into a loudspeaker.

By this time, the Peace Council had moved to its new house on Burnet Avenue, and she would, as she says, "run down on my lunch hour just to be around people who shared my values."

Quitting General Electric

It was a horrible conflict for me—I was feeling very fractured. But what finally pushed me out of the door of General Electric was the tax resistance. Tax resistance said to me, 'I am challenging an illegal system.' But it felt like I was still participating in it to too great an extent. I just couldn't reconcile it, and that was basically why I decided to leave G.E. I felt this incredible urge to make my life conform to my mode of resistance. And I left as a political act.

Up to that point she'd had a certain financial responsibility for her family, but those things had drastically changed, leaving her free to follow her conscience; and with the encouragement of friends she wrote a letter explaining what she was doing, and why, and sent it to about 200 people at G.E. She describes the results:

I was immediately called in by three different supervisors, all of whom felt compelled to explain to me why they chose to remain! One said, 'I would much rather be at Upstate Medical Center designing heart machines, but this is where my country needs me!'

In March 1973, Chris became a staffperson at the house on Burnet Avenue she'd visited during so many lunch hours.

We all know that the history of the Syracuse Peace Council does not end here. Against the Odds will bring the history of the Peace Council right up to 1985. The growing effect of feminism on the peace movement, the rise of the anti-nuclear power movement, coalition politics and the struggles against a growing right-wing movement in this country will be among the issues addressed in the final chapters of the book. Don't miss it.

This poster by the Viet Namese artist Vo Dinh was one of the major visual representations of the People's Peace Treaty. The Treaty which was written by Viet Namese and American students was a major part of anti-Viet Nam War organizing in the early 1970's.



The Front Room Bookstore: Ten Years of Liberating Literature

by Carol Baum

December 1, 1975 was the grand opening of The Front Room Bookstore, located literally in the front room of the Syracuse Peace Council house on Burnet Avenue. Only hours before, the Front Room collective was nervously awaiting a UPS book delivery (which did come) and staining newly-made bookshelves. The celebration was well attended and people seemed favorably impressed. A collective member chuckles, remembering when Lillian Reiner walked in, stopped sharply, turned completely around and said, "This sure isn't much of a bookstore!" Lillian's library at home held about as many titles as The Front Room did then.

The Front Room had grown out of the SPC Literature Committee, which was organized by Dik Cool in 1971. The Literature Committee sold pamphlets on the Viet Nam war at anti-war events. After SPC moved into its house in 1972, literature was also displayed in the front room. The committee published a mail-order catalog in 1974, including materials on feminism, economics, Native Americans, health care and ecology, "since SPC realizes that the struggle to end war and violence can't be separated from efforts to end exploitation and injustice."

They bought these from small publishers and movement groups. Dik, Carolyn Graydon, Pat Sullivan and Rick Slater were the stalwarts of the committee. To this day Front Room bank statements are addressed to the Syracuse Peace Council Literature Committee c/o Carolyn Graydon.

By the spring of 1975 the Literature Committee was Barb Kobritz, Lisa Johns, Lois Levitan and Dik. The committee discussed expanding the children's section and every other section too. The idea of starting a bookstore came up and the response was enthusiastic. So they proposed to set up a bookstore in the front room, "with the potential to expand into part of the second room" (which was realized 9 years later!), which would be financially separate from SPC, pay its own staffer-son, and make its own decisions.

The summer was consumed with bookstore meetings. The first problem was naming the store. SPC staffer John Maddaus eventually suggested calling it The Front Room, to which the committee as a whole replied, "OK" (we still want a more exciting name). Then there was the problem of buying books. The War Tax Resistance Fund loaned the store \$1500 and an Ithaca bookstore

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donated books. Erwin Reiner made shelves and the committee worked madly to make the store attractive. Barb became the staffperson (and unfortunately never did get paid), public service announcements went out, and the store opened.

There have been slow changes and growth over ten years. Our vision has remained remarkably consistent. We have continued to seek books on issues of peace and justice, paying special attention to alternative presses. Ordering has gone through phases, tending to be closely related to SPC's interests, although we do put more money into things that actually sell. For a while it was China; then came Cuba, and later nuclear energy. For the last few years the collection has focused on women's issues, kids, disarmament, and Central America, and has been expanded to include more records, t-shirts, posters, buttons and stickers.

The Front Room has always been collectively run. Most work gets done by regular volunteers, Front Room staffpeople (of which there is usually one), and the collective, which is those people willing to take responsibility for the store. By the end of 1978 the collective had dwindled to Lois and Dik, and I joined in early 1979. Several years later Jean Wittman and Katie Froelich joined. Currently Jean and I form the collective and there are 10 other people responsible for specific areas. It's great -- we can do so much more!

Over the years we've produced catalogs, fliers, a monthly Peace Newsletter ad, had used book sales and two Tax Day sales to entice people into the store. However, since opening day we've depended on bringing books to people, and have toted boxes of books and but-

tons to countless events. We even set up a Front Room booth at the 1982 New York State Fair. It took a massive amount of energy, we barely broke even, but we were clearly an alternative presence.

Our most noticeable changes have been in the physical set-up of the store. In our eternal quest to maintain a pleasant environment while fitting too many things into too small a space we have rearranged, built bookcases and actually bought display racks. In a bold experiment to reach more people, the Front Room became a chain and we opened The Front Room Too downtown next to On the Rise in October, 1983. We eventually realized that the humidity of bread baking doesn't mix with the book business, so we returned to SPC in January, 1985. Since we couldn't bear to put everything back into that small front room (especially after having just learned the importance of facing books out) we proposed that the store move into the front two rooms. We're there now.

The Front Room continues to struggle with many issues. How can we make the store more enticing? Are we a bookstore or a big literature committee? How can we be more politically effective and financially stable? The Front Room is an important resource for the local peace and justice movement and we are excited by our work. The "we" at The Front Room is constantly changing -- many people have made significant contributions. If you'd like to get involved, please call.

It's our Tenth Anniversary, a time for reflection and celebration. We're planning a party for the late spring. Watch the Peace Newsletter for details. ♣

Carol has been a Front Room staffperson for 6 years and is now the world's foremost authority on TFR history.

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Why not do it in the rhyming style,
I haven't done that in quite a while.
So off I go picking lines by twos,
Telling you of the Peace Council's news.

The news is not good on the PNL scene
But it's finances, not contents that I mean.
The contents are super, just couldn't be better
News, reviews, letters-to-the-editor.
It stimulates our minds and sets us to thinking
But, meanwhile, the resources are sadly sinking!
The subscription rate of \$8 a year
Should make it all so perfectly clear
(Oh no! that's an expression Nixon would use!
Better stick with words like "news" and "dues"!)
Fees are paid for the postage and printing.
The volunteer hours are unrelenting.

Now I know most of you give to the SPC
And that's not what is bothering me.
The funding's just not there for the PNL-
Believe me, folks, it's not doing well.
So please add 8 to your annual donation.
Show your support for our own publication!
Remove this debt from the SPC coffer.
They'll have funds to use so they can offer
Other exciting projects along the way,
After the staff have received their pay.

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Sally Brulé

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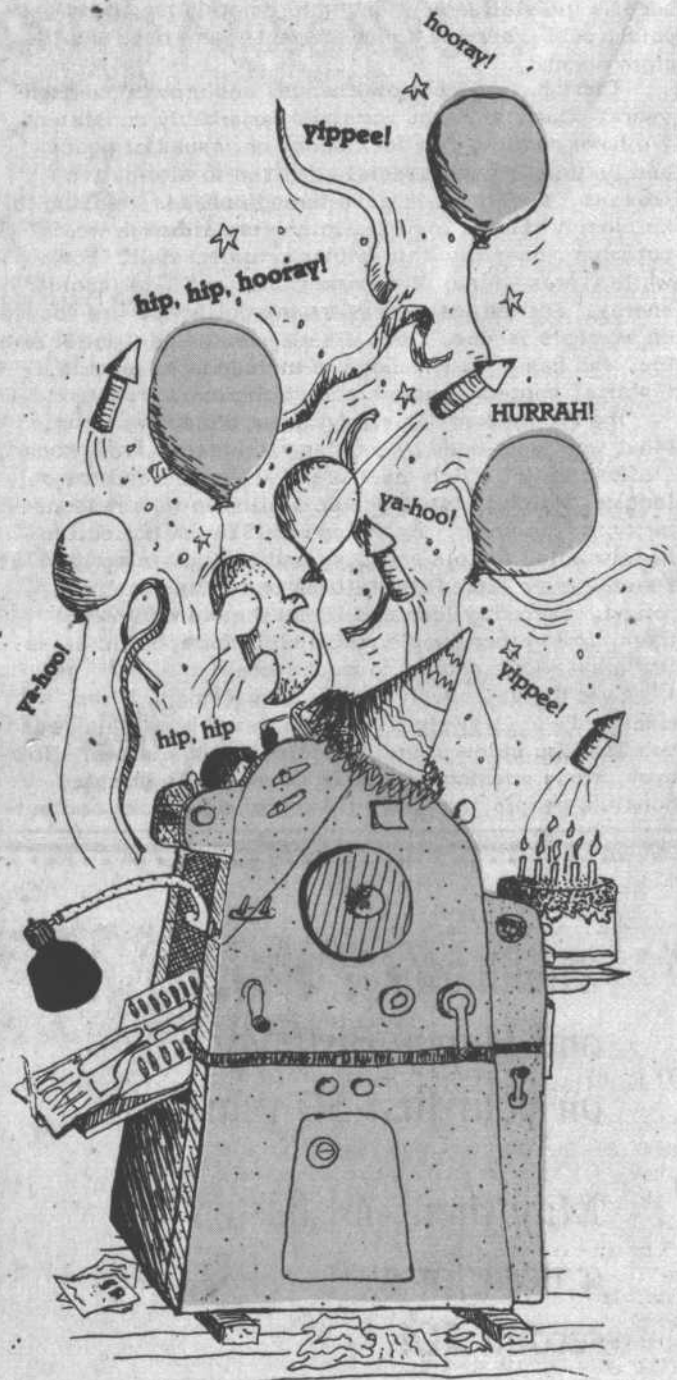
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A. You can send us a book of twenty-five one-cent stamps. Postage is the life-blood of peace action. Even smaller amounts will help; ten stamps or even five will be welcome. We cannot keep in touch with you without a one-cent stamp for each letter.

B. If you are able to do more, you can send us a dollar or more to buy a Peace Bond. Every bond sold does four things: 1. It provides a year's subscription to PEACE ACTION, a monthly bulletin of peace to keep you up-to-date on the peace news of the world. 2. It gives you a chance to vote on five current peace issues of importance to be acted on by the present Congress. 3. It helps support the nation-wide program of the National Council for the Prevention of War - largest unendowed peace organization in the country, and in our belief the one with the most practical plans. 4. 40% of every bond goes to the support of the local peace movement in your community. PEACE BONDS are cheaper than WAR BONDS! If you know others in your community, your church, your school or club who might be interested, BECOME A BOND SALESMAN; complete information furnished on request.

II. PEACE ACTION NEEDS PERSONAL SUPPORT

Peace Action tries to focus the peace sentiment of the nation on the 532 men and women in Congress who control our destinies. You can send telegrams and letters to your representatives at Washington on specific issues as they arise. ENLIST FOR PEACE AGAINST WAR. Other things you can do:

A. Send us the names of people of your acquaintance who would like to share in our program. Every name added to our list is a potential recruit. But remember, every new name means another postage stamp!

B. You can take a peace census of your community. This is one of our most necessary tasks. Ask us for details.

C. If you know three people willing to work, you can form a Peace Action Committee of your own. Advice and assistance gladly given. A Peace Action Handbook telling you how to do it - 25 cents.

III. PEACE ACTION NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC OPINION

In each issue of the NEWS*LETTER we shall recommend one good book to read. This time it is PEACE WITH HONOUR, by A.A. Milne, Dutton, N.Y., \$2.00. This is a devastating attack on the war system because it is so completely logical and good-humored. Get it from your public library or form a reading circle to buy it and pass it around. You can also subscribe to WORLD EVENTS for only 25 cents; address Nofrontier News Service Wilton, Conn. The valuable MONITOR NEWS is presented Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:45 P.M. over NBC network; listen to the NEWS over WSIR in Syracuse.

THESE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR PEACE. WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

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A Look Back: 50 Years of the PNL

edited by Mary Van De Weert & Danny Hakim

The fiftieth anniversary of the Syracuse Peace Council is also the fiftieth anniversary of the Peace Newsletter. That means that for one half of a century, there has been a continuous progressive voice in Syracuse. For most of those years, the PNL was a two-page mimeographed broadside, not the sophisticated voice of progressive thought and action that it is today.

All kidding aside, it was hard to choose articles for a four-page retrospective. Since peace is the Syracuse Peace Council's middle name, we chose mostly articles on war and peace issues. No slight was intended to the many struggles fought over the years by the SPC for freedom and justice. Let's remember that by working together we can have our goal of peace and justice before another fifty years passes.

February 1938: America Contradicts Itself

ON JAPAN

- 1898-After an artificially stimulated 'revolution' supported by American forces, the government of Hawaii was overthrown and the Islands were 'voluntarily' annexed by the United States.
- 1931-After an artificially stimulated 'revolution' supported by Japanese forces, the government of Manchuria was overthrown and the territory was 'voluntarily' annexed by the Empire. What's the difference? To what extent can we reasonably expect the Japanese (who are thoroughly informed of these facts) to be impressed by the high moral tone of our present attitude?
- 1937-We send our diplomats to Brussels to condemn Japan as the aggressor in an undeclared war in China. At the same time we continue to supply Japan with the materials for that aggression.
- 1938-On January 12 there sailed out of Delaware harbor, with the knowledge and consent of the State Department, a ship, flying the Nazi flag, bound for Japan, loaded with 20,000 Pennsylvania-made aerial bombs. At the same time, Mr. Hull was writing a letter explaining that dropping bombs on Chinese civilians-or American gunboats-is ghastly inhumanity. True. BUT Mr. Hull deliberately refuses to apply the neutrality law which would have prevented the bomb shipment.

March 1938: PNL Warns of War Hysteria

WARNING: Be alert for war scares, warship manoeuvres, troop movements, propaganda-radio, press, screen-about "sanctity of treaties" and "Democracies standing together." (Meaning US and Great Britain vs. Japan!) The Panay incident was a flop. The American people refused to get excited. But there will be other incidents played up to the limit. Don't let them upset you. The Administration is in earnest, and while it does not want war, neither did Woodrow Wilson.



1943:

May 12, 1943: COMICS NO LONGER COMIC

Margaret Frakes a few months ago discussed the effects of the 15,000,000 copies of comic magazines sold each month in this country; she wrote: "The real effect can be obtained only from taking in the garishly colored pictures on the horror-packed pages; long-fanged and sharp-horned 'Japs' (snarling monsters with brilliant yellow skins, leering eyes, cavernous jaws); machine guns mowing down hordes of Japanese attackers; flames consuming men and ships and cities; bodies from which flesh is being torn by strange 'scientific' monsters; grisly skeletons leering even in death; and through it all, superhuman heroes defying the laws of nature to gain final victory..."

"The nightmarish fears being engendered," she continues, "along with the wishful thinking aroused by the dependence on miracles as the way of escape from all danger, are tragic enough. But even more terrifying is the prospect of a young generation being inculcated with a hate and color prejudice which will make post-war tolerance and understanding a practical impossibility..."

December 20, 1943

WAR GUILT The punishment of Axis leaders guilty of fomenting war has stirred the imagination of a teenage southern Negro girl. Her suggestion for appropriate punishment to Hitler is this: "Just blacken his face and make him live in the South."

January 18, 1946: SPC 10th Anniversary

Jan. 18, 1946: PNL #101

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL Our Tenth Birthday Party was a great success. Attendance was nearly double that of last year; "presents" were correspondingly generous. Bertha Bracey's message, "Roots of Order and Disorder in Europe" was a moving one; Sylvia Biorn-Hansen played two beautiful numbers on the piano--"A good time was had by all." One friend wrote, "Last evening was more wonderful than I can express...the



enclosed gift...so proud of you all...a magnificent job...happy to be a part of the occasion." Another congratulated us on a decade of service, hoped we would live to be a hundred. A wire received during the evening read: "Appreciating fine work done. Looking forward with you."

July 14, 1950: SPC Remembers Hiroshima

THINKING ABOUT KOREA? A BOMB FELL ON HIROSHIMA. REMEMBER?

At exactly fifteen minutes past eight in the morning, on August 6, 1945, Japanese time, at the moment when the atomic bomb flashed above Hiroshima, Miss Toshiko Sasaki, a clerk in the personnel department of the East Asia Tin Works, had just sat down at her place in the plant office and was turning her head to speak to the girl at the next desk. At the same moment...A hundred thousand people were killed...And the same moment, according to Hanson Baldwin, military editor of the New York Times, marked the end of the moral leadership of America.

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN

On February 24, 1950, observed around the globe as World Day of Prayer, 600 high school girls in Hiroshima in a meeting of their student council, at which no teachers were present, engaged in a two-hour prayer meeting. They then drafted a letter to President Truman, Prime Minister Stalin and Secretary-General Trygve Lie. Then each of the 600 girls signed her name.

"On this World Day of Prayer we bring to mind the horrible experience at the time of the atomic bomb, and we feel deeply the urgent need of a world peace for the sake of the welfare of all people. That day on which our dear fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and friends were taken from us, on that day tens of thousands in Hiroshima lost their lives as victims of the atomic bomb, and the city full of life until that morning was burned to ashes in but a few seconds. And it was thought that never again would we be able to stand up. The grievous calls for help which came from under the fallen buildings lying within the devouring fire which had wrapped the completely destroyed city are still calling us and pushing us into the road to peace.

"We do not want others to suffer this piteous tragedy which war has brought to us. No matter how science may prosper, man cannot make man. When we think how important each individual is, and of how lightly they were



treated in the war, we firmly pray that such a thing will never happen again....

...But as long as weapons exist we firmly believe that we cannot hope for true peace. We pray that the large sums used for armaments will be turned to render services for the happiness of mankind.

WE JOIN YOUR PRAYERS

"Dear Young People of Hiroshima:

"As a youth group vitally interested in world peace, we are taking up your plea in the United States. The people of our country can never begin to comprehend the suffering which you have experienced. We sincerely hope that the growing concern on the part of young people of the world will help prevent another war.

"Efforts on the part of some of our leaders have already been made in the form of proposals toward disarmament and aid to underdeveloped countries. We believe, as you do, that weapons are not a means to peace, and therefore, are discussing with adult guidance the problems we face in our desire for peace and the part that the young people must play...

"We join in your prayers for world peace and for competent leaders to make this peace lasting.

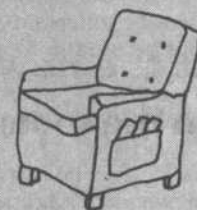
Sincerely yours,"

Signed by thirty-one of forty-three high school students at a World Affairs Camp sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee at Camp Carondowanna, Pa., June 23 to 30, 1950.

February 11, 1952: The Korean War Rages

KOREA: A Sergeant's View The following news-item came to us from London where it had been reprinted

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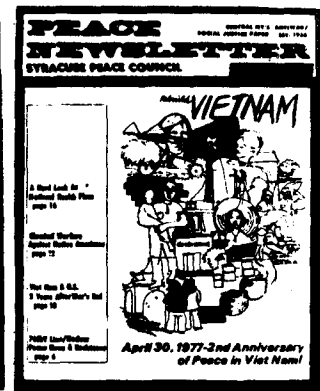
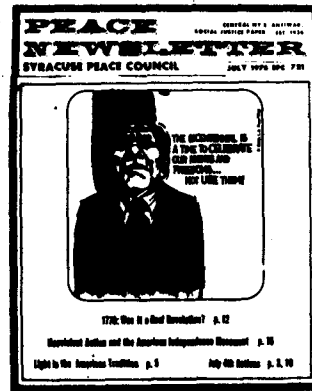


Lillian E. Reiner

from the Belfast Telegraph of Nov. 16, 1952. An army sergeant in Korea, embittered by the 'up and down' battle for a hill, losing it, taking it and losing it again, asked: "What is it all about?"

In a letter to the Syracuse (New York) Herald - Journal, Sergeant Bill Smyth said: "They tell us to take a hill--we take the hill;--they tell us to retreat--we retreat; they tell us to take it again--the poor kids in this division don't know what it is all about. Why doesn't someone tell them? We have no leadership--up and down, up and down. Can't the newspapers do something--someone has got to."

The Herald-Journal sent the letter to President-elect Eisenhower, thinking he might have the answer. But Sergeant Smyth will never know it. He is dead.



October, 1963: PNL Attacks Local Racism

THE SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL STATEMENT ON RACE RELATIONS IN SYRACUSE

The Syracuse Peace Council is deeply concerned about the racial situation in Syracuse. Although the Peace Council is primarily devoted to the cause of peace, it realizes that peace cannot be achieved while a significant minority of our citizens must endure racial oppression. Therefore, we affirm our support of those citizens who, in recent weeks, have clearly raised the issue of civil rights here in Syracuse.

There are several specific questions which deserve attention. The Negro does not enjoy full equality of opportunity in three broad areas of his existence: education, employment, and housing. We submit that now is the time for all citizens of Syracuse to work together to see that significant progress is achieved in these and other areas. We must not make the Negro wait another 100 years before he can enjoy the full blessings of citizenship in our city.

How are these objectives to be achieved? Full implementation of existing laws is one method. Where the present laws are weak, we must see to it that they are strengthened. However, laws alone are not sufficient. Segregation will not vanish until each of us honestly seeks to destroy the seed of discrimination within himself and helps others to do likewise. As for civil disobedience, we do not take a position for or against it, but we fully support those who, in a spirit of creative non-violence, feel morally compelled to make this form of witness.

**"but the new wood springs
from the roots underground . . ."**

happy birthday, SPC

love,
Glenda Neff

August 18, 1964: LBJ in Syracuse

From the steps of the beautiful new Samuel Newhouse Communications Center at Syracuse University came the words: "Aggression--deliberate, willful, and systematic aggression--has unmasked its face to the entire world. The world remembers, the world must never forget that aggression unchallenged is aggression unleashed."

President Johnson, the speaker of these words, was in town last week, and he chose the dedication of a school for the training of professional workers in the news media to make this major public statement on the Vietnam crisis.

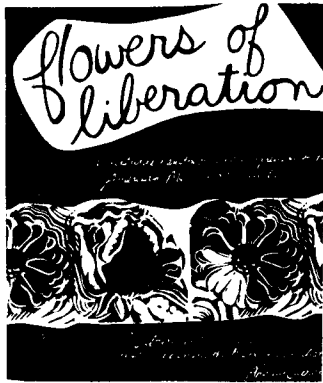
We were not on hand a short time later when Johnson spoke at the University, but those who saw the re-broadcast of the speech reported that the words "Aggression--deliberate, willful, and systematic aggression" evoked only restrained applause, no stampede of emotional nationalism.

Perhaps calls for an expanded war in Vietnam result in public apathy not public enthusiasm. If so, we have a real opportunity to appeal for an end to this terrible war which has continued for nineteen years.

March, 1970: Largest Anti-Draft Demo.

On March 19, the Syracuse peace movement, in cooperation with movement groups in other central New York towns, pulled off the largest and best organized anti-draft demonstration in the country that day. 2500 persons picketed the Syracuse Induction Center to protest the processing of men for the military, for the war

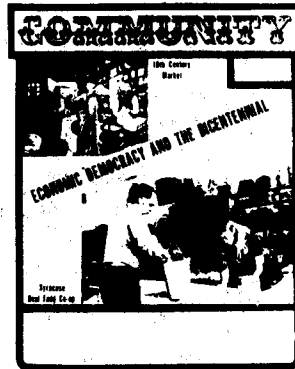
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COMMUNITY



1971



in Vietnam. Hundreds of persons sat down in front of a bus load of inductees to keep them from entering the center. That effort was completely successful. At 1:30 after four hours of being surrounded by demonstrators, and after 110 arrests, the bus backed up and returned the unprocessed men to Utica, from where they had originally come...

It must be said, however, that although the bus went back to Utica, every day men will still be inducted in Syracuse, and while the draft board closed until Monday, the Selective Service System continues to process men every day to be cannon fodder in Vietnam. Our victory was not that the induction center was closed down, for we really didn't do that; but rather that our action was a powerful symbol of the strength and power of great numbers of persons committed to non-violent action. If we continue to work, and work hard together, our movement will attain the power to stop the war in Vietnam and to stop militarism in our society.

December, 1972: What! Only One Day?



January, 1972: Early Tom Peyer



El Salvador: A Warning

March 1980: Central America
CENTRAL AMERICA-CRESCENDO OF VIOLENCE

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

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**Danny
Hakim**



Tear gas and gunpowder are becoming common scents in the capital city of San Salvador. Various groups of the left have seized embassies, government offices, churches and schools to bring attention to their demands for release of political prisoners, education and work for all, and participation in the government by the people's political organizations. The government response has been to stiffen the repression.

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

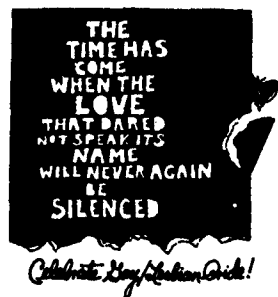
June, 1981:

Syracuse Heard Around the World

On May 9, and in the week preceding it, hundreds of Syracuse area people delivered a courageous, visible and principled message to Alexander Haig, to the Reagan administration, to Chancellor Melvin Eggers and to the world. That message was, quite simply, that we do not accept murderous and inhumane policies abroad or at home--no matter what the "official" rationale for such policies might be. By our actions we also said: NO we do not acquiesce, NO we will not be 'nice' and 'polite', NO we will not be invisible. We WILL speak out against injustice.

The diversity and spontaneity of responses at S.U. and in the community was truly remarkable and heartening. Collectively and individually people chose their path of protest: S.U. students formed the Ad Hoc Committee for a Fair Commencement. Many meetings, leaflets and news conferences followed. Finally, a decision was reached to wear red armbands (500-1,000 did) and to walk out at the beginning of Haig's speech (about 200 did, joined by some faculty). People also carried several banners around the dome floor and stood

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with their backs turned while Haig received his "honorable" degree.

The Community Committee To Welcome Haig organized the powerful theatrical action inside the dome. Throughout Haig's speech 8 bloody nuns, 2 death-spectres and 8 bloody peasants, representing some of the 19,000 people slain in El Salvador, stood with fingers accusingly pointed. Surrounding them were 200 people acting as supporters, bannerholders, peacekeepers and chanters.

This scary, demanding, yet empowering action was made even more difficult since it was organized in near secrecy. The effectiveness of our efforts became clear in succeeding days as we learned that both AP and UPI carried stories and photos as did most major city newspapers across the country. Two national TV networks, (NBC carried our diploma; see pg. 14) covered it, and local TV and radio coverage was extensive. The Syracuse Herald-American even carried an incredible full-color photo. A notable exception to the reasonably good, though frequently garbled, coverage was WCNY (NET) which basically ignored the protest even going so far as to not say why Moses

Finley (an honorary degree recipient who refused to attend because of Haig) was not present. Liberation News Service, the Guardian and Fellowship magazine have also carried stories. Unexpectedly, the SPC office began receiving calls from groups around the country who were excited, proud and congratulatory. Our spirits soared.

The opposition, of course, used a number of the predictable techniques to discredit and divide us. Among them were redbaiting (Post-Standard); the "outside agitator" ploy (Eggers and his PR man Julian); and the "small minority" tact (Haig). Such techniques are routinely used to deflect attention from real issues--such as people being killed in El Salvador.

But clearly our message had been heard. In the coming months and years the same message will increasingly be heard across this land as people intensify our continuing struggle for the ideals of freedom, justice and peace. ☸



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In the Looking Glass: The Syracuse

- 1) What do you see as SPC's role in the CNY peace and justice movement? What are the most valuable contributions from SPC?
- 2) Why have you worked with SPC? If you haven't, why?
- 3) What can SPC do better? What good advice do you have for the future work of SPC?

These three general questions were posed to solicit perspectives on the Syracuse Peace Council in 1986. Activists from within SPC and from other CNY peace organizations provide a variety of viewpoints constrained, unfortunately, by space and deadlines. Your thoughts on SPC are always welcome. Write them down and send to SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse, NY 13203.

Carol Baum

Special contributions are easier to write about than SPC's role:

--our multi-issue perspective is both one of our greatest strengths and weaknesses.

--house resources, such as The Front Room Bookstore, SPC Press, the lay-out room, the magazines, newsletters, mailings we get, are available to anyone walking in the door.

--SPC being 50 years old does make a difference. Lots of people and organizations know us, which makes us a wonderful organization for networking. SPC has been a training ground for numerous activists who have since moved on.

--The Peace Newsletter is a key publication in the CNY peace movement, providing analysis, information, reports, publicity and networking.

SPC has many of the same problems lots of other peace groups have. We need to learn how to integrate new people better. We could be more conscious in sharing skills and training people to be organizers. We need to take more risks and talk more with people not like us. We're good at one-time events; we need to initiate more ongoing projects. And of course sometimes we seem paralyzed by the question of how do we go from now to

a peaceful world. There are so many things to work on that it sometimes seems like we do nothing well. On a very practical level, we could organize the resources in the SPC house better and promote them more effectively. *Carol Baum is co-ordinator of The Front Room Bookstore.*

John & Sally Brulé

It is inspirational and challenging to know that the Peace Council is still working and functioning fifty years after its establishment. The founders knew that it was not an easy course they were charting, and we all know that the struggle must still go on.

The Peace Council can only be as strong as we, its members, determine it to be. While the injustices are many in the world we perceive, nevertheless we must keep our efforts directed towards the basic need of all humanity, which is the elimination of the tools and mentality of militarism. As we go about our attempts at peace making we can renew our strength through our contacts with like-minded people and through the material we read in the Peace Newsletter.

New staff people will soon be joining the Peace Council and we should all work towards making their efforts meaningful to the community and to them. This golden anniversary is a time for renewal--let us continue the struggle. *Sally Brulé works with the Syracuse Cultural Workers and SPC. John Brulé is active with United Campuses Against Nuclear War.*

Lisa Johns

It is a triumph, not to be taken lightly, that SPC has survived 50 years--an institutional voice on peace and social justice issues, at the community level, for this duration of time is a remarkable achievement.

But our Peace Council is not in good health at the moment. For a variety of reasons that are understandable, and difficult to see how we might have avoided, it has become predominantly a counterculture organization, unable to communicate effectively with the community at large. Meanwhile, the initiatives on all sorts of critical

**With Respect for The Founders
of The Syracuse Peace Council
and an Abiding Hope
for The Future**

The Brulé Family

John	Rina
Sally	Nannette
Jim	Francine
Jill	Mark
Rachel	



Peace Council in 1986

Issues are arising elsewhere. SPC hasn't a program anywhere, except broad opposition to US foreign policy and some ideas about how a good society might look. SPC hasn't any ideas (program) for how to get from here to there--how to make its vision appealing to a larger audience. Hence, it doesn't try to communicate with that audience and often ends up offending it.

I think a major weakness, too, is our unwillingness to take what we're doing seriously enough to examine the effectiveness issue and admit there's a problem, and begin taking some decisive steps. Brief words of advice: Take the effectiveness issue seriously. If we honestly think nuclear war is a possibility, we haven't the luxury of indulging our own anger and outrage; we have to figure out what we can do that actually might make a difference.

Recognize that the social climate has shifted, and we need to adjust what we do and how we communicate with people as a consequence. We are not effective when we close ourselves off in a counter-culture ghetto.

As part of re-entry to the real world, resolve to offer a living wage to staff (\$9-10,000 at minimum), and be prepared to make the institutional changes which will make that a possibility.

Find a way to contribute to the activism that has arisen elsewhere on disarmament or Central America or South Africa or (pick your issue). Don't take on too much. Define achievable goals, and begin the work of rebuilding.

Johns works on "Somos Vecinos," a newsletter Central America.

Kath Buffington

For three years SPC -- the institution and people -- is the most important thing in my life. I found friends, workers, information, ideas and a vibrant springboard for action. Times and people change but bits of SPC will always be with me.

In the next 50 years I hope SPC can renew itself when the need arises. I also hope that SPC as a group and as individuals can be less "politically correct" and more open and accepting of the general population in Syracuse. *Kath Buffington is now living and working for peace in Allegany County.*

Peter Kardas

The SPC is a breeding ground for organizers: it has The Front Room bookstore, the PNL, and a network of people who care about a wide variety of important matters--these are its strengths.

There are a number of things that it would be healthy for all of us in the peace movement to address--for instance, the question of how to begin challenging economic as well as political and cultural power in these United States--and on the shop floor as well as in our communities. We need to do this work not only in our writing and thinking, but also in practice, and we obviously cannot do it alone. Somehow we will have to learn to work with a variety of people from whom we are often estranged. I think in hard times like these that we will require being alert to dogmatic rigidity as well as to co-optation. And it will require that we avoid the seductive temptation of seeing our overall political weakness as a sign of strength.

Peter Kardas is the weapons conversion staffperson at the Syracuse office of American Friends Service Committee.

Andy Mager

I believe that SPC's most important current role is to serve as a clearinghouse and resource center for Central New York peace and justice groups.

I have worked both within the Peace Council and outside of it. I work with SPC because I share its vision of a world without violence and exploitation; and I believe that we must demonstrate the interconnections between issues. When I pull away from SPC it is through a combination of

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In gratitude to the friends I knew
in SPC 35 years ago.

Prudence Wayland-Smith





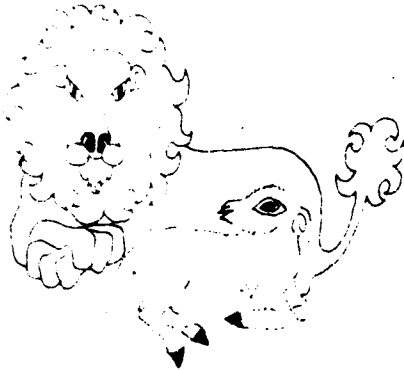
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frustration with the many personal disagreements and sometimes feeling constrained by the beginnings of a sense of bureaucracy.

There has been very little local on-going organizing coming out of SPC. It is time to focus energy on a nuclear-free zone campaign or something else which clearly involves the Syracuse community.

Andy Mager is working with the Syracuse Cultural Workers on the production of the book, "Against the Odds: The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council."

Liam Mahony

There are those who bemoan the fact that SPC is no longer the "hub" of peace-work in Central New York it once was. I have not been here long enough to know if it ever was, but if in fact this change has occurred, it is a comment on the growth and variety of the peace movement more than the weakness of SPC. Peace activity in Syracuse is very diffuse and decentralized, and despite disorganization or inefficiency that entails, I feel it enables more people to get involved. The things we take for granted - the Peace Newsletter, our office, The Front Room bookstore, staffed phones, the NVS Film series, etc. - these are our greatest strengths because they give us a visibility and solidity few other groups have. But we can't just boast about them; we need to make better use of these resources. We need to make it easier and more comfortable for other groups to use them, and that means coming to grips in an active way with the alienation some activists and groups feel from SPC. Staff and SPC activists need to stress flexibility over political correctness.

Liam Mahony is an interim staffperson at SPC.

Nancy Tunnessen

The Syracuse Peace Council, that venerable pillar of the peace and justice community, has been poking and pricking Syracuse's collective conscience for fifty years. Think of the energy, the persistence, the wisdom and the skills that are sheltered in that house on Burnet Avenue.

For an organization as relatively new as the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Central New York, the Peace Council has been an invaluable help. As an all-volunteer group, we have learned that the Peace Council staff are frequently the quickest, most efficient source of

a plethora of information, as well as possessing the organizing skills and resources we lack. In particular, because the Council has media and contact lists already compiled and the dedicated folk of the Press located in the basement, they do a terrific job of handling publicity for events. Moreover, the Peace Council provides a sense of history about events and efforts over the years. They know what works and what does not, particularly in the area of direct action. The Bookstore carries the resources we need and certainly will not find easily elsewhere.

Like a nurturing parent, the Peace Council has been supportive of the work of single issue "peace" organizations, and in doing so has helped those organizations understand their interrelatedness to each other. Acting as a catalyst for the networking that we all must learn to do better, the Peace Council and the Newsletter keep us in touch, invited and informed.

Syracuse is a stronger and richer community because of the vision, talents and just plain hard work of the Syracuse Peace Council.

Nancy Tunnessen is chairperson of the CNY Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

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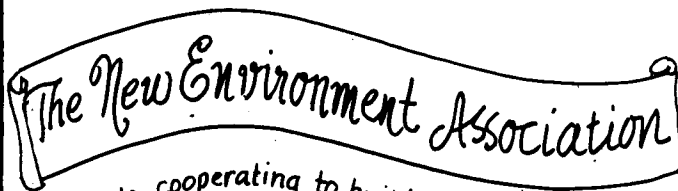
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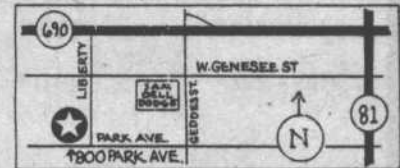
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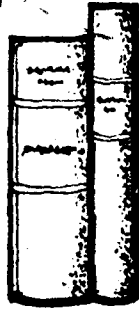
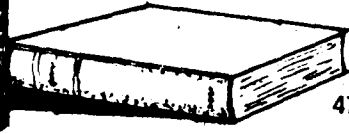
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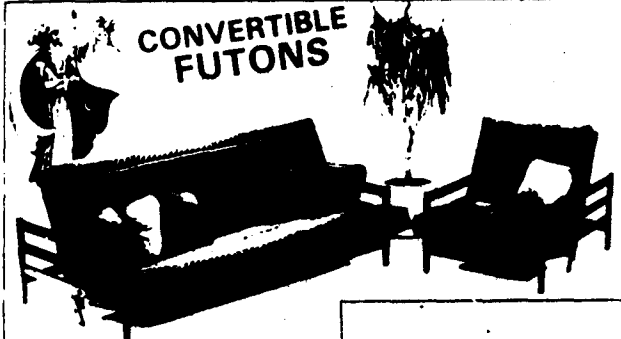
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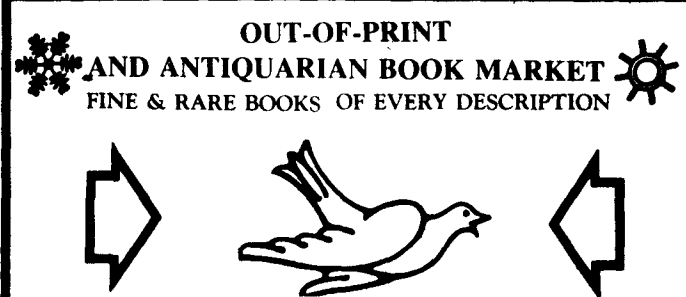
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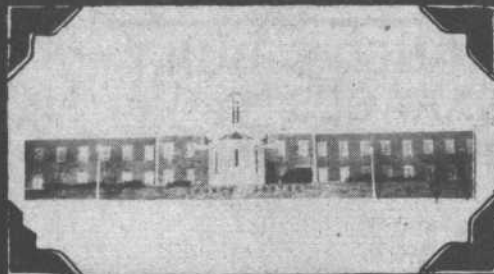
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Celebrations

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Five decades of S.P.C. history will be on display at the Onondaga Historical Association at 311 Montgomery Street for a month starting in mid-February. Their hours are Tuesday through Saturday, noon till 4 p.m. Please stop by to see it and urge them to extend the dates of the display.

The Syracuse Cultural Workers Project has received a grant to put on 3 Oral History Programs about S.P.C. They will take place in October.



Fall is also the scheduled time for the release of Against the Odds: The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council being published by the Syracuse Cultural Workers Project. See pages 12-17.

Shove Park in Camillus is named after one of our strong supporters, the late Ben Shove. We hope to have a S.P.C. Picnic there in the summer.

We're working on getting a "big name" speaker for our 50th and having an extravaganza with nationally-known entertainers at the Landmark Theatre.

If you'd like to work on one or more of these events, please call us.

Get Involved in SPC

When people say "I can't find a way to plug in to work at S.P.C.", I think "Either you're not trying to find a way and/or we're not trying because there are lots of ways." To prove the point, I decided - since it's our 50th anniversary - to attempt a list of 50 ways that people could work with S.P.C. Coming up with 50 was easy!

So, now the time-worn excuses won't do. For those who say "I don't know how to organize an event or type", there are 48 other tasks from which to choose. Those who say "I can't help at S.P.C. during the day; that's when I work", could think about the many tasks - actually the majority - that can be done on evenings and weekends. Those who would like something creative to do could take on banner-making, photo-taking, PNL cover designing and PNL layout. There truly is something for everyone.

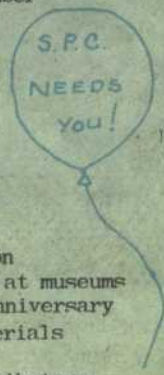


S.P.C. would like to salute our many volunteers and ask that you, too, become "one who doesn't wait for someone else to do it."

Please go over this list and check off the jobs you could do. Then call us. Thank you.

-- Corinne Kinane

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- Telephone for a worthy cause: Phonathon
- Become a Program Committee member
- Poster before events
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- Become the S.P.C. Pledge Person
- Help take and set-up displays at museums & libraries for our 50th anniversary
- Take Front Room Bookstore materials to events
- Write thank-you notes to contributors
- Make lunch one day a week or month or ...
- Call people about upcoming event(s)
- Be a S.P.C. representative at meetings of other organizations
- Type up articles for PNL
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- Help organize Hiroshima/Nagasaki activities (for August)
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Introduction: We Made It!

Fifty years! We've made it! Fifty years of effort, patience, perseverance, commitment and caring by thousands of people known as the Syracuse Peace Council. Fifty years of often lonely organizing, sometimes popular agitating and daily, tireless educating. Fifty uninterrupted years of working to raise society's consciousness on the nature of war and of putting ourselves into action to abolish it. Fifty years! We've made it.

To the best of our knowledge we have endured longer than any locally based, self-funded group in the country. We've always been proud of this small miracle. So it seems an opportune time to ask, "What has our history added up to?" When we peer back at five decades, when we read the yellowed newspaper clippings, dust off the brittle documents and faded leaflets, when we search our own selves for memories and history, what do we conclude?

Our Peace Council has always been a collection of many different people's aspirations for peace and justice. We've been a community of similar-minded dissenters, a kind of family of protesters, a celebration and an experiment by caring people with alternative social values and a vision of peace. We've been an informal congregation of citizens with principles that make us stand up and fight back. We've been in the consciousness-raising business; a workforce of organizers, educators, leafleters, volunteers. It seems there are many, many ways to understand what we accomplished, who we've been, what our history adds up to, to understand what forces have brought Peace Council people together and kept us together.



What is this Peace Council we've built? Well, we've built an office, a library, a community as well as a safehouse and a haven for that community. We've built a printshop, a growing bookstore, a graphic arts center, a clearinghouse for activism, a dependably and responsibly staffed nerve center for progressive politics. We've built a solid organization with an unshakeable tradition of working for the interconnected beliefs in nuclear disarmament, social justice, feminism, community, nonviolence, environmentalism, global solidarity and peace. And we've built a small institution with staying power; a voice of people against the permanent war economy of U.S. society.

Yet, one label we just might enjoy and be proud of is "movement." The history of progressive movements in this country is a long, glorious one. It is a record of human struggle, liberation and evolution against all forms of oppression. The

Peace Council's place in this movement and our place within the overall history of movements in the U.S. is precious. It creates meaning in our lives. Anyone who has ever been able to say, "I am a member of the Syracuse Peace Council . . ." has been able to say they were active in making history. I believe I speak for many Peace Council people when I say that it is a rare and special place to be. And from this special feeling flows our motivation to work for peace and progress. It is a precious reinforcing cycle for us.

In this issue, our 522nd, we bring you unique articles and pieces of news as well. We are happy to announce that the Peace Council's archives have found an honored resting place with the Onondaga County Public Library. We have been carefully studying and reading back upon the 521 issues of the PNL in preparation for our fiftieth year anniversary. These PNLs embody our very history and it is a very rich history; a history of our premonitions of future events and our sorrow, anger and analysis of those events afterwards. They contain news of war and peace spanning five decades.

photos by Paul Pearce



We have built a movement and been part of that movement. Who has the movement moved? Will there ever be an end to the nuclear arms race, to racism, sexism, militarism, to economic exploitation?? Does the fact that we risk a greater threat of war today than ever before mean that SPC's fifty years of work is nearly in vain? Just how have we impacted public consciousness? Can SPC grow, take in new members, become ten times more vigorous? These are our biggest questions. Maybe this special issue will assist us throughout these next few years to create strong collective answers that will empower us to shape our future history: the next fifty years of the Syracuse Peace Council.

Gary Weinstein for The Peace Council



The Syracuse Peace Council

SPC Collectives, Committees & Projects

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.



photo by Paul Pearce

Staff and volunteers at the SPC office, January 1986

bottom row: Laurie Goldman, Chuck Durand, Paul Siegel, Paul Pearce
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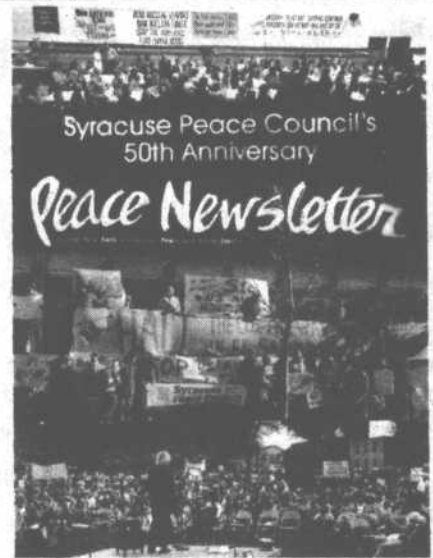
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About the Cover

EDUCATE, AGITATE, ORGANIZE! The cover to this special issue of the PNL was designed by Paul Pearce and Gary Weinstein. All photos by Paul Pearce. The top photo is from the 1981 SPC Birthday Dinner, where hundreds listened to Molly Rush and Phillip Berrigan. The center photo is from our first demonstration of our fiftieth year, which was a protest of United States policy in Central America at the Hotel Syracuse while Vice-President George Bush was inside at a fundraising luncheon for Congressman George Wortley. At the bottom is a shot from a post-Three Mile Island gathering in Oswego organized by the Lakeshore Alliance, in which SPC played a very active role.

The back cover, also designed by Paul and Gary, chronicles SPC's physical moves to various buildings in Syracuse, culminating in the purchase of our own building at 924 Burnet Ave.



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There once was a long, long list
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Our birthday! We're going to be fifty!
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Your carpentry skills would help brighten the mood.
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Ideas for banners, shirts and buttons do really rate.

Of course we have wild ideas galore:
A new press, a typesetter, another branch for
the bookstore
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And lots more of that money -- but we won't whine.

You may have many things you can give SPC,
Or little at all that's available for free.
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Dory, Francis and Oscar Sokol, Unadilla, N.Y.

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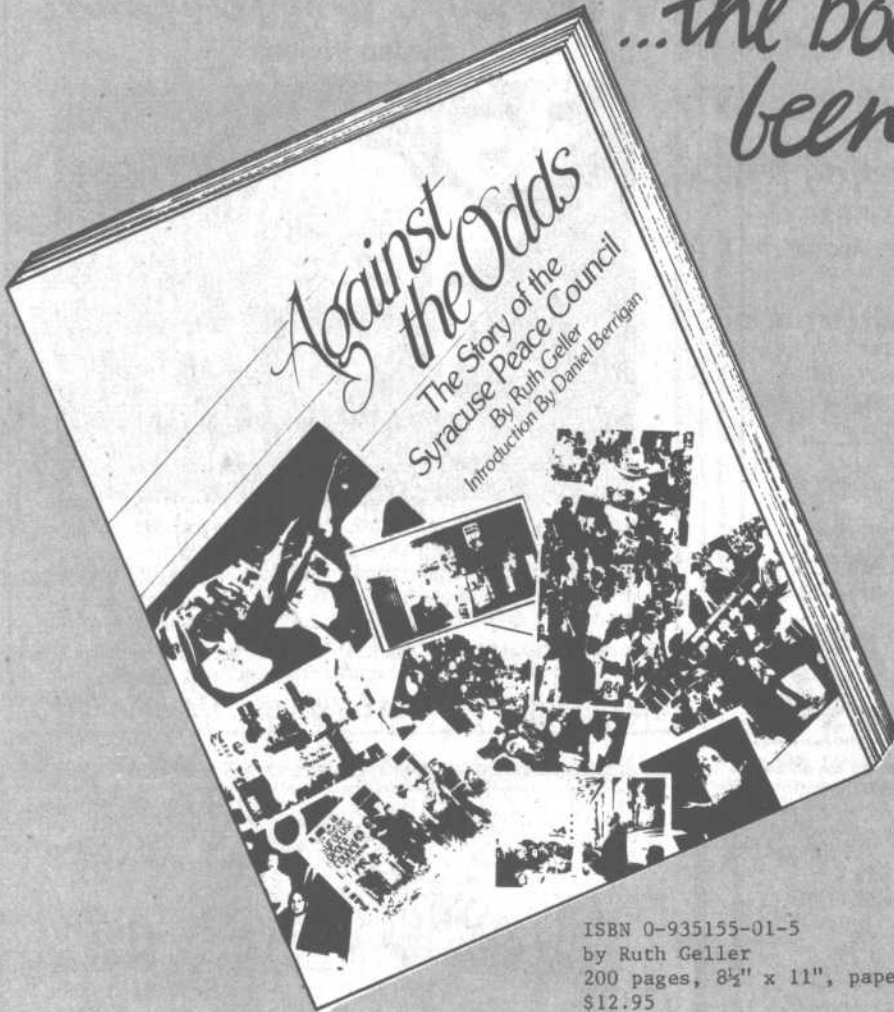


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The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council

by Ruth Geller

The text which follows has been excerpted from the first draft of *Against the Odds: The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council* by Ruth Geller. The book is being published by the Syracuse Cultural Workers, with a publication date of September 1, 1986. For information about supporting the book, see the facing page. These excerpts have been selected and edited by Andy Mager. Please do not reprint any of this material without permission.

More than anything, the story of the Syracuse Peace Council is the story of people—people moved by a vision of peace and justice who have built and sustained an organization that survived for 50 years. Not one of those 50 years has been easy. They have been years of external repression, internal conflict and financial deficits; yet the Council has "carried on," its spirit continually renewed by the people who have come here to work out their opposition to injustice and war.

The following are the stories of some of those people.

The Peace Bishop

In 1935, at a time when pacifists were becoming increasingly concerned about the drift toward war, a group had begun meeting at The Tea Kettle, a basement coffee shop on East Genesee Street in downtown Syracuse. There they would gather at a round table in the corner and talk about war, and peace. Among the group were Horace and Emily Eaton, active pacifists and socialists, Luther Wesley Smith, the minister of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Morton Adkins, a woman whose wealth and community influence was largely a result of her family's ownership of the Hubbard Pharmaceutical Company, Mildred Whitney, a high school science teacher, Florence Fowler, a Quaker, and her son Albert, who had cerebral palsy. It was difficult for Albert at first, he was self-conscious about his movements and speech; but soon he became more comfortable with the group. One reason for this was the presence of Mildred Whitney's brother, Norman.

Norman Whitney was a talkative, outgoing, compassionate man who knew how to listen to other people, to be sensitive to their incapacities and inabilities, and to encourage them in their strength. He was born—he was to write years later—in Western New York, "far enough from the wicked city of Buffalo to escape metropolitan contamination, but near enough for identification." In 1913 he left home with his sister Mildred to attend Alfred University, and in 1919 he came to Syracuse University to teach English.

Ruth Geller is the author of three books of fiction, including *Seed of a Woman*, an historical novel about the Women's movement, and *Triangles*. She writes on social issues for a wide variety of publications; and her short fiction is included in the anthologies *Nice Jewish Girls* and *The Things that Divide Us*. She lives in Buffalo, and is a board member of the W.N.Y. chapter of Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament, and the W.N.Y. Peace Center.



The Peace Bond Campaign, sponsored by the National Campaign for the Prevention of War, began in 1935. Syracuse sold the second largest number of bonds of any city in the country.

He had a rather professorial demeanor: he was heavy set and balding, dressed in a suit and tie, and wore a pince-nez instead of glasses. However, among friends he was known for his ability to see humor in a situation, even if the humor was at his expense. He was a strongly religious man who found distasteful the hierarchy of the church, yet he was known as the Pacifist Bishop of New York State, for his presence was to dominate the Syracuse Peace Council for over twenty years.

In June of 1935, Tracey Jones of the Syracuse Y.M.C.A. wrote to Norman asking him to accept the Chairmanship of the Council of Churches Peace Booth at the New York State Fair, the purpose of which was to "further a movement in the interests of world peace." Norman was delighted to accept, mainly because of his hopes in building a basis for future local action. He suggested as a theme, "Peace by Peace," and the display of literature from organizations such as the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Women's International League



for Peace and Freedom, the Committee on Militarism in Education, and the War Resisters League. Booth space was at first refused by the Fair's General Manager because "the purpose and spirit of some of the written material might be construed as interfering with and dangerous to tariff and other governmental policies." But space eventually was granted, and a list of names was gathered of people who were, as Norman put it, "genuinely interested in doing something to secure peace by peace means."



The 1939 State Fair Booth shows SPC's early commitment to public outreach. Booths at the State Fair have continued sporadically during the past 50 years.

In the spring of 1939, Mildred Whitney and Adelaide Webster accompanied Norman on a trip to Alfred, New York, where he was to speak at the graduation of his alma mater. Mildred was driving, and Adelaide was looking out the window at the countryside. The two women had been chatting when all of a sudden Norman reached into his jacket pocket, took out a little notebook and said, "What am I going to say to these people?" Adelaide looked at him and said, "You mean you don't have your speech all... all ready and typed up and put away in your pocket?"

"No," he said. "I'll have to think."

"Well, we'd better be quiet," Adelaide told Mildred, but Norman said, "Oh, no! I can think while you're talking, don't keep quiet, just keep right on talking."

They'd started out late, and in spite of Mildred's fast driving, they arrived at the University late. They expected to find a crowded auditorium, and people anxiously watching out for their arrival so that they could start the program. But the auditorium was empty, and it turned out that they'd come one month too early, one month to the day. Norman's confusion about the dates surprised Adelaide because he was usually so precise, and it pointed out to her what she already knew, that he was terribly overworked.

Peacework During War Time

He was to continue to be overworked. On September 1, 1939, Germany attacked Poland, and Great Britain and France declared war.

During the war years, Norman Whitney took a leave of absence from his position at Syracuse University to work for the American Friends Service Committee; and he spent much of his time travelling to the Civilian Public Service camps (internment camps for conscientious objectors during World War II) to offer friendship, counselling and support to the young men. In January 1943, he wrote:

I went to the camps because I wanted to share at first hand something of how the men are living and what they are thinking... I have memories of fire drills in Massachusetts, of louse hunts in New Hampshire, of rain making in Ohio, of mountainside vespers in Pennsylvania. I recall hours of potato peeling and dishwashing—I seem to have specialized in KP—and bull sessions that lasted half way through the night. I have tried to see the camps through the eyes of the campers.... As far as possible—as far as they and the circumstances will allow—I should like to identify myself with them.

Given that he might have romanticized the lives of these "campers," he nevertheless had an "urgent need to communicate with the young men whose faith I shared but whose experience was denied by the accident of age," and he began corresponding with them. As his contacts increased, his correspondence became unmanageable, and he took to writing a monthly mimeographed letter he called The Spectator Papers.

The idea for the monthly letters, he said, was suggested by "A Letter to Peace Lovers" sent by the English feminist-pacifist writer Vera Brittain during World War I. He called them The Spectator Papers not only because of his function in the letters as an observer of life, but because of his relationship with his readers in the CPS Camps. "On my continuing visits," he said, "I never left a camp or prison without feeling that, try as I might to share the experience of these men whom I so loved and admired, I was in some sense a spectator. I could go; they must remain."



Jean Young of the Friends Meeting, Emil S. Evertz, of the German-American Relief Society, and Ray Fuller of the Peace Council, prepare clothing for shipment to Germany in 1947. The Post-Standard called SPC, "One of the outstanding world relief agencies." *Post-Standard photo*





A posed photo of some of the Peace Council's Executive Committee from the 20th Birthday Dinner in 1956.



Norman Whitney speaking to the Institute for International Relations at the Yates Hotel in Syracuse, March 20, 1965. After leaving Syracuse Norman frequently returned to Syracuse to speak at Peace Council events. Photo by Olga Diamond.

Connections to Gandhi

Several months after Norman's last Annual Report (1956), he met Rajendra Nanavati, a soft-spoken young man who was to have a quiet but important effect on the Peace Council in the 1960's. Raj, as he was called, had long talks with Norman about Gandhi's theories of non violence, and his experiences in the Indian Independence Movement.

Raj had become aware of India's social and political upheavals in 1942, when he was twelve years old. He remembers,

There was a call to the people to join Gandiji's non-cooperation movement, which meant that we were not to cooperate with the British in those things which were inconsistent with the goals of India's independence. And if you joined the movement you had to agree that no matter what, you would not use violence, even to defend yourself. There was controversy over nonviolence: some people said Gandiji was crazy since he didn't understand the way of the real world—how can you possibly get freedom without being willing to fight? Yet there were people who were intrigued by the idea that this was a wonderful way to work for one's country's independence, and not use violent means that were not... wholesome.

There was an excitement in the country at the time, and what Gandiji was proposing seemed right to me, even at so young an age, and it felt good to be a part of that. Many young people were a part of the nonviolent movement, and it was apparent to me that this was a movement which everyone could participate in—the old, the young, the men, the women. There was a real camaraderie between the people who were actively involved in the movement, and a feeling that the goal of obtaining freedom was possible. You didn't know why, but that feeling was certainly there.

On a visit to his uncle in Bombay who had a house on a beachfront, Raj learned that at a nearby beach there was to be a meeting at which Gandhi was to speak. It was a common practice among Hindus to have an evening prayer as a salutation to the interval between day and night, and Gandhi utilized that custom to have

what he called "prayer meetings." Raj attended the meeting and listened to Gandhi speak about the Indian Independence Movement, and his hopes and wishes for India.

I'd never seen him in person, and having heard so much of him, I thought he'd be a big man, a strong man. But he was very frail looking, and I was very impressed by the humility that I saw in him. He was clearly a great man, but he was humble, and he talked softly. He wasn't a great orator, but you paid attention to every word he spoke, and there was no doubt in my mind that he was a very genuine person. I was sure that every word he said was not something he was just telling people but was part of his own life.

Raj became active in the Indian Independence movement, and dedicated to the methods of active noncooperation and nonviolence, and to the Gandhian concept of "satyagraha." As he explains it:

When people talk of 'pacifism' there is often the negative connotation of being passive. Satyagraha means insistence upon truth, literally. Asserting your belief in freedom and peace. Gandiji said that the methods that you use to gain peace must themselves be peaceful, otherwise you subvert the ends, become corrupted. He was an idealistic person who was practical about trying to gain freedom for India in a method that was consistent with the ends that you seek.

Raj came to America in 1949 to study, first in Cambridge and later in Cleveland. In both places he sought out Quakers, and coming to Syracuse in 1956 he did the same. At a Friends' Meeting, he met Mildred and Norman Whitney, who introduced him to the Peace Council, where he was to influence local acceptance of the nonviolent direct action that had been taking place on a national level for several years.

"Now More Than Ever"

...Some felt that it was a wise decision to make while the Council was still financially solvent. (In 1966, there was talk of disbanding the organization.) But Raj Nanavati disagreed. He had closely followed

the history of Viet Nam since the mid-fifties, and knew that the rhetoric that was coming from Washington was completely distorted and incorrect. "And you can't just stand by and have something like that go on and not do something about it," he said. "Now of course what an individual can do may seem like next to nothing, but if enough individuals join together into a movement, things can happen. I had seen it happen in India."

He voiced strong opposition to closing the Peace Council, and said that at this particular time in history there was a greater need for such an organization than ever before. He felt that the Council could function

without a chairman, but it would mean that each member of the Executive Committee would be forced to work with greater zeal, and perhaps each member could chair on a rotating basis. But he believed there were untapped resources. Many people in Central New York were vitally concerned about the war in Viet Nam and wanted to participate in an effort to end it, he said. And the Peace Council had to be there for them.

The Executive Committee was convinced, and decided that in order for the Council to be effective it must find new approaches and a new format to enlist new members and contributors.



Mrs. Sally Sachs marches silently past an ROTC review at Syracuse University on May 13, 1958. Sally, who said she detested war, is not known to have been a member of the Syracuse Peace Council. *Post-Standard* photo



A February 3, 1962 demonstration against nuclear arms. It is significant as one of the first SPC protests to draw a counter-demonstration. Photo by *The Post-Standard*

From G.E. to S.P.C.

Chris Murray had been a software designer for General Electric, and lived in Oswego, a town about 40 miles north of Syracuse. "Like many people," she says, "I became morally outraged over the war. The total carnage, the cultural annihilation.... We had absolutely no right to be destroying those people." In 1971 she began working with a small group in Oswego, one of the groups started through Pat Vitacolonna's efforts to initiate semi-autonomous peace centers within a 50 mile radius of Syracuse; and eventually she came to the Peace Council office at the Church Center to lay out a leaflet. She says:

Frankly, it was with an incredible amount of trepidation that I walked into the Peace Council, knowing that I did not look like what I thought most anti-war activists looked like. I wore make-up and heels, I had my hair styled, I wore dresses.... Also, I was very conscious of being a neophyte, and understood my own lack of a broader political analysis. I was of another generation in the sense that I was in my early 30's. I had not gone through a process of rejecting a lot of cultural stuff. All I knew was that I was outraged about the war.

The avenue that lead her to quit her job at General Electric and join staff was War Tax Resistance.

An outgrowth of the Hang Up on the War Project, a national movement to resist paying the federal excise tax on the phone bill, War Tax Resistance in Central New York began in 1972. In that year, the I.R.S. had made a change on the tax form that inadvertently made it easier for people to withhold their income taxes as a means of protest. As Chris describes it:

In the spring of 1972 a group of us got together: Peter Wirth, Lillian Reiner, Beth Brown, Peter and Ruth Caplan, Jerilyn and Jim Prior. The group in general was pretty militant Quakerist in its orientation. Everyone was frustrated at the fact that nothing was seeming to work—letters, demonstrations, meeting Congresspeople, whatever. So we formed the War Tax Resistance Fund of the S.P.C. We were going to withhold all of our taxes, and then would pool the money, and start funding alternative community projects.

It was a wonderful group because it built its own sense of community and our work, in addition to outreach, was basically administering the funds, and recycling the money. At the very beginning we had two or three very highly salaried resisters, one of whom was me, and we actually fed the funds for quite awhile. We would make an interest free loan to a group, and when they would pay it back we would loan it to another group.

In September 1972 the fund made its first loan of \$150 to the Eastwood Tenants' Association. Among the organizations it loaned money to were the Boston Ball Project, Glad Day Press in Ithaca, and in Syracuse the



Women's Information Center, the Citizen's Prison Committee, The Kid Co-op, and the Peace Council. As Chris says,

Basically we were concerned that the group represented an alternative to existing society. There were worker owned industries in Syracuse at the time that included an auto shop; an electronics shop, an alternative bakery. It was much more important to us that these groups were structured in decentralized, shared decision-making ways than say... use only whole wheat flour. That's what we were looking for: an alternative political and social structure.

This increased political activism lead Chris to think about her own life. Having worked in computers since 1958, she was fairly well established in her profession, and though her work was not involved directly in any kind of military application, ultimately she knew it could be used in that way. In addition, though her perspective at the time was strictly an anti-militarist rather than an anti-corporate one, she nevertheless saw that General Electric was clearly profiting from Viet Nam being the prototype of the electronic battlefield. In 1971 alone, for example, G.E. had been awarded Department of Defense contracts totalling over one billion dollars. G.E. might be "bringing good things to life," in the United States, but it was bringing Vulcan cannons and F-4 jets to Viet Nam.

I was already tormented in terms of my work, but also, on a day to day level, I couldn't stand it anymore. I couldn't stand the mentality I was surrounded with: ranging at the very best as apathy toward the war, to a real cold war mentality. I felt like I was working in an environment that was so war-based and war-oriented, that it had created Viet Nam. So I was torn.



This poster by the Viet Namese artist Vo Dinh was one of the major visual representations of the People's Peace Treaty. The Treaty which was written by Viet Namese and American students was a major part of anti-Viet Nam War organizing in the early 1970's.



A "Funeral for the Draft" demonstration in downtown Syracuse sometime in 1972 or 1973. SPC staffer David Easter can be found in the center of the photo, speaking into a loudspeaker.

By this time, the Peace Council had moved to its new house on Burnet Avenue, and she would, as she says, "run down on my lunch hour just to be around people who shared my values."

Quitting General Electric

It was a horrible conflict for me—I was feeling very fractured. But what finally pushed me out of the door of General Electric was the tax resistance. Tax resistance said to me, 'I am challenging an illegal system.' But it felt like I was still participating in it to too great an extent. I just couldn't reconcile it, and that was basically why I decided to leave G.E. I felt this incredible urge to make my life conform to my mode of resistance. And I left as a political act.

Up to that point she'd had a certain financial responsibility for her family, but those things had drastically changed, leaving her free to follow her conscience; and with the encouragement of friends she wrote a letter explaining what she was doing, and why, and sent it to about 200 people at G.E. She describes the results:

I was immediately called in by three different supervisors, all of whom felt compelled to explain to me why they chose to remain! One said, 'I would much rather be at Upstate Medical Center designing heart machines, but this is where my country needs me!'

In March 1973, Chris became a staffperson at the house on Burnet Avenue she'd visited during so many lunch hours.

We all know that the history of the Syracuse Peace Council does not end here. Against the Odds will bring the history of the Peace Council right up to 1985. The growing effect of feminism on the peace movement, the rise of the anti-nuclear power movement, coalition politics and the struggles against a growing right-wing movement in this country will be among the issues addressed in the final chapters of the book. Don't miss it.



The Front Room Bookstore: Ten Years of Liberating Literature

by Carol Baum

December 1, 1975 was the grand opening of The Front Room Bookstore, located literally in the front room of the Syracuse Peace Council house on Burnet Avenue. Only hours before, the Front Room collective was nervously awaiting a UPS book delivery (which did come) and staining newly-made bookshelves. The celebration was well attended and people seemed favorably impressed. A collective member chuckles, remembering when Lillian Reiner walked in, stopped sharply, turned completely around and said, "This sure isn't much of a bookstore!" Lillian's library at home held about as many titles as The Front Room did then.

The Front Room had grown out of the SPC Literature Committee, which was organized by Dik Cool in 1971. The Literature Committee sold pamphlets on the Viet Nam war at anti-war events. After SPC moved into its house in 1972, literature was also displayed in the front room. The committee published a mail-order catalog in 1974, including materials on feminism, economics, Native Americans, health care and ecology, "since SPC realizes that the struggle to end war and violence can't be separated from efforts to end exploitation and injustice."

They bought these from small publishers and movement groups. Dik, Carolyn Graydon, Pat Sullivan and Rick Slater were the stalwarts of the committee. To this day Front Room bank statements are addressed to the Syracuse Peace Council Literature Committee c/o Carolyn Graydon.

By the spring of 1975 the Literature Committee was Barb Kobritz, Lisa Johns, Lois Levitan and Dik. The committee discussed expanding the children's section and every other section too. The idea of starting a bookstore came up and the response was enthusiastic. So they proposed to set up a bookstore in the front room, "with the potential to expand into part of the second room" (which was realized 9 years later!), which would be financially separate from SPC, pay its own staffperson, and make its own decisions.

The summer was consumed with bookstore meetings. The first problem was naming the store. SPC staffperson John Maddaus eventually suggested calling it The Front Room, to which the committee as a whole replied, "OK" (we still want a more exciting name). Then there was the problem of buying books. The War Tax Resistance Fund loaned the store \$1500 and an Ithaca bookstore

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**Best Wishes
for the next
50,
at least!**



**Pat Beetle
Albany**

**Congratulations
on
50 Years
of
Consistent Witness**

Maud & David Easter



donated books. Erwin Reiner made shelves and the committee worked madly to make the store attractive. Barb became the staffperson (and unfortunately never did get paid), public service announcements went out, and the store opened.

There have been slow changes and growth over ten years. Our vision has remained remarkably consistent. We have continued to seek books on issues of peace and justice, paying special attention to alternative presses. Ordering has gone through phases, tending to be closely related to SPC's interests, although we do put more money into things that actually sell. For a while it was China; then came Cuba, and later nuclear energy. For the last few years the collection has focused on women's issues, kids, disarmament, and Central America, and has been expanded to include more records, t-shirts, posters, buttons and stickers.

The Front Room has always been collectively run. Most work gets done by regular volunteers, Front Room staffpeople (of which there is usually one), and the collective, which is those people willing to take responsibility for the store. By the end of 1978 the collective had dwindled to Lois and Dick, and I joined in early 1979. Several years later Jean Wittman and Katie Froelich joined. Currently Jean and I form the collective and there are 10 other people responsible for specific areas. It's great -- we can do so much more!

Over the years we've produced catalogs, fliers, a monthly Peace Newsletter ad, had used book sales and two Tax Day sales to entice people into the store. However, since opening day we've depended on bringing books to people, and have toted boxes of books and but-

tons to countless events. We even set up a Front Room booth at the 1982 New York State Fair. It took a massive amount of energy, we barely broke even, but we were clearly an alternative presence.

Our most noticeable changes have been in the physical set-up of the store. In our eternal quest to maintain a pleasant environment while fitting too many things into too small a space we have rearranged, built bookcases and actually bought display racks. In a bold experiment to reach more people, the Front Room became a chain and we opened The Front Room Too downtown next to On the Rise in October, 1983. We eventually realized that the humidity of bread baking doesn't mix with the book business, so we returned to SPC in January, 1985. Since we couldn't bear to put everything back into that small front room (especially after having just learned the importance of facing books out) we proposed that the store move into the front two rooms. We're there now.

The Front Room continues to struggle with many issues. How can we make the store more enticing? Are we a bookstore or a big literature committee? How can we be more politically effective and financially stable? The Front Room is an important resource for the local peace and justice movement and we are excited by our work. The "we" at The Front Room is constantly changing -- many people have made significant contributions. If you'd like to get involved, please call.

It's our Tenth Anniversary, a time for reflection and celebration. We're planning a party for the late spring. Watch the Peace Newsletter for details. ♻

Carol has been a Front Room staffperson for 6 years and is now the world's foremost authority on TFR history.

Thank You
and Happy Birthday
on your first 50 years.

May there not be
a need for a
second 50!

Love,
Toshi &
Pete Seeger

In Solidarity for the Next 50 Years War Resisters League

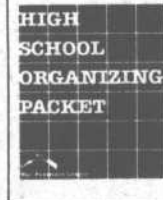
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Words worth saving

I was asked for an article on the PNL.
I wrote one - it was dull - I thought Ah well
Why not do it in the rhyming style,
I haven't done that in quite a while.
So off I go picking lines by twos,
Telling you of the Peace Council's news.

The news is not good on the PNL scene
But it's finances, not contents that I mean.
The contents are super, just couldn't be better
News, reviews, letters-to-the-editor.
It stimulates our minds and sets us to thinking
But, meanwhile, the resources are sadly sinking!
The subscription rate of \$8 a year
Should make it all so perfectly clear
(Oh no! that's an expression Nixon would use!
Better stick with words like "news" and "dues"!)
Fees are paid for the postage and printing.
The volunteer hours are unrelenting.

Now I know most of you give to the SPC
And that's not what is bothering me.
The funding's just not there for the PNL-
Believe me, folks, it's not doing well.
So please add 8 to your annual donation.
Show your support for our own publication!
Remove this debt from the SPC coffer.
They'll have funds to use so they can offer
Other exciting projects along the way,
After the staff have received their pay.

All together now- one, two three!
Hands in your pockets, just like me.
Pull out the money and away we go,
Run to the Post Office - don't be slow!
Fill in the coupon I made for you,
And a year from now, please renew!

Sally Bruilé

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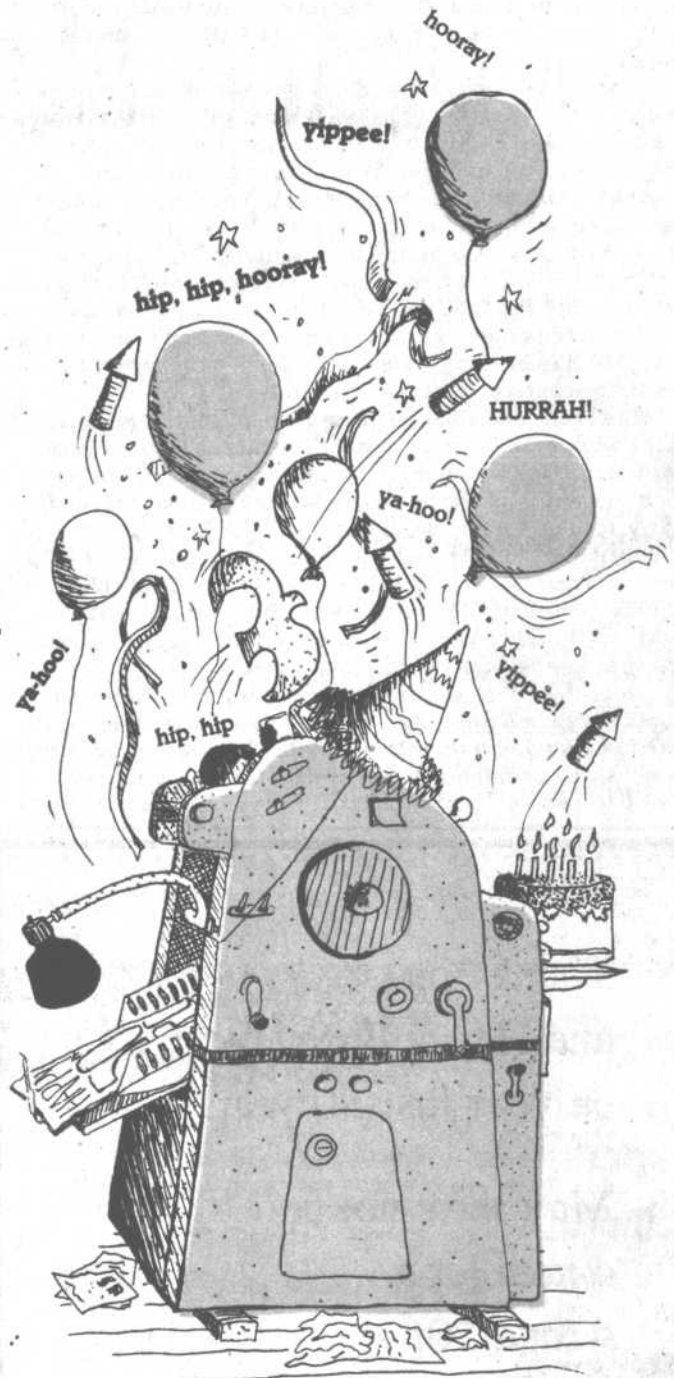
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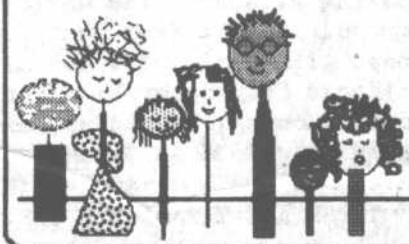
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wishes
Syracuse Peace Council
Happy 50th Anniversary**

The Syracuse Thornden Morris is a team of women dancing ancient English dances to celebrate the Earth's seasons. The exuberance of our dances serves to cast off the Winter and awaken the Spring, revel in the growth of Summer, and share in the prosperity of the Harvest.

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601 Allen Street

Dear Friend of Peace:

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

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

I. PEACE ACTION EVERYWHERE NEEDS FINANCIAL SUPPORT

You gave us your name weeks, perhaps months, ago. If you have not heard from us before, it is simply because we did not have enough postage stamps. War appropriations of the government for this year of peace amount to a tax of \$8.00 on every man, woman, and child in the country. If you want peace, you can help in these small ways.

A. You can send us a book of twenty-five one-cent stamps. Postage is the life-blood of peace action. Even smaller amounts will help; ten stamps or even five will be welcome. We cannot keep in touch with you without a one-cent stamp for each letter.

B. If you are able to do more, you can send us a dollar or more to buy a Peace Bond. Every bond sold does four things: 1. It provides a year's subscription to PEACE ACTION, a monthly bulletin of peace to keep you up-to-date on the peace news of the world. 2. It gives you a chance to vote on five current peace issues of importance to be acted on by the present Congress. 3. It helps support the nation-wide program of the National Council for the Prevention of War - largest unendowed peace organization in the country, and in our belief the one with the most practical plans. 4. 40% of every bond goes to the support of the local peace movement in your community. PEACE BONDS are cheaper than WAR BONDS! If you know others in your community, your church, your school or club who might be interested, BECOME A BOND SALESMAN; complete information furnished on request.

II. PEACE ACTION NEEDS PERSONAL SUPPORT

Peace Action tries to focus the peace sentiment of the nation on the 532 men and women in Congress who control our destinies. You can send telegrams and letters to your representatives at Washington on specific issues as they arise. ENLIST FOR PEACE AGAINST WAR. Other things you can do:

A. Send us the names of people of your acquaintance who would like to share in our program. Every name added to our list is a potential recruit. But remember, every new name means another postage stamp!

B. You can take a peace census of your community. This is one of our most necessary tasks. Ask us for details.

C. If you know three people willing to work, you can form a Peace Action Committee of your own. Advice and assistance gladly given. A Peace Action Handbook telling you how to do it - 25 cents.

III. PEACE ACTION NEEDS THE SUPPORT OF PUBLIC OPINION

In each issue of the NEWS*LETTER we shall recommend one good book to read. This time it is PEACE WITH HONOUR, by A.A. Milne, Dutton, N.Y., \$2.00. This is a devastating attack on the war system because it is so completely logical and good-humored. Get it from your public library or form a reading circle to buy it and pass it around. You can also subscribe to WORLD EVENTS for only 25 cents; address Nofrontier News Service Wilton, Conn. The valuable MONITOR NEWS is presented Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:45 P.M. over NBC network; listen to the NEWS over WSIR in Syracuse.

THESE ARE THINGS YOU CAN DO FOR PEACE. WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?

Write The Peace Committee, 301 YMCA Building, Syracuse, N.Y.



A Look Back: 50 Years of the PNL

edited by Mary Van De Weert & Danny Hakim

The fiftieth anniversary of the Syracuse Peace Council is also the fiftieth anniversary of the Peace Newsletter. That means that for one half of a century, there has been a continuous progressive voice in Syracuse. For most of those years, the PNL was a two-page mimeographed broadside, not the sophisticated voice of progressive thought and action that it is today.

All kidding aside, it was hard to choose articles for a four-page retrospective. Since peace is the Syracuse Peace Council's middle name, we chose mostly articles on war and peace issues. No slight was intended to the many struggles fought over the years by the SPC for freedom and justice. Let's remember that by working together we can have our goal of peace and justice before another fifty years passes.

February 1938: America Contradicts Itself

ON JAPAN

- 1898-After an artificially stimulated 'revolution' supported by American forces, the government of Hawaii was overthrown and the Islands were 'voluntarily' annexed by the United States.
- 1931-After an artificially stimulated 'revolution' supported by Japanese forces, the government of Manchuria was overthrown and the territory was 'voluntarily annexed' by the Empire. What's the difference? To what extent can we reasonably expect the Japanese (who are thoroughly informed of these facts) to be impressed by the high moral tone of our present attitude?
- 1937-We send our diplomats to Brussels to condemn Japan as the aggressor in an undeclared war in China. At the same time we continue to supply Japan with the materials for that aggression.
- 1938-On January 12 there sailed out of Delaware harbor, with the knowledge and consent of the State Department, a ship, flying the Nazi flag, bound for Japan, loaded with 20,000 Pennsylvania-made aerial bombs. At the same time, Mr. Hull was writing a letter explaining that dropping bombs on Chinese civilians-or American gunboats-is ghastly inhumanity. True. BUT Mr. Hull deliberately refuses to apply the neutrality law which would have prevented the bomb shipment.

March 1938: PNL Warns of War Hysteria

WARNING: Be alert for war scares, warship manoeuvres, troop movements, propaganda-radio, press, screen-about "sanctity of treaties" and "Democracies standing together." (Meaning US and Great Britain vs. Japan!) The Panay incident was a flop. The American people refused to get excited. But there will be other incidents played up to the limit. Don't let them upset you. The Administration is in earnest, and while it does not want war, neither did Woodrow Wilson.



1943:

May 12, 1943: COMICS NO LONGER COMIC

Margaret Frakes a few months ago discussed the effects of the 15,000,000 copies of comic magazines sold each month in this country; she wrote: "The real effect can be obtained only from taking in the garishly colored pictures on the horror-packed pages; long-fanged and sharp-horned 'Japs' (snarling monsters with brilliant yellow skins, leering eyes, cavernous jaws); machine guns mowing down hordes of Japanese attackers; flames consuming men and ships and cities; bodies from which flesh is being torn by strange 'scientific' monsters; grisly skeletons leering even in death; and through it all, superhuman heroes defying the laws of nature to gain final victory..."

"The nightmarish fears being engendered," she continues, "along with the wishful thinking aroused by the dependence on miracles as the way of escape from all danger, are tragic enough. But even more terrifying is the prospect of a young generation being inculcated with a hate and color prejudice which will make post-war tolerance and understanding a practical impossibility..."

December 20, 1943

WAR GUILT The punishment of Axis leaders guilty of fomenting war has stirred the imagination of a teenage southern Negro girl. Her suggestion for appropriate punishment to Hitler is this: "Just blacken his face and make him live in the South."

January 18, 1946: SPC 10th Anniversary

Jan. 18, 1946: PNL #101

THANK YOU, ONE AND ALL Our Tenth Birthday Party was a great success. Attendance was nearly double that of last year; "presents" were correspondingly generous. Bertha Bracey's message, "Roots of Order and Disorder in Europe" was a moving one; Sylvia Biorn-Hansen played two beautiful numbers on the piano--"A good time was had by all." One friend wrote, "Last evening was more wonderful than I can express...the

SPC 50th Anniversary



enclosed gift...so proud of you all...a magnificent job...happy to be a part of the occasion." Another congratulated us on a decade of service, hoped we would live to be a hundred. A wire received during the evening read: "Appreciating fine work done. Looking forward with you."

July 14, 1950: SPC Remembers Hiroshima

THINKING ABOUT KOREA? A BOMB FELL ON HIROSHIMA. REMEMBER?

At exactly fifteen minutes past eight in the morning, on August 6, 1945, Japanese time, at the moment when the atomic bomb flashed above Hiroshima, Miss Toshiko Sasaki, a clerk in the personnel department of the East Asia Tin Works, had just sat down at her place in the plant office and was turning her head to speak to the girl at the next desk. At the same moment...A hundred thousand people were killed...And the same moment, according to Hanson Baldwin, military editor of the New York Times, marked the end of the moral leadership of America.

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN

On February 24, 1950, observed around the globe as World Day of Prayer, 600 high school girls in Hiroshima in a meeting of their student council, at which no teachers were present, engaged in a two-hour prayer meeting. They then drafted a letter to President Truman, Prime Minister Stalin and Secretary-General Trygve Lie. Then each of the 600 girls signed her name.

"On this World Day of Prayer we bring to mind the horrible experience at the time of the atomic bomb, and we feel deeply the urgent need of a world peace for the sake of the welfare of all people. That day on which our dear fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and friends were taken from us, on that day tens of thousands in Hiroshima lost their lives as victims of the atomic bomb, and the city full of life until that morning was burned to ashes in but a few seconds. And it was thought that never again would we be able to stand up. The grievous calls for help which came from under the fallen buildings lying within the devouring fire which had wrapped the completely destroyed city are still calling us and pushing us into the road to peace.

"We do not want others to suffer this piteous tragedy which war has brought to us. No matter how science may prosper, man cannot make man. When we think how important each individual is, and of how lightly they were



treated in the war, we firmly pray that such a thing will never happen again....

...But as long as weapons exist we firmly believe that we cannot hope for true peace. We pray that the large sums used for armaments will be turned to render services for the happiness of mankind.

WE JOIN YOUR PRAYERS

"Dear Young People of Hiroshima:

"As a youth group vitally interested in world peace, we are taking up your plea in the United States. The people of our country can never begin to comprehend the suffering which you have experienced. We sincerely hope that the growing concern on the part of young people of the world will help prevent another war.

"Efforts on the part of some of our leaders have already been made in the form of proposals toward disarmament and aid to underdeveloped countries. We believe, as you do, that weapons are not a means to peace, and therefore, are discussing with adult guidance the problems we face in our desire for peace and the part that the young people must play...

"We join in your prayers for world peace and for competent leaders to make this peace lasting.

Sincerely yours,"

Signed by thirty-one of forty-three high school students at a World Affairs Camp sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee at Camp Carondowanna, Pa., June 23 to 30, 1950.

February 11, 1952: The Korean War Rages

KOREA: A Sergeant's View The following news-item came to us from London where it had been reprinted

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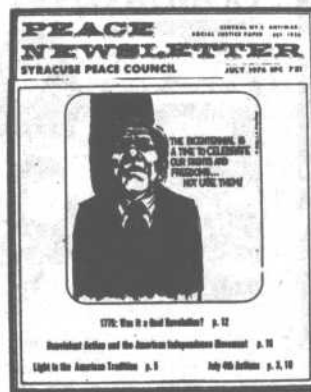
Lillian E. Reiner



from the Belfast Telegraph of Nov. 16, 1952. An army sergeant in Korea, embittered by the 'up and down' battle for a hill, losing it, taking it and losing it again, asked: "What is it all about?"

In a letter to the Syracuse (New York) Herald-Journal, Sergeant Bill Smyth said: "They tell us to take a hill--we take the hill;--they tell us to retreat--we retreat; they tell us to take it again--the poor kids in this division don't know what it is all about. Why doesn't someone tell them? We have no leadership--up and down, up and down. Can't the newspapers do something--someone has got to."

The Herald-Journal sent the letter to President-elect Eisenhower, thinking he might have the answer. But Sergeant Smyth will never know it. He is dead.



October, 1963: PNL Attacks Local Racism

THE SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL STATEMENT ON RACE RELATIONS IN SYRACUSE

The Syracuse Peace Council is deeply concerned about the racial situation in Syracuse. Although the Peace Council is primarily devoted to the cause of peace, it realizes that peace cannot be achieved while a significant minority of our citizens must endure racial oppression. Therefore, we affirm our support of those citizens who, in recent weeks, have clearly raised the issue of civil rights here in Syracuse.

There are several specific questions which deserve attention. The Negro does not enjoy full equality of opportunity in three broad areas of his existence: education, employment, and housing. We submit that now is the time for all citizens of Syracuse to work together to see that significant progress is achieved in these and other areas. We must not make the Negro wait another 100 years before he can enjoy the full blessings of citizenship in our city.

How are these objectives to be achieved? Full implementation of existing laws is one method. Where the present laws are weak, we must see to it that they are strengthened. However, laws alone are not sufficient. Segregation will not vanish until each of us honestly seeks to destroy the seed of discrimination within himself and helps others to do likewise. As for civil disobedience, we do not take a position for or against it, but we fully support those who, in a spirit of creative non-violence, feel morally compelled to make this form of witness.

August 18, 1964: LBJ in Syracuse

From the steps of the beautiful new Samuel Newhouse Communications Center at Syracuse University came the words: "Aggression--deliberate, willful, and systematic aggression--has unmasked its face to the entire world. The world remembers, the world must never forget that aggression unchallenged is aggression unleashed."

President Johnson, the speaker of these words, was in town last week, and he chose the dedication of a school for the training of professional workers in the news media to make this major public statement on the Vietnam crisis.

We were not on hand a short time later when Johnson spoke at the University, but those who saw the re-broadcast of the speech reported that the words "Aggression--deliberate, willful, and systematic aggression" evoked only restrained applause, no stampede of emotional nationalism.

Perhaps calls for an expanded war in Vietnam result in public apathy not public enthusiasm. If so, we have a real opportunity to appeal for an end to this terrible war which has continued for nineteen years.

March, 1970: Largest Anti-Draft Demo.

On March 19, the Syracuse peace movement, in cooperation with movement groups in other central New York towns, pulled off the largest and best organized anti-draft demonstration in the country that day. 2500 persons picketed the Syracuse Induction Center to protest the processing of men for the military, for the war

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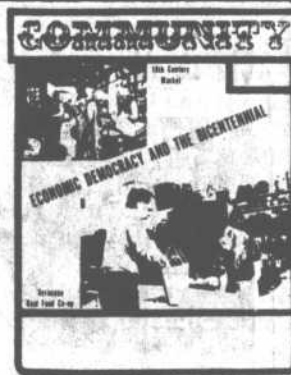
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in Vietnam. Hundreds of persons sat down in front of a bus load of inductees to keep them from entering the center. That effort was completely successful. At 1:30 after four hours of being surrounded by demonstrators, and after 110 arrests, the bus backed up and returned the unprocessed men to Utica, from where they had originally come...

It must be said, however, that although the bus went back to Utica, every day men will still be inducted in Syracuse, and while the draft board closed until Monday, the Selective Service System continues to process men every day to be cannon fodder in Vietnam. Our victory was not that the induction center was closed down, for we really didn't do that; but rather that our action was a powerful symbol of the strength and power of great numbers of persons committed to non-violent action. If we continue to work, and work hard together, our movement will attain the power to stop the war in Vietnam and to stop militarism in our society.

January, 1972: Early Tom Peyer



December, 1972: What! Only One Day?



El Salvador: A Warning

March 1980: Central America
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The military-civilian junta governing El Salvador is once again in crisis and it now appears that the country's slide into civil war cannot be halted. The government, which overthrew the dictatorship of General Carlos Humberto Romero in October of last year, has been trying to strike a centrist political balance in a situation where reconciliation between poor and rich, between left and right, is almost impossible. Instead the five person junta has become just one more on the list of authoritarian governments which El Salvador has suffered under since 1932.

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Danny Hakim



Tear gas and gunpowder are becoming common scents in the capital city of San Salvador. Various groups of the left have seized embassies, government offices, churches and schools to bring attention to their demands for release of political prisoners, education and work for all, and participation in the government by the people's political organizations. The government response has been to stiffen the repression.

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

June, 1981:

Syracuse Heard Around the World

On May 9, and in the week preceding it, hundreds of Syracuse area people delivered a courageous, visible and principled message to Alexander Haig, to the Reagan administration, to Chancellor Melvin Eggers and to the world. That message was, quite simply, that we do not accept murderous and inhumane policies abroad or at home--no matter what the "official" rationale for such policies might be. By our actions we also said: NO we do not acquiesce, NO we will not be 'nice' and 'polite', NO we will not be invisible. We WILL speak out against injustice.

The diversity and spontaneity of responses at S.U. and in the community was truly remarkable and heartening. Collectively and individually people chose their path of protest: S.U. students formed the Ad Hoc Committee for a Fair Commencement. Many meetings, leaflets and news conferences followed. Finally, a decision was reached to wear red armbands (500-1,000 did) and to walk out at the beginning of Haig's speech (about 200 did, joined by some faculty). People also carried several banners around the dome floor and stood

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with their backs turned while Haig received his "honorable" degree.

The Community Committee To Welcome Haig organized the powerful theatrical action inside the dome. Throughout Haig's speech 8 bloody nuns, 2 death-spectres and 8 bloody peasants, representing some of the 19,000 people slain in El Salvador, stood with fingers accusingly pointed. Surrounding them were 200 people acting as supporters, bannerholders, peacekeepers and chanters.

This scary, demanding, yet empowering action was made even more difficult since it was organized in near secrecy. The effectiveness of our efforts became clear in succeeding days as we learned that both AP and UPI carried stories and photos as did most major city newspapers across the country.

Two national TV networks, (NBC carried our diploma; see pg. 14) covered it, and local TV and radio coverage was extensive. The Syracuse Herald-American even carried an incredible full-color photo. A notable exception to the reasonably good, though frequently garbled, coverage was WCNY (NET) which basically ignored the protest even going so far as to not say why Moses

Finley (an honorary degree recipient who refused to attend because of Haig) was not present. Liberation News Service, the Guardian and Fellowship magazine have also carried stories. Unexpectedly, the SPC office began receiving calls from groups around the country who were excited, proud and congratulatory. Our spirits soared.

The opposition, of course, used a number of the predictable techniques to discredit and divide us. Among them were redbaiting (Post-Standard); the "outside agitator" ploy (Eggers and his PR man Julian); and the "small minority" tact (Haig). Such techniques are routinely used to deflect attention from real issues--such as people being killed in El Salvador.

But clearly our message had been heard. In the coming months and years the same message will increasingly be heard across this land as people intensify our continuing struggle for the ideals of freedom, justice and peace. ☸



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In the Looking Glass: The Syracuse

- 1) What do you see as SPC's role in the CNY peace and justice movement? What are the most valuable contributions from SPC?
- 2) Why have you worked with SPC? If you haven't, why?
- 3) What can SPC do better? What good advice do you have for the future work of SPC?

These three general questions were posed to solicit perspectives on the Syracuse Peace Council in 1986. Activists from within SPC and from other CNY peace organizations provide a variety of viewpoints constrained, unfortunately, by space and deadlines. Your thoughts on SPC are always welcome. Write them down and send to SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. Syracuse, NY 13203.

Carol Baum

Special contributions are easier to write about than SPC's role:

--our multi-issue perspective is both one of our greatest strengths and weaknesses.

--house resources, such as The Front Room Bookstore, SPC Press, the lay-out room, the magazines, newsletters, mailings we get, are available to anyone walking in the door.

--SPC being 50 years old does make a difference. Lots of people and organizations know us, which makes us a wonderful organization for networking. SPC has been a training ground for numerous activists who have since moved on.

--The Peace Newsletter is a key publication in the CNY peace movement, providing analysis, information, reports, publicity and networking.

SPC has many of the same problems lots of other peace groups have. We need to learn how to integrate new people better. We could be more conscious in sharing skills and training people to be organizers. We need to take more risks and talk more with people not like us. We're good at one-time events; we need to initiate more ongoing projects. And of course sometimes we seem paralyzed by the question of how do we go from now to

a peaceful world. There are so many things to work on that it sometimes seems like we do nothing well. On a very practical level, we could organize the resources in the SPC house better and promote them more effectively. *Carol Baum is co-ordinator of The Front Room Bookstore.*

John & Sally Brulé

It is inspirational and challenging to know that the Peace Council is still working and functioning fifty years after its establishment. The founders knew that it was not an easy course they were charting, and we all know that the struggle must still go on.

The Peace Council can only be as strong as we, its members, determine it to be. While the injustices are many in the world we perceive, nevertheless we must keep our efforts directed towards the basic need of all humanity, which is the elimination of the tools and mentality of militarism. As we go about our attempts at peace making we can renew our strength through our contacts with like-minded people and through the material we read in the Peace Newsletter.

New staff people will soon be joining the Peace Council and we should all work towards making their efforts meaningful to the community and to them. This golden anniversary is a time for renewal--let us continue the struggle. *Sally Brulé works with the Syracuse Cultural Workers and SPC. John Brulé is active with United Campuses Against Nuclear War.*

Lisa Johns

It is a triumph, not to be taken lightly, that SPC has survived 50 years--an institutional voice on peace and social justice issues, at the community level, for this duration of time is a remarkable achievement.

But our Peace Council is not in good health at the moment. For a variety of reasons that are understandable, and difficult to see how we might have avoided, it has become predominantly a counterculture organization, unable to communicate effectively with the community at large. Meanwhile, the initiatives on all sorts of critical

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Peace Council in 1986

issues are arising elsewhere. SPC hasn't a program anymore, except broad opposition to US foreign policy and some ideas about how a good society might look. SPC hasn't any ideas (program) for how to get from here to there--how to make its vision appealing to a larger audience. Hence, it doesn't try to communicate with that audience and often ends up offending it.

I think a major weakness, too, is our unwillingness to take what we're doing seriously enough to examine the effectiveness issue and admit there's a problem, and begin taking some decisive steps. Brief words of advice:

- a. Take the effectiveness issue seriously. If we honestly think nuclear war is a possibility, we haven't the luxury of indulging our own anger and outrage; we have to figure out what we can do that actually might make a difference.
- b. Recognize that the social climate has shifted, and we need to adjust what we do and how we communicate with people as a consequence. We are not effective when we close ourselves off in a counter-culture ghetto.
- c. As part of re-entry to the real world, resolve to offer a living wage to staff (\$9-10,000 at minimum), and be prepared to make the institutional changes which will make that a possibility.
- d. Find a way to contribute to the activism that has arisen elsewhere on disarmament or Central America or South Africa or (pick your issue). Don't take on too much. Define achievable goals, and begin the work of rebuilding.

Lisa Johns works on "Somos Vecinos," a newsletter on Central America.

Kath Buffington

For three years SPC -- the institution and people -- was the most important thing in my life. I found friends, co-workers, information, ideas and a vibrant springboard to action. Times and people change but bits of SPC will always be with me.

In the next 50 years I hope SPC can renew itself when the need arises. I also hope that SPC as a group and as individuals can be less "politically correct" and more open and accepting of the general population in Syracuse. *Kath Buffington is now living and working for peace in Allegany County.*

Peter Kardas

The SPC is a breeding ground for organizers: it has The Front Room bookstore, the PNL, and a network of people who care about a wide variety of important matters--these are its strengths.

There are a number of things that it would be healthy for all of us in the peace movement to address--for instance, the question of how to begin challenging economic as well as political and cultural power in these United States--and on the shop floor as well as in our communities. We need to do this work not only in our writing and thinking, but also in practice, and we obviously cannot do it alone. Somehow we will have to learn to work with a variety of people from whom we are often estranged. I think in hard times like these that we will require being alert to dogmatic rigidity as well as to co-optation. And it will require that we avoid the seductive temptation of seeing our overall political weakness as a sign of strength.

Peter Kardas is the weapons conversion staffperson at the Syracuse office of American Friends Service Committee.

Andy Mager

I believe that SPC's most important current role is to serve as a clearinghouse and resource center for Central New York peace and justice groups.

I have worked both within the Peace Council and outside of it. I work with SPC because I share its vision of a world without violence and exploitation; and I believe that we must demonstrate the interconnections between issues. When I pull away from SPC it is through a combination of

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frustration with the many personal disagreements and sometimes feeling constrained by the beginnings of a sense of bureaucracy.

There has been very little local on-going organizing coming out of SPC. It is time to focus energy on a nuclear-free zone campaign or something else which clearly involves the Syracuse community.

Andy Mager is working with the Syracuse Cultural Workers on the production of the book, "Against the Odds: The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council."

Liam Mahony

There are those who bemoan the fact that SPC is no longer the "hub" of peace-work in Central New York it once was. I have not been here long enough to know if it ever was, but if in fact this change has occurred, it is a comment on the growth and variety of the peace movement more than the weakness of SPC. Peace activity in Syracuse is very diffuse and decentralized, and despite disorganization or inefficiency that entails, I feel it enables more people to get involved. The things we take for granted - the Peace Newsletter, our office, The Front Room bookstore, staffed phones, the NVS Film series, etc. - these are our greatest strengths because they give us a visibility and solidity few other groups have. But we can't just boast about them; we need to make better use of these resources. We need to make it easier and more comfortable for other groups to use them, and that means coming to grips in an active way with the alienation some activists and groups feel from SPC. Staff and SPC activists need to stress flexibility over political correctness.

Liam Mahony is an interim staffperson at SPC.

Nancy Tunnessen

The Syracuse Peace Council, that venerable pillar of the peace and justice community, has been poking and pricking Syracuse's collective conscience for fifty years. Think of the energy, the persistence, the wisdom and the skills that are sheltered in that house on Burnet Avenue.

For an organization as relatively new as the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Central New York, the Peace Council has been an invaluable help. As an all-volunteer group, we have learned that the Peace Council staff are frequently the quickest, most efficient source of

a plethora of information, as well as possessing the organizing skills and resources we lack. In particular, because the Council has media and contact lists already compiled and the dedicated folk of the Press located in the basement, they do a terrific job of handling publicity for events. Moreover, the Peace Council provides a sense of history about events and efforts over the years. They know what works and what does not, particularly in the area of direct action. The Bookstore carries the resources we need and certainly will not find easily elsewhere.

Like a nurturing parent, the Peace Council has been supportive of the work of single issue "peace" organizations, and in doing so has helped those organizations understand their interrelatedness to each other. Acting as a catalyst for the networking that we all must learn to do better, the Peace Council and the Newsletter keep us in touch, invited and informed.

Syracuse is a stronger and richer community because of the vision, talents and just plain hard work of the Syracuse Peace Council.

Nancy Tunnessen is chairperson of the CNY Nuclear Weapons Freeze.

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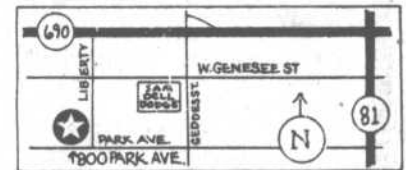
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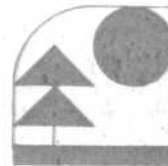
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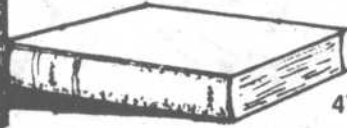
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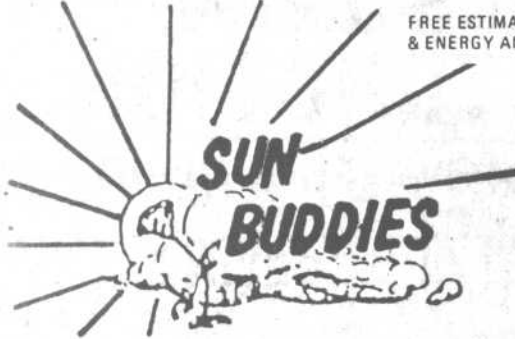
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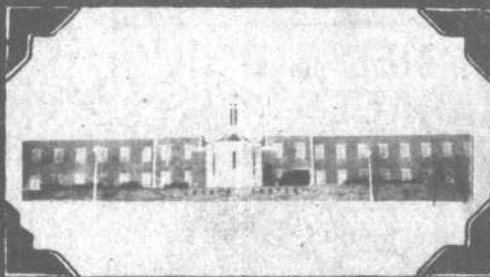
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Tomorrow's Uncertainty

The news seems hopeful from the Philippines. The Marcos dictatorship has collapsed and a highly popular figure, Cory Aquino, has seemingly captured the hearts and minds of the Filipinos. We may now have a new chance to help the Philippines to develop along the lines they feel as being in their best interests, but we have many pitfalls to watch out for. Cory Aquino is selecting advisors to help her, and it must be remembered that she has no experience in government. Juan Ponce Enrile, one of the two so-called revolutionaries, was one of the architects of the Marcos dictatorship, and helped to keep it together for 9 years. Fidel Ramos, the other, only last year was leading attacks upon demonstrators opposing Marcos. Salvador Laurel, the new prime minister, was up until a year ago a staunch Marcos supporter. What we may well see is a redistribution of power amongst the elite politicians, not a return to democracy for the Philippines.

We might notice that the communists have not participated in recent developments, and we should recognize that the hundreds of thousands of people that they were trying to support have needs which also must be met. It is not easy to believe that the elite politicians are yet ready to accept the demands of the common people.

The Reagan administration has already offered praise to Marcos because he left the Philippines with "reason and compassion." The thousands of people he has oppressed will find it hard to accept this statement.

Marcos has left a country wallowing in poverty and malnutrition, he has killed and threatened his opposition over the years, and he has left the country in economic shambles. Marcos should be brought to trial and judged by a jury of his peers before Reagan grants him his freedom.

While the news from the Philippines is still on the front pages of American newspapers, it is important to assess what has happened. We must remember that the sham we have just witnessed, appropriately dubbed "snap elections" by Mr. Marcos, was instigated by the US. Even the announcement that they were going to be held was first made on US television and only belatedly to the Filipinos. Unfortunately the sham is not like a play where after the actors leave the stage then all the dead arise and life goes on as before. At this writing 95 Filipinos have died and the number is still rising. What we have just witnessed is an astonishing interference in the domestic politics of the Philippines that mirrors the decades of manipulation that the US has exercised in that country. In the boldest terms we have been reminded again and again by the Reagan Administration that the primary interest of the US is in the bases at Clark and Subic Bay. The policy of this country has consistently been that our first interest is in the military and our second is in the multinational business community. The real needs of the Philippines run no better than a poor third, if even that.

New PNL Format

Does your PNL seem a little thinner than usual? This month we begin our new publishing format: 8 pages one month, 24 the next, then 8, then 24, etc. Our hope is that this change will ease pressure on staff. Since this is our first 8-pager, we need your feedback. The newsletter will be gradually evolving as we get used to the new format, so if you want to be a part of the final product, let us know. Space is very limited, as you can see, so most article requests will only be considered for the 24-pagers.

Volunteers Needed Spring Phonathon

March 10 - 12

The ongoing work of SPC needs ongoing support that comes from many people in the form of a monthly pledge. On March 10, 11, and 12th from 5:30 to 9:30 PM SPC activists will be phoning subscribers of the PNL asking for financial support through a monthly pledge. If you can help out for a night or have some time after the 12th please call Leeann at SPC-472-5478.

Introducing SPC's New Staff

Labeeb Hameed

Hello, my name is Labeeb Hameed, and I am one of two new staff people at SPC. I am a native of Syracuse and have attended both high school and college here. I know that that doesn't say much, but people always want to know such things.

Perhaps more importantly, what attracted me to SPC was its consistent involvement with both community and world concerns. During high school and college, I was actively involved with student concerns. I wrote articles in the school newspaper, organized petitions, and meetings between faculty and students.

I wanted to continue such activities in my adult life, and the Peace Council provided the vehicle by which I could do this. Sure, why not become a volunteer, then. True, but at that time the Council was looking for new staff. So, I thought that I would give it a try, and, if I didn't make it, I'd come on board as a volunteer.

I will be working on the Peace Newsletter. In addition, I am interested in working on the Apartheid issue. These are just starters, of course, and I'm sure that there will be more to come.

I look forward to a healthy relationship with the community and its many organizations. It will take some time getting used to the job, but once my feet get wet, I should be on my way. Wish me luck!

Leeann Irwin

Hello. It is good to be joining the SPC. I have known of the diversity and consistency of the work at SPC for a number of years and am proud to be joining the SPC community.

My first introduction to upstate New York came through my involvement with the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice, outside of Seneca Army Depot, where I lived for more than a year. The roots of my political work come from a spiritual commitment that developed while I was working at the Des Moines Catholic Worker House providing hospitality to women and families. Over the past few years my political work has included prison abolition, anti death penalty work, economic justice and feminist anti-militarist work.

I recently returned to the USA from nearly nine months of traveling in Western Europe, showing slides of the Women's Encampment. My trip included exchanging information with feminist and disarmament groups. It feels good to be settling down to be the staffperson on the Organizational Maintenance Committee. Program work will include Central America, disarmament and feminist anti-militarist work.

On a personal level I enjoy all kinds of dancing, get hungry for art exhibits, like music from Vivaldi to U2, and corresponding with many friends.

New Program Committee Meets

The Program and Evaluation Committee met on February 18th at the Brule's. The committee met for about two hours, and some important decisions were made. First, the members decided that the staff and the committee would be co-communicators, meaning that before the staff makes any public statements the committee would be consulted first. Secondly, the committee decided that the staff would work on the Tax Day demo. Finally, it was concluded that the staff would be given more ideas on future projects, at subsequent meetings.

The next Program Committee meeting will be held on March 18th and will meet once a month thereafter.

50th Anniversary Display

"Peace In Our Lives" is the title of a graphic history of the Peace Council which is currently on display at the Onondaga Historical Society Museum. It is open for viewing Tues.-Sat. from 12-4pm until March 12. Please go and check it out, and urge them to keep it on display longer!

Thanks to Corinne

Corinne Kinane has been on interim staff here since last summer. She was instrumental in guiding SPC through one of its most difficult periods, financially and organizationally, in recent history. Her work as organizational maintenance staffer lent a great deal of sanity to the past months. Her program work on Apartheid led to very active SPC involvement in the October 11 Anti-Apartheid rally as well as one of our most successful dinners in many years.

As always, when working with Corinne, I have been impressed by her incredible reliability. Her steadfast refusal to fall prey to the temptation of burnout and her sometimes successful attempts to save me from the same were greatly appreciated. Thanks, Corinne, and good luck on whatever you aim for next.

-Liam Mahony

Knowing that this is true, then there should be little wonder in our minds when we see the situation in the Philippines deteriorate and more violence erupt in the near future. We forced the elections to occur, we made it appear that the problems would be solved if the US could feel that a choice had been made between Cory Aquino and Ferdinand Marcos, and we thereby drove the country even further away from solving the problems of the people. Aquino and Marcos are merely alternate representatives of the monied elite that include family names like Laurel, Osmena, Romualdez, and the sham elections were just a charade to see which of these elite would be the next to grab the pie.

U.S.A.'s Military Interest

We are now seeing the Reagan Administration attempt to distance itself a little from the dictator Marcos, as a massive fraud perpetrated by Marcos is causing worldwide revulsion. Reagan sends emissaries to the Philippines to try to recover from the disaster, but the bottom line remains that the primary and driving interest of the US is the military bases and all our actions will be to preserve them at any cost. We see the Filipino people demonstrating in the streets against Marcos, and this may raise our hopes for the recovery of the nation from the dictator. But, Aquino is merely a popular figure at the moment, and cannot be expected to have any more interest or capacity to deal with the problems of the Philippines than Marcos did. Not only have economic and human resources been wasted over the past few months, but valuable time has been lost. There was precious little of that to begin with and now the situation is even more desperate.

Further Polarization Expected

Prior to the arrogant and massive intervention of the US into the internal politics of the Philippines, there had been developing a grass roots political base. While there are as yet no big name leaders for foreigners to identify, nevertheless the work is going on in the various social, labor, and economic sectors of the country. With the manifest failure of the electoral process under the Marcos dictatorship we can expect to see a further polarization of Philippine society. There is every reason to fear that the forces of violence have been strengthened and will move in to fill the vacuum that the Reagan Administration has expanded. As we see violence on the rise in the Philippines in the near future, we must remember that we have been the direct cause of it. Rumors are rampant that the Reagan Administration is considering sending in military to train the Philippine military in counter insurgency actions. This is typical of Reagan politics as he cannot think beyond his communist mentality. The Filipino people have been brought to their knees in poverty by the dictator Marcos as supported by the US, and now we are about to train other Filipinos to kill them instead of trying to correct the very conditions that we helped to create!

We will hear the word communist a lot in the near future, but we must remember that there would be no communism and violence in the Philippines if we had not helped to bring it about. The one thing we must do with regard to the Philippines is withdraw our support to the forces that are the root cause of violence. It is too much to expect that this country in any way could be a positive force in helping to meet the real needs of the Filipinos, but at least we should stop contributing to their problems. ☸

by Sally and John Brule'

Photo by Paul Pearce



Valentine's Day Vigil

One legend of St. Valentine is that he assisted prisoners and was eventually imprisoned himself. This Valentine's Day about 25 people gathered in front of the Public Safety Building jail in Syracuse to remember the prisoners inside and to call attention to the many injustices perpetrated by the prison system. We leafletted, sang, spoke, and held 258 balloons, one representing each person inside. At the vigil's end we released the balloons slowly, letting the wind carry them freely.

At the same time jail officials were meeting with Judge Munson in Federal Court to present proposals to deal with the serious overcrowding problem at the PSB - there are 202 cells for 258 people.

The vigil was sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Jail Ministry, SPC and Upstate Resistance. To get involved, call Jail Ministry at 424-1877.

Griffiss Protesters Tried

On February 13, Bill Cuddy, Jerry Berrigan, Monica Raymon and John Mahony were found guilty in Syracuse magistrate court of re-entering Griffiss after having previously received "Ban and Bar" letters from the base. They had gone on to the base last Thanksgiving to speak to the Commander; to call his attention to the indictment against the base for war crimes which had been brought against them by the Griffiss Plowshares on Thanksgiving of 1983.

In four eloquent statements, the defendants testified to the moral reasons for their action. Ms. Raymon urged the judge to take a stand against the nuclear arms race by finding them innocent. Unfortunately, he chose not to.

International Women's Day Celebration

by Margot Clark

Hypaetia, Matilda Gage, Isabelle Baumfree, Copperwoman, Yaki Akiko, Amdung Char.... Who are these women? Their stories have been lost from our past. International Women's Day is, in part, a time to reclaim our herstory.

Winnie Mandela, Patricia Libertad, Lena Novello. Who are these women? International Women's Day is, in part, a time to recognize women's struggles and contributions. International Woman's Day is a time for us to gain strength by connecting with the women of our past, women around the world, and women in our own community. It is a time to honor women, especially working women.

There is a controversy over how International Women's Day started. We do know that it developed out of concern for women who worked. It was first celebrated on February 23, 1909 in the US as a "means by which to unite the popular community around a set of common goals". Although official recognition for International Women's Day was the result of hard work by many women, two women need to be recognized for their efforts to make people aware of the plight of working women: Luise Zeite and Claire Zetlun. Today International Women's Day is widely celebrated through out the world. A national day in the Peoples Republic of China and the Soviet Union, women are honored with flowers, gifts, and songs. Though it was founded in the US, International Women's Day is not an official holiday, there has been an attempt to revive it.

We, in Madre and KKS productions, are excited to present an evening in celebration of International Women's Day, March 8, 1986 at Grace Episcopal Church at 819 Madison Street, Syracuse at 7:30 pm. The featured performer will be Marcia Taylor [Boston Globe's 1984 Best Folk Album Winner for her album intitled: Tinder]. Also appearing will be the East-side Community Choir, directed by Karen Mihalyi. In addition, there will be Jan Phillips' slide show, Woman-to-Woman, and a Madre video on Nicaragua. Food and dancing will be a part of the festivities as well. An added attraction is that the Syracuse Chapter of Ladies Against Woman will hostess the event.

Madre-to-Madre is a national nonprofit friendship organization set up to give material aid and moral support to mothers and children in Central America and the Caribbean. KKS productions (Karen Mihalyi, Kathy Collins, and Susie Gaynes) of the Syracuse Cultural Workers produce concert and other cultural events for our community. Proceeds for this event will be used to help continue the work of the sponsoring organizations.

Prices for the evening will be set at a \$4-\$10 sliding scale, and children under the age of 12 will be admitted free, with donations welcomed (child care will be available, and the hall is wheelchair accessible).

Global Feminism

MON., Sophie Serper
MAR. 3 "The Role of Women in the Soviet Union"

THURS., Ynestra King
MAR. 6 "Feminist Peace Politics: From Seneca to Nairobi"

MON., Vinie Burrows
MAR. 10 "Sister, Sister!"

TUES., Vinie Burrows
MAR. 11 "After Nairobi: Looking Ahead to the Year 2000"

Interreligious Celebration:
Jan Phillips
"Woman to Woman: A Pictorial Journey Into the Heartland of Women's Spirituality"
Donna Wilshire
"Virgin Mother Goddesses: A Performance Piece"

THURS., Barbara Smith
MAR. 13 "A Movement That Can Save Our Lives: The Feminism of Women of Color"

March 3-13 at Le Moyne College

For further info. contact Susan Bordo (445-4487), Lynne Arnault (445-4496) or Mary Lindemann (445-4475).

Upcoming Events

Support The Test Ban !

The Soviet Union, on January 15, 1986 extended their unilateral nuclear testing moratorium by 3 months and urged immediate negotiation of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Technical capabilities exist today to monitor a complete and total ban on nuclear testing with great confidence. Moreover, Soviet leaders have indicated a willingness to accept on-site inspection as part of improved verification measures.

Two important votes on this issue are coming up soon: HJ Res. 3, which calls for resumption of test ban talks, and more crucially, HR 3442, which would cut funds in order to implement a moratorium. Write to your representatives, or call, today!

Rally at Seneca Depot March 15

There will be a rally in support of a nuclear testing moratorium on March 15 at the Seneca

There will be a regional rally in support of a nuclear testing moratorium on March 15 at the Seneca Army Depot. The rally will start at 10:00 that Saturday morning and cars will be going from Syracuse - call Leeann at SPC (472-5478) and gather at the Westcott Cafe at 8:30 AM for rides. The USSR has not tested nuclear weapons since last August. Make your presence known at the largest Nuclear Weapons Depot in the country. We must demand that the US join the moratorium.

50th Birthday Dinner

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Pledge of Resistance Update

FLASH! Any day now, Reagan will officially ask the Congress for \$100 million in aid for the Contras to continue their terrorism against the people of Nicaragua. The day that request is made, the national Pledge of Resistance will be called into action. Here in Syracuse activity will start with a press conference the day after the request is made, followed by a vigil downtown the next day. Finally, on the following Saturday there will a major demonstration/procession in downtown Syracuse. Keep your eyes and ears open for the call. And if your not already on the Pledge of Reso the call. And if your not already on the Pledge of Resistance phonetree, call us immediately and get on it!!

The Oswego Art Guild celebrates

International Women's Day with

Calendar of Events

- Tuesday, March 4 Jan Phillips, slide presentation, "Out and About", 7:30 p.m. Formal Lounge, Hewitt Union. Sponsored by the SUCO Women's Center.
- Friday, March 7 Karen Beth, guitar and piano women's music. Upstairs Restaurant, Hewitt Union. Reception, 7 p.m., performance 8 p.m.
- Saturday, March 8 International Women's Day — Opening Reception, Herland II exhibition, Oswego Art Guild, 1-10 p.m.
1:30—performance by songwriter/singer Martha Sandefur of Boston.
3:00—performance by artist Rose Imhoff of SUNY/Oswego.
3:45—performance by Martha Sandefur.
4:30—Poetry reading by Olga Broumas, founder of FREEHAND.
7:30—Workshop with poet Olga Broumas.
- Sunday, March 9 Workshop at 10:00 a.m. with Olga Broumas
- Monday, March 10 Jan Millsapps and Debra Hill, "Women in the History of Film: Independent Woman Filmmakers", Room 214 Hewitt Union, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 11 Jan Millsapps and Debra Hill, "Women in the History of Film: Independent Woman Filmmakers", Room 214 Hewitt Union, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, March 17 Joan Lyons, "Artists' Books", Room 102 Tyler Hall, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by SUNYCO Art Department and the Oswego Art Guild.
- Tuesday, March 18 Jan Phillips, slide presentation, "Women to Women", 7:30 p.m., Room 214, Hewitt Union.
- Wednesday, March 19 Eleanor Lerner, "Feminism, Anti-Semitism and Right Wing Movements", 7:00 p.m., Formal Lounge at Hewitt Union. Sponsored by Women's Studies.
- Friday, March 21 Leigh Allison Wilson and Karen Elias-Button, Readings and Writing Workshop Oswego Art Guild, 7-10 p.m.

Opening Reception: Saturday, March 8, 1-10 pm

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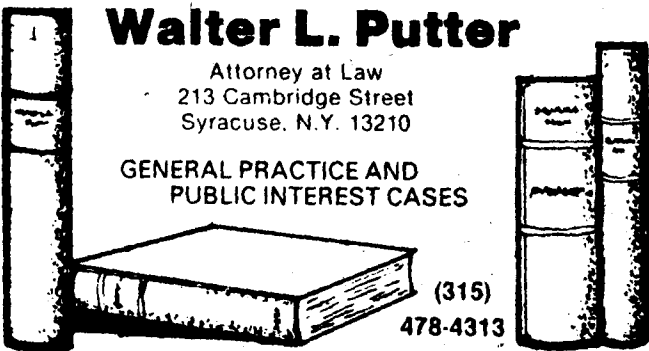
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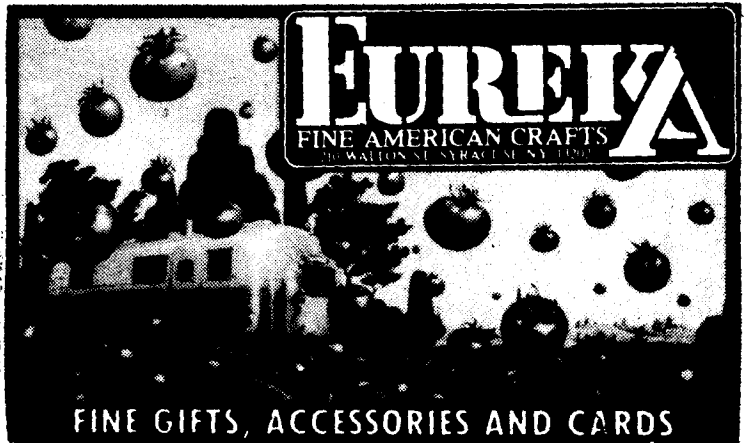
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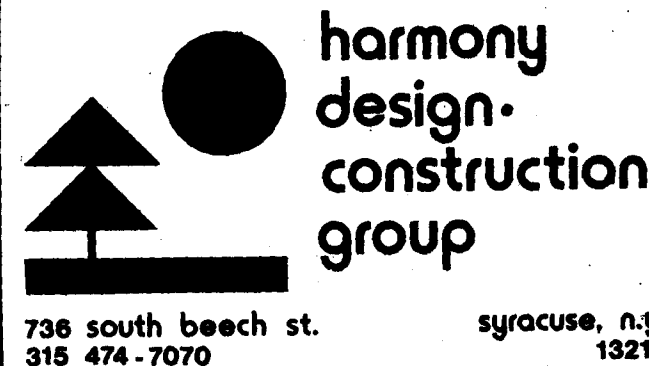
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Let's Back Pooler

Electoral politics or not? Every several years the Peace Council grapples with this question, and that time is upon us again. The discussion is an important one, embracing questions such as: Is the "winner take all" basis of our electoral system the antithesis of our notions of consensus, process and nonviolence? Is the compromise of always choosing the lesser evil doing the cause of peace more harm than good? Could the massive resources needed in an electoral campaign be better used elsewhere?

This year Syracuse will be hosting one of the most expensive and nasty campaigns our district will have ever seen. Both Rep. Wortley and Rosemary Pooler are going to be nationally targetted by various Political Action Campaigns (PACs). A million dollars will be spent between now and November, most of it putting Wortley's mug on the TV screen.

Rosemary Pooler is playing to win, and as she tries to appear "center" to George Wortley's extreme right wing, it is highly unlikely that her platform will emerge as a progressive's dream. Nevertheless, I would like to make a few simple arguments for getting involved in this campaign, both as individuals and as an organization:

1. The people of El Salvador, Nicaragua and many other nations are being quite literally tortured and murdered by George Wortley's votes in Congress. Lesser of two evils arguments can make a great deal of sense under such conditions.

2. Progressive groups are wasting a great deal of time and money trying to get people like Wortley and D'Amato to change their stands. They never do.

3. For five years on the Public Service Commission, Rosemary Pooler has actively stood up for consumers and tried to defeat the Nine Mile Two nuclear Plant, long after the Peace Council gave up trying. That record justifies support, and a certain amount of trust



we might not give to the average politician.

4. Wortley can be beaten this year, but only if Pooler can get enough volunteers out on the streets, a task that we can help with very effectively.

5. The Pooler campaign will be a focus for Liberal and Progressive activists whether SPC jumps in or not. To ignore this will contribute to the mistaken but commonly-held belief that we are a "holier-than-thou" fringe group more interested in political correctness than in building a movement for social change. If we take an active role we can improve our image in the community and get more people involved in SPC.

6. Rosemary Pooler will be more responsive after election to those who helped. She can never match Wortley's money - her debt to those who pull together the winning mass of volunteers will be that much greater.

7. The people of Central America are being murdered with Wortley's votes.

Above all we must be flexible and critical. Getting involved in a campaign does not mean agreeing with all the candidate says. And it does not mean remaining silent when we disagree. It means starting a dialogue with our next Congresswoman rather than continuing a useless confrontation with our current lame duck.

I would appreciate responses .

Liam Mahony

New True Names

A person who repeats a lie becomes a liar.

The title, "Department of Defense," is a lie.

The phrase, "Defense budget," is a lie.

The weapons we are making are not defensive. Our international attitude is anything but defensive.

We are carrying on war against the Salvadoran people through a puppet government.

After provoking Libya by entering the Gulf of Sidra, which they claim as their territory, they have "retaliated" by sinking Libyan ships and hitting targets on the Libyan mainland.

While fearful attention is focussed on Libya, Reagan rushes \$20 million to Honduras to fight a Nicaraguan "incursion" and offers our air force to ferry Honduran soldiers to the "front."

Should we call this department, this budget, the Department of Aggressive War, and the Aggressive War budget? The word "war" suggests that something could be won through force of arms. The nuclear conflict which Secretary Weinberger and President Reagan are feverishly preparing could win only death for everyone.

Let's tell the truth. Let us call them the Department of Death, and the Death budget.

And then let us highly resolve that the money we allow our government shall be used to preserve and enhance life.

Angus MacDonald



PNL readers: This is your page! We welcome and need your responses to the Peace Newsletter in our continuing effort to create dialogue and to develop the PNL. Please write us at: Letters, Peace Newsletter, 924 Burnet Ave Syracuse, NY 13203. We may edit for brevity and clarity

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While there are articles within this issue that are different in topic, there is a common thread which runs throughout all of them: with capitalism and expansion, sometimes, come toxic waste lands; oppression; and human hardship.

But, despite these sad and disheartening human conditions, people are out there making sure that the voices of the masses are being heard. And, because of these valiant people, life seems just a little bit more sane.

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New people are always welcome to join any of these activities. Contact the SPC office at 472-5478 or the person listed to find out what you can do.

SPC House News

The last two months have seen constant motion at the SPC house. Liam is now on staff one day a week. Leeann's sweetie came to visit for a week, so Leeann has been floating from here to there. Katie has been zipping around the East and has just flown to New Mexico to check out a massage school. Paul is very excited about his band Dog Talk, which is performing more. Carol went to Chapel House for a much-needed break, returning to attend the trial of the people she has been visiting at the Public Safety Building Jail. In addition we've all been hard at work on activities such as the Birthday Dinner, the PNL, saying NO to Contra aid, and getting ready for Tax Day.

The big change at the SPC house is the stairway going down to the Press. No longer will you take your life into your hands as you trudge down. No longer will you feel like you're climbing Mt. Everest coming up. Kevin Brown took the old stairs down, put the new stairs in, changed the entrance to the Press, and put in a new door. Come visit and try them out!

- 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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Tax Day Demonstration and Vigil on April 15th

This year, the Peace Council and the Military Tax Resistance Support Group are planning more than the usual actions around tax day. Why? Because these are unusual times, with obscene and increasingly obvious connections between the federal budget and nuclear weapons build up, military aid to reactionary groups, support of apartheid, etc., etc. The week of April 7th we'll be leafletting the downtown area; on tax day, April 15th, there will be a graphic demonstration about the federal budget. The demonstration will be from noon to 1:00pm at the Columbus Circle. There will be a vigil that same evening from 10:30pm to about midnight at the Taft Road Post Office. Please call Carol at SPC: 472-5478 to participate in the first two, and for ride-sharing to the last event. Be sure and participate in these historic tax-time happenings.

50th Year Auction: Donations Needed

The Fiftieth Anniversary committee is considering a Golden Jubilee Auction this spring, followed by a giant garage sale. The success of this major fundraiser will be determined by the quality of the donations we receive. Do you have any furniture or small appliances, in good working condition, which you've been meaning to replace? How about some antiques? Or cars, or bicycles?

If you have donations for us, or if you can help us in soliciting gifts or publicizing the event, call Liam at 425-0629, or at SPC 472-5478 on Tuesdays.

Intern Needs Room

Once again, the reputation of the Peace Council has attracted an enthusiastic student activist to offer to spend her summer in Syracuse working with us in exchange for room and board. Can you help us fill our end of the bargain? Do you have a spare bedroom in your house for the summer? Would you be willing to sponsor a month's worth of Phyllis's food costs? A full-time intern is priceless to us, so please call Liam at 425-0629 if you can help out.

Thanks to Liam

Late last summer Liam Mahony started work as an interim staffperson, bringing energy and good humor to a difficult situation. He helped us get going again, at a time when morale was low and finances especially bad. He has been a key worker in 50th Anniversary celebrations, has put considerable energy into SPC as an organization, and has somehow found time to do Central America work.

Liam is an extremely competent, thoughtful organizer who knows how to work with people and get things done. One thing I especially appreciate about Liam is his strong mindedness, coupled with an ability to let go if that is what is called for. He is remaining on staff one day a week for the foreseeable future. Thank you, Liam, for your help during a challenging time.

- Carol Baum

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Make Syracuse a Nuclear Freeze Zone

The SPC along with AFSC, the Sisters of St. Francis, and members of the local Freeze will begin a campaign to make Syracuse a Nuclear Free Zone. In the USA and around the world Nuclear Free Zone, ordinances have been passed.

The campaign raises a wide variety of issues in our community from questions of research, to storage to shipment of nuclear materials. To make Syracuse a nuclear free zone we will need to involve people from many parts of the community. To find out about the first organizing meeting call SPC at 472-5478.

May Day Remembered

A hundred years ago workers all across America went on strike as part of a movement to win the eight-hour day. An May 1, 1886 hundreds of thousands of American workers struck; others just shortened their workday by walking out after eight hours. Some 340,000 participated and nearly 200,000 won the eight-hour day.



The Mayday movement was an attempt by workers to gain some control over their lives and work, and to resist the practice by capitalists of using long hours and high unemployment to keep wages low and make workers easier to control.

A local celebration of the Mayday Centennial is being planned, to commemorate and hopefully rekindle the spirit of the first Mayday. Please call Jim Dessaur (425-8806) or Leeann at SPC 472-5478.

Program Committee Update

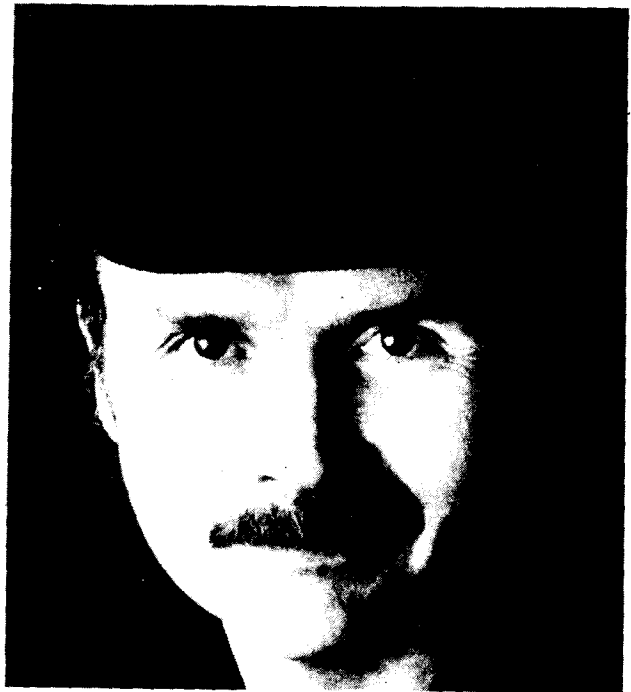
The newly formed program committee had its second monthly meeting. Reports were given by Labeeb and Leeann. Labeeb reported on a coalition meeting of people working against apartheid focusing on bill # 7151 which would force the state to withdraw holdings related to South Africa. Leeann reported on her involvement in Central America work particularly with Pledge of Resistance. Plans are beginning for a series of organizing workshops for people doing local organizing.

In addition to reports on this page the program committee decided to see if there is interest in the community to form a coalition to make a presence at the state Republican Convention to be held in Syracuse May 27, 28, and 29th. If you are interested in such a coalition or know of any actions planned please call SPC at 472-5478.

The next monthly program meeting will be held April 14, at 7pm at the home of Sally Brule.



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Contra Aid: The Struggle Continues

by Maura McNulty

This is the budget season in Washington, and every spring the White House gears up to convince Congress to lend the contras still more American support. In 1986 it is different though. It is the year of decision in the struggle over Nicaragua because the contras are on the verge of defeat both militarily and politically.

By their own admission there are less than a third of the contra forces in Nicaragua - the remainder are in safe havens outside the country. According to Western diplomatic sources they appear content to remain there as long as they continue to receive American supplies.

The U.S. attempt to regulate and control the contra forces in the formation of the UNO (United Nicaraguan Opposition) has clearly failed, contributing to the increasingly negative image of the contras. In particular, the contras unbroken pattern of vicious human rights abuses have come to be recognized as a "premeditated policy of terror" in former contra leader Edgar Chamorro's words.

Forty six out of 48 commanders of the FDN, the largest contra force, were members of the notorious National Guard under Somoza. According to Chamorro they are mainly interested in "recovering their lost wealth and privileged status." Not surprisingly the contras have made little progress toward capturing hearts and minds. They have also been forced into military retreat by the Nicaraguan army which is using better equipment and new tactics. Contra numbers have shrunk from 15-18,000 to roughly 6,000 despite Reagan's claim that they are growing at a rate of 1,000 a month and have "pinned the Nicaraguan army down."

Reagan's single minded dedication to getting his \$100 million aid package through Congress is to press the case he has been feverishly describing - Nicaragua, a totalitarian dungeon and a hotbed of drug trafficking and anti-American conspiracies involving all the political opposition in Central America.

On March 20 the House voted on the aid proposal after acrimonious debate. Reagan sent a message to the House promising an executive order conditioning the use of the money if the House passed the proposal. He said \$75 million would be withheld for 90 days, and \$25 million would be sent immediately for "humanitarian aid" and defensive weapons.

The House voted against the aid 222-210. On April 15 they will vote again on the aid as part of the 1986 Supplemental Defense Appropriations Bill. The Senate will also vote shortly, on the original proposal. It is likely to pass, requiring a House-Senate compromise, in which the issues of negotiations and "humanitarian" aid will probably figure prominently.

We should be clear about these two issues. Firstly, Nicaragua has demonstrated a commitment to a negotiated peace, and the U.S. has not. It was the U.S. and not Nicaragua, that broke off bilateral talks last year. Nica-



Paul Pierce

Syracusans saying NO to Contra aid in front of the County Courthouse in February, 1986.

ragua willingly signed a draft of the Contadora Peace Proposal in 1984 amid loud U.S. predictions that it would not; no sooner had Nicaragua signed than did the U.S. withdraw its support, and pressure the other Central American countries to do the same. An October 1984 Security Council memo read, "We have effectively blocked Contadora group efforts...." On February 24, in a demonstration of mutual trust, Costa Rica and Nicaragua signed an agreement for joint border patrol of their borders. Also in February, foreign ministers of eight Latin American countries met with Shultz, and urged him to support the Contadora Peace plan (which would require the U.S. to end contra aid. They were soundly rebuffed.

Secondly, we should not be fooled by the words "humanitarian aid" - it is extremely lethal. All assistance to military forces is military, because all aid helps them carry out military attacks. Under the Geneva Conventions, aid to military forces cannot, by definition, be called "humanitarian." It is a contradiction in terms. Every dollar of aid by any name helps support contra human rights abuses. In any case, past experience has shown that the U.S. is unable or unwilling to keep track of how aid money is spent. Finally, at a time when the basic economic situation for the poor both at home and abroad is so desperate, there is no excuse for pouring precious resources down the contra hole.

There is still time to stop the aid from going through. Write to D'Amato and Wortley, send a letter to the editor, call the White House public opinion desk and all your friends and say no to contra aid. For more information, stop by the Syracuse Peace Council, or give us a call!

Maura works with the Pledge of Resistance and she also is an active Peace Council member.



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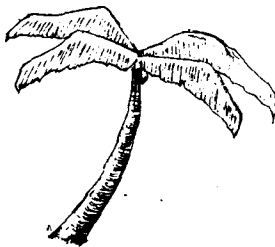
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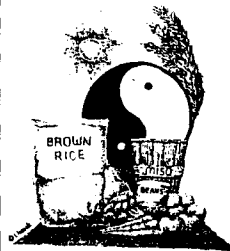
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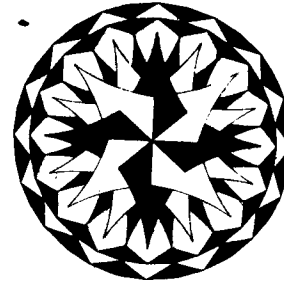
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Toxics and the Threat to Mohawks

by Katsi Cook and Lin Nelson

Some people bear the burden of "civilization's" toxic garbage more than others. Workers in the frontlines of the manufacturing and transport industries; farmworkers daily doused with pesticides; low-income blacks in the rural South whose communities have been selected to be toxic repositories. And Native people whose land is considered fair game by private and public interests.



Indian Country — Toxic Targets

The Seventh Generation Fund and the Anthropology Resource Center have been charting how hazardous industries, polluting energy projects, storage operators and the Departments of Energy and Defense all find Indian land attractive-- because of the relatively sparse population, the communities' economic need, the availability of inexpensive labor, limited reservation resources to monitor environmental health, and jurisdictional complications which weaken an already weak environmental protection system. Twenty-five reservations (there are 276 altogether) recently studied by CERT (Council of Energy Resource Tribes) were found to have 1,200 unacceptable hazardous waste sites on or near them.

A weapons grade Kerr-McGee plant threatens the Cherokees of Oklahoma. Uranium contamination in Navajo country has produced a birth defect rate six times the average. The Passamaquoddy people of Maine must defend themselves against a DOE nuclear waste plan-- across the border in Ontario-- the Grassy Narrows Ojibwa community has been devastated by mercury poisoning. For people struggling with high unemployment, unwanted dependence on food stamps and welfare, shortened life expectancy, diabetes and other health problems, the onslaught of environmental hazards only intensifies the injustice that native people face.

Akwesasne —

Where the Partridge Used to Drum

Akwesasne, which in Mohawk means "where the partridge drums," rarely hears the sound of the partridge anymore. More and more, the people of Akwesasne are less likely to see a fox, catch a fish worth eating, or find a duck that is free from toxic contamination. A community of 7000 Mohawk people living by the St. Lawrence river at the U.S.-Canadian border, Akwesasne is undergoing a critical time. The community is downstream from some of the continent's most serious pollution -- the Great Lakes and the Niagara River-Buffalo-Love Canal area and the effluence of the industries and agriculture all along the river. It has felt the ramifications of the Seaway development: not only has fishing been undermined, but the uncovered seaway dredgings piled up on Akwesasne land are showing signs of leaching heavy metals into the soil and vegetation. Fluoride emissions

from the Reynolds Aluminum plant have afflicted the cattle with flourosis (skeletal and dental brittling and breakage), miscarriages and early death. The greatest cause for concern is General Motors' Central Foundry, a plant which sits immediately next to Akwesasne's Raquette Point (home to 30 families), a plant which in 1983 was issued the highest EPA fine for PCB contamination and was placed on the Superfund list. Thirty-plus years of toxic waste, stored with linings, caps, or monitors in landfills and lagoons, have migrated from GM to the Akwesasne groundwater supply and spilled over into the river. While GM has agreed to pay some part of the \$507,000 fine, it continues to deny any wrongdoing.

Studies conducted by Ward Stone (Dept. of Environmental Conservation wildlife pathologist) are very sobering: he reports that the animals near the GM site are as "hot or hotter" than anything he's analyzed in the most contaminated areas of New York State.

In 1972, a nurse at Akwesasne's medical clinic reported to regional environmental officers that there was open dumping and burning at the GM site, within 450 feet of Mohawk homes. Her pleas for attention went unheeded; she learned that the district health dept. director's comment was "Indians did all the burning at the dumpsite." Eventually the slowness of health and environmental officials' response moved someone to call the EPA, resulting finally in the acknowledgement of illegal dumping. But the identification of a Superfund site is only the beginning, especially in Indian country. Prolonged studies and debates are delaying action. Action is further delayed for native communities as officials excuse themselves with "we have to move cautiously. This is jurisdictionally complex."

Ironically, native people, probably the most over-regulated people in the U.S. domain, are often told that their distinctive "autonomy" makes it harder for the designated environmental protectors to act. The Reagan administration has a paper policy of the EPA working more directly on a government-to-government basis with Indian communities; but the EPA has stated that it cannot provide direct assistance and directed Akwesasne to the Indian Health Service. The IHS, under Reagan's Dep't. of Interior, told Akwesasne's environmental leaders that they should give pollution a "longer view" and instead pay more attention to bacteria, plumbing and housing.

For additional info contact Syracuse Support Group for Indigenous People, 316 Greenwood Pl., Syracuse, NY 13210 (315)476-6103. You could also subscribe to *Akwesasne Notes*, *Mohawk Nation*, c/o Roosevelttown, NY 13683(518)358-9531 and *Indian Studies*, American Indian Program, 400 Caldwell Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850 (607)256-6587

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Lin Nelson is active with the Environmental Committee of the National Women's Health Network*

Native Americans

NYS's Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has intermittently said that this is within federal, not state, authority. There are some exceptions to this bureaucratic runaround: Ward Stone is a strong and respected supporter of the people's search for answers and there are stirrings of interest in the Health Dept. But after years tangling with a wide range of agencies, the community has been provided with no more protection than a dumpsite fence and a trickle of clean water to those most exposed.

It's disturbing to compare the Akwesasne predicament to the one making headlines in the Syracuse press. Again it's GM and PCBs. And, as with many of these situations a lonely whistleblower was ignored for years by Albany officials. But here the Syracuse saga takes a different turn. Within days of the story breaking, state and county officials have made at least a show of response: public health nurses doing a door-to-door survey, arrangements for safe water, soil and water sampling, high level meetings with GM, and discussions of cleanup are daily events.

Health of the Community

The cattle, the soil and vegetation, the fish and wildlife, the water and air -- all are showing signs of environmental degradation at Akwesasne. What does this all mean?

Mt. Sinai's Environmental Sciences Lab conducted a study of the effects of PCBs, mirex, mercury and flouride. While researchers found no dramatic disease patterns, they joined others in advising people against eating the fish. Feeling that the Mt. Sinai effort was incomplete, people at Akwesasne are moving toward "barefoot

epidemiology"-- the development of ongoing, community accountable environmental monitoring. Two major concerns are the impact of toxics on reproductive and family health and on the foodchain. These concerns come together in women questioning whether they should breast-feed their babies. Learning of the controversy about toxics and lactation and infant health, Mohawk women brought their questions to community midwives such as Katsi Cook, who initiated the Akwesasne Environmental/Mother's Milk Project.

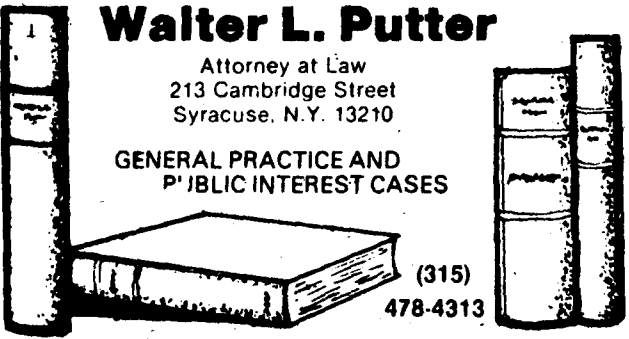
The Mohawk people, as is true of all the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, speak of their responsibility to protect the seven generations, to think and act with regard to their children's children's children. But the pollution and the accompanying economic, political and cultural disruptions are making it difficult for people to provide for the well-being of their descendants. Stripped of many resources (because of treaty violations, pollution, etc.) native people are then expected to appreciate highly technical overspecialized solutions (from "state-of-the-art" landfills to infant formulas). It is very disturbing that just as native women are returning to breastfeeding (after years of being told it was wrong somehow), some of these women now have reason to ask whether nursing is safe. People feel doubly colonized-- by threats to their natural resources and their health, and by technological "solutions" which threaten cultural ways. What is at stake is not only the quality of food, the availability of natural resources and people's health; what is endangered is a people's way of life and the right of self-determination.



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Anti-Apartheid Actions

It is no longer news that the South African government has been thinking of letting Namibia free. South Africa continues to illegally occupy Namibia and imposes the same repressive apartheid government in Namibia that it imposes on the majority of its citizens. The international Court of Justice has declared South Africa's occupation of Namibia a violation of International Laws and the U.N. General Assembly and Security Council have demanded that South Africa withdraw and grant Namibia its long overdue independence.

For eight years South Africa has told the world that Namibia could be free anytime, provided the Cubans leave Angola. This whole idea of linking Namibia's independence to Cuban troops has become an excuse for not relinquishing rule over the territory. On the other hand, a measure that will ensure accountability over Namibia by the international community is gaining momentum in the U.S. Congress.

The U.S. Congress is now considering legislation that would end American corporate support for South Africa's illegal occupation of Namibia and send a strong message of support to the Namibian people. The Namibian Natural Resources Protection Act (HR 2589), introduced by Colorado Rep. Patricia Schroeder, is currently being debated as part of a broader campaign for genuine independence in Namibia. The final subcommittee hearings of this bill will be held in April or May. When passed, this Act will make it illegal for U. S. corporations to extract or export any

of Namibia's raw materials. This exploitation of Namibia's mineral and marine resources is largely ignored by students or activists concerned with this area, as much of their attention has been focused on divestment issues per se.

The U.N. Security Council, with U.S. support, has called upon all countries to refrain from any dealings with South Africa insofar as they concern Namibia. The Natural Resources Protection Act will terminate when Namibia achieves internationally recognized independence. Self-determination for Namibia and the preservation of Namibia's natural resources for the benefit of the Namibian people are the goals of this legislation.

Another piece of legislation that calls for our immediate and concerted action as citizens of New York State is a companion bill to the Assembly bill A8510 passed by a vote of 102 to 21 on January 21. Senator Velmanette Montgomery (21 S.D.) has introduced the companion bill S.7151 which is pending in committee sessions. The New York Divest 'a coalition of labor, religious and civic organizations) plans to continue to organize grassroots participants who would be ready to go to Albany on April 22 to lobby Republican Senators regarded by their constituents as either sitting on the fence or opposed to divestment of New York State pension funds from companies doing business in South Africa.

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Gay Rights Bill Passed

Despite the efforts of Roman Catholic Cardinal John J. O'Connor and Orthodox Jewish leaders to prevent it, New York's City Council passed an ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of "actual or perceived" sexual orientation on March 20. By a decisive margin of 21 to 14, the council voted in effect to become the 51st city in the country to enact gay/lesbian rights legislation. Ironically, New York's being the site of the Stonewall Rebellion which initiated the modern gay/lesbian rights movement did not assure easy victory over the variety of homophobic groups ranging from fundamentalists to the city's own firefighters, whose often strident opposition delayed passage of the bill for fifteen years. The huge gay/lesbian community emerged over the years of struggle as a vocal and effective constituency able to play a role in the election of sympathetic public officials and forge a coalition with other human rights activists. A clear voice in support of the bill has been Episcopal Bishop Paul Moore who characterized the prohibition of discrimination against gays in housing, employment, and public accomodation as "a simple and urgent matter of justice." Mayor Koch is expected to sign the bill after declaring the vote to be "good ... fair and just." Cardinal O'Connor, however, pledged to seek legal counsel to overturn the measure, perhaps by working for a future referendum at the polls.

No Training for Contras

Central America activists in Boston convinced Governor Dukakis after an all day demonstration and lobbying effort, to declare that the state's National Guard will not participate in any training or exercise in Central America.

With the help of National Guard training in Honduras and exercises like the "Big Pine" in 1985 and "Blazing Trails" in 1986, the Reagan administration has been able to get around congressional authorization. Officially, U.S. troops are not involved in the contra terrorism against Nicaragua. But National Guard personnel are building highways and military facilities now used by the contras. The current role of the National Guard in Central America is strikingly similar to their role in Vietnam, where National Guard units prepared the battlefield in 1961 - 1962 before the war "officially" started.



"No Way" for San Jose

A State Department program to teach the police of Third World countries how to combat terrorists will have to do without the help of police in San Jose, CA thanks to a campaign of public pressure directed at the San Jose city council.

The State Department wanted the city's police to begin sessions of its Anti-Terrorist Assistance Program (ATAP) in January training officers of foreign police agencies in SWAT team tactics, hostage negotiations, the use of explosives and human relations.

San Jose activists got busy as soon as they heard about the State Departments approach to the police chief, and a coalition of twenty-seven community, church, labor and student groups began lobbying the council and publicizing the program.

The lobbying effort got to the right people early on, and activists felt it worked in part because the groups made it a local forum on U.S. foreign policy.

They chiseled one small crack in the the Reagan Administration's policy of continued intervention in Central America!

Soup is Good Food

The Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC) has ended the 7 year struggle against Campbell soup to win a contract to end child labor, subminimum wages, inhumane housing and pesticide poisoning.

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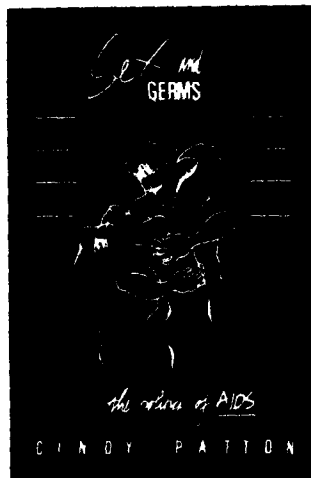
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Soviet Plan for Nuclear Disarmament

by Helen Stabler

On January 15, 1986, Mikhail Gorbachev proposed a step-by-step plan that culminated in the elimination of nuclear weapons from the earth by the year 2000. Some of the more immediate steps proposed were specific and concrete: cutting the number of medium-range missiles in Europe by half and banning nuclear tests, for instance. Parts of the proposal were as general in detail as they were broad in appeal: doing away with chemical weapons and all means of mass destruction, cutting back conventional forces, and working to solve global problems such as poverty, hunger and disease. The proposal had the same ring as President Reagan's proposal to rid the world of the need for nuclear weapons by having a "Star Wars" defense.



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Was this Soviet proposal mainly an appeal to world opinion? Was its real intent to present an irresistible plan with which to negotiate away our Star Wars program? Is the ultimate purpose behind the Soviet disarmament plan saving their own economy from the strain of another cycle, a very large and expensive cycle, in the arms race? Or does the proposal represent some valid new ideas for getting ourselves out of the terrible spiral of the nuclear arms race? Should we take it seriously or brush it off as mere propaganda?

Let us examine the proposal, "Nuclear Disarmament by the Year 2000," more closely. It consists of seven parts. The first part, the part containing the consecutive concrete steps, is laid out in three stages. In the first stage, the next five to eight years, the US and USSR would reduce by half the nuclear weapons that could reach each other's terri-

tory. Each side would retain no more than 6,000 warheads on this type of delivery vehicle. But, states the proposal, "such a reduction is possible only if both the USSR and the USA renounce the development, testing and deployment of space strike weapons." All medium-range missiles belonging to the two powers would be eliminated from Europe. Furthermore, the US should not transfer such missiles to other countries, and Britain and France should not increase their nuclear arsenals. Also, the US and USSR would stop all nuclear explosions and ask all other countries to do likewise.

Step two would begin no later than 1990 and last five to seven years. During this phase, other nuclear powers would join in the process of nuclear disarmament, agreeing to freeze weapons and not locate them in other countries. Once the US and USSR had reduced medium-range missiles by one-half, all nuclear nations would eliminate their tactical nuclear weapons. Additional conditions for this stage are that space weapons be prohibited in all countries and that all nations stop nuclear testing, and that new weapons with "destructive power close to that of nuclear arms" and other weapons of mass destruction be banned.

Stage three would begin no later than 1995, and in the ensuing five years all remaining nuclear weapons would be eliminated. "By the end of 1999," states the proposal, "there will be no nuclear weapons on earth. A universal accord will be drawn up that such weapons should never again come into being." At this point the proposals goes on to say that agreements would have to be reached on the destruction of the weapons, that verification would be carried out by national technical means and by on-site inspection, and that the disarmament of the US and USSR would have a favorable impact in negotiating with the other nuclear powers. Mr. Gorbachev says that if the US really wants to do away with nuclear arms rather than building a new space system, this proposal gives it the opportunity to prove it.

The second section of the Soviet proposal states that the USSR will extend its moratorium on nuclear testing until March 31, 1986 [it has since been extended again at least until the US conducts further tests], in hopes that the US will join in a bilateral, verified test ban.

The third section asks for practical progress in the Geneva Arms Talks and specifies particularly that "space must remain peaceful: strike weapons must not be deployed there. Neither must they be developed. And there must also be introduced very strict control, including the opening of relevant laboratories for inspection."

Section four calls for the elimination of chemical weapons by the end of this century. Section five calls for reductions in conventional weapons and troops and for more control over military maneuvers. The sixth section mentions the participation of Asian countries in "establishing a system of secure and lasting peace on this continent." The USSR and China already have a pledge of no first use.

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by the Year 2000

The seventh and last section of the proposal makes a swords-into-plowshares appeal to turn from arms to development in dealing with global problems. It also says that the Soviets oppose connecting disarmament to any involvements in regional conflicts. The proposal ends with the assertion that the USSR is anxious to pursue "a future without wars or weapons."

Although initially the United States government greeted the proposal with some optimism, the atmosphere between the US and the USSR seems to have chilled in the last two months, both in direct reaction to the proposal and in connection with other issues, such as the staffing of the Soviet UN Embassy and the refusal of the US to join in a moratorium on nuclear testing. The US administration has had many questions and reservations about various aspects of the proposal. The most publicized question, of course, is whether the Soviets will agree to Star Wars research. In the proposal they say that development, testing, and deployment must be renounced by both sides. It is not clear whether that could include research, which the US seems determined to go forward with even if it makes any arms agreements impossible.

Another US concern is with the nuclear missiles which the USSR now has sited in Asia and which presumably could be moved to Europe. The US has asked that these missiles be reduced in the first round of disarmament. The Soviet proposal does not spell out a timetable for cutting back its missiles in Asia.

The US has also been concerned that the eliminated weapons removed from Europe be destroyed, not just transferred to another part of the Soviet Union, where they could be readily redeployed to Europe. The proposal does not specify what would be done with the weapons that both sides would have to remove from Europe.

Other areas that would obviously require much negotiation if the proposal were ever to be put into operation include agreements on the size of conventional forces and troop levels in Europe, topics that have been under discussion in Vienna; how other countries would be included in the multilateral aspects of the proposal, and what verification methods that would be considered adequate by one side could be made acceptable to the other.



A further complication is that Britain has announced, since the proposal was made, that it would not freeze its nuclear weapons at their current level. Furthermore, the US wants to go ahead with plans to sell Trident submarine missiles to Britain. Both are actions contrary to the proposal. Hopefully, if significant progress

were made in the super power negotiations, Britain and France would cooperate in making possible the reduction of nuclear weapons in Europe.

In early March, President Reagan submitted a counterproposal to the Soviet Union. His plan would have half of the medium-range missiles removed from Europe and Central Asia in one year. All intermediate missiles would be removed from Europe and Central Asia by 1990. The status of both proposals seems uncertain at the moment. Each side seems to find insurmountable problems with the proposals of the other side. In the meantime, the Geneva talks have been recessed until May.

Now that even plans for the next summit meeting are a subject of bitter argument, the future of nuclear disarmament does not seem much brighter than it did before the Soviet proposal was made. The brief hope held out by the idea of abolishing nuclear weapons by the year 2000 has dissolved into the usual acrimonious posturing by both sides. Two months after the proposal was made it is easy to dismiss it as one more propaganda event.

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The proposal may well be another effort to get the US to bargain away the Star Wars program. But what is the rationale of sticking with the Star Wars defense against nuclear missiles rather than doing away with the nuclear missiles themselves? It certainly seems worthwhile to find out if the USSR would negotiate seriously on the question of arms reduction in exchange for the abandonment of Star Wars. This is especially true since the whole Star Wars theory of defense seems limited to a defense of only a few of our major missile installations at best, and seems pretty much unworkable at worst. Even with the projected trillion-dollar investment to deploy Star Wars, the people of our country would remain unprotected in case of a nuclear attack. Trading such questionable protection for real disarmament would not be such a bad bargain.

Furthermore, the nuclear tests needed for Star Wars seems to be the main obstacle to U.S. acceptance of the comprehensive test ban being proposed by the USSR. Acceptance of the test ban would be a major first step in getting meaningful talks underway between the two countries. Instead, America has refused to ban testing and is accusing the Soviet Union of preparing for tests, when they are the ones suspending testing until the U.S. tests again. It does not seem surprising that they are getting ready for tests, when the U.S. has already started testing this spring.

Right now the United States could doubtlessly trade off the Star Wars program for some significant concessions from the Soviet Union. Such an opportunity may not come again soon. We are unlikely to feel more secure in the meantime; rather, the nuclear arms race will become even more horrendous. Steps toward disarmament should be taken now. The Soviet proposal should be regarded seriously.

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The PARABLE of the PAINTER

by Thomas Ellis

What follows is the story of Nine Mile Point Two nuclear plant still under construction in Oswego. Just substitute \$1 million for each \$1 and one year for each day and you will understand. I thought that readers of the Peace Newsletter might enjoy a little humor about Nine Mile Two. Sometimes the best way to show the absurdity of a situation is to make a joke about it.

day 1 Let's say that you have a garage that needs painting. I come by and tell you that I'm a great painter. I tell you that I will paint the garage in less than a week for \$382, everything included. I'll start tomorrow. You agree and we sign the contract.

day 2 It's raining so I can't work. I call you on the phone and tell you the price has gone up to \$511.

day 3 I start working at noon, tell you the job will now cost \$700 and take six more days to complete. You complain about the huge cost increase. I pull out the contract, show you the fine print and tell you not to worry. The fine print says you must pay no matter how much it costs.

day 4 I work today and tell you the job will still take six more days but cost \$1130.

day 5 I come to work with four partners today, tell you the job will be completed in five days and cost \$1222. You ask why I need all the extra help and I respond, "So I can get done quicker." One of the helpers is named Mr. Lousy and he has been painting a garage down the street for a couple of weeks.

day 6 We work hard today. By the end of the day I've already spent \$355 and tell you it will cost \$1522 and take five more days.

day 7 We come to work and I say it will now cost \$1977 and take five more days. We leave early today.

day 8 We come to the job but instead of working we sit and stare at the garage. You ask why we are idle and I tell you that we are reevaluating the project. I tell you that unforeseen problems have arisen, the job will cost \$240 and take either four or six more days.

day 9 We start working around 11am. I've already spent about \$1300. I tell you that it will cost \$3657 and even though I'm only one-third completed, I swear it will be completed in five more days.

day 10 The partners and I come to work, put in a hard day and I tell you only four days to go. It will cost \$3772. You call the better business bureau and get a guy named Paul on the phone. He says do not worry. "If it costs more than \$4600, you only have to pay 80% of the amount over \$4600."

day 11 We work furiously again today. About \$2000 has already been spent. I say only three days to go, but it will now cost \$4217. I say this is the final estimate.

day 12 We come to work. Mr. Lousy leaves almost immediately. He is trying to finish his garage. I tell you only two more days to go. It will now cost \$5107.

We spend \$940 today. The better business bureau man calls and says he has good news. If it costs over \$5400, you do not have to pay any of the amount over \$5400. The painting inspector stops by the job and fines me 2¢ for sloppy work.

day 13 Four of us come to work today. I say that Mr. Lousy is still with us even though he has started an investigation of the painters. Later he calls again and says the investigation has been suspended but it might be resumed later.

day 14 When the four of us come to work, I tell you that it won't be finished until tomorrow morning and it will cost \$5526....



Thomas is one of our Albany readers.

Will the Real SDI Please Stand Up!

by Martin Rothenberg

On February 18, the Syracuse Post-Standard stated in their lead editorial:

"President Reagan remains unmoved by a near consensus within the scientific community that the trillion-dollar quest for an invulnerable space shield is a futile one. His faith in the ingenuity of American scientists and their gadgetry approaches religious fervor. That faith apparently was not dimmed by the recent space shuttle disaster, which demonstrated that space technology is not a Buck Rogers fantasy, but a risky enterprise vulnerable to human frailties and material shortcomings... He has moved into a fantasy world of lasers, particle beams, space mirrors and other high-tech gee-gaws as yet only dreamed of. He is under the spell of the star warriors... The shuttle program is a marvel of modern technology, and putting a spacecraft into orbit is a complex feat. It's not hard to understand that something can go wrong in a sophisticated, multifaceted mechanical exercise... Yet compared with the imaginary Star Wars space shield, the space shuttle is a horse-and-buggy with square wheels... Consider

just one comparison: To launch a space shuttle requires about 10,000 lines of (computer) programming. To run the Star Wars system would require tens of millions of lines of computer programming."

The Post-Standard editorial, as on target as it was, omitted at least two factors when relating SDI to the Challenger disaster. The first factor, which may not have been clear at the time the editorial was written, was the degree to which political and economic factors influenced the reliability of the shuttle. Such factors will be much more severe in any "space shield" endeavor, with a public to convince at each large monetary outlay, inevitable congressional, technological, and even military opposition to succumb and the views of the other allies to deal with.

We have already seen a number of blatant instances of "fudged" tests and inaccurate projections from the SDI office in order to bolster their case in the eyes of the public. We have also seen that even in high-tech weapons systems that are much, much simpler than a projected space-shield, the Pentagon could be sold a bill of goods by profit-motivated contractors. The major difference between the Sergeant

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York guided missile and a space-shield is that the former could eventually be tested enough to prove to the Sec'y of Defense that it should be discarded, albeit at a loss of some billions, while the space-shield may never be testable under realistic conditions (at least not more than once.)

The second factor overlooked by the Post-Standard editorial is the rather obvious fact that the designers of the space shuttle needed only to overcome the vagaries and unpredictabilities of nature and not a malicious, intelligent opponent who is bent on subverting their purpose. The downfall of the Challenger may well have been an unusually cool morning breeze blowing by the cold tank of liquid hydrogen toward the right booster and its temperature-sensitive seals. There were no enemy evasive actions to contend with, nuclear explosions in the atmosphere, etc. In addition, the Challenger launch could have been delayed if that decision was made; a space shield must be designed to operate on literally a moment's notice under any conceivable set of conditions.

To almost everyone in technology, including those that run our hi-tech industries, the concept of building a space-shield to almost entirely protect the country from the threat that a Soviet arsenal will be able to mount 20 years hence is patently absurd. Why then do we have an SDI program? The answer

must be that there are those that control the president that have other goals. When pressed for a more realistic goal than a space shield that would eliminate the need for a nuclear arsenal as a deterrent, SDI advocates will sometimes talk of strengthening our nuclear deterrent via a space warfare capability (thus retaining a policy based on a mutually assured destruction) or weakening the Soviet economy with a space race. The increased potential for a preemptive first strike that a space warfare capability might bring is also sometimes hinted at.

But as long as the star-warriors can cover up their true intent by the big lie of a "space-shield," the open debate that we need at this critical juncture in time may never occur. If the Challenger disaster can be the touchstone that leads a technologically unsophisticated public to question the "unwise reliance on fallible machines beyond the scope of our imagining," and if we follow up this questioning with a prompt search for more realistic and sane answers, then the Challenger disaster may well prove to be an incident which saved humanity, and the astronauts that disappeared that morning, the unknowing martyrs of this century.

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Justification for Intervention

Reagan's Doctrine of Low Intensity Conflict

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by Michael T. Klare

Twenty-five years after the doctrine of counter-insurgency transformed American military thinking and swept the nation into the Viet Nam War, another strategy of intervention is winning Pentagon approval: the Reagan Administration's aggressive doctrine of low-intensity conflict, or L.I.C. L.I.C. is counterinsurgency and a whole lot more. As portrayed by Administration officials, it encompasses counterterrorist strikes, "police" operations of the Grenada type and U.S.-aided efforts to topple pro-Soviet regimes in the Third World. Unless vigorously opposed by Congress, a prospect that appears increasingly unlikely at this time, the doctrine will lead us into another round of Third World interventions just as surely as counterinsurgency led us into Viet Nam.

Contending that "low-level conflict... will likely remain the most immediate threat to free world security for the rest of this century," Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in his annual report to Congress for fiscal 1986 called for a major buildup of the nation's Special Operation Forces and other units formed specifically for L.I.C. actions.

Various Pentagon-funded think tanks have begun to develop strategy and tactics for low-level warfare, and the Army has commissioned a study of combat requirements for any U.S. force that might be sent to fight in Central America.

The growing popularity of L.I.C. doctrine stems from two interrelated phenomena: the armed services' desire to develop a publicly acceptable formula for the use of force in regional conflicts, and the Reagan Administration's desire to build public support for its military campaign against pro-Soviet forces and regimes in the Third World. Both of those drives have encountered resistance from many Americans who remember the Viet Nam War with considerable distaste. On the other hand, they also have sparked a comprehensive government effort to devise a persuasive rationale for military intervention. That is what L.I.C. doctrine is intended to do. It contains both a strategic blueprint for military activities abroad and a political program for manipulating public opinion at home. While counterinsurgency planning stressed the threat to American interests posed by Third World revolutions, L.I.C. emphasizes the threat of terrorism, political turmoil and Soviet expansionism.

In the wake of the Viet Nam disaster, counter-insurgency was discredited and Congress followed a policy

of avoiding direct American military involvement in Third World conflicts. This so-called Viet Nam syndrome was expressed in the War Powers Act, the Clark amendment (prohibiting U.S. involvement in the civil war in Angola) and a ban on U.S. military and police assistance to repressive Third World regimes.



The importance of stressing the need to stop communism has recently been most evident in Reagan's campaign to fund the Contras in Nicaragua.

The "Viet Nam" Syndrome

For a time most U.S. leaders supported those measures and resisted any move that would embroil the U.S. in Third World conflicts. After the fall of the Shah of Iran, however, many policy-makers called for a revival of U.S. interventionist capability. Their demand became official government policy in June 1979, when the Carter Administration activated the Rapid Deployment Force and dispatched a Navy-Marine contingent to the Indian Ocean area.

The moves, however, were not sufficiently vigorous to reassure a jittery public, and Carter succumbed to Ronald Reagan in 1980. Once in the White House, Reagan moved quickly to increase military spending and to accelerate the development and deployment of new weapons systems. He also campaigned energetically to reduce opposition to the application of U.S. military force abroad, but he encountered unexpectedly stiff resistance. Although most Americans endorsed the attack on Grenada and the interception of the Achille Lauro hijackers, they showed little enthusiasm for the Beirut occupation and have serious doubts about the wisdom of direct U.S. military involvement in Central America. A formula that would justify intervention in the Third World has, therefore, been a major Administration objective.

With the introduction of L.I.C. doctrine, the White House believes it has found the right approach. The name itself is reassuring. By stressing the limited nature of the combat involved, the doctrine suggests

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that the United States will continue to avoid entanglement in Third World conflicts. Moreover, by emphasizing the threat of terrorism, it can be portrayed as a reactive policy, a prudent and legitimate response to violence, instability, anti-Americanism and Soviet aggression abroad.

Shultz — Promoter of Intervention

Surprisingly, the leading advocate of the new doctrine is not Caspar Weinberger, long considered the principal hawk in the Reagan entourage, but George Shultz, who is generally viewed as a moderate in Administration policy struggles. While Weinberger has cautiously defined the conditions under which U.S. forces would be deployed in Third World conflicts, Shultz has campaigned vigorously against falling prey to the Viet Nam syndrome and has championed both the use of military force to combat terrorism and support for anti-Soviet insurgencies in the Third World. More important, Shultz has introduced a sweeping thesis, akin to John Foster Dulles' containment policy to justify U.S. military intervention on a global scale.

Shultz's argument is based on two precepts: first, that the forces of democracy (loosely defined to include any country or political formation allied with the West) are threatened by a global terrorist offensive launched by radical regimes or organizations allied with the Soviet Union, Cuba, Libya or Iran; and second, that the United States, the leader of the democratic forces, has a responsibility not only to resist but to destroy the terrorist threat.

It is at this point that Shultz tackles Weinberger and the Viet Nam syndrome. "It is often said that the lesson of Viet Nam is that the United States should not engage in military conflict without a clear and precise military mission [and] solid public backing," he told his Washington audience. Does that mean that there are no situations where "a discrete assertion of power is needed or appropriate"? The answer is no. "The need to avoid no-win situations," he said, "cannot mean that we turn automatically away from hard-to-win situations that call for prudent involvement."

Having established that force is legitimate in some situations, Shultz called for an active military response to state-supported terrorism: "We now recognize that terrorism is being used by our adversaries as a modern tool of warfare" against "our strategic interests around the world."

The logic behind another component of the Administration's L.I.C. doctrine—the provision of U.S. aid for anti-Soviet insurgencies in the Third World—was first set forth by Shultz on February 22, 1985 in San Francisco. "Where once the Soviets may have thought that all discontent was ripe for turning into Communist insurgencies," he said, "today we see a new and different kind of struggle: people around the world risking their lives against Communist despotism." This "democratic revolution," as he put it, is most apparent in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Angola and Nicaragua, where self-professed freedom fighters are combatting Soviet-backed totalitarian regimes.

Proclaiming that the United States has a "moral responsibility" to support freedom fighters in their struggle against totalitarianism, Shultz says that such assis-

tance must go beyond moral support to include material and even military aid. "The forces of freedom cannot place their trust in declarations alone," he stated.



Aid to the UNITA rebels seeking to overthrow the government of Angola is also on the Reagan Administration's agenda. This photo shows South African troops five miles from the Angolan border. (photo by Sygna)

Shultz's thesis constitutes the ideological rationale for U.S. aid to the contras and other right-wing insurgents, and is being used to build a case for direct U.S. military action against Nicaragua, Libya, Cuba and other countries. Unless repudiated, it will govern U.S. foreign policy for a generation, if not longer.

Unfortunately, the possibility of repudiation looks slim. The Shultz view is attracting growing support among U.S. policy-making and media elites. The "strike back at terrorism" approach has already received widespread Congressional approval, and opposition to the pro-insurgency policy has substantially diminished. Congress has also increased funding for the Special Operation Forces and other units committed to L.I.C. actions.

The growing adherence to L.I.C. doctrine in Washington and the accompanying popularity of the Shultz doctrine pose an enormous challenge to those on the left who oppose American military intervention in Central America and elsewhere in the Third World. Unless we can advance a persuasive critique of Administration logic and introduce a credible non-interventionist response to terrorism and other Third World perils, we will lose the support and sympathy of more and more Americans. At that point the White House will be able to claim to speak for the majority. And when that happens, there will be pitifully few domestic restraints against another round of interventionism.

The ascendancy of the Shultz doctrine will also pollute the domestic political atmosphere. If U.S. intervention in the Third World is defined as a necessary defense of freedom and democracy, those who oppose it are perforce enemies of democracy and, by extension, legitimate targets of government repression. Indeed, perhaps the most frightening aspect of the Administration's public explication of its L.I.C. doctrine is the degree to which language is distorted to justify a policy that is the opposite of the prodemocratic one the Administration claims to be pursuing in its foreign relations.



PEACE

Rebirth of the Great Peace March

On March 1st, 1200 people left Los Angeles to begin a 3,235 mile walk to Washington DC over a nine month period. It is The Great Peace March and has one goal: Multilateral nuclear disarmament. Among the marchers are two women from the Syracuse area: Kathy Collins and Kathy Belge.

As many of you have heard, the march has run into deep financial trouble and its future is in question. However, recent events have given marchers new hope. The following is the best information available as we go to press, explaining both the breakdown and the rebirth.

"The Great Peace March" was organized by PRO-Peace, Inc. They envisioned a major international event that would attract corporate and celebrity support. Based on those assumptions and the enormous goal of moving 5000 people (the original number sought) and a mobile city to house and feed them across the United States, PRO-Peace set up shop over a year ago with a full time staff close to eighty people.

The goal was to raise fifteen million dollars. At the time the march began, they had only raised four million, all of which had been spent and they were in debt. There were several reasons. First, the corporate sponsorship never happened. PRO-Peace has stated they never should have said the goal was nuclear disarmament, but rather peace. A broader term that would not have had the same political implications. The corporations thought it too hot an issue. Second, although some of the celebrity community helped (Paul Newman, Barbra Streisand and Elizabeth Taylor were honorary chairs of PRO-Peace) they fell short of their expectations in this area as well. There were also many problems around credit, insurance and media cooperation.

It became clear that PRO-Peace was far too in debt to get out, and on March 14th they declared bankruptcy and closed shop. The 900 people who were still marching have decided to go on anyway and have formed a new organization called "The Great Peace March, Inc." They have few assets (Paul Newman sent them \$25,000) and they have some medical supplies and their tents, but they also have no debts. In the next few weeks they will split up and some will go ahead to other cities and do fundraising and some will continue to walk. It will now be more of a grassroots effort with control in the hands of the marchers themselves.

Contributions can be sent to Kathleen Collins c/o Syracuse Cultural Workers, POBox 6367, Syracuse, New York 13217. They will be routed to the general march fund. Call 655-3308 for further info.

Boycott Updates

HUMAN RIGHTS BOYCOTTS

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BANKS LOANING TO SOUTH AFRICA

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Renewing the Resistance

On Friday, April 18th and Saturday, April 19th, Upstate Resistance and the Fellowship of Reconciliation are sponsoring a statewide gathering of draft resistance activists, counter-recruitment workers and military and draft counselors in Nyack, NY. "Renewing the Resistance" will be a time to learn from one another and re-energize each other. Discussions and workshops will cover topics such as: Update information for counselors, connecting draft registration and recruitment with other issues and more.

For more information, or for carpooling from Upstate New York, call Mark Chupp at 475-4822.

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DEVI (THE GODDESS)

Friday, April 4 7,9
Saturday, April 5 7,9

A religious man believes his daughter-in-law is an incarnation of a Hindu goddess. The tragic story of the young woman's veneration, which she is powerless to control, reveals the darker side of human nature. Bengali with subtitles. (Satyajit Ray, 1960, 96 min.)

KOSHISH

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THE MUSIC ROOM

Friday, April 18 7,9
Saturday, April 19 7,9

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Friday, April 25 7,9
Saturday, April 26 7,9

The 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, triggered by a bust of the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, lifted the lid of secrecy from the gay community. This film focuses on gay life before that turning point using interviews and historical, often outrageous, film footage to document a hidden lifestyle in American history. (Greta Schiller, 1983, 87 min.) Cosponsor: Gay & Lesbian Student Association at S.U. **PREMIERE.**

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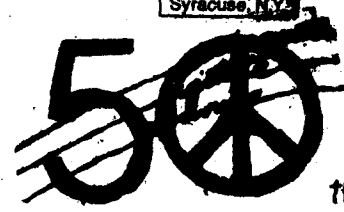


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SPC Statement on Libya

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Last night we witnessed one more example of Ronald Reagan's dangerous approach to foreign policy. In the largest U. S. air attack since the Viet Nam War, five locations in Libya were bombed and many people were killed. Why did this happen? Was it deterrence, or just revenge? Why was there so little support from U.S. allies in Europe? Why was the attack conveniently timed to coincide with the controversial Congressional vote on aid to the Contras? Are we being told the truth? These questions deserve immediate answers.

Terrorism is a real issue that must be dealt with: both the terrorism of Khadafy and that of the "superpowers." But we must be wary: "terrorism" is an emotionally evocative term that can obscure more than it conveys. The violence in the Middle East has complex roots, and only an honest search for a just peace in that region will abate that violence.

President Reagan claims that the attack was necessary to ensure that there is "no sanctuary" for terrorism. Patrick Seale, an eminent expert on Arab affairs, has

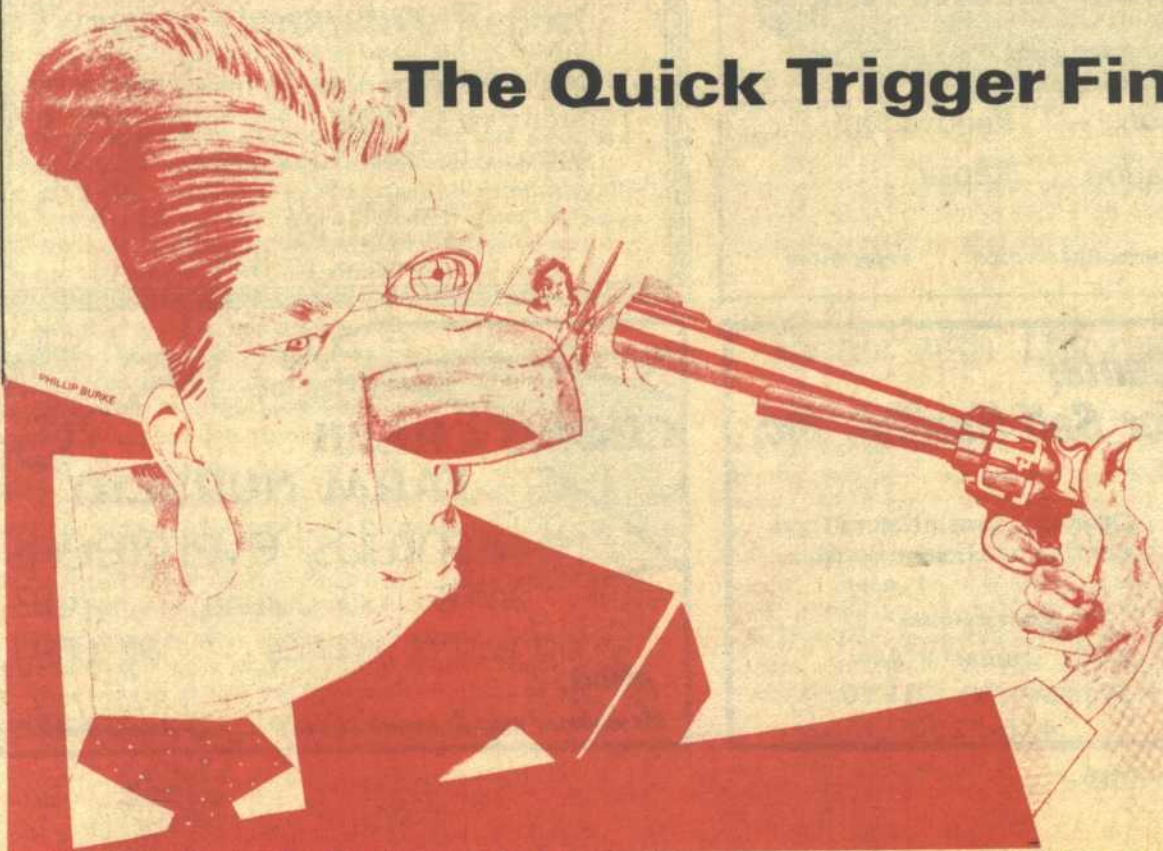
stated that "A wise superpower doesn't inflict punishment on a tiny state of 2 or 3 million. ... Hitting Khadafy will only make (him) a hero. ... It will only put more American lives at risk." (N.Y. Times, 4/13/86.)

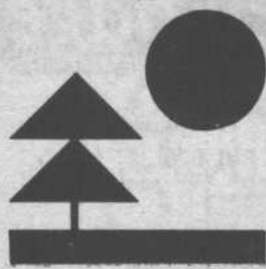
Our European allies understand the situation better than our President. They did not support the economic embargo Reagan tried to impose, nor did they support the attacks in the Gulf of Sidra, and many European leaders opposed last night's bombing raid. Permission was denied for U. S. planes to fly over France's airspace. Why? Because they know that "Rambo Diplomacy" will simply escalate the terrorism and violence, and Europe will bear the brunt of it.

It is no coincidence that this attack occurred on the eve of the proposed vote in Congress on aid to the Contras. It was the night before the last Senate vote on the same issue that Reagan deliberately provoked the Libyan military in the Gulf of Sidra. And before the previous House vote on the issue he unveiled a phony alleged "invasion" of Honduras. We must not be fooled by these manufactured distractions. The Contra Aid issue is central to the current Administration's foreign policy. It will be a sad and criminal irony if we allow the Administration to get away with killing an untold number of Libyan people in the name of anti-terrorism, simply to push 100 million of our tax dollars through Congress to fund its own terrorists, the Contras, in Central America.

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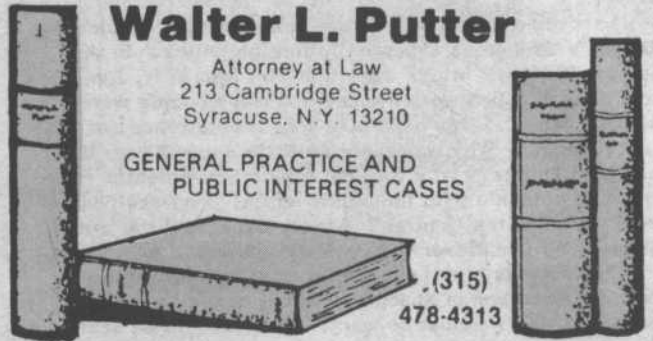


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SPC House Work Day

It's time for some face lifts at the SPC House. There are lots of repairs and cleaning that need to go on inside and outside the house. Do you have some carpentry skill, know how to lay a carpet, or want to plant some flowers? We could use your help.

May 17th from 11 to 5 PM people will be working on making the SPC House more inviting to those of us who use the house and for the many visitors we have. Giving a face lift to the SPC House, even a small one, is a big job. Bring your mops, buckets, sponges, some flowers to plant, and a few friends. If there's a specific skill you'd like to share or can't make it on the 17th but want to help, give Leeann a call at SPC, 472-5478.

Our Tax Dollars at Work

The Syracuse Peace Council and the Military Tax Resistance Support Group co-sponsored several events to protest the fact that about 64% of our income taxes go to military programs. During the week of April 7 we distributed almost 2000 leaflets in downtown Syracuse, which graphically broke down the federal budget. On April 15 we held two vigils. The first was at noon in Columbus Circle in the rain where we protested the bombing of Libya and displayed a giant dollar bill cut into pieces corresponding to budget categories. That evening from 10:30 to midnight we held a candlelight vigil at the Taft Road Post Office. Thanks to everyone who helped make these events a success.

Program Committee Report

The program committee met on April 14th. Updates were given for various events and projects (many are on this page) that had been discussed at our last meeting. Ideas for these and other events were mentioned and then priorities were set. Reagan made this normally difficult task a bit easier. When we heard about the Libya bombing from John Brulé, we decided a response to it was our top priority. We all agreed that we could tie the bombing in with the Tax Day events the following day and that a press conference before the noon vigil would be a good idea. It also was agreed to pursue a Nuclear Free Zone project as a long-term one and to continue to be involved with other Central America groups. Everyone felt it was too late to do anything for the GOP Convention.

We talked about setting up workshops for local organizers and about Rosemary Pooler's campaign but reached no conclusions. We cut the meeting short so we could hear Reagan speak on the situation in Libya and work on a statement protesting his action.

Following his three-month staff review, Labeeb Hameed is no longer working at the Peace Council.

Call Leeann at SPC for the time and place of the next Program Committee meeting.

Donate Now !

GOLDEN JUBILEE AUCTION

At age 50 we're trying out a new fundraising tradition: An auction followed by a garage sale. It will be in late June, so call us now if you have any nice antiques, appliances, or anything else (real estate?) to donate. What doesn't sell at the auction will go at the garage sale. If you have a garage we could use for temporary storage, or a truck, or have some time to help, call Mary or Liam at SPC on Tuesdays (472-5478).

Fiftieth Birthday Dinner - a Success !

Our 50th Anniversary Dinner and Concert was a smashing success. We had to turn away some in the overflow crowd, and had one of our most successful events financially ever. Decorations and dinner in the cafeteria began the event with a spirit of celebration. The Indian vegetarian meal was eaten with great gusto, signalled by empty plates and smiling faces. The first part of the program was short, with a brief report of SPC work over the past six months and a poem by activist Sally Brulé.

Tom Paxton, one of the foremost songwriters in the U.S.A., performed to a sell-out crowd. We laughed, cried and celebrated our common belief in and commitment to peace. Paxton even performed a special song to the children and adults in childcare.

More than 150 people filled out a public opinion poll about the U.S.A. providing \$100 million in aid to the Contra forces in Nicaragua. During intermission many people generously contributed to the SPC appeal.

The celebration was a success for all who came. We saw old friends, met people whose names were familiar and celebrated SPC's 50 years of struggle and our commitment to that struggle.

Picnic with The Front Room

The Front Room Bookstore is having a 10th Anniversary Picnic and you're invited! We've reserved a beautiful picnic area in Green Lakes State Park overlooking the lake. We'll picnic from 1pm on, rain or shine (there's a shelter). We'll provide veggie and tofu kabobs, dessert, lemonade, and plates and utensils (and a can for donations). Please bring a dish to pass and outdoor toys (we'll bring a volleyball net and ball). To find us, enter the Park from route 290. Take the first right after the ticket booth (each car will be charged the \$3.50 entrance fee), then the first left. Hope to see you there!

The Arms Race at Home

The American Friends Service Committee and the Central N.Y. Freeze Campaign have issued a report on Department of Defense (DoD) contracts to Onondaga County for the fiscal year 1984. The report, entitled "Onondaga County's Place in the Nuclear Arms Race: Anti-Submarine Warfare," is available from the A.F.S.C. (475-4822). In summary, it shows that the largest contracts for that fiscal year went to General Electric (total for county, \$412,330,000; total for GE, \$386,678,000) and that a substantial portion of the contracts were for hardware intended for anti-submarine warfare (ASW). Ten other local companies have defense contracts worth over \$1 million, including Bristol Myers Company, Syracuse Research Corp., Amaren Microwave and Carrier Corp.

The report provides an analysis of anti-submarine warfare and its place in U.S. warfighting capabilities. It provides evidence indicating that modern U.S. anti-submarine warfare operations may be part of a global offensive, perhaps first strike, capability. The report claims that this first strike capability is inherently destabilizing since it would move us away from the policy of deterrence through Mutually Assured Destruction.

A.F.S.C., the Peace Council (472-5478) and other local groups are in the early stages of planning a nuclear free zone campaign. Call us to learn more.

—Peter Kardas

Walk of Life

New York Walk of Life is a women-organized peace walk planned for this summer. The walk is organized by women because we strongly believe that it is women who are the instruments of peace. One hundred fifty dedicated women and men will walk three hundred miles from New York City's Central Park to Seneca Falls to raise awareness and focus attention on some critical issues: the nuclear arms race; United States involvement in Central America; United States policy towards South Africa and institutionalized discrimination.

For more information, or to help with time or money, contact New York Walk of Life, 6 Dietz St., #3, Oneonta, NY 13820, (607) 432-0486

—Stevie Calandra and Eve Brown

Peace March

The Great Peace March is now entering its 3rd month and getting stronger every day. The marchers number between 450-500 walkers and supporters.

The marchers, including Kathy Collins and Kathy Belge (both from the Syracuse area), are now in Utah. The sponsoring group, PRO-PEACE, folded early on, and the march stalled for several weeks before the marchers themselves regrouped and took control of the effort. It is a much more grassroots and hand-to-mouth operation now and funds are certainly needed to continue the effort, but the marchers are determined and it looks like they will be in Washington, DC in November as promised.

Next month we will have a more detailed update. Checks can be made out to Kathy Collins, Kathy Belge or "The Great Peace March for Nuclear Disarmament, Inc." (tax deductible) and sent to SCW (ATTN: Susie) P.O. Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217.

—Susie Gaynes

Pledge of Resistance Update


On April 14, the Syracuse Pledge of Resistance held a presence in Columbus Circle, one of a series in our response to the Contra vote process in Congress. We used as our theme the statement issued by 200 U.S. religious leaders in early March which begins, "A scaffold of deception is being constructed around Nicaragua" and ends, "We call upon all persons of faith and conscience in the United States ... to join with us in saying, to the government ... 'In the name of God, stop the lies, stop the killing!'"

On April 27, people from upstate New York gathered for a regional Pledge meeting. We discussed plans for Armed Forces Day at Fort Drumm (See article on page 5.) The next regional Pledge meeting is on Sunday, June 1st, from 1 to 5 PM at May Memorial Unitarian Church.

The local Pledge is also making plans for a long-term planning meeting, to be held in early June after the Fort Drumm action and the Contra aid vote. A meeting to build solidarity among Freeze and Central America activists will be held May 17th, from 2 to 4 PM, at the home of Phil Rose, 531 Salt Springs Rd., Syracuse. This will also be a fundraising event for the Freeze.

Finally, we will have a table at the film LATINO on May 29th. The Pledge remains an important tool for coalescing the community and for drawing new people in. For more information, call SPC, 472-5478.

—Maara McNulty



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THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Tuesday, May 20 7,9

Wednesday, May 21 7,9

Five high school students learn about themselves and each other while serving a Saturday detention. (John Hughes, 1985, 97 min.)

WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Tuesday, May 27 7,9

Wednesday, May 28 7,9

Thurs. May 29, 3:30 pm, Free. Beuchamp Library, cor. S. Salina & Colvin, 473-4395

Gene Wilder is the mysterious owner of a fabulous candy factory who offers a tour to the lucky finders of five golden tickets hidden inside Wonka candy bars. (Mel Stuart, 1971, 98 min.)

LATINO PREMIERE.

Thursday, May 29 7 (one show only)
at Westcott Cinema, \$4-8 sliding scale

A new film from the director of *Medium Cool*, and filmed on location in Nicaragua, *Latino* is the story of Eddie, a Chicano Green Beret from Los Angeles sent to Honduras to train Contras. Eddie (Robert Beltran) falls in love with a Nicaraguan woman and comes face to face with the realities of this war and the morality of his role. "Takes an uncompromising political stand . . . and brings back an explosive political statement." - Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times. "The movie Hollywood tried to ban." - Los Angeles Times. (Haskell Wexler, 1986, 105 min.)
Sponsored by Syracuse Cultural Workers.

BIRDY

Tuesday, June 3 7,9:15

Wednesday, June 4 7,9:15

Matthew Modine and Nicolas Cage (*Racing with the Moon*) star as Birdy and Al, friends growing up in a working-class neighborhood in Philadelphia. When, as an adult, he is traumatized by the horrors of Vietnam, Birdy withdraws into his dream world. Al, who also has been scarred by the war, fights to bring his near-catatonic friend back to reality. (Alan Parker, 1984, 120 min.)

MEPHISTO

Tuesday, June 10 7,9:30

Wednesday, June 11 7,9:30

This is the true story of a small town actor's gradual betrayal of political, cultural and moral principle in return for professional power and advancement in Nazi Germany. The film moves with a rushing energy that freshens one's historical imagination. *Mephisto* is adapted from a novel by Klaus Mann, Thomas' son, which he wrote in exile. Academy Award, Best Foreign Film. "Extraordinary." - Judith Crist. With Klaus Maria Brandauer. German with subtitles. (Istvan Szabo, 1981, 135 min.)

In Celebration of Gay Pride Week DOMESTIC BLISS and ON GUARD (a double feature night!)

Sunday, June 15 7,9

Gifford Aud., S.U., \$4

Domestic Bliss is a funny "soap" style comedy that's built around a lesbian couple trying to find a moment alone together but constantly thwarted by their daughter, whacky friends and a parade of ex-husbands. (Joy Chamberlain, 1984, 52 min.)

In *On Guard* four lesbians conspire to sabotage "Utero," a reproductive engineering facility. The frank depiction of our heroines' domestic lives, personal and political struggles, reminds us even radical activists "have to get the damn groceries." (Susan Lambert, Australian, 1983, 52 min.)

Co-sponsored by Syracuse Cultural Workers, S.U. Women's Center and Lesbian/Gay Student Assoc.

A Les Blank Film Festival

ALWAYS FOR PLEASURE and GARLIC IS AS GOOD AS TEN MOTHERS

Tuesday, June 17 7,9

Wednesday, June 18 7,9

Always for Pleasure (58 min.) is an intensive insider's look at Mardi Gras and the myriad musical traditions the annual celebration supports in New Orleans." - Joel Selvin, San Francisco Chronicle.

Garlic Is As Good As Ten Mothers (51 min.) is Blank's most gastronomically obsessive film portrait yet. An exhaustive, lip-smacking foray into the history, consumption, cultivation, and culinary and curative powers of *allium sativum*.

PARTING GLANCES

Thursday, June 19 7,9

Gifford Aud., S.U. \$4

Parting Glances is a "sparkling, friendly and shrewdly observed comedy about gay Yuppies in Manhattan," says the Atlanta Journal. The New York Gay Film Festival called *Parting Glances* "The first American movie to chronicle with authenticity and style, the excitement, pleasure and pain of being gay in 1986." "Terrifically classy in every respect." - Variety. Don't miss it! (Bill Sherwood, 1986, 90 min.) PREMIERE.

Co-sponsored by Syracuse Cultural Workers, S.U. Women's Center and Lesbian/Gay Student Assoc.

Summer Camp, Anyone?

THE WOMEN ALL ABOUT EVE

Tuesday, June 24 7 only

Wednesday, June 25 7 only

The Women - no cast with more camping experience has ever been assembled. Joan Crawford, Joan Fontaine, Marjorie Main, Norma Shearer, Paulette Goddard, Rosalyn Russell and Ruth Hussey forge ahead into a wilderness of "feminine" conivance run amuck. No men. Savagely incorrect. (George Cukor, 1930 min.)

All About Eve is ostensibly a story of theatrical ambition, deception, and hypocrisy, actually the source of legendary "drop dead" looks and lines. The divine Bette Davis in her ripest triumph. Breathless. (Joseph Mankiewicz, 1950, 138 min.)

1985 Academy Award Winners! July 1-23

BROKEN RAINBOW

Tuesday, July 1 7,9

Wednesday, July 2 7,9

Monday, June 30 (call for time) Free

Mundy Library, 1101 S. Geddes 473-4397

10,000 Navajo Indians in Arizona are being relocated by the Federal Government, supposedly to settle a land dispute between Hopi and Navajo tribes at Big Mountain. In fact, relocation will only

serve to facilitate uranium and coal exploitation with an estimated value of one trillion dollars! Through interviews with traditional Navajo and Hopi leaders and already relocated Navajo, we explore the tragic and far-reaching effects of this genocidal program. Narrated by Martin Sheen with Burgess Meredith, Buffy Sainte-Marie and Semu Huate. Original song by Laura Nyro. (Victoria Mudd, 1985, 70 min.) Winner Best Feature Length Documentary. PREMIERE.

WITNESS

Tuesday, July 8 7,9

Wednesday, July 9 7,9

After a young Amish boy witnesses a murder the Philadelphia policeman on the case (Harrison Ford) finds himself hiding out with the family to protect the boy and himself. (Peter Weir, 1985, 113 min.) Winner for best original screenplay and editing.

THE OFFICIAL STORY

Tuesday, July 15

Wednesday, July 16

An immediate and powerful film drawn from events in Argentina's recent past, *The Official Story* tells of a mother, who although firmly entrenched in her society's middle class values, is about to begin questioning her role. She soon suspects that her adopted daughter is a child of one of the "disappeared ones," political prisoners of the military dictatorship who were tortured and often killed, and whose children were taken and sold on the black market. With Norma Aleandro. Spanish with subtitles. (Luis Puenzo, 1985, 112 min.) Winner Best Foreign Film.

COCOON

Tuesday, July 22 7,9:15

Wednesday, July 23 7,9:15

California retirees come face to face with friendly alien visitors in this spellbinding science fiction fantasy. The extraterrestrials' close encounter with the curious senior citizens and a helpful skipper propels them all into an unbelievable adventure. With Gwen Verdon, Hume Cronyn. (Ron Howard, 1985, 119 min.) Winner Best Supporting Actor, Don Ameche.

CASABLANCA

Tuesday, July 29 7,9

Wednesday, July 30 7,9

A Hollywood legend to be seen again and again starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains and Peter Lorre. The love story, the noble sacrifice, the enduring friendship, the political framework of the plot make *Casablanca* among the most quoted and memorable films in the U.S. (Michael Curtiz, 102 min., 1943)

HIROSHIMA MON AMOUR

Tuesday, August 5 7,9

Wednesday, August 6 7,9

Resnais' first feature, written by Marguerite Duras, explores the jarring connection between sense and memory, past and present. The plot concerns a French actress (Emmanuelle Riva) and a Japanese architect (Eiji Okada) whose love affair in post-war Hiroshima brings the past into an illuminating confrontation with the present. French with subtitles. (Alain Resnais, 1959, 88 min.)

NVS Films is sponsored by the Program in Non-Violent Conflict and Change at Syracuse University. Thanks to the Syracuse Peace Council for its assistance. More info call 474-1132 or 423-3870.

Latino

- U.S., 1986, 105 min., color
- Written and directed by Haskell Wexler
- Starring Robert Beltran, Tony Plana & Annette Cardona

Roger Ebert, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES: "The movie takes an uncompromising political stand . . . and brings back an explosive political statement."

Vincent Canby, NEW YORK TIMES: "LATINO looks both authentic and exceptionally handsome."

Haskell Wexler's *Latino*, a political drama concerning the dilemmas faced by a Green Beret assigned to advise and train Nicaraguan "contras," is imbedded in the headlines and political decisions of today. Many political films are set in the recent past, others risk a look into the future; but few look deeply at issues which confront the American people and Congress at the time they are released. Still rarer is a film which looks at current United States foreign policy with a sharply critical eye. For this reason, Wexler's *Latino* has had great difficulty finding a distributor in the United States. A two-week run at Joseph Papp's Public Theater in Manhattan has been the only other opportunity for New York audiences to see this controversial film.

Latino tells the story of Eddie Guerrero (Robert Beltran), a Green Beret (Chicano from Los Angeles) sent to Honduras on one of the large scale maneuvers that the Pentagon has held over the past five years, and given the secret mission of training a "contra" squad and accompanying them on forays into Nicaragua. At first Eddie lives up to his last name (guerre means war in Spanish) and unquestioningly fulfills his assignment. But the structure of his warrior's life gets thrown off center when he meets and falls in love with



Robert Beltran in a scene from *Latino*

Marlena (Annette Cardona), a Nicaraguan agronomist working in Honduras. In a world of brutality, tender moments are dangerous.

At the same time that Eddie becomes involved with Marlena, he begins to face the conflicts of his assignment. As a careerist in the U.S. Army, he believes in unquestioning duty to his country. However, he becomes increasingly confused by his emotional reactions to the violence done to people who are like his own family—like himself. Led by Somoza's ex-National Guardsmen, the contra's recruitment is almost indistinguishable from kidnapping. After he befriends a young boy coerced into the rebel army, Eddie begins to question his mission. On the one side, his best buddy and his colonel warn him against becoming soft. On the other side, the brutality and ineffectiveness of the "contras," along with the mercenary nature of their attacks, offend his sense of morality, justice and integrity.

Filmed for five months in Nicaragua and Honduras under harsh conditions and intense heat, the film gives a vivid portrayal of combat in a guerilla war on an experiential level. The story climaxes with a "contra" raid on an agricultural collective deep inside Nicaragua and incredibly, according to the film crew, the next day, this incident happened in "real" life; the "contras" blew up some grain silos.

Some critics have argued that the portrayal of the "contras" in *Latino* is somewhat one-

sided. But it clearly coincides with recent articles about them in *The New York Times* and Christopher Dickies's descriptions in his book *Among the Contras*.

Two time Academy Award winning cinematographer Haskell Wexler (*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, *Bound For Glory*, *Coming Home*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, Director/Cinematographer for *Paul Jacobs and the Nuclear Gang*, and *Medium Cool*) wrote and directed *Latino* in order to bring the issue of the implications of United States aid to a wide audience. Earlier he had made a short documentary with Saul Landau, *Target Nicaragua*, but "decided that none of us really watch documentaries. We watch things we agree with. I think audiences are susceptible to drama," Wexler said in an interview, "that we can learn more through our emotions and through fiction than we can through fact because we've become suspicious of what's presented to us as fact." His dedication to the project proved itself in monetary terms: Wexler put up his own money, and even borrowed from his mother, to complete *Latino*.

Personalized dramatically through one man's conflict, Haskell Wexler draws the choices faced by all of us toward the U.S. policy in Central America.

Marty Haas, Prof. History Dept.
Adelphi University

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Greater Syracuse Chapter National Organization for Women

P.O. BOX 187 UNIVERSITY STATION SYRACUSE NY 13210

The Liberty Federation, formerly the Moral Majority, and other right wing organizations have been strong adversaries against a full range of human rights issues. Their power comes not from their numbers, but from their organization. From their limited membership, they are able to establish a massive financial base and they are especially capable of activating their supporters for letter writing, telephone campaigns, and/or attendance at demonstrations and rallies.

To combat the increasing threat of these right wing groups, we are forming our own network of people who could be mobilized for letter writing and phone-in campaigns to elected officials and the media and/or attendance at rallies and demonstrations. This network would be invaluable in helping to facilitate the passage of legislation supportive of human rights.

If you are interested in participating in any of the following activities concerning any of the issues below, please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and return it to NOW, P. O. Box 187, University Station, Syracuse, New York 13210.

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Mothers' Day Remembered

On Mothers' Day, May 11, from noon to five p.m., the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice will hold its annual Mothers' Day celebration at the Women's Encampment with a walk and action at Seneca Army Depot.

"Mothers' Peace Day" was begun in 1870 by Julia Ward Howe, feminist and poet. She initiated this annual event as a time for women to publicly demand peace and international dialogue. In the proclamation, Howe states: "From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, 'Disarm! Disarm!'"

At the Women's Encampment, Mothers' Day events are open to women, men and children, beginning with a pot luck meal at noon. Following the meal, people will plant the seeds and seedlings they have brought from home as signs of life, peace and hope. At 3:30 p.m. there will be a walk from the Women's Encampment to the Main Gate of Seneca Army Depot where women will call for global peace and justice. As the poster for the event states: "We call for this Mothers' Day 1986 to end the arms race and redirect our nation's resources and the resources of nations throughout the world to the nurture of life-giving programs."

—Leann Irwin

Armed Forces Day at Fort Drum

The Central America Peace Project (CAPP) and The Pledge of Resistance are planning events in support of peace and opposing U.S. intervention in Central America for Armed Forces Day, May 17 in Watertown. The town and Fort Drum will be celebrating Armed Forces Day and the selection of the Fort as the home for the 10th Mountain Division (a 10,000-person rapid deployment force, which could be used in Central America).

At 10 a.m. there will be a parade and street theatre through Watertown. For information, call Steve Molnar at (315) 344-7275 or SPC.

—Steve Molnar

Anti Death Penalty Vigil

At present, only Governor Cuomo prevents New York State from having perhaps several hundred persons on death row. The State Legislature has passed a death penalty bill for several consecutive years and should the Governor leave office or his veto be overridden, New York could once again be executing human beings.

PEOPLE AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY is the only group actively witnessing against capital punishment in a public way in Central New York. The group holds a vigil at 12:00 noon at Columbus Circle the last Thursday of every month. The focus of the Thursday, May 29th vigil will be religious leaders against the death penalty.

Representation from clergy, religious and lay people in the area would be a powerful statement to our legislators that the death penalty is not a solution to crime and is not acceptable to a civilized society. Please join us for this vigil and bring along a friend. Together we can achieve a more redemptive policy on this issue.

—Pat Bare

New SAMN Documentary

"Queremos la Paz (We Want Peace) -- Nicaraguans Speak to North Americans," a Syracuse Alternative Media Network (SAMN) documentary, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at May Memorial Unitarian Society, 3800 E. Genesee St. The documentary is the result of a series of interviews with Nicaraguans about their experiences before and since the 1979 revolution. The Community Choir also will perform, and a dance with the Silver Sharks will follow at 9 p.m. Tickets will be priced on a sliding scale from \$5-\$10.

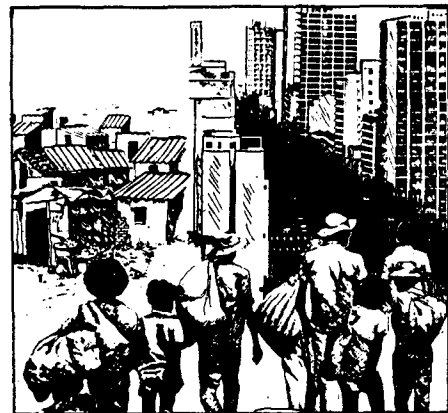
—Jim Dessauer

Jewish Sanctuary Speaker

On May 11, 1986 at 7:30 p.m., Rabbi Judea Miller of Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester will speak at the Jewish Community Center (5655 Thompson Road) on the experience of his congregation in declaring sanctuary, (in covenant with other religious bodies), and the general issue of Jews and the Sanctuary Movement.

Speaking with him will be Alejandro Gomez, a Salvadoran refugee who is receiving sanctuary in Rochester, and who is currently applying for political asylum in the United States. The East Side Community Choir will sing. The program is being sponsored by the Syracuse Jewish Sanctuary Committee, in an effort to establish more meaningful Jewish participation in the local sanctuary movement.

—Carole Resnik



"Star Peace" at Syracuse Stage

Syracuse Stage and University Union will present the premiere performance of "Star Peace," an anti-star wars musical drama by Ed Sanders and Steven Taylor of The Fugs on May 8, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m. in the Experimental Theatre.

Following the Friday, May 9 performance at 11 p.m. will be a cabaret of poetry and song with special guests, poet Allen Ginsberg and The Fugs.

Set in a space warfare institute, "Star Peace" tells the story of several scientists caught in an ethical struggle to modulate the effects of human aggression in the drive to place weapons systems into space.

Tickets are \$6 and for the cabaret, \$5. Call (315) 423-3275 for tickets.

—Syracuse Stage

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SPC Statement on Libya *cont'd from cover*

Why has no one pointed out that only Congress has the Constitutional power to declare war, and that constitutionally the United States should not become involved in a war without such a declaration? In violation of his oath of office to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution, Ronald Reagan has continually usurped this Constitutional power of Congress and has made war whenever he wished.

President Reagan tries to evoke a world view of "good" versus "evil," and last night he proved his willingness to launch a "pre-emptive strike" (his own words) against those he views as the forces of evil. It is chilling to remember that this same "evil empire" language has also characterized his attitude toward the Soviet Union. What other pre-emptive strikes is he willing to consider?

The time has come for a United States foreign policy that does not rely simply on a quick trigger-finger. Many innocent people were killed last night with bombs bought with our taxes, because our present leadership does not realize that "RAMBO" is fiction.

If there is one clear lesson history should teach us, it is that violence begets violence. Last night's deadly bombing will only escalate the level of violence and terror in the world.

(The above is the official Syracuse Peace Council statement concerning the U. S. attack on Libya. It was released April 15, 1986.)



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LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

Pooler vs. Wortley

Dear SPC,

Glad to read your letter in the PNL (about R. Pooler and G. Wortley). I quite agree with your feelings.

I have been faithfully writing to G. Wortley and A. D'Amato for about 3 years, on various animal rights, environmental, and human rights issues and they have opposed my views approximately 99% of the time.

By this time I feel it's almost useless to try to sway their opinions, but I still let them know how I feel.

It would be nicer to express my concerns to someone who might agree with me than to someone who "will keep my views in mind."

If you should need help to elect R.P. into office, I'll help as much as I can.

Sincerely,
Leah McConnell

Support Progressive Candidate

Dear SPC,

Why can't we spend our energies on someone who is the progressive's dream? It seems to me that we can find a candidate that is not the lesser of two evils.

I realize that it takes money to support a candidate and when you're talking millions probably the Peace Council couldn't be expected to raise that sort of money. So I understand supporting Rosemary Pooler in her center politics and we've got to start somewhere.

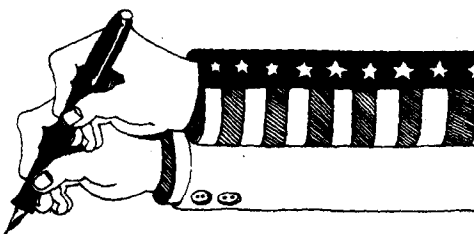
However grandiose and short on reality, I'd like to see a movement that supports people more in our interest. I'd like to see us consolidating behind a candidate that is on the left.

First we could learn to build people's consciousness. We could start early working with these people and learn to sell humane politics. We then wouldn't have to waste time working on someone who might throw us a few crumbs.

I think as long as we settle for anything we can get that politicians don't have to take us seriously. Politicians probably think, after all, progressives will back us even if it's not in their best interest sometimes.

I'd be interested in hearing what you think and also about this discussion in general.

In Peace,
Jackie Abrams



Wholistic Peace

Dear SPC,

The 80s are not the 60s; that must be kept in mind or any peace efforts will come off as so much wind from a windmill hooked to little of purpose.

We are in a conservative re-trenchment mood; the peace voice must appeal to that climate.

I feel that we must see "peace" in a totality. Wholistic is the "in" word these days. It applies to peace. Peace can no longer, if it ever could, be in relation to arms, armies, etc. alone. The growing tax burden, the growing millions who are unable or unwilling to care for themselves, the population explosion among the weakest of our society, diminishing resources, a total breakdown in basic morality...

As dangerous as the arms race and military adventurism are, the average American is far more bothered by the welfare mess, the crime problems, unemployment, inflation, faltering pension funds, acid rain, toxic dumps, the wasteland of television, etc.

In short people react first where they live. The arms race is so far beyond them that it is easier to justify or overlook than the bur in the saddle where one sits.

I feel that the Peace Council needs to address a wholistic peace movement.

Sincerely,
Donald L. Roe, Pastor
Brown Memorial United
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Abortion Considered

Dear SPC,

It is with a great deal of soul-searching that we are renewing our subscription to the Peace Newsletter. Our reasons for wanting the newsletter are primarily your excellent coverage of issues in Central America and continued coverage of local/regional/national nuclear resistance events.

What has consistently disappointed us is the reluctance of the Peace Council to recognize the violence of abortion. Each time an ad or an article touts animal rights, there is the sickening realization that these rights are held more sacred than the lives of unborn children by the Council and many others who call themselves pacifists.

In my work I see many young, poor, and too-often pregnant women. Yet I feel that abortion is a violent and tragic end to these babies, and certainly does not cure the circumstances of the lives of such young women. We feel all people who seek non-violent solutions to conflict need to strongly advocate alternatives to abortion: prevention of pregnancy, crisis pregnancy assistance, facilitating adoption, and education/employment as alternatives to the self-esteem motherhood brings to young girls.

Our hope is that the coming year will bring a change of heart on this issue within the Peace Council and we will see writing and speaking on the consistency of non-violent ideals. Therefore, we will renew our subscription to the Peace Newsletter and be looking for a consistent ethic of respect for life as the essence of social justice. Until that time we cannot in good conscience give further financial backing to an organization that continues to promote violent killing in the name of women's rights.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of our views.

Nancy Evangelista
Joseph Dosch

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

In addition to our regular Gay/Lesbian section for the June newsletter (poetry, pp. 8-9, local pride events, p. 10, and an article by a local gay young person, p. 11), we are pleased to reprint a wonderful section on terrorism from the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

"SPC Under the Sociologist's Microscope" and a brief article about racism add to our regular news about the Peace Council.

Chernobyl, Big Mountain, Sanctuary, Western European Peace Camps, Contra Aid and a report from The Great Peace March round out the articles. Don't miss a new feature, "Spotlight on..." which is about Jail Ministry this month.

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Dates and Deadlines

The July PNL will be an 8 pager!!

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SPC Collectives, Committees & Projects

SPC House News

Guess what! The last two months have seen yet more changes at the SPC house. Labeeb is gone and Andy Mager is working part time as the PNL production coordinator as we look for a new staffperson. The Press has seen its share of staff turnover too. Laurie left to student teach social studies, Paul left to pursue his music, and now Katie is leaving the Press (and Syracuse) to work in Alaska for the summer and then go to massage school. We'll miss Katie's enthusiasm, good humor, and derring-do. But don't fret -- Paul Pearce, ace PNL photographer, and Andy Seltser, experienced printer from Albany, have joined the Press and we're delighted to have them. We're also very grateful to have volunteers coming in to do regular phone shifts and office work. Thank you, Mary Van De Weert, Steve Rosenbloom, Shelagh Clancy, and Shafali Sunderlal. It makes a tremendous difference.

We now have a sparkling kitchen and bathroom, thanks to the efforts of the OM committee. And Steve Hallock, landscaper extraordinaire, hacked through the jungle in the back and found a yard. What a treat, to sit outside and eat.

- Carol Baum

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

Immediate Job Opening

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SPC Auction Date Set

OK folks, we need your help...and your furniture and appliances. Our next major fundraiser will be a 50th Anniversary Auction/Garage Sale (see back page calendar). To make it a success we need your help: making phone calls to solicit donations, picking up stuff in your truck or car, setting up, cleaning up, cashiers, publicity, etc. etc.

Auctions can raise thousands of dollars. Our 50th Anniversary is something to proudly boast of -- and it's worth some good donations! So think hard of what you can donate, and whom else you can ask, and give us a call today: SPC-472-5478, Liam-425-0629 or Mary-437-3665.

Successful Phonathon

Some 760 phone calls were made to subscribers of the Peace Newsletter. Volunteers made calls for six evenings during our phonathon and follow-up phonathon. Hundreds of dollars in donations were pledged and have come in. About 12 to 18 new people signed up to pledge to the Peace Council on a monthly or quarterly basis. There are many more people who receive the PNL than we were able to call. It would be good to look up more phone numbers in preparation for the next phonathon. Phoners were enthusiastic and we got good results. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and to those who were able to make a contribution.

Volunteers Needed

There are a number of ongoing projects that need people to take on as a long term commitment. If you are interested in any of this work please call Leeann at SPC 472-5478.

Bank Depositor: A two hour job twice a month to record incoming checks and make deposits.

Maintenance person: Being available to do maintenance work and to check the physical SPC house on a monthly or bimonthly basis.

Documentation: To read and clip from our newspapers any reference to SPC or an SPC project.

Program Report

The Program Committee met on April 30th to reevaluate program work for SPC staff given the reduction to one full-time staff person. It was decided that Leeann will continue to be connected to some Central America work locally. From June through early August program work will shift to the annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration events. Other program work will have to resume when there are two full-time staff.

The program committee also talked about other issues as talked about on this page. We also talked about the herstory/history of SPC involvement and noninvolvement in electoral politics. We had a report of the plans of the Staff Search Committee. The Organizational Maintenance committee also hired Andy Mager on a half-time basis as the PNL staff person.

The next meeting of the committee is June 3rd, 7 PM at 105 Avondale. All are welcome.

Computer Needed Badly

A personal computer here in the SPC house would help us conveniently handle our mailing list, do our book-keeping, watch over Front Room inventory, and save us the constant inconvenience of having to arrange time on other folks' machines every time we need some mailing labels. With a good printer as well we could word-process this whole PNL.

So please put the word out. If you know of anyone trying to "unload" one, or if you would like to make a donation to a fund to help us buy one, call Carol or Liam at 472-5478 or 425-0629.



Room for Rent

A private room is available in the SPC house for rent and work exchange. The cost of renting the room is \$30 per month. SPC pays utilities and in exchange the renter does some housecleaning and some lawn care. The person must be able to deal with noise from typewriters during production. Please pass the word to someone who may be interested. Call SPC for further information.

Who Will End Racism in Syracuse?

To the Editor:

The reality of racism and its devastating effects on the oppressed have plagued this country since the beginning. There is no disputing that the father of this country, George Washington, was a slave owner. With the precedent set, it became easier for the subsequent leadership to sanction the enslavement and oppression of millions of black people. As history shows, the institution of slavery survived 15 presidents and lasted some 100 years after President Washington's inauguration.

Some 200 years after this country's inception, the oppression of millions of black Americans still exists. The systematic isolation and exclusion of

blacks is still a reality. What's more horrifying is that even today there is governmental policy that is unfavorable to blacks, and in effect has relegated them to slum neighborhoods wherein crime, unemployment, and death run rampant. Not only does discrimination on the basis of color have to be proven, but now the intent to discriminate must be shown as well. That's like saying that if you're driving your car, and you are struck by another car, not only must you prove that you were indeed hit, but you must also show that the driver intended to damage your car before you can collect the insurance.

The sad truth is that while racism has many allies lurking in every crevice, blacks can't even find solace

in some peace organizations. Such is the case here in Syracuse. Syracuse is the home of this country's oldest peace organization. For 50 years, the Syracuse Peace Council has not had a constructive rapport with Syracuse's black community. While wallowing in a sea of empathy and apathy, SPC has witnessed the slow death of millions of black Americans.

If the disenfranchised, the powerless and the oppressed can find neither refuge nor support in high places or grass-roots peace groups like SPC, then where and in what capacity can their struggles be addressed? Empathy won't stop the tide of racism.

L.A. HAMEED
Syracuse

Racism and the Peace Council

Labeeb Hameed, a former staffperson of SPC, wrote the above letter which was published in the Post-Standard. We view it as another opportunity to address racism.

Racism has always been a concern of SPC activists. At times there has been active support of civil rights struggles in the United States and internal discussion of how racism affects us as individuals and as an organization. Nevertheless, we are painfully aware that our organization is still predominantly white and that we are not always involved in local issues impacting on the Black community.

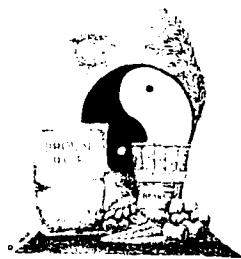
In the past several months we have begun to look again at how racism affects our work. There are two aspects of the issue which we need to address. The first is our individual beliefs and feelings. We all have grown up in a racist society, and despite our hopes to the contrary, we all retain some vestiges of

racism. The second part of the issue is in terms of the priorities of the Peace Council. Should we be more active in projects which specifically seek to work in coalition with Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Women, Gay Men and Lesbians and other disenfranchised members of our community? If so, how do we decide what groups with whom we seek to work now?

Preliminary work has begun to set up a workshop for SPC activists on racism. It will probably take the form of a weekend afternoon. The initial focus will be on our own feelings and experiences with racism. From there we can begin to deal with racism as an organization. Anyone interested in helping to organize such an event should call Andy Mager at SPC. And everyone should look for further information in the July Peace Newsletter.

-Andy Mager

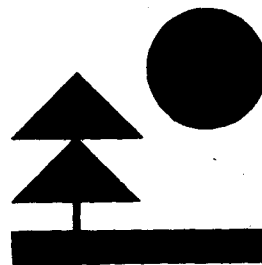
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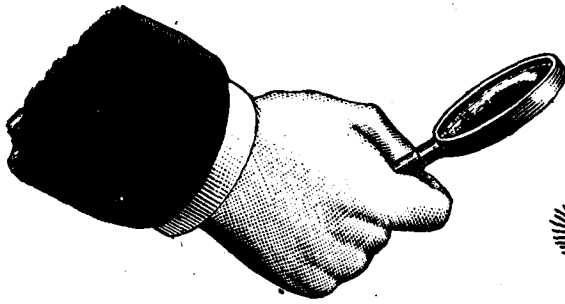


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SPC Under the Sociologist's Microscope



Recently, two surveys -- one on the SPC newsletter and one on the Peace Council itself -- were conducted by SU social science students. These studies have given us some interesting feedback on how the SPC is perceived by the larger community and on what our readership thinks of the PNL. We appreciate people's participation in the surveys and want to share the results.

This information was put into the questionnaire and seemed to be effective in explaining to the public the extent of the SPC. If this questionnaire's results are representative, it would appear that a significant number of Syracusans are favorable to the Peace Council's aims and there is much potential out there for involving more people in our activities.

Peace Council

One hundred city residents were interviewed face-to-face at suburban malls, local schools, bus-stops, the train station and various downtown locations to find out if they had heard of the Peace Council and what they knew about us. Although there was an attempt to interview a cross section of ages and social classes, 60% were young (25 and under). Unfortunately, also the race of those interviewed was not recorded.

One-third of those interviewed said they had heard of the Peace Council. The main work SPC was identified with was promoting peace or stopping war, which probably was conveyed by our name. 56% of those surveyed had a positive attitude about what they thought the SPC does.

One of the purposes of the survey was also to give people a better understanding of the variety of educational work and resources the Peace Council provides.

Peace Newsletter

One hundred-ten PNL subscribers were interviewed by telephone to find out how often they read the newsletter and what interested them about it. This survey revealed that our readership is primarily "baby-boomers" (avg. age 35) with middle incomes and college educated. Again, there was no information about race.

We have a very active readership! A very large percentage (88) said they read the newsletter. 71% said they read half or more of every issue and 74% read it frequently or always! People read the PNL for information on a variety of issues, not just the most current issue.

We were encouraged to find that people enjoy the PNL! People suggested, however, that we include more coverage of local and community news. Others suggested that our articles include more theoretical aspects of an issue. We will try to oblige!

-Diana Ellis

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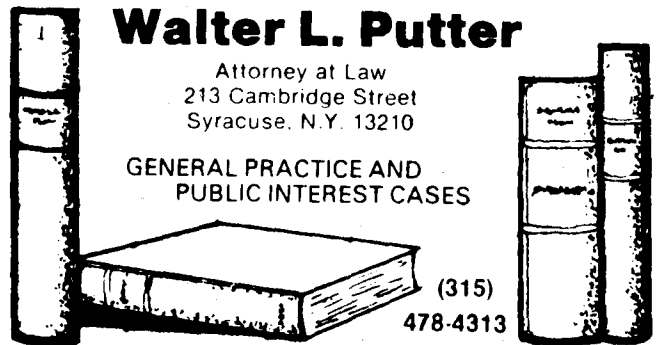
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The Mulberry Picker

He sees me sitting on the stone
as he cycles toward the center
of the boneyard. Listen, he points
you should try some of these
mulberries. "I don't eat
mulberries, I say".

I see him ripping mulberries
from the tree with both hands,
quickly grasping and chewing and
swallowing as if he fears the end.
"You'll eat these", he says.

As I walk toward him
his blond hair flows in the wind
and he kneels to scoop naked berries
from the grass beyond the shade of the
mulberry trees & the gravestones. "Is
that an order"? I ask. "Look",
he says, "they're riper on the ground,
juicier in the sun".

by Joseph Raff

Its Snowing

It's snowing
You stand naked by the window
looking out
silhouetted against the grey morning.
The bed is in disarray
Our clothes are piled together on the floor
where we dropped them last night
You lit a cigarette
and lean your shoulder against the window frame
Mahler plays on the radio
I dress very slowly
You turn from the window, smile and say
"Well i've got to get ready for work"
We walk to the front door and kiss
Your eyes look past me
"Well i'll see you later"
"Yeah take it easy"
The street is white and still
My feet get wet
because i'm not wearing my boots
Last night when I left home
it wasn't snowing.

by Bru Dye

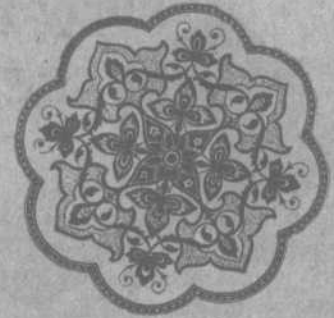
Sunrise to Glory

We are brave
and beautiful people.
Aware of the limits
others place upon us.
But also aware of
the limitless spaces
within us.

We are weary
and tattered people.
Holding on to the love
we feel for each other.
Trying to make some sense
of the pain we go through.

We are strong
and resourceful people.
Living in a time
of backlash and oppression.
Children of the earth,
searching for our
sunrise of glory.
The first morning of our
freedom.

by Dennis Arthur Bishop



Do You Feel Like This

Down below
I've traveled thru the darkness.
Down below
It seems i've made my home.
Down below
I've seen the ghosts of sorrow
Down below
I surfaced all alone.

Once upon a time
I went walking,
Down below.
I've traveled thru the darkness,
Down below.
It seems i've made my home,
Down below.

Once upon a time
I went walking- long ago.
I searched the streets of nite
and in between the times
any moment I called mine
pushed me into darkness
out of sight.

People think they know me,
never question who I am or

who I was before, the torture
made it clear-
a final lesson;
there comes a time to say "no"
then close the door.
(sometimes hearts can't take it
anymore).

By SATO





The Dance

When I see you
(near to you)
talking- I am forcing words
to connect with you somehow,
like a child who's unsure
looking for the right thing to say.

When I see you
I feel a sparkle
dancing from your eyes,
you light the room.
Exchange of glances,
vanished chances,
never near enough or gone
too soon.

Oh, once upon an evening
long ago,
You took me in your arms
dancing slow
asking me questions
to concur.
I knew my own direction,
I was sure.

Well-
time, it took its turn
and so did I
still feeling soft reflections
from your eyes....

Last night
within my arms I held you near,
the little child melted,
disappeared.

A woman held a woman
wanting more.
Last night
when lovers danced across the floor.

by SATO

Nirvana

Once as a little kid dreaming that I could fly
Through that ocean of air over our gleaming yard,
Leaving treetops and houses,
Feeling that ocean as it is,

An ocean, I soared, suspended in quiet skies.
How arbitrary the world seemed once I had blown that far!
Still, the breezes that moved me
Whispered with miracles.

by Stephan Rosenbloom



Unnamed

Your mother tied
her apron strings
around your neck,
making sure the knot
was double tight.
You hang there
blue, but smiling,
silly, but always choking
as she tugs. Tugs.
And every morning you wake
craving air
and every morning I wake
craving you.
I would come running
to your house
with scissors
if I hadn't noticed your fist
tightly gripping
her skirt.

by Reenie Haughey

Sissy

Sissy, its only a word.
But the pain persists.
It goes away-
only to return
and this dagger
is a blade-
that stabs a heart
that does not bleed.
Yet tears reflect
the agony within:

Sissy, its only a word.
Spoken to the mind
now too numb to know.
For ears, now too deaf to hear
and a soul
that has no place to hide.
I stagger among bloody bodies-
my brothers
who have fallen pray-
to only a word.
This was our sentence.
Our crime was to exist.

We are men who
are called sissy,
and our cries
are never heard.

by Dennis Arthur Bishop



Local Gay Pride Celebration

A Smörgåsbord of Events for Everyone

Plans for Syracuse's 1986 Gay Pride Celebration are beginning to firm up, largely due to the work of the members of the Gay Pride Committee and the co-sponsors of the event. At present, a number of major events are scheduled for the actual week of Gay Pride (June 16-23rd), but this year's celebration is starting almost a month early.

The first major event in the Gay Pride celebration is a fund raising dinner/dance which was held on Saturday, May 17. The proceeds will support the other Gay Pride events. A second fund raising dance is scheduled for Friday, June 20 at Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison Street, and will feature a DJ and music.

Syracuse Cultural Workers, Conference, and Syracuse University's Women's Center and Gay/Lesbian Student Alliance will sponsor a series of gay/lesbian films in June as well. On Sunday, June 15, two films will be shown. "On Guard" is a film about a group of lesbians who conspire to sabotage a reproductive engineering facility. The filmmaker's integration of the women's personal and political lives makes this a film most of us can easily identify with. "Domestic Bliss" is a funny, "soap" style film from England about a lesbian couple's frustrations in trying to find a moment alone together. Both films are under an hour and will be shown together.

On Thursday, June 19, the film "Parting Glances" will have its Syracuse premiere. This was the featured film at the New York Gay Film Festival in January and received wonderful reviews as a "shrewdly observed comedy about gay yuppies in Manhattan." It will be preceded by a new slide presentation by Jan Phillips called "Out and About." Show times both nights are 7 and 9 pm at Gifford Auditorium on the S.U. campus.



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Events for the actual Gay Pride Week are also quickly taking shape. An educational conference is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, with workshops on topics of interest to lesbians and gay men as well as the public at large. The educational conference will be followed by a banquet and an evening of entertainment. Sunday, June 22, will see a rally in downtown Syracuse followed by a picnic in the country for the gay/lesbian community, and, for those choosing to attend, a church service back in the city.

Finally, on June 29 a contingent of people from Syracuse will march in New York City's annual Gay Pride Parade. Plans are being made to rent a bus for marchers going to New York. For details on any aspect of the Gay Pride Celebration, or to volunteer your time as a worker for any of our events, call the Gayphone at 422-5732.

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A demonstration in Washington, D.C. to demand "an end to all social, economic, judicial and legal oppression of lesbian and gay people."

by Bob Foran

Before I write about something so important, let me say one thing. What I write here is a compilation of what I have experienced myself, through my friends and other people I met along the way. I am here neither to promote nor discourage anyone's attitude or personal beliefs, but only to point out something which does exist and cannot be ignored.

Much has been said about the dirty, old chickenhawk who preys off of small, unsuspecting little boys or about the tragic life of the most recent A.I.D.S. patient. What hasn't been touched upon is the emptiness experienced by hundreds upon hundreds of young people across the United States. This loneliness can cause families to split apart and suicides to rise. It is also a yearning to feel and to love others of the same gender. Something this society, at least today, will fail to understand.

Homosexuality; when mentioned it brings up topics of discussion, argument and religious values. But when mentioned to a thirteen or fourteen year old it raises feelings of fear, guilt and confusion. Being a teenager and being gay presents quite a few problems

not ordinarily encountered by the so called "straight-society." With the talk of A.I.D.S. and with the pressure from parents and peers, the result on a gay teenager's life can be devastating.

An important factor of gay culture most often overlooked is the youth factor. Within this collection of people, the person himself is quickly shaped and molded. Adapting ourselves to the general atmosphere around us. Whether we are the type of people who frequent the bars or keep our feelings locked up within ourselves, we are eager to take to anyone who shares the same feelings we do. Most of the primary emotions that are dealt with here are insecurity and loneliness. It can be real scary for someone who doesn't know what he or she is dealing with.

Sometimes lost is a good way to describe it. In highschool, straight teenagers are allowed to date. This does not hold true for gay teenagers. Because of social pressure, they are forced to repress their natural feelings of being gay.

Not being able to openly date in highschool, I felt like I was in a period of limbo at times. I went to the bars in the search of unity. I was looking for some thing I thought we would all have in common as gay people. A mutual cohesiveness, a sense of compassion. The more I frequented the bars, the easier it was to piece it all together: gay people are just like everyone else. They have just as many hang-ups, and problems as anybody else. Then and only then did I come to the conclusion that sexual orientation has little to do with anything. Whether it be your social, job or economic status. As for unity, I found none, or at least, not what I had hoped for.

Eventually the bars disinterested me for that reason. My suppressed desire to hold a romantic relationship with someone of my own gender, helped me flower out and come out of my closet when I was a senior in high-school. Just to be able to hold another guy's hand without the fear of being pointed at and hearing the cry, "you faggot, you dirty faggot!" It felt good to express emotions; emotions that I couldn't normally express in school.



A group of gay and lesbian young people meet every second Sunday pm. at Grace Episcopal Church on Madison St. in Syracuse. For more info, call Bob 638-8974

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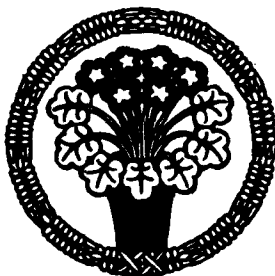
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TERRORISM—BRINGING THE WAR HOME

As this *Newsletter* goes to press, the U.S. has gone to war with Libya over the issue of terrorism. U.S. military forces have bombed Libyan targets, causing scores of military and civilian casualties in retaliation for what the U.S. believes are well-documented Libyan-supported terrorist attacks on U.S. planes and personnel in Europe. Violence is likely to continue and to escalate on both sides.

At the same time, Congress is in the process of **funding** contras who are charged with various acts of terrorism against Nicaraguan civilians. Questions of "low intensity warfare," private and state-supported terrorism and their root causes have never been more relevant.

Terrorism has become a watchword in national news. The U.S. State Department has recorded more than 8,000 "significant incidents" of international terrorism since 1968. The number of incidents accelerates each year, and an increasing majority of these incidents relate to the Middle East. In 1985, 378 out of 500 recorded incidents were Middle East-related.

Terrorism, like other forms of warfare, is abhorrent. It kills and maims innocent civilians and military personnel alike. The physical injuries are intensified by the mental harm it inflicts—it creates a climate of fear and insecurity. Perpetrators of terrorism, whether private or state-supported, must be brought to justice.

The Administration's response has been filled with combative rhetoric, but laced with a sense of helplessness in the face of what is perceived as a new phenomenon. The Administration's rhetoric expresses a profound frustration that even the military might of the world's superpowers is inadequate to bring terrorism to an end.

Terrorism can have powerful effects. It is introducing a new and uncertain dimension into some of the basic international power relationships upon which U.S. foreign policy depends. Calling Colonel Muammar Qaddafi the "mad dog of the Middle East," and responding "tit for tat" to Libyan-sponsored terrorism, President Reagan has moved Libyan politics to center stage, and shunted aside positive efforts to find solutions to the Middle East conflict.

Congress has struggled unsuccessfully to *define* terrorism, so that it can make laws to prevent, control or punish it. At least 80 bills related to terrorism have been introduced this session. In spite of this confusion, most of the congressional leadership has indicated support of President Reagan's decision to bomb Libya.

Senator Mark Hatfield, one of a handful of congressional critics of the attacks on Libya, has compared the new policy to "a prairie fire which I think is out of control before it really began." Even supporters of President Reagan's recent actions acknowledge that a heavy military re-

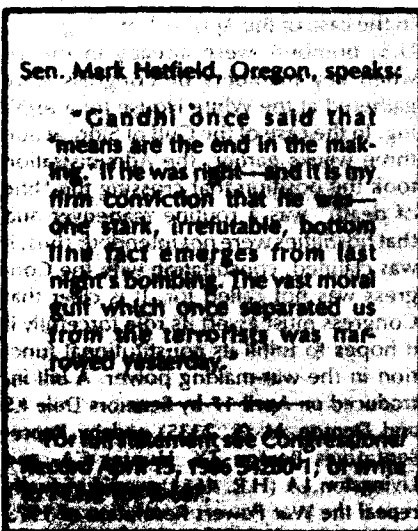
sponse will not end terrorist attacks against the U.S., and that it may indeed increase them. To end terrorism, a sustainable international policy will have to be formulated and carried out.

In this *Newsletter*, we will examine some characteristics of terrorism and attempt to place terrorism in an historical and current context. We will suggest some policy options for the permanent prevention and cure of terrorism and propose legislation that could lay the groundwork for effective responses.

What is Terrorism?

The debate about the definition of terrorism is more than academic. Defining the problem shapes the entire range of available responses. While it is difficult to draw clear lines between terrorism and other kinds of violence, we identify the following characteristics as ones that should be considered in seeking to understand, and thereby to respond to, terrorism.

Terrorism is a **tactic**, whether used by an established government, a revolutionary group, or an individual. The characterization of an action as "terrorism" depends on *what* is done, not on *who* does it. Terrorism includes **threats or acts of violence**, ranging from deprivation of basic human rights, to property destruction, physical violence, torture and murder. Terrorist acts are **consciously chosen and committed** for purposes that go beyond the violence itself. Terrorist acts are usually undertaken for an



identifiable political goal, as distinguished from crimes committed for personal gain or private vengeance or because of mental derangement. The political goals might be to punish or retaliate against an enemy or dissident elements or to destabilize an opposing government or organization.

Terrorism has dual victims—both those who are injured or killed and all those who identify with the immediate victims. Thus terrorist tactics are often used to coerce governments to change their policies or to cause individuals to view themselves and their world differently.

The use of terrorist tactics, especially by non-governmental groups, often arises in a context of profound injustice, when other avenues for redress of grievances have been closed or exhausted. The potency of terrorist acts is often attractive to disenfranchised groups who see a military solution as an opportunity to shake up an otherwise entrenched and imbalanced power relationship.

Terrorist acts are acts of war. Many of the techniques taught to the Nicaraguan "contras" and others by the Green Berets and contained in a CIA training manual are indistinguishable from terrorism. Even the goal of the "contra" training—destabilization of an existing government—is identical to the goal of some so-called "known terrorists." But established governments, seeking goals that they see as admirable, tend to categorize the means they use toward these ends as fundamentally different from the tactics used by groups without a territorial base to accomplish similar ends.

"New" Terrorism?

Terrorism itself is not new. The use of violence against a few to intimidate or punish a larger group is as old as civilization itself. For half a century, the Palestinian-Israeli conflict has been replete with terrorist activities. We have known terrorist tactics in our own society. These include, for example, raids on Native American fishing camps by vigilante groups, and the harassments and violence perpetrated by the Ku Klux Klan. In order to maintain control over their populations or to discourage opposition or dissent, governments sometimes terrorize their own citizenry by heavy use of police power, as in the bombing of the MOVE house in Philadelphia, or the "death squads" in El Salvador. There are also continuous and gross deprivations

of human rights in countries such as the Soviet Union, People's Republic of China, South Africa, South Korea, Syria and many other nations, as noted by Amnesty International. All of these acts fall on a spectrum that can be described as terrorism. The tactics are timeless, the actors are always among us—sometimes lauded as "freedom fighters," sometimes scorned as "mad dogs."

Is there anything new about "new terrorism?" Several factors have changed dramatically in the last ten to twenty years. Advancing technology has made massive destruction widely available at a relatively low cost. At the same time these changes have heightened the vulnerability of increasingly complex societies which depend heavily on centralized

TERRORISM IN THREE EASY PIECES

The need to comprehend terrorism and terrorists tempts some observers to seek a short cut to understanding. A recent publication of *New Options* cited three "predictable views" of terrorism, and cautioned against limiting one's analysis to any one of them. While each of these views has an angle on the truth, each is incomplete and distorted. The three views are:

1. **We good, they bad.** Some characterize terrorism as a coordinated tactic used by Marxist revolutionary groups against Western democracies, with the support and assistance of the Soviet Union, Cuba and Libya. This view, the basis of U.S. administration responses, classifies acts as terrorism depending on who the perpetrators are.
2. **We normal, they crazy.** Others see terrorism as the actions of insane individuals, not controlled or supported by any governments or large organizations.
3. **They bad, we worse.** Some oppose terrorism, but place the blame for it firmly with the U.S. Administration and its foreign interventionist policies, which incite terrorist reactions by Third World revolutionary groups.

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technology. A home-built bomb, small enough to fit in a suitcase, could destroy the electric power distribution system for a whole region of any Western industrialized country. Instantaneous, worldwide media coverage increases the potency of terrorist acts and accentuates the general sense of danger.

Another new factor is the extent to which the U.S. and Soviets are carrying out their conflict with one another in the Third World. Perhaps because the major powers are at a standoff at the massive nuclear level, their struggle goes on in the developing world largely through military aid and training of proxy forces. The Pentagon's name for this is "low-intensity conflict." Ironically, terrorism now brings those distant wars and their various techniques home to the main streets and airports of the United States and Western Europe.

This view of terrorism—that it is really the latest form of warfare—suggests a direction for fruitful discussion of the problem. Just as we seek to resolve the roots of conflict that lead to other acts of war, so we must seek to resolve the severe problems and injustices that lie at the root of terrorism.

ROLE OF WAR POWERS ACT DEBATED

There is a growing furor in Washington over how to apply the War Powers Act to anti-terrorist activities. The Act requires the president to consult with Congress before introducing U.S. armed forces into "hostilities or into situations where imminent involvement in hostilities is clearly indicated by the circumstances." In the case of the April 14 bombing raids, U.S. bombers were already in the air when key members of Congress were gathered at the White House for a briefing. In the case of the Gulf of Sidra action three weeks earlier, the Administration took the position that crossing the "line of death" was a routine maneuver and that hostilities were not intended; thus, it was claimed, consultation with the Congress was not called for. It is clear that Congress must assert its role forcefully if it hopes to fulfill its constitutional function in the war-making power. A bill introduced on April 17 by Senators Dole KS and Denton AL (S. 2335) and by Representatives Barton TX, Hunter CA, and Livingston LA (H.R. 4611) would virtually repeal the War Powers Resolution of 1973 in the name of anti-terrorism.

MIDDLE EAST-RELATED TERRORISM IN PERSPECTIVE

One real tragedy of the U.S.-Libyan confrontation is that it diverts attention from the root causes of terrorism. The fact that the recent upsurge in terrorism is largely of Middle Eastern origin is not an accident. The roots lie in two factors. First, some extreme Islamic fundamentalists perceive western values as evil and anti-theoretical to their own. They choose violence in an attempt to protest and eradicate western influence. Second, many Arabs and Jews are giving up hope that the peace process can solve their conflict. For example:

- A generation of Palestinians has grown up under Israeli occupation, often in squalid refugee camps. The failure of their more moderate elders to establish a homeland, combined with their own experience of displacement and repression, has led to angry desperation and a sharp rise in nationalism.
- Many observers of the conflict feel that the rapid rate at which Israel is absorbing the Occupied Territories could preclude

the possibility of a Palestinian homeland. Panic at this prospect drives a revolutionary spirit.

- The Israeli leadership is scheduled to rotate from the more conciliatory Labor Party to the Likud party, which opposes any territorial compromise, in about four months.
- Many Arabs have lost faith in the U.S. as an impartial facilitator of any Middle East peace because: (a) The U.S., like Israel, does not recognize the PLO or Arafat's leadership, as Palestinians in the Occupied Territories do. Thus, many Palestinians feel they have no voice in the peace process. (b) The U.S. tendency to underestimate the Syrian and Soviet roles in a peace process leads many Arabs to undercut the process. (c) The amount of U.S. military assistance to Israel has made many Arabs nervous and anxious for resolution to conflict—even by violent means. (d) The U.S. has not given high-level sustained attention to the peace process since the Camp David

Accords. The Reagan peace initiative of September 1982 was not pursued seriously.

This is not to say that the fractious Arab, Palestinian, and Israeli leaders do not bear responsibility for the languishing peace process. Nor does it say that a Middle East peace would end terrorism in this anguished region. Rather, it recognizes the fact that a just and comprehensive peace would eliminate some central motivations now fueling Middle East-related terrorism.

The U.S. could be focusing its attention on a whole range of possibilities for defusing anti-Israel, anti-Arab and anti-U.S. tensions, rather than picking a quarrel with Libya. It could do any number of things, from increasing cross-cultural understanding through educational or political exchanges, to increasing support for the small Middle East Regional Cooperation Program between Israel and its Arab neighbors, to giving the Middle East peace process the high-level Administration attention that it requires.

NUCLEAR DETERRENCE AS TERRORISM

The words *deterrence* and *terrorism* both have the same root, the Latin word *terrere*, to frighten.

It is hard to conceive of a more indiscriminate, destructive, and terrifying device than a nuclear weapon.

What exactly is the difference between nuclear deterrence and terrorism? Each seeks to compel or prevent a particular behavior. ♦Does the difference lie in ultimate goals? Then who is to decide whether a country's goals are "legitimate" and its actions deterrence, or whether a country's goals are illegitimate and its actions terrorism? ♦Does the acceptability of the act lie in the size of its perpetrator, so that the acts of smaller groups are relatively illegitimate? ♦Does the difference lie in whether the action is taken by a government or by a private group? Are non-governmental groups held to higher standards than governments? Is a person who threatens to blow up an airplane more culpable than a president or general secretary whose ac-

tions can forfeit the lives of millions? ♦Does the difference lie in scale: is the threat to use nuclear weapons legitimate deterrence, while the threat to use a rifle or bomb illegitimate terrorism? ♦Is deterrence different from terrorism because it involves only the threat to use violence, not its actual use? But if deterrence is to be more than bluff, must not officials be ready to use nuclear weapons?

Have nuclear weapons been "used" since 1945?

Daniel Ellsberg, peace activist and author of *The Pentagon Papers*, asserts that threat of use constitutes actual use. He says, "The notion common to nearly all Americans that 'no nuclear weapons have been used since Nagasaki' is mistaken...Again and again, generally in secret from the American public, U.S. nuclear weapons have been used, for quite different purposes: in the precise way that a gun is used when you point it at someone's head in a direct confrontation, whether or not the trigger is pulled."

He cites the following incidents:

- Truman's deployment of B-29s, officially described as "atomic-capable," to bases in Britain and Germany at the outset of the Berlin Blockade, June 1948.
- Truman's press conference warning that nuclear weapons were under consideration, the day after marines were surrounded by Chinese Communist troops at the Chosin Reservoir, Korea, November 30, 1950.
- Eisenhower's secret nuclear threats against China, to force and maintain a settlement in Korea, 1953.
- The Berlin crisis, 1961.
- The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962.
- Nixon's secret threats of massive escalation, including possible use of nuclear weapons, conveyed to the North Vietnamese by Henry Kissinger, 1969-72.
- Numerous "shows of nuclear force" involving demonstrative deployment or alerts—deliberately visible to adversaries.

TERROR AT HOME

Greensboro, NC, 1979. Forty heavily armed members of the Ku Klux Klan and the American Nazi Party clashed with demonstrators who were participating in a legal demonstration against the Klan. When the fighting was over, five anti-Klan demonstrators had been killed by the Klansmen and Nazis. Several others were wounded.

Pensacola, FL, 1984. On Christmas Day, three abortion clinics were destroyed by explosions. One of the four young people who claimed responsibility for the bombings stated that these acts "were a gift for Jesus on his birthday."

Philadelphia, PA, 1985. In May, police dropped a "percussion device" (bomb) on the roof of a row house occupied by the group "MOVE." The bomb ignited a fire which spread from the row house and eventually destroyed 61 homes in the surrounding area. Eleven MOVE members were killed in the fire, including five children.

When we in the U.S. think of terrorism, most of us think of acts of political violence occurring in other countries. We seldom label violent acts such as those listed above "terrorism." The truth is that the tactic of terrorist violence is also used in the U.S. Consciously chosen acts of violence motivated by racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, homophobia or religious fanaticism all have the purpose of intimidating or punishing vulnerable groups or individuals.

The purpose or goal of this home-grown terrorism may be immediately apparent, as in the case of abortion clinic bombings. However, domestic terrorism may not protest a particular event or make a clear political statement. Instead, it can be interpreted as a symptom of tensions and frustrations that permeate our entire society. This type of violence might be used in an attempt to maintain social and political power relationships, as with racially motivated violence. The state can also be guilty of overstepping reasonable bounds and resorting to terror tactics for this purpose, as in the MOVE incident.

Responses: Acts of domestic terrorism, including vandalism, assault and murder, are criminal acts. An appropriate initial response to terrorism at home is to insist on treating crimes as crimes, without political excuses, even when the per-

TERRORISM AGAINST NATIVE AMERICANS: OLD ACTIONS, NEW NAME

"Those who can make you believe absurdities, can make you commit atrocities."

—Voltaire

Physical violence and acts of terror against Native American individuals and communities have gone on so long as to bring the word "genocide" to mind before "terrorism." Through violence and intimidation, non-Indians have sought to keep the upper hand in political, social and economic power.

Terrorism through the denial of civil rights was rampant during the confrontation and the violence at Wounded Knee on the Pine Ridge Reservation in 1973. More than 550 leaders of the American Indian Movement and their followers were arrested; in the end, only 15 were convicted. In addition to police harassment and intimidation, arrests were made without warrants, people were bribed and pressured to collaborate with government evidence, and military tactics were employed.

Terrorism against Native Americans has also taken the form of violence against a family's or community's means of economic livelihood, especially where

petrator is the state. The public can insist that laws which already exist be enforced.

Unfortunately, the roots of this type of violence cannot be addressed only through legislation and the criminal justice system. Prejudice, hatred and fear must also be dealt with by enlightened public education and personal understanding.

This process must begin by recognizing, affirming and allowing for differences among people. We should examine our own reactions to violence toward members of certain groups. Is there any degree of violence that we find acceptable? Why? Communities might also attempt to confront domestic terror by identifying and taking steps to eliminate the tensions in which the violence originates. Individuals should also be willing to stand with and support victims of terrorism as a part of community and personal healing. Finally, we should continue to seek to transform our social order to a just one in which terrorist tactics would not be perceived as either necessary or effective.

the exercise of treaty rights is involved. In June 1982, boats, planes and 13 motor vehicles of a federal law enforcement agency raided a small Indian fishing village along the Columbia River. The leader of the camp was arrested at gunpoint on the charge of illegal fishing, while the fishing camp's dwellings were ransacked and gear confiscated.

In Wisconsin in late 1984, a series of incidents—signs that read, "Save a Deer, Shoot an Indian," vandalism and destruction of fishing canoes and nets, and telephoned death threats to tribal members—prompted the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe to establish an Ad Hoc Commission on Racism to hear testimony on hostility directed against Indian people in northern Wisconsin. Much of the violence was precipitated by a 1983 federal court decision which affirmed that 19th century treaties were still in effect guaranteeing the right of the Chippewa tribes to hunt, fish and gather on lands sold to the United States. In addition to the destruction of property and means of livelihood, and the fear instilled in those Indian people who are attacked or threatened, such acts of terrorism have fueled other, non-related disputes between Indians and non-Indians, thus perpetuating the cycle of violence.

TERRORISM AND CIVIL LIBERTIES

The recent wave of terrorist violence and threats of violence aimed at U.S. citizens and the resulting upsurge of fear have led to a general call for protective measures. Terrorist attacks directed toward innocent people and rumors of terrorist squads being sent to this country have heightened our awareness of our own vulnerability. These circumstances pave the way for new security measures—even some that might involve forfeiture of some cherished civil liberties.

Increases in airport security, tighter controls on our borders and greater police access to information about suspected terrorists can be positive measures to minimize the opportunities for destruction and violence. But before any

INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES TO PREVENT TERRORISM

A 35-member ad hoc UN committee tried unsuccessfully, as Congress has, to define terrorism. There have been breakthroughs signalling a tilt toward concerted anti-terrorism action, however. In December 1985, the USSR and Western nations agreed in the UN General Assembly to a resolution declaring terrorism "criminal" and inveighing in the Security Council against all acts of hostage taking and abduction.

The UN and its agencies provide an essential forum for finding internationally acceptable ways for dealing with the root causes and the symptoms of terrorism. We suggest that you encourage your members of Congress to maintain the good standing of the U.S. in the UN and to consider multilateral anti-terrorism policy goals.

- **Maintain the good standing of the U.S. in the UN.** House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Fascal recently wrote to Budget Committee Chairman Gray about the potential impact of Gramm-Rudman cuts on foreign assistance: "The impact of this level of cuts would be draconian...We would probably lose our vote in the UN, Peace Corps volunteers would be cut in half (*sic*) and current development assistance contracts would be abrogated." Gramm-Rudman cuts to our UN dues (which we have treaty obligations to pay) could be made on top of cuts mandated by the Kassebaum Amendment, which became law last year. Urge your members of Congress to postpone implementing

the Kassebaum amendment and to prevent Gramm-Rudman cuts to assessed dues. If all proposed cuts are imposed on the UN system in New York (excluding the specialized agencies), the U.S. would pay just over half its dues (only \$113 million out of \$204 million).

- **Consider multilateral anti-terrorism policy goals:**

- restrict the international sale and/or transfer of arms to terrorist groups and governments which violate basic human rights;

- create a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to intervene where abuses of human rights have occurred, in order to deal with the grievances of frustrated minorities;

- create an international criminal court to have jurisdiction over offenders described as terrorists by international conventions; and

- utilize North-South forums to identify and address grievances leading to terrorism.

One major way to deal with terrorism is to support international agreements which deal with the root causes. In the Mideast this means international negotiations involving all interested parties. In Central America it means wholehearted support for the Contadora process. In Southern Africa it means ending apartheid. In South Asia it means a negotiated end to the war in Afghanistan.

tions, or restricting citizen access to public information.

Proposals for extended "emergency powers" should be extremely limited and should be required to "self-destruct" after a short period of time. Renewal of the powers must be made contingent on solid evidence of effectiveness against terrorism, no abuse of the powers for unrelated purposes, and minimum infringement on civil liberties.

Media coverage of terrorist incidents should not be restricted. But journalists should be urged to refrain from contributing to a general atmosphere of hysteria. The media must be strongly encouraged to explore far more thoroughly the root causes of such terrible acts in order to help find long term solutions.

Specific International Actions

Because multilateral efforts tend to reflect the policies of established governments, the following agreements tend to define terrorism in terms of private group or individual action rather than state-conducted or state-sponsored terrorism. Governments have taken the following joint actions:

- The 1979 International Convention Against the Taking of Hostages, which requires states to extradite or prosecute alleged hostage-takers.
- The 1980 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which provides for punishment of those committing offenses involving nuclear material, and increases international cooperation in dealing with such material safely.
- The Bonn Declaration, agreed to by the seven economic summit partners in 1978, is the first multilateral effort attempting to deal with aircraft hijacking. If fully implemented, its signatories would cease all flights to and from countries which refuse extradition or prosecution of hijackers.
- A Declaration on International Terrorism was issued by the 1984 economic summit and called for closer cooperation between national security organizations, the review of weapons sales to countries supporting terrorism, and tighter regulations affecting diplomatic immunity.
- The European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism provides for the prosecution of terrorists.

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new security rules are adopted, the various levels of government should make an accurate assessment of the particular threat the new rules seek to combat. The effectiveness of current laws and practices against the particular threats should also be evaluated.

Any new rules in these areas must be balanced with concern for our rights to free speech and privacy and our freedom to travel. We should be prepared to counter security proposals that infringe unnecessarily on individual liberties, such as the issuing of universal national identity cards, permitting government agents to infiltrate domestic organiza-

HI-TECH TERRORISM

New technology is providing new tools to violence-prone individuals: wafer thin plastic bombs, plastic handguns, gun silencers, high powered rifles, and chemical weapons. Ironically, despite the current outrage over terrorist incidents, the House on April 9 passed legislation that significantly weakens current gun-control laws.

Terrorism

ADMINISTRATION DEBATES APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO TERRORISM

The Administration has made the following bureaucratic changes in response to terrorism:

- o Established a Bureau of Diplomatic Security.
- o Amended the INTERPOL (International Police Group) constitution in 1984 to allow it to be more active in combatting terrorism.
- o Formed a 50-man Hostage Rescue Team (HRT) which gives the president a civilian alternative to the use of military force.
- o Offered an Anti-Terrorism Assistance (ATA) program to the civilian law enforcement agencies of friendly foreign governments (\$7.1 million in FY86).
- o Formed an Interdepartmental Group on Terrorism.
- o Strengthened relevant branches of the Department of the Treasury, including: the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Customs, the Federal Law Enforcement Center, the Secret Service and the IRS.

Despite all these initiatives, there have been sharp differences of opinion within the Administration about how to respond to terrorism. Secretary of State George Schultz has led those urging swift retaliation and even preemptive strikes against terrorists. He intimates that refusal to use force because of alleged moral scruples jeopardizes our ability to combat terrorism. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, on the other hand, has argued that military options might not be effective and might in fact worsen the situation. President Reagan, himself, has used very tough rhetoric in response to terrorism. In welcoming home the Iranian hostages, Reagan said, "Let terrorists be aware that when the rules of international behavior are violated, our policy will be one of swift and effective retribution." At times, there has been a welcome discrepancy between public rhetoric and actual practice. During the Beirut TWA hijacking incident, tough talk of retaliation was followed by some sensitive negotiation for release of hostages. But the April U.S. bombing of Libya demonstrates that officials supporting strong retaliatory measures have won out, for the present.

Unfortunately, the Administration's policy for dealing with hostage situations focuses less on negotiating and more on its policy of making no concessions to kidnappers. The assumption that negotiating equals appeasement and

whets the appetite of terrorists is debatable. A "no concessions" policy can also inflate the leverage of terrorists unduly, and put hostages at unnecessary risk. Instead, dealing with terrorists on a conciliatory, case-by-case basis can emphasize the priority goal of securing the release of hostages.

Responding to terrorist incidents with an international cooperative approach can help moderate imprudent desires for revenge. Generally, the Europeans express a preference for greater reliance on preventive responses than the U.S. does. This tendency was evident when they rebuffed efforts to punish Lebanon during last year's hijacking of TWA flight 847, or in their refusal to support the U.S. in its recent military actions against Libya.

A commission led by Vice-President George Bush was formed last summer to make recommendations clarifying U.S. policy on terrorism. The Bush commission report suggested improving intelligence and physical security, controlling some aspects of media coverage of

terrorist incidents, and economic sanctions and restrictions on landing rights aimed at countries providing support for terrorist groups. It also recommended establishing international extradition treaties and intelligence coordination. The report contended that unwise policies can lead to violent anti-American responses.

Q: "Mr. President, I know you must have given it a lot of thought, but what do you think is the real reason that Americans are the prime target of terrorism? Could it be our policies?"

A: "...Maybe we're just the enemy because, sort of like climbing Mount Everest, because we're here."

(Reagan view of terrorism's cause; April 9 news conference)

TERRORISM AND CONGRESSIONAL POLICY CHOICES

On March 18, the House passed H.R. 4151, the Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Anti-Terrorism bill, by an overwhelming margin of 389 to 7. (See FCNL April newsletter for details.) H.R. 4151, like other proposed "terrorism" bills, embodies three legislative responses to the problem of terrorism. **Punitive** responses would create or intensify various sanctions against perpetrators of terrorism. **Passive security** responses would fortify U.S. embassies and facilities around the world and enhance security procedures to protect against terrorist attacks. More than half of the five-year \$4.4 billion authorization of H.R. 4151 is for fortification. **Preventive** responses would attempt to avoid trouble by limiting travel or contacts with areas perceived as dangerous.

These legislative responses to terrorism address the symptoms rather than the causes of terrorism. While instituting some degree of passive security is necessary, it is certainly not a sufficient response to terrorism.

Punishment or retaliation could make terrorists or terrorist-supporting states angry rather than fearful, thus creating an

eye-for-an-eye situation where the parties feel it necessary to fight for their honor or image. Some of the consequences of the U.S. military actions against Libya may be:

- o investing Qaddafi with a heroic image...a David against the U.S. Goliath.
- o making Qaddafi a more central factor in the Middle East equation—even among Arab leaders, many of whom have not previously taken him seriously.
- o increasing the cadre of Qaddafi supporters who are latently or overtly anti-U.S. or anti-Western.
- o intensifying the level of terrorism at U.S. facilities around the world and, perhaps, at home.
- o dividing our NATO allies over the wisdom of the U.S. response.
- o weakening respect for, if not adherence to, international law. Article 33 of the UN Charter requires states to apply third-party processes to conflicts before resorting to violence.

GETTING AT THE NUTRIENTS, IF NOT THE ROOTS, OF TERRORISM

Given the inadequate U.S. response to terrorism, are there alternatives that Congress could propose?

FCNL has urged an amendment to anti-terrorism legislation now before Congress. The amendment would establish a non-governmental commission to present the Administration and Congress with insights to inform the policy-making process. The commission would:

- examine the possible root causes and long-term consequences of terrorist trends in the Middle East where most terrorism originates and, for comparative purposes, one other region of the world where terrorism is rampant.
- have a membership which would include multi-disciplinary experts in Middle East politics, cultural anthropology, communications science, Judaism, Islam, political psychology, political economics, and other relevant fields. To the extent that political perspectives are represented on the commission, they should be diverse. The commission itself should be facilitated by a practitioner of dispute resolution or negotiation.
- synthesize the research on terrorism and identify salient findings and gaps in research and understanding.
- in congressional hearings, present its findings regarding those U.S. policies and programs which should be:
 - encouraged and strengthened in response to terrorism;
 - re-examined due to their possible consequences; or

—considered as new, innovative responses to animosities breeding terrorism.

As a result of the commission's work, we would expect:

- **increasingly informed policy decisions through greater cross-cultural understanding.** If the U.S. had fully understood the consequences of shelling Lebanon (i.e. alienating Shi'ites and inciting violence against U.S. citizens in that country), its decision to shell might have been more seriously examined.
- **policies imbued with insights from many disciplines—such as cultural anthropology, conflict resolution, and world religions.** The fact that almost half the members of Congress are lawyers results in a certain approach to foreign policy that can be broadened and enriched by the contributions of other disciplines. Such disciplines could, for instance, inform the Congress about the stereotyped way in which some Islamic fundamentalists view materialism in the west. Such insights could, in turn, point to the advisability of certain types of cultural exchanges that could enrich mutual understanding.

FCNL is currently working with members and staff of various committees on this proposal. **Write your members of Congress and ask them if they have information on the proposed commission. If they do, ask for their support and sponsorship. If they don't, ask them to contact FCNL for information.**

Some questions on violence in our own hearts and in our world community:

How broadly do we define our community?

Are we willing to share power and privilege with others?

Do we separate people from the problems we have with them, "the sin from the sinner"?

Do we define problems in terms of our own needs (personal, community, national), or in terms of the needs of all parties to the conflict?

How can we deal honestly with the great disparity in wealth and power between ourselves and the rest of the world?

Do we reject simplistic or stereotypical thinking and search for deeper understanding of complex problems?

Are we willing to talk directly with and hear the needs of those with whom we strongly disagree, as well as with the like-minded?

Are we willing to seek out third parties to help resolve problems, or do we feel too proud for that?

Can we have peace and security without also working for justice for the powerless and disadvantaged?

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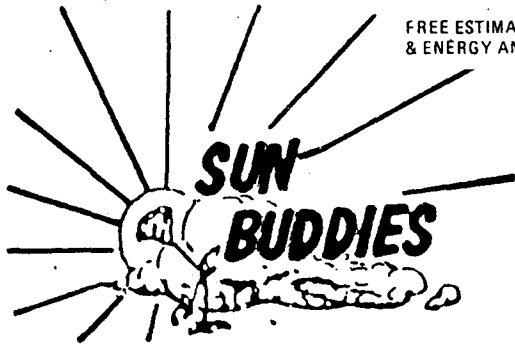
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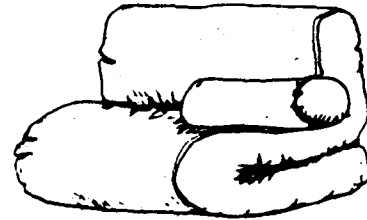
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Peace Camps in Western Europe: From a U.S. Peace Camper

by Leeann Irwin

Having lived at the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice I had a great desire to contact European peace camps. The Women's Encampment, outside the largest U.S. Army nuclear weapons storage facility, was begun in July 1983. Women at Seneca continue to make the connection of violence to the earth, violence against women and oppressed people and the violence of militarism. One of the primary focuses of the Encampment has been to protest the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Western Europe.

In May of 1985 I began a journey that lasted until January of 1986, networking with Western European feminists doing anti-militarist work and disarmament activists.

The inspirational spark of the peace camp movement occurred spontaneously at Greenham Common Air Force Base in England in September 1981. Since that time there have been groups of women and children camping outside this base where Cruise missiles are based. Greenham women, who like to call themselves ordinary women, are a continuous presence with legal and illegal actions, and the ordinary life of collecting water, digging outhouses, and trying to keep out of the rain. People from many parts of the world make pilgrimages to Greenham. Visitors and campers sit on the earth or makeshift chairs, drinking tea, and sharing stories of resistance to what lies behind the barbed wire fence.

The peace camps I visited, or from which I have met people, have several common themes including a commitment to nonviolence, a call for reordering of our world that will lead to the elimination of all weapons, and maintaining a presence at a military or related site. In addition, peace camps to varying degrees, see themselves as creating an alternative community, with a common base of collective living and a rejection of hierarchy. At peace camps, as in any political work we do, there are differences in strategies. Living and working so closely with the same people sometimes causes a variety of interpersonal tension. At the same time, the intensity of living outside a military base creates a unique sense of solidarity with a peace camp community.

With the focus on Cruise and Pershing II missiles, most peace camps were formed in Western Europe in 1983, the year the deployment was to begin. There were thousands of people participating in blockades, walks and protests, but the numbers in the public eye have dwindled. All 108 Pershing II missiles have been deployed in West Germany. The ground-launched Cruise missiles have begun to be placed in Britain, Italy and Belgium. At Greenham, in England and at Mutlangen, in West Germany peace camps have initiated blockades of convoys leaving the bases for maneuvers. At both camps people have produced leaflets informing people what types of military trucks carry nuclear weapons.

Leeann is a Peace Camper and staff person at SPC.

At Greenham a new organization called Cruisewatch has formed to alert the public any time the Cruise is "off the base." At La Verde Vigna, in Sicily, peace campers have heard of these actions and hope to set up a similar network. Thirty-two Cruise missiles are already deployed at the NATO Base in Comiso, Sicily.

Actions

Actions at peace camps carry several different purposes which can be seen in the following examples. People at Woensdrecht Peace Camp, the planned site for Cruise missiles in the Netherlands, packed picnic lunches, cut the fence, and went into the base in small groups to enjoy their meal. At Royal Air Force Base in Molesworth, England, another planned Cruise site, people from the three peace camps joined in an action involving hundreds of people planting wheat on unfenced military land. The wheat did not reach its destinations of Ethiopia and Eritrea because the military put a fence around the crop before it could be harvested.



Peace camps find themselves in a variety of situations when establishing an encampment. The Greenham Women camped on common land and women are squatting on the land as part of their presence. Other camps have bought land, rent houses and land, have permission of the land owners or are pursuing legal means to be on government land.

Community Dialogue

The issue of "legal" spaces often ties into community dialogue and local support. Because of the great support for nuclear disarmament in the Netherlands, two groups at Woensdrecht were given land by the local municipality. One of the camps, a prayerful presence of Christians, still are on the land and vigil at the base twice daily. At the peace camp outside Royal Air Force Bishop Court in Northern Ireland, an early warning radar station for a NATO defense network, some local people are friendly. One can pick up the key to the camp's trailer at a local pub and a farmer allowed a disarmament festival weekend to be held on his land.

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Contra Aid Isn't Dead

A few weeks ago, on May 8th, the "Contras" stopped a truckload of people near Almedero, Nicaragua. They shot those who fired back at them, and slit the throats of the teachers on board. The same day, in another part of the country, 3 on a schoolbus were killed and the teacher abducted.

The ongoing atrocities can seem to lose their meaning from repetition. But as long as Reagan and Wortley incessantly repeat their lies about Central America, we must continue to speak the truth as we see it. The sad truth is that between May 8th and today the Contras will have killed many more. And not enough Americans will know it.

"Contra Aid" may be receding from the headlines, but it has not receded from Reagan's agenda. We won a victory in the past few months: despite the "Great Communicator's" heaviest lobbying to date, he has not gotten the \$100 million he seeks.

This week Eden Pastora, who was cut-off from U.S. gov't support, surrendered his tattered band to Costa Rican authorities, proving once again that the Contras have no popular support and could not continue their terrorism without U.S. funding.

Legislative Update

It is very important to write to Moynihan, D'Amato and Wortley, urging opposition to any reconsideration of the \$100 million Contra Aid bill (the "Michael" package). At the same time urge support for the Human Rights Alternative, also known as the "Hamilton" bill, which allows for no aid whatsoever to the Contras.

Philip Habib, Reagan's Central America envoy, asked the president in a letter if the US would be willing to cut off aid in exchange for a Nicaraguan signature on the Contadora treaty, admitting openly that Contadora would not allow for US support of any force attempting to "destabilize" any Central American government. Congress should be reminded that even Habib sees the contradiction between Contadora and the Contras.

Another important bill coming up for a vote soon in the Senate is a Police Training Bill, S.1915. This bill includes police training for El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Costa Rica. It would lift the 11-year ban on such aid to Guatemala and remove all current restrictions on El Salvador and Honduras. It is essential that we ob-

ject to U.S. collaboration with the police repression that this aid is designed to bring about. Write today to stop S. 1915.

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The Pooler Campaign


On May 13 over 35 local Central America activists met at E.C.O.H. to discuss the Rosemary Pooler campaign and our role in it. Six of them had previously met with Ms. Pooler to discuss her stands on Contra Aid and El Salvador. Pooler is opposed to aid to the Contras, supportive of the Contadora process, but that is about as far as it went: no stand on El Salvador, and a clear willingness to compromise, even on Contra aid, if she sees it as politically important.

Despite this, and despite the campaign's decision to downplay all foreign policy issues, a collective decision was reached to start an active "Central America" contingent in the campaign, for the time being, and reevaluate after a few months.

In particular, this "Central America" contingent will be providing people to the campaign's phonebanks every Monday night, starting June 2. Other people will also be helping with the campaign's petition drive, while still others will be conducting a poll, directed by SU Prof. David Sylvan to clearly establish whether or not Contra Aid is a "winning" campaign issue in this district. If you are interested in getting involved in this, call Liam Mahony at 425-0629 or Gary Weinstein at 422-7464.

It is important that at this early stage the campaign hear from us. Ms. Pooler needs to be told over and over by her future constituents that Central American Intervention is not an issue she should avoid. Rather she should take strong, caring positions that will differentiate her from Wortley and show her to be an honest candidate. Write to her at: P.O. Box 1062
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Sanctuary: A Jewish Experience

by Carole Resnick and Elana Levy

...Whereas millions of Jews were murdered by the Nazis because the nations of the world, including the United States, did not open their gates to those fleeing the Nazi onslaught and

...Whereas hundreds of thousands of such men, women and children are fleeing oppression and murder in El Salvador and Guatemala and are seeking temporary sanctuary in the United States;

...Therefore be it resolved: that the Rabbinical Assembly endorses the concept of sanctuary as provided by synagogues, churches and other communities of faith in the United States... (1984 Rabbinical Assembly Convention)

United States law guarantees sanctuary to all refugees with a "well-founded fear of persecution" if returned to their homeland, but less than 3 percent of the El Salvadorans who have applied have been granted asylum. By contrast, the figure for refugees from countries not allied with the United States is 80 percent. Sanctuary supporters are asking that Central American refugees be granted "extended voluntary departure" status, which would give them the right to live and work until it is safe to return to their homelands. Similar status has been extended to refugees from many countries, including Poland and Afghanistan.

Nationwide, the sanctuary movement includes more than 300 congregations, representing 15 denominations, that offer sanctuary to Central American refugees. The Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary is working toward establishing sanctuary in our city. May Memorial Unitarian Society recently voted to grant sanctuary to a Central American family as part of a covenant with other congregations in the area. Pax Christi and New Jewish Agenda have also made decisions to join the covenant.

The Jewish Sanctuary Committee (affiliated with Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary) was recently established in an effort to provide a vehicle for more organized Jewish participation in the local sanctuary movement. On May 11, 1986 Rabbi Judea Miller of Temple B'rith Kodesh in Rochester spoke at the Jewish Community Center on the experience of his congregation in declaring sanctuary, and the general issue of Jews and the sanctuary movement. Speaking with him was Alejandro Gomez, a Salvadoran refugee who, along with his family, is receiving sanctuary in Rochester, and who is currently applying for political asylum for his family in the United States.

On May 1, 1986 in Tucson, Arizona, 8 out of 11 sanctuary workers were found guilty of various felony charges related to their work with Central American refugees. Rabbi Miller was questioned on whether he thought the guilty verdict in Tucson would affect people's involvement in sanctuary work. He responded that for him and his congregation the question was not whether Sanctuary was legal or illegal. He continued... "the only thing that matters is if sending refugees back now would put them in danger. It's a question of saving human lives."

Carole Resnick and Elana Levy are members of the Jewish Sanctuary Committee.

"In Israel there is a memorial honoring the victims of the Holocaust, which has a special path with trees planted honoring the gentiles (non-Jews) who risked their lives to protect Jews in the Nazi period. The path is called the 'Way of the Righteous,' and commemorates people such as the Dutch family that tried to protect Ann Frank, Father Bernhard Lichtenberg of Berlin who went to his death in Bergen-Belsen rather than turn over Jews to the Nazis, and the village of LeChambon in Southern France which acted as a place of sanctuary during that time."

The Rochester Experience

"How did one of the oldest and largest Jewish congregations agree to grant sanctuary to Central American refugees? With a lot of patience, and education, and listening to each other, and never judging others' views. We showed the film, "The Boat is Full" about Jews being rejected by Switzerland during the Nazi era. When the congregation finally voted, no one voted 'no'. Those who weren't for it, abstained. They said that they could not vote 'no' to the possibility of saving human lives."

Sanctuary and the Law

"We are not convinced that giving sanctuary to these refugees now is technically illegal. The United States signed the United Nations 1967 Protocol on Refugees. It defines a refugee as anyone who cannot return to his own country because of 'persecution or well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, reli-

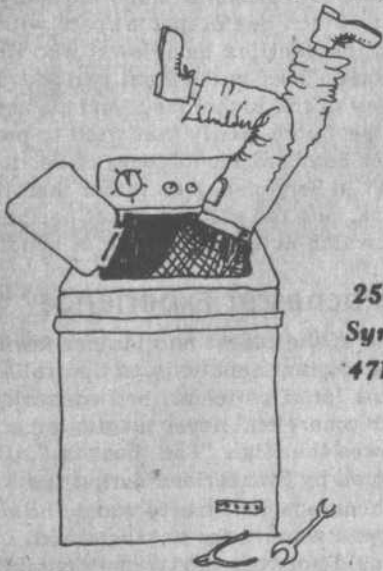
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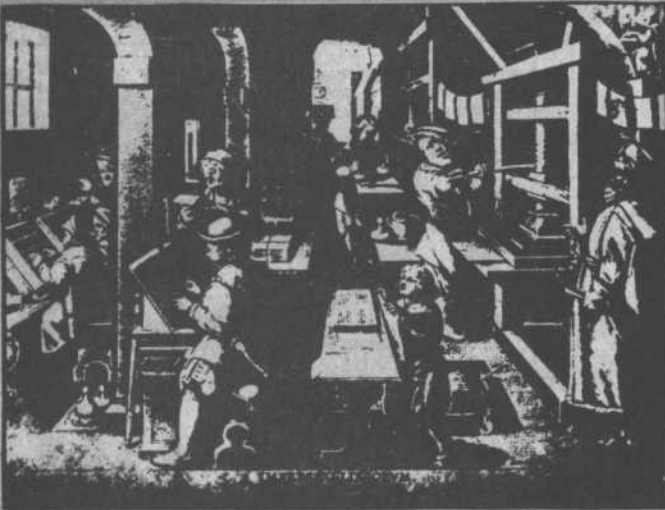


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Chernobyl and Nine Mile Point

by Amy Hubbard and Diana Ellis

The political fallout from Chernobyl may be as wide-ranging as the radiation from that plant. Will Syracuse, facing the known catastrophic financial, and probable health hazards of Nine Mile II, now renew our efforts to stop that plant?

Is Chernobyl an exception? What really happened there? What about American media coverage of this event?

Chernobyl, like Three Mile Island, showed that it has become impossible to hide the reality of a nuclear accident. Unfortunately that has just meant that more effort is made to divert people from the obvious conclusion that such a devastating form of energy must be abandoned. The story of Three Mile Island is everyday being rewritten to hide the reality of increased thyroid cancer rates and infant mortalities among Harrisburg residents and to minimize the fact that it was a partial meltdown that certainly came very close to being a Chernobyl.

Likewise, the media coverage of Chernobyl focused not on the dangers of nuclear power wherever it might be, but on the differences between Soviet and American plants and the cold-war accusation of Soviet lying. The Soviets were terribly wrong not to immediately notify their neighbors, but it turned out that it was our government that stretched the truth when it so categorically affirmed at least 2,000 immediately dead and "mass graves".

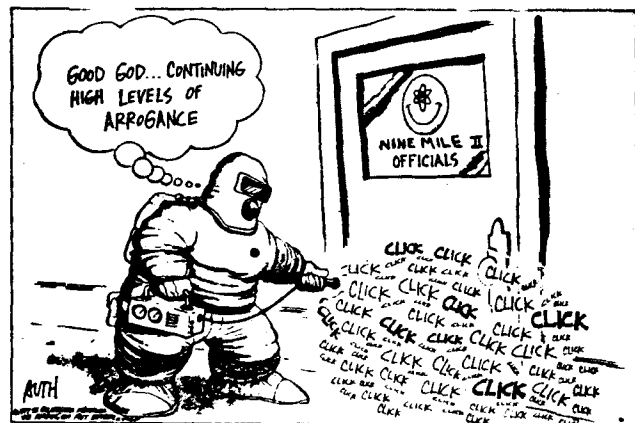
Safe Socialist Nukes?

What did happen at Chernobyl? Apparently the Chernobyl reactor suffered a loss of its coolant, which led to a massive hydrogen gas explosion, a graphite fire and then a meltdown of the nuclear core, with the release of a deadly radioactive cloud. Tremendous efforts were required to put out the fire and to deal with the subsequent danger of the core melting through the reactor floor. Many years will be required for clean-up of the site, and soil and water contamination extends to at least the 19 mile evacuation perimeter around the plant. The accident showed the incredible difficulties, if not the impossibility, of evacuating the area nearby in a timely fashion. In addition to the two initial deaths, anywhere from 30 to 300 more are expected to die in coming weeks from radiation poisoning, and 100,000 are said to have been exposed to harmful radiation levels. The long-term death toll from exposure to low-level radiation from the accident will show up over the course of the next 20-30 years, and not just in Russia. Sweden, 700 miles from the accident, estimates an additional 8 deaths a year of its citizens from cancer till the year 2030. Here in Syracuse, radioactivity from Chernobyl has shown up in milk.

What of the argument that such a disaster couldn't

happen to American reactors because of their containment systems? The reality is that U.S. nuclear power plant containments are not designed to withstand the worst possible accident and by law do not have to be. Even in the event of a less severe accident, there is no guarantee that containments will be leakproof. Between 1965 and 1983, the NRC discovered several thousand containment isolation failures at U.S. plants. Furthermore, a study commissioned by the American Nuclear Insurers showed that between 1967 and 1979 boiling water reactors like Nine Mile I and II were leakproof only 77% of the time. It has already been reported that Nine Mile I has a crack in its containment structure. Although we hope that all future accidents could be contained, we can't say that this will be possible.

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Chernobyl in Oswego

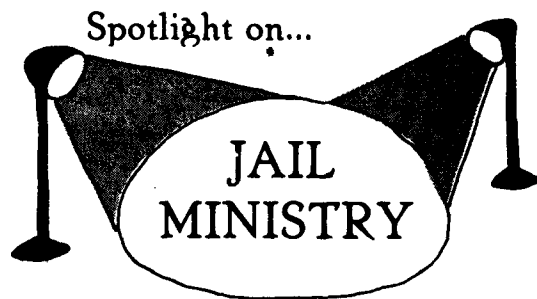
But let's move from the realm of possibility to the land of reality. We don't know if Nine Mile Point will ever melt down. But we do know that the prevention of and protection from a meltdown has added considerably to the enormous \$6 billion price tag on Nine Mile II. Furthermore, we know we need to plan for evacuation within a 10 mile radius of the plant and for food and water monitoring within 50 miles in the event of a serious accident. We also know we must ship highly radioactive spent fuel over our highways and store it deep underground for thousands of years. No, we cannot predict whether a Chernobyl will ever happen at Nine Mile, but we know what it is like to be haunted by that possibility and to spend billions of dollars to prevent it.

Alternatives Do Exist

Nine Mile II -- 10 years behind schedule and nearly 20 times the original cost -- is a project our community cannot afford. Today, if it were not for Nine Mile II, NiMo customers would be getting a rate decrease be-

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Amy Hubbard is a member of the local Sierra Club. Diana Ellis is a local activist who recently joined the PNL Editorial Comm.



One organization around town that seems to get very little recognition is the Jail Ministry. Yet it has been quietly helping prisoners for the last ten years. Located at 208 Slocum Ave. in Syracuse, this ministry places its emphasis on person-to-person relationships with people who, for one reason or another, have been incarcerated.

In fact, this group does not believe that incarceration is necessary for anyone at all, and seeks to establish in the community workable alternatives to it, such as community-based residences, dispute settlement offices, job training--a variety of programs that work with people to help everyone.

Spokesperson Father Bill Cuddy says the group's motto runs, "Hands and feet work in the street," and the organization sponsors such projects as running errands for prisoners, advocacy in the courts, a monthly bus trip for families of prisoners to Attica, Albion, Orleans, Wyoming and Wende, a low-cash bail fund and a newsletter. Volunteers also regularly visit people in the Public Safety Building in Syracuse.

Volunteers receive a 50-hour training program. The volunteers are people dedicated to creating a more just world. The ministry is interdenominational.

The Jail Ministry has been celebrating its tenth anniversary by a prayer vigil at the Public Safety Building, by planning a picnic for inmates of the PSB, and raising money to increase their bail fund.

Jail Ministry worker Mary Czelusniak points out the connections between their work and that of the peace movement. "A government which spends generously for war and death and is incredibly mean towards social programs which feed people and keep them alive encourages crime by removing the possibility of better alternatives." Mary also spoke of the peacemakers who practice civil disobedience, end up in prison, and carry on their peace ministry while incarcerated.

For more information, call Jail Ministry, at 424-1877.

-Steven Rosenbloom and Angus MacDonald

Big Mountain Update

The resistance movement to prevent the mass relocation of Dineh (Navajo) continues to solidify and is preoccupying Congress more and more. International support is steadily growing. A diverse and international group of about 400 people involved in this support work met from April 24-27 at the Annual Elders and Youth Conference at Big Mountain.

During the conference non-Indian people had the opportunity to meet with traditional Indians to hear their concerns first hand. Proclamations from prominent U.S. leaders calling for repeal of the Relocation Act (PL 93-531) were read.

Many of the Dineh Elders joined in these meetings. Pauline Whitesinger, whose direct action against a fencing crew in 1977 inspired others to remain on the land said, "While we struggle, we do not forget the four directions. We understand that the people of all races in the four directions have their struggles to defend their land and way of life. We pray to the four directions and the sacred mountains. I ask you to respect these ways... Many promises have been made by the United States government. But I have not seen any promises fulfilled."

Recently, traditional Hopis presented the following to Dineh Elders, youth and support workers: "Notice is hereby given that the Hopi Traditional Village of Mishongnovi is now and forever withdrawing its council representation from the Hopi Tribal Council. This is the strongest public statement to date of the split between traditional Hopi and the Tribal Council. The importance of this decision is equal to five of the states seceding from the United States for reasons of irreconcilable political differences.

The official word from the Big Mountain Legal Defense/Offense Committee (BMLDOC) in Flagstaff is that THERE IS NO CALL FOR PEOPLE (NON-INDIAN SUPPORTERS) TO COME TO THE LAND IN JULY. They ask that organizing continue on a local level, including Washington, DC. But they are asking that PEOPLE REMAIN AVAILABLE to be called to the land should Elders feel that is a move they want to make.

Please write to Congress!! Representatives Morris Udall, John McCain and George Wortley, House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515; Senators Barry Goldwater, Dennis DeConcini, Daniel Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510; and Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington, DC 20500.

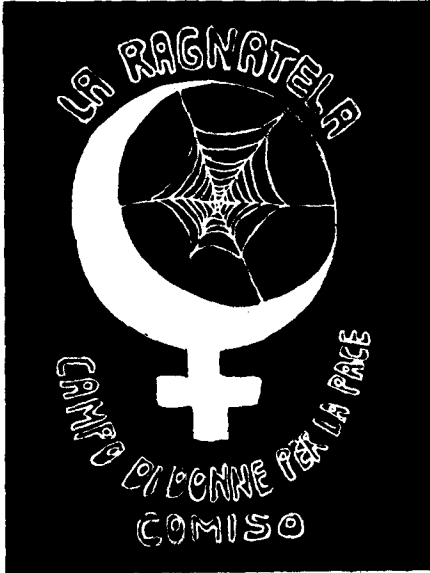
BMLDOC is working on a bill that would repeal the Relocation Act. A number of Congresspersons have shown support for repeal. In your letters ask that the repeal legislation include provisions to: 1) halt any further relocation, 2) allow those who have applied for relocation to move if they wish to, 3) allow those who have already relocated to move back if they wish to, and 4) compensate the Hopi from U.S. government funds and not from the Navajo. Ask that the people on the land be given a voice in determining what will happen to them and to the land.

For further information, contact the Syracuse Support Group for Indigenous People, 316 Greenwood Place, Syracuse, NY 13210, 315-476-6103. We are in frequent contact with the Flagstaff office and are committed to respecting the ways and instructions of the Elders of Big Mountain.

-Sandee Resnick

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Peace Camps are perceived by the local community and interact with the local community in different ways. At La Verde Vigna, peace campers have local paid jobs, both to support themselves and to have more dialogue with local people. This strongly contrasts with the youthful, anarchist, vegetarian camp in the Netherlands which frightens some of the local people. Some peace camps have been harshly treated by local authorities. Florenmade in Belgium, the Women's Peace Camp in Dublin, and La Ragnatela in rural Comiso, Sicily have all experienced official repression.



Women's Only and Mixed Structure

Part of the harassment at La Raguatela was due to the fact that it is a women's only camp in a community where women do not go out alone after dark. For some organizers, a women only camp is essential. Women at the Hunrick in West Germany do not call their camp a peace camp because "peace" does not address enough of the issues of violence. At the mixed camps in Florenmade in Belgium, and Mutlangan in West Germany, people have created women's only space for several weeks at a time. At Molesworth in England, people at the three peace camps have begun men's only and women's only meetings, and have created a women's only sleeping space after some violence occurred to a woman by a male peace camper. The issue of women's free expression came up at the Women's Resistance Camp in West Germany where women wanted to remove their shirts in the heat of August. Because the camp is on rented land and some local people were offended to see women shirtless, the camp decided that women must wear shirts at the camp even though the policies of patriarchal oppression were clear.

It is clear that peace camps are a strong force in raising issues of disarmament, peace and justice. They are one way people are learning to live together peacefully on the planet. A peace camp is the collection of the individuals who are participating. With the doors always open, the possibilities of creative action are boundless. And the day to day work and issues that come up living outside a military site force a continuous focus.

For those people interested in learning about our local peace camp, a slide show presentation and discussion will take place Monday, June 16th at AFSC - Euclid Ave. at 7:30pm. All are invited.

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gion, nationality or membership in a particular social group or political opinion."

"Congress incorporates the same definition of refugee in the 1980 Refugee Act. So we believe that a case may be made that it is now the Immigration and Naturalization Service that is not obeying the law... In any case, our motivation in defying government authorities comes from our interpretation of our biblical, religious tradition.

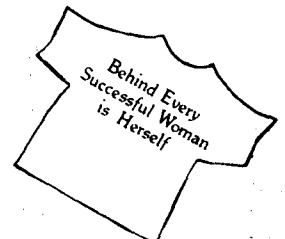
The Need for Action

"When good people stand on the sidelines, they allow the few to do evil. In opening our synagogues

for sanctuary, we were not judging political issues in Central America. Few of us felt we knew enough. The one issue for us is whether sending refugees back now would place them in jeopardy. In the biblical cities of refuge, that was the only issue considered. Time will determine who is right, but time is a luxury these refugees do not have.'

"What have we learned from the agony of the Holocaust? Will we turn away those who reach out to us for protection? Will our children and grandchildren look back at us with shame? Or will we be like those whose names are recorded along the 'Way of the Righteous' in Jerusalem?"

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Peace Marcher Writes Home

We prepared for the March 1 opening celebration with celebrities and the general public exploring our camp, media people appearing everywhere and Holly Near writing a special song for us. Amidst this activity, however, were whispers of major financial obstacles. No one would give us insurance and without it we could not get permits for some towns and campsites. March 1 dawned bright and I worked with the media team and went ahead to city hall. It was grand. Lots of colorful balloons and a big stage. We looked our best! There was not a dry eye in the place. I even saw a burly security guard wipe a tear and drop \$100 in the collection box. Always the collection box... But for that day, anyway, people cheered and wept and it was a unique and moving feeling for me to watch people cry on our behalf and pour out their best wishes.

People lined the streets and taught their children the peace sign

That evening we paraded through "dangerous" west L.A., but people lined the streets and reached out to shake our hands and taught their children the peace sign. But by March 10 rumors abounded--staff had not been paid, there were no laundry trucks and food was definitely becoming less "gourmet". Our shower truck did arrive though and it was beautiful. We enjoyed this great luxury for about 5 days before it, along with most of our support vehicles were repossessed and PRO Peace officially folded. It was a cold, wet day and we were camped in the middle of nowhere.

The next 2 weeks were extremely difficult, but it was apparent that a march would happen. So many of us had been brought together by this dream and not completing the walk to Washington was simply not an option. We formed a new corporation: "The Great Peace March for Nuclear Disarmament". We did not have debts but we didn't have money either. Some people became discouraged and left. Others chose to go home and raise funds for a period of time with hopes to return.

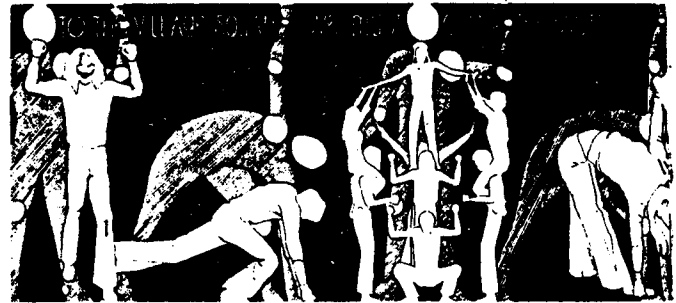
Finally, on March 28 The Great Peace March had acquired sufficient equipment and funds to begin its walk through the Mojave Desert to Las Vegas. Our ar-

rival on April 12 was a real victory. Poor but solvent, we are on the road again and we will make it to Washington.

There are close to 500 of us now. We still need money for more storage trucks, a media vehicle and the return of our beloved shower truck. There are hopes that we will grow in number as we get further east. There are plenty of people who want to join us. Now, if we can only raise the \$\$\$...

Annihilation is not something to contemplate. It is something to protest.

I was at the nuclear test site the day "Mighty Oak" was detonated. That is the bomb tested in April. About 80 of us from the March and a group from Green Peace held a vigil that forced them to postpone the test for two days. Many went to jail (including sister Syracusan Kathy Belgé) and some, including me, worked in support teams to protect those participating in civil disobedience. It was an amazing experience to be so close to such a violation. I tell you, the earth wept.



Being part of this March has both educated me and moved me from a state of hopelessness to empowerment. I know now that annihilation is not something to contemplate. It is something to protest. We are a sparkler that will illuminate the issues and we are making a difference.

Contributions may be made by contacting Syracuse Cultural Workers at P.O. Box 6367, Syracuse, NY 13217.

-Kathy Collins

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cause of the decline in oil prices. Instead, we pay rate hikes for a plant not yet in operation, and face another 20% hike when it is. At present, we also face a secret sweet-heart deal between the "Public Service Commission" and Niagara Mohawk which would prevent a public accounting of the prudent (i.e. legitimate) costs of Nine Mile II that should be borne by customers. And unmentioned in all this is the fact that even when we have paid for the building of Nine Mile II, our children will face future costs of decommissioning the plant that may well equal the costs of building it.

Niagara Mohawk's more than ten years of work on Nine Mile II and resulting rate hikes has also engen-

dered ten years of local struggles against it, however. From the municipalization campaign to the rate hike boycott, our community has spoken out against NiMo's nuclear policy and its effects on our community. We have asked how we can secure the basic right of heat and light to our unemployed, our elderly on fixed incomes, our poor, our small businesses and churches. We have asked whether any of us can face a future of constant rate hikes and the fear of a nuclear holocaust.

Chernobyl raises these questions again. No doubt people will now renew their struggle against NiMo; the need is to bring all our efforts together. Those who wish to be part of such a renewed campaign should contact Diana at 492-6922 or Jim at 492-9326.



Health Workers Draft

The Senate Armed Services Committee is considering an amendment to the Defense Budget that would require all health care professionals aged 18-46 to register for the draft.

The bill authorizes Selective Service and the President to determine which health care occupations would fall under the mandatory draft registration. It is unclear how much time health care professionals would have to register, possibly only two weeks. Those failing to register would be fined \$5/day, up to two months for late registration. Following the two month period, anyone not registered could face the current non-registration penalties of up to a \$250,000 fine and five years in prison.

The American Medical Association (AMA) and Federal Nurses Association (FNA) strongly oppose the mandatory registration. The AMA sent out a hotline to their members urging opposition to the proposed amendment. In what appears to be an alternative to registration, the AMA agreed to turn over their list of U.S. doctors at the time of a national emergency.

To date, action by the AMA and FNA have not been effective and the amendment is still being considered. People are encouraged to call or write members of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Northeast Senators on the Committee include Gordon Humphrey (New Hampshire), William Cohen (Maine) and Edward Kennedy (Massachusetts). They can be reached at the U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 or by telephone at the Capital, (202) 224-3131. The House of Representatives has not taken up the amendment but might do so in the near future.

-Mark Chupp

Students to Visit Nicaragua

S.T.E.P. is an acronym for Students Traveling, Encouraging Peace. S.T.E.P. is a group of Central New York high school teens going to Nicaragua for two to three weeks this summer. We are going for various reasons: to meet with other young people, learn about life first hand, and, as the name states, encourage peace between the United States and Nicaragua.

We will be staying with families in Leon. It is the second largest

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city located on the Pacific side of Nicaragua, about one hour from Managua and is far from any trouble spots.

The group is currently engaged in fund raising, as well as discussing issues such as safety and passports. Fund raising efforts include selling chocolate bars. If they would sell in your office (place them beside the coffee pot) please give us a call and we'll get some to you.

We will be seeking speaking engagements, particularly with other young people, for late summer and next fall. If you are interested in learning more, call: Daniella Salzman at 472-5711 or Nikki Collins at 425-6982.

-Jennifer Rowe

Imagination Celebration

The Imagination Celebration is an attempt to foster creativity and imagination. Open Hand Theater took shows into six elementary schools, offered workshops, and created a parade which told the story of a city which had lost its imagination. In all over 50 arts organizations were involved in the week-long celebration. There were some wonderful successes and some sad disappointments. But most importantly, people and institutions were learning about each other.

Over the years Open Hand has worked to build bridges between a variety of communities and institutions. Through this work it has been a privilege to listen to the cares and concerns of school children and then help them create theater pieces exploring their worlds. To do creative "controversial theater" as bridge building we search for what the questions are, and don't get stuck in didactic answers.

The Imagination Celebration is already starting plans for next year. There are lots of bridges to be built between cultural activists, the arts institutions, school systems, the grass roots, city hall, and people of different ages and heritages.

If you're interested in working on the Imagination Celebration call Open Hand Theater, 476-0466.

-Geoff Navias



N. Country Miners Hang Tough

As the strike at St. Joe's Mines in the North Country enters its twelfth month, a new strategy is being sought by miners to keep their jobs and livelihood.

The multinational Fluor Corporation, which bought the mines in 1981 has taken advantage of Reagan's deregulation of business. The safety record at the mine is not good, it is in the bottom 60th of companies nationwide for 1984, and has an 18.4% worker accident rate per hour, compared with a national average of eight percent. In light of this, the company's request to weaken the Mine Safety Comm. is outrageous.

Fluor demands pay cuts when the St. Joe's Mines made 10 million dollars in 1985. Fluor also wants an elimination of the seniority system; and a new two-tier pay system, so new employees would earn substantially less than old employees.

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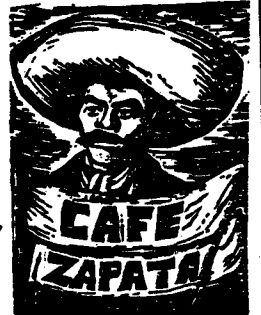
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This is the true story of a small town actor's gradual betrayal of political, cultural and moral principle in return for professional power and advancement in Nazi Germany. The film moves with a rushing energy that freshens one's historical imagination. *Mephisto* is adapted from a novel by Klaus Mann, Thomas' son, which he wrote in exile. Academy Award, Best Foreign Film. "Extraordinary." - Judith Crist. With Klaus Maria Brandauer. German with subtitles. (Istvan Szabo, 1981, 135 min.)

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Will South Korea Be Another Philippines?

by David Easter

This year Ferdinand Marcos and Jean-Claude Duvalier were each forced to abandon their repressive rule by nonviolent revolutions coupled with last minute pressure from the United States. Will Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea be next?

The opposition movement in South Korea feels that the months ahead provide the best opportunity in years to bring about a transition to a democratically elected government. The 1988 Olympics, scheduled for Seoul, will increasingly focus international attention on South Korea. Chun's military-based regime has staked its prestige on a successful Olympics. The opposition movement believes that now is the time to mount sustained pressure on Chun. They believe Chun Doo Hwan will not be able to stop their movement for democracy unless he re-imposes draconian martial law — something he would be loath to do because of its effect on the Olympics.

The vehicle the movement is using is a call for the direct and free election of the country's President — an election to be held prior to February, 1988, the promised end of Chun's term of office. Despite other differences of opinion, the entire movement, made up of students, human rights workers, churches, the New Korea Democratic Party, workers and farmers, is united behind this demand.

Campaign for Direct Elections

The campaign for direct elections began in February with the launching of a petition campaign to collect 10 million signatures. If successful, this will represent half of the adults in the country. Chun's initial reaction was to threaten to put anyone who signed the petition in jail for a year. But the day before Marcos fled the Philippines, he apparently felt something in the wind and changed his mind.

The opposition then launched a series of very large rallies in cities across the country that drew, in some cases, more than 100,000 people.

At first Chun said he was absolutely opposed to changing the constitution to allow the direct election of the President. In May, however, he said that he would not oppose constitutional revision, if all parties in the legislature, including his own, would agree. In an attempt to get the protest movement off the streets and into the National Assembly, which is easier to manipulate, he ordered his ruling party to enter into negotiations with the major opposition party. Talks are now underway to set up a Constitutional revision committee. The opposition insists that before its members will join such a committee, all political prisoners in the country must be released. This demand would compel the government to move beyond talking toward real change.

The United States has a marvelous opportunity to support peaceful and democratic change in South Korea. Washington could make clear that it will no longer tolerate human rights abuses by Chun Doo Hwan and give public support to the campaign for the direct election of the President. Instead, the State Department, led by Secretary of State Shultz, is egging Chun on to resist any threat to his rule.

In an interview that was widely publicized in South Korea at the time of his May visit to Seoul, Shultz compared the Philippines and South Korea. He said, "I think they are about as dissimilar as any two situations you could imagine."

Speaking of South Korea, Shultz said, "We do support the government that's there. We have a lot of admiration for the way the Korean people and their institutions have evolved." He said, "There is a terrific

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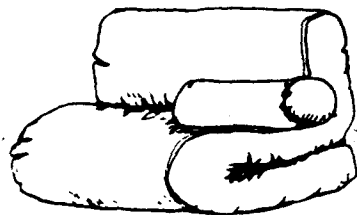
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Welcome to Andy Seltser

I was asked to write a hundred word self-introduction. Now there's only 88 left. 87. For years I have traveled far and wide in search of Archie Bell, hoping to find out what, in fact, a Drell is. There was the mountain top in Vermont, and the northern shores of Oregon, the basements of countless metropol, the years on the farm. We've all had our adventures. Through the years print-shops have jumped out and accosted me on my journey, dragging me into dark basements and hourly wages. In exchange, they shared their secrets with me, and it is these I humbly bring to the SPC press. A lot has happened down here in the first month Paul and I have worked together, and we expect the trend to continue. Come on down and visit, and if anyone's got any mo-town connections, let me know.
Editor's note: Archie Bell was a revolutionary force in Mo-town music in the 1960's.



Program Report

In June the Program Committee met twice. Reports were given about staff involvement with a planning meeting for the Syracuse Pledge of Resistance. A steering committee for the local Pledge was set up and includes a Peace Council staffperson. Other reports given included updates on the State Fair Booth and the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Vigil, see adjoining pieces.

The Program Committee decided to endorse the INFACCT boycott of General Electric (see page 4) with clear concern to address the arguments of job losses.

There was more discussion of staff involvement in non-program areas. There were some questions about what is appropriate and not appropriate to discuss during the meetings. This issue will be put on an upcoming agenda. The July program meeting will include a discussion on Central America program work, with the August meeting having a discussion on disarmament.

The Program Committee is currently meeting every three to four weeks. There are currently eight to nine people on the committee. Visitors are welcome

The next program meeting will be on Monday, July 21 at 7 Pm at 104 Avondale. We're meeting on the front porch these days to enjoy the fine weather.

Heal the Earth

In conjunction with the Central NY Freeze the Peace Council has begun planning for the annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration vigil on August 6th from noon to 1 pm at Columbus Circle.

The focus of the vigil is on healing the planet. Our leaflet will connect atomic test victims in the Pacific Islands to the proliferation of nuclear weapons and to the current danger of nuclear power. We will join in silence, singing and sharing. If you can help out by coming to a paper crane making party, by making signs or poster, call Leeann at S.P.C. Open Hand Theater will again sponsor the Hiroshima Memorial Parade. They need parade participants, marshals and an organizer-type to make this work.

Our local commemoration committee is also advertising an action on Saturday, August 9th at Seneca Army Depot. The Finger Lakes Peace Alliance is demonstrating again outside of Seneca Army Depot. This depot is the largest nuclear weapons storage site of the US Army and is about fifty miles from Syracuse. The action at the base will consist of people holding a series of signs that read in sequence and carry a message. Following the action there will be a picnic. For car pooling and sign making call Leeann at SPC.

SPC Goes to the State Fair

SPC will have a booth at the State Fair this year and we're excited. It's a great space on the second floor of the Art and Home Center Building and we want to present a strong peace message in a positive, upbeat way. Possibilities include showing videotapes, distributing balloons and leaflets, encouraging people to sign petitions, selling buttons and t-shirts, and playing games.

And of course we'd love your help— financially (just renting the space costs \$480) and/or your time. We need people to help design the booth, set it up, staff it, and take it down. The Fair runs from 10AM to 10 PM for 11 days (August 22 through September 1), so we have the potential of coming into contact with thousands of people. To help, call Carol or Andy M. at SPC.

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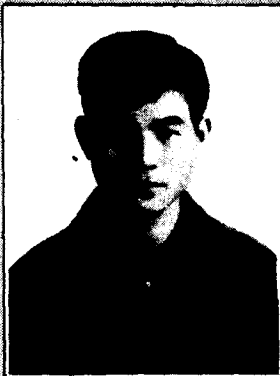
Around May 26 someone stole about \$300 from the Front Room cashbox, most of which was in checks. We have contacted our insurance company, and we may be able to recover some of the money from, but perhaps not. If you wrote a check to The Front Room in mid to late May please look to see if it has been cashed. If it has not been cashed, please consider re-issuing it. Thanks.

job being done in security and the economy and an impressive movement going on...toward democracy."

Later, speaking in Seoul about democracy, Secretary of State Shultz said, "If it's going to work, there has to be an element of political stability." The words, "political stability," in South Korea are code words for the dictatorial system. Listening Koreans heard Shultz say he was not pressing for any change.

Help Kim Jong Sam

Many of you have signed petitions on behalf of Kim Jong Sam, one of Amnesty International's prisoners of conscience. A staff person for the Catholic Farmers' Organization, he was arrested in 1979 and falsely charged, along with 74 others, with conspiring to overthrow the government by force. The only concrete evidence against him was his own confession, gained through torture.



The years in jail have taken their toll. Despite extremely poor health, in May and June he undertook a seventeen day hunger fast to protest prison conditions. His sister, who visited him, said he is near death. Your help is needed. Write to the U.S. Ambassador, United States Embassy, 82 Sejong-Ro, Chongro-Ku, Seoul, Republic of Korea. Ask that Kim Jong Sam be released for medical treatment in the U.S. An airmail letter to Korea costs 44¢.

David is an ex-SPC staffer who currently is a staff member of the Committee for a New Korea Policy, a project of the Albany Friends Meeting.

During his trip Shultz refused to meet with the two most prominent opposition politicians, Kim Dae Jung and Kim Young Sam. He further greatly angered the entire opposition movement, a movement characterized by non-violence, by saying that "An opposition that seeks to incite violence is not making a contribution to democracy."

In fact, while Chun Doo Hwan has made some conciliatory gestures, he has continued to use his police power to control and intimidate those opposed to his regime. Tens of thousands of riot police are kept every day in buses at sites around Seoul and other major cities, ready to put down demonstrations at a moment's notice. There are now more political prisoners in Korea than there were under the harsh rule of the previous dictator, Park Chung Hee. Torture of political prisoners is routine. While easing restrictions on moderate politicians in the National Assembly, Chun is pressing harder than ever on the student and labor movements.

Anti-Americanism

Because of unbending U. S. support for Chun, there is rapidly growing anti-American sentiment in South Korea. Placards at demonstrations decry the Reagan-Chun Dictatorship. At the almost daily student demonstrations on campuses across the country this spring, students not only burned effigies of Ronald Reagan and Uncle Sam but also called for the withdrawal of U. S. troops and nuclear weapons. Twice this spring, to protest unfair U. S. economic relations, students and workers took over branches of the Bank of America.

Those working for democracy and social justice in South Korea are very committed. They are willing to take tremendous risks. Whether their struggle escalates into sustained violence depends to a large extent on the United States government. Ironically, the popular opposition politicians spurned by the Reagan administration are moderate anti-communists like Cory Aquino. Given the widespread opposition to his rule, Chun Doo Hwan would not remain in power without U.S. military, diplomatic and economic backing. It is time for Washington to end support to another dictator.

General Electric Boycott

A national boycott of General Electric products has been planned by INFACT, the citizen's organization that led the successful seven-year national boycott of Nestle products. GE has been targeted because it is the nation's largest contractor for nuclear missile systems. Besides the B-1 bomber, the MX missile, the Trident I and II missiles, and the Trident submarine, GE also has a contract to develop triggers for the Trident missile.

GE is also responsible for major plant closings in the U.S., two in the past four years, which put hundreds out of work, while expanding production in the Third World, where working conditions are poor and wages low. The boycott demands that GE get out of the nuclear business and convert to peaceful production.

We ask you to help fight the corporate greed that operates at the expense of human welfare. Join us in supporting this boycott!!

-Stephen Rosenbloom

Central America Update

As the Peace Newsletter goes to press we expect the vote on aid to the contras in Nicaragua to come up in the next few days. As we have been saying for over a year now, this vote will greatly affect the lives of the people of Nicaragua. It will not change their resolve to continue controlling their own country. However, if passed, it will greatly increase the violence against people and the fragile economic infrastructure of the country.

This spring saw the first large-scale demonstration against U.S. troops take place in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. In mid-March an estimated 5,000 Hondurans took to the streets supporting peace in Central America. On May 1, some 75,000 marched in San Salvador demonstrating the growing strength of the labor movement in El Salvador. This was the largest demonstration in the country since 1980.

Look for a Central America section in the August PNL.

-Andy Mager

One Person Can Make a Difference

While walking across the country as part of the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament, one of my favorite things to do is talk to school-age people about the arms race. One of the biggest questions I get, and one I think we all ask ourselves is, "How much difference can I, one person, make?" To answer this, I tell the students what happened at a protest at the Nevada Test Site in April.

Greenpeace organized a vigil at a test scheduled for April 8th. Over 130 marchers joined the American Peace Test and more than 90 did civil disobedience. 103 people were arrested in two days for trespassing.

The Department of Energy has said that it will not detonate a bomb while there are people on the site. Knowing this, six members of Greenpeace snuck onto the test site in the middle of the night and got within one mile of ground zero. An outside person called the DOE to tell them there were people on the site. DOE officials came out with helicopters and found five of the people, but one man evaded the searchers until one hour after the test was to have gone off. It did not. Essentially, one person had the power to stop the U.S. Government from exploding a nuclear bomb. It could have been any of us.

As one of the 103 arrested, I sat in jail that night and watched the TV news. An anchor man came on and said the bomb did not go off because of high winds and adverse weather conditions. It made me angry to see this lie spread to the people of our nation. But it made



me feel strong. They—whoever they are—that reported the lie know that the people have so much power that they cannot let others know about it for fear they will use it. I believe the government wants us to feel powerless. Let's not let them.

Incidentally, the six who were arrested paid their bail and went back to the test site the next day to do the same thing. The test was delayed another day.

Could we stop all nuclear testing if enough of us were willing to risk what it takes? I say we could—and we can in the future.

-Kathy Belge

Declaration of Interdependence

On July 5th, the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice will begin its fourth year of resistance outside Seneca Army Depot. The theme for the first major action of the summer is a Declaration of Interdependence. As a poster for the event states: "In this country, independence day is celebrated as our most important holiday. Yet we deny independence to all but ourselves. We reclaim this day to celebrate instead the right of everyone, individuals and nations, to have true liberation, to realize their interconnectedness, and to struggle as one against all oppression."

Events begin on Friday, July 4th with nonviolence trainings, orientation and street theater preparation. On July 5th leafletting and street theater will begin at noon in several surrounding communities. At approximately 4 PM there will be a legal vigil and civil disobedience at Seneca Army Depot. On Sunday there will be workshops and discussion of the issues concerning people's struggles for liberation.

The women's encampment, outside the largest U.S. Army storage facility of nuclear weapons, continues to be open to all women who want to help create a peaceful world. Women are welcome year round to visit and work. Donations of perishable foods, office supplies, lumber, and children's toys, among other things, are welcome.

A second major action for the summer is a Week of Focus: Dancing in the Face of Despair, from July 25th through August 1st. This week of workshops, protests, and networking is in conjunction with the Women Take Liberty Action at the Statue of Liberty, on August 3rd. A network called Women Rising in Resistance has organized this feminist celebration. For more information about these events call Leeann at SPC.

-Leeann Irwin

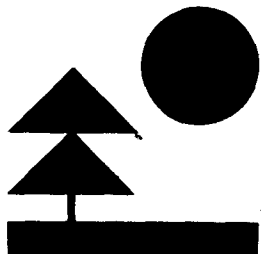
SPC Workshops on Racism

During the past month we have begun planning workshops to address the issue of racism. After consultation with local members of the Re-evaluation Counseling Community, who will be facilitating the workshops, we have decided that the first step should be a workshop specifically for the people who worked closely with Labeeb Hameed. There is a feeling that the left over emotions from that experience must be dealt with before we can move on.

This workshop will be followed by a workshop on "Unlearning Racism and Learning to be an Ally" in late August. The final date will be set in time for the August newsletter. Also, look for an article on racism in that issue.

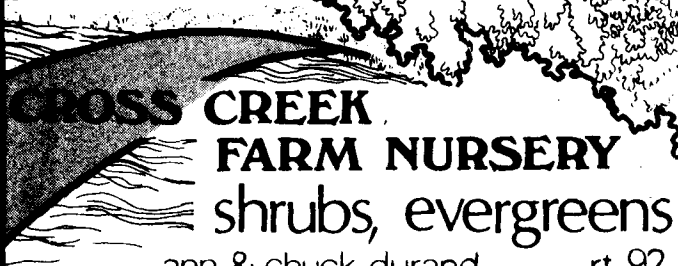
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Edward Azar, director of the Center for International Development and Conflict Management at the University of Maryland, will open the series on July 1 by discussing "Conflict Resolution for Lebanon." On July 9, Harold Saunders, resident fellow of the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, will speak on "The Arab-Israeli Peace Process: What is It? Where Does it Stand?" Will Zartman, professor of international politics

and director of African Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, will close the series July 16 with a lecture on "Formulas and Ripeness in the Israeli Border Conflicts."

Omissions from June PNL

In the article "Sanctuary: A Jewish Experience" quotes which were not credited are taken from views presented by Rabbi Judea Miller during his talk at the Jewish Community Center on May 11, 1986.

The surveys quoted from in "SPC Under the Sociologist's Microscope" were conducted by Jennifer Fry and Mike Epstein.

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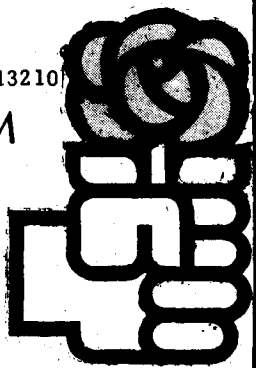
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Peace Breakfast, 7:30AM
ASPC 821 Euclid Ave.
475-4822
Garage Sale for Striking
St. Joe's Zinc Miners
Governor, NY 475-4822
NYS FILMS: Broken
Rainbow/69PM SU Gif-
ford Aud. \$2 423-2831

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Nuclear Freeze lead-
ing at MacArthur Stadium
479-5658, Diane

4
Declaration of Independence
Women's Action in Solidarity with All People's
Struggle for Autonomy: Friday-Non-violence Training
Saturday-Leafleting at NOON/Vigil at Seneca Depot 4PM
Sunday-Workshops on Liberation Struggles
WOMEN'S ENCAMPMENT
Call 472-5478 or (607)-869-5825 for more information!

5
St. Joe's Zinc Miners March
12PM Governor, NY 475-4822
Big Memorial Concert
8PM, 928 Euclid Ave.
\$2-6, 476-0103.

6
Friends of Mental Patients Al-
liance 4PM Plymouth Church
EVERY SUNDAY: Women's Radio
Show FM 89 WJZ 9:30AM
475-0062

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"NO to Genocide" at Big
Min. Demo: noon Federal
Bldg, 476-0103.
Physicians for Social
Responsibility Mfg.
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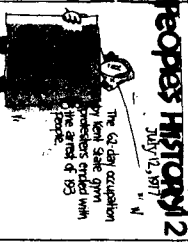
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Thompson Park Assoc. Mfg
7:30PM 476-5164
Send-off Celebration for
STEP, 7PM Grace Epis-
copal Church, \$5-950

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Arab-Israeli Peace
Process 8PM Maxwell
Aud., FREE 423-3784
CNY NOW Mfg. 7:30PM
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472-4200
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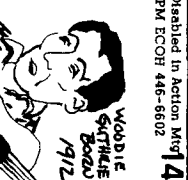
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Visions Of Peace Festival
now organizing, to help
call Pat 682-7147 OR
Sean 476-7882

12
Peoples History
July 19, 1979
The 4th day occupation
of Kent State gym
will be held at 8PM
the end of 85
people.



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EVERY SUNDAY: International
Diners 6-9PM Vegetarian too!
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8PM May Memorial
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Sanctuary Mfg. 7:30PM
May Memorial 471-4672

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NACAP Mfg. 7:30PM
100 New St. 470-3300
Israeli Border Cop
Mfg. 8PM, Maxwell Aud.
FREE 423-3784

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Nat'l Council of Negro
Women Mfg. 7PM Danbar
Center
EVERY THURSDAY:
"Frontiers in Feminist
Theory" Mary Helen Wash-
ington 8PM Maxwell
Aud., 423-3707

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Waldorf (Educational philosophy)
Study Group 452-0245 Judy

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Peoples Victory in Nicaragua
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Friends of Mental Patients Al-
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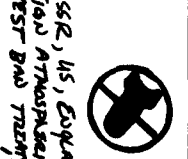
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ford Aud. \$2

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NYS FILMS: Cocoon 7:30PM, SU Gifford Aud. \$2
EVERY TUESDAY: Veget-
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EVERY WEDNESDAY: Metro
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St., 471-6618

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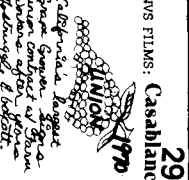


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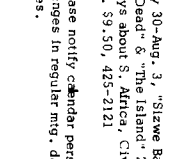
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Columbus Circle
475-4822

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Peoples History
August 2, 1981
Albert Einstein
urges scientists
to refuse
to make
war work.



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To The Peace Newsletter

News From Nicaragua

Ed and Liz Griffin-Nolan work for Witness for Peace in Nicaragua. The following is excerpted from a regular letter they send to friends. For more information, contact WFP, 702 S. Beech St., Syracuse, 13210.

May 24, 1986

Dear family and friends,

The road to Waslala is a junkyard. On both sides of the road, we passed burned jeeps and trucks, burning fields (most of the fields were being burned by the farmers to prepare for planting, the rest was courtesy of the contras).

People don't talk all that much, particularly about anything political, eager only to survive.

I met a young priest. "More people are dying now of measles than from the war," he told us. 159 children have died in one small community, Cano Sucio, victims of a disease that just a few years ago was almost wiped out. Everyone in the town is afraid to go get the vaccine which could save the children, because to do so would mark them as "Sandinista collaborators" in the eyes of the contras. Health care was one of the proudest achievements of the Sandinista revolution in the early years; polio was eliminated, malaria and measles were almost wiped out, and the general nutrition level improved so that people who fell ill were less likely to die. With the contra war, and the killing of hundreds of health workers, it is no longer safe to bring health care to rural areas.

The young people and campesinos, who in earlier years would have received training in how to give basic health care, are afraid to participate. The health of the communities suffers; more people die before their time. To save the lives of these children means certain death for those who bring the vaccine--what irony. (Health workers are still targets of the contras --a few days after we got back to Managua a mine exploded under a pick up truck in northern Jinotega, killing nine campesinos and a Span-

ish nurse practitioner, all of whom were participating in a vaccination campaign). The contra war doesn't just kill with bullets--it kills with measles and other diseases. The kids continue to die.

Each day's newspaper and each communication from our co-workers in the countryside brings news of increased violence. Within the past few weeks: eight people (three of them children) killed in Miraflores, a cooperative outside Esteli; eight Germans kidnapped and held for almost a month. Five schoolteachers killed in Nueva Guinea. The list goes on and on.

In mid-May, the Pentagon study was leaked, talking of plans for stationing 100,000 US troops on Nicaragua's borders even if Nicaragua signs the Contadora Peace Treaty. We follow the ups and downs of the peace negotiations, the US makes more threats and adds new demands.

Meanwhile the US continues to strengthen its military presence in Honduras and Costa Rica. 450 US military engineers just completed a new runway just 15 miles from the Nicaraguan border inside Honduras. Lempira 86, a new war game, began on April 15--2,000 soldiers practicing guerilla warfare 5 miles from Nicaragua. In Costa Rica, US military engineers have just built five bridges which cut the time needed to transport US land troops across supposedly neutral Costa Rica by eight hours. On April 28, 20,000 Marines began naval exercises in the Caribbean to rehearse a Granada-style invasion.

Low intensity warfare, the Pentagon calls it, may be low intensity from the Pentagon standpoint. But it is high intensity indeed for those on the other end of the gun barrel. Liz often visits her friend Alida who talks about what it is like to keep waiting, not knowing, going on with everyday life, but never sure if it is futile. Each time I see her, she asks when I think the invasion will come. "You act unafraid," she

tells me, "because you have never lived the pain of war. It is more horrible than you can imagine; It'll be worse this time. They'll drop bombs. More people will die."

But there's no reason to wait for an invasion. The bombs are going off all over the country, and the war is being fought in the minds of thousands and thousands who will never be touched by the bullets or hear the mortars rumble.

But they do go on. They laugh and work and play and drink and eat and pray, make love and make children, sing, dance, fix their houses, get on the bus, sweep mud out the door, do all the basic things that people do. And they wait. Wait for an invasion. Wait for kidnapped children to return. Wait for the day there is meat again. Wait in line for shoes. Wait for a husband fighting in the hills, wait for peace, for a time to build a country.

*Peace,
Liz and Ed Griffin-Nolan
Managua, Nicaragua*



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,
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We may edit for brevity and clarity.*

In This Issue

Central America is the focus of this month's PNL. Costa Rica's struggle for neutrality, the work for human justice in Guatemala and a look at the history of the Contadora Process provide a broad look at the region.

The remainder of the articles give one a taste of the breadth of the Peace Council. Racism, recycling, confronting militarism, peacemaking in the Middle East, the oppression of gay people under Nazism, and a memorial to Nick Pinto fill up the newsletter.

Remember, we always want your feedback.

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The September PNL will be an 8 pgr. Production days will be:
Monday, August 25 and
Tuesday, August 26.

Space Requests: August 10
Display Ads: August 16
Calendar: August 22



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"This land is your land, this land is my land..."

Look for a section on "The Farm Crisis" in the October PNL. Call us with ideas or to help.

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Cletus Pinti's artwork is an interpretation of last year's Open Hand Theatre Hiroshima Day Parade. Participate in this year's parade by coming to a rehearsal at 7:30 pm at Plymouth Congregational Church, August 5.

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SPC House News

"People for Animal Rights" will be glad to know that a large community of mice is living a peaceful, healthy life at the SPC House. Though a bit timid at first, the new residents no longer run from intruding bi-peds, but now will finish an article in the Progressive before scurrying to sanctuary behind the walls. They have gone so far as to organize an "Animal for People's Rights" group, which will hold its first meeting Monday, August 11, in the trash can next to the refrigerator. All are welcome, bring your own crumbs.

Other house news: Carol has just come-a-clogging back from the Old Songs Festival in Albany; Leeann has been spending weekends in Seneca and Rochester; Paul and Andrew haven't seen too much of the sun yet this summer, but they have run the first coated stock job at the press (moving into the fifties); a letter from Alaska tells us Katie is stuffing dead fish into cans; and Andy Mager is busy arranging the house search effort and reading John Gwaltney's newly released "The Dissenters", especially chapter 15, entitled "Andy Mager".

-Andrew Seltzer

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 SPC office at 472-5478 or the person listed to find out what you can do.

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 Margo Clark 475-0737

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 Jim Ellis 476-1536

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Should We Move?

Several weeks ago we were surprised to find a letter in our mail which asked if we were interested in selling the SPC house. Although we hadn't been thinking about it, the prospect piqued our thinking. Since that time a group of SPC activists has been talking about the possibility of moving, and has gone to see several other places. Of course, there are many unanswered questions: How much should we ask for? Where do we want to move? Should we go into a commercial building with other groups and alternative businesses? We need your input on these and other questions. A meeting to discuss the issue has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 13 at 7pm at SPC. If you can't come we would like to hear your thoughts about this exciting prospect.

Auction Experiment A Success

Yes, our first auction was a success! Despite the small crowd, we managed to pull in \$600 at the auction and \$500 at the garage sale. We would like to thank everyone who helped make it all happen. We are not only grateful to Bernie Brozostek, who donated his services as an auctioneer, but to all of you who donated your time, energy, items, baked goods, and the use of your trucks. We couldn't have done it without you.

Since the auction did do rather well this year, we think it would be a great idea to have another one next year. We've had an evaluation of this year's auction and have some ideas on how to make next year's better. It seems like the most important element for a more profitable and more successful fundraiser is more publicity so we can have more people. If you have any suggestions to improve the auction, please let us know by calling the Peace Council.

Committee Members Needed

There are three ongoing committees of the Peace Council: Peace Newsletter, Organizational Maintenance and Program. They are the internal frame of our work. As the fall approaches consider putting some energy into a specific committee at SPC. Two committees are seeking more members.

The program committee meets every three to four weeks to hear reports from staff and others on program projects, and evaluate, and plan new program work. SPC's three current program areas are disarmament, Central America, and anti-apartheid. Staff time and other project work create the ebb and flow of work in these areas.

The other committee that needs additional members is the Organizational Maintenance Committee. This committee makes decisions about the nuts and bolts of SPC. The work includes fundraising, budgeting, overseeing the physical maintenance of the house and an assortment of odds and ends.

If you are interested in being on one of these committees or are interested in attending a few meetings please call Leeann at SPC.

Join Us at the State Fair

This is it! The State Fair is less than a month away (August 22 through September 1) and it's time to get serious.

We're excited about our booth. The theme of the Art and Home Center (where we are) is "A Child's Touch." Our booth theme is "Children Ask the World of Us: The Vision of the Syracuse Peace Council." We'll be showing slideshows, displaying a portion of the Peace Ribbon and other beautiful banners and posters, selling buttons and t-shirts and handing out literature. We're still searching for that elusive gimmick that will present a message of peace that everyone will want to have. What we need:

financial contributions (earmarked for the State Fair Booth)

people to do specific pre-Fair tasks (make phone calls, type, photocopy, make a banner, accumulate literature and petitions)

set-up and clean-up help

people to take a three hour staffing shift (we'll have a total of 88 shifts)

For more information or to get involved in this year's State Fair adventure, call Carol or Andy at SPC.



Heal the Earth

Mark your calendars for the annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemoration vigil on Wednesday, August 6th from noon to 1 PM at Columbus Circle. We want to heal the planet of the ills of nuclear testing, nuclear proliferation, and nuclear power.

With Heal the Earth as the theme of the vigil we will gather in silence and sharing. Paper cranes will be placed on the tree of life and hope. People are invited to bring items symbolizing hope and life to place on the tree.

Before the vigil there will be a parade with Open Hand Theater beginning at 11:30. People interested in participating are asked to attend a rehearsal Tuesday, August 5th from 7:30 to 9 PM at Plymouth Church. We are also looking for people to do leafletting and peace-keeping.

On August 6th people will also be going to Senator D'Amato and Representative Wortley's office with a petition to halt the Strategic Defense Initiative/Star Wars.

On Saturday, August 9th there will be a serial road side action at Seneca Army Depot, the Army's largest storage site of nuclear weapons in the world. Following the action there will be a picnic at a nearby park.

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CASABLANCA

Tuesday, July 29 7,9
Wednesday, July 30 7,9

A Hollywood legend to be seen again and again starring Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Claude Rains and Peter Lorre. The love story, the noble sacrifice, the enduring friendship, the political framework of the plot make Casablanca among the most quoted and memorable films in the U.S. (Michael Curtiz, 102 min., 1943)

HIROSHIMA MON AMOUR

Tuesday, August 5 7,9
Wednesday, August 6 7,9

Resnais' first feature, written by Marguerite Duras, explores the jarring connection between sense and memory, past and present. The plot concerns a French actress (Emmanuelle Riva) and a Japanese architect (Eiji Okada) whose love affair in post-war Hiroshima brings the past into an illuminating confrontation with the present. French with subtitles. (Alain Resnais, 1959, 88 min.)

My Name is Ed. I'm a Racist.

by Ed Kinane

Editor's note: A shorter version of Ed's article was published in the Syracuse Post Standard.

I recently went with a friend to a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. Before each person spoke s/he said, "My name is ----. I'm an alcoholic." AA knows that recovery requires acknowledging one's illness; denying one's illness makes recovery impossible. What follows isn't about drinking, but about a more widespread disease. Before I say more, I want to introduce myself: "My name is Ed. I'm a racist."

No, I'm not flaunting my bigotry, nor being cleverly rhetorical, nor tormenting myself with feelings of guilt. I'm acknowledging that I've been deeply conditioned by a society permeated with racism and that recovering from such conditioning, and fending it off, is the task of a lifetime.

Just as it is hard to admit alcoholism, so too is it hard to admit racism -- thanks to our stereotyped notion of what racism is. Conveniently, this stereotype involves behavior we would never engage in. AA teaches that alcohol is cunning; so too is racism. We "know" we're not racist because we avoid ethnic slurs; we may even wince when someone says "nigger."

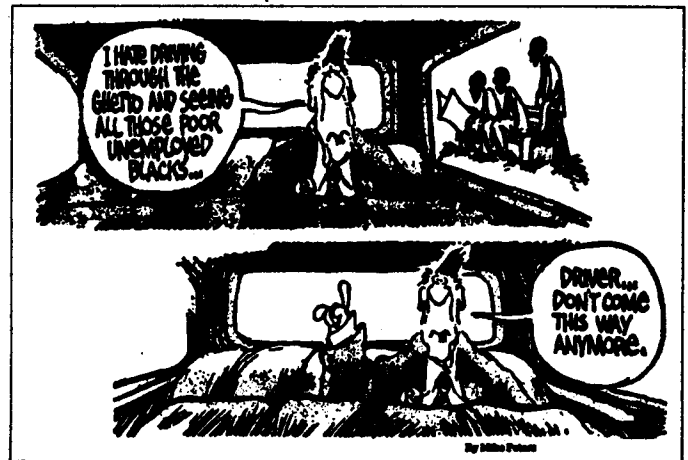
Our stereotype of racism implies a stereotype of anti-racism. Again, we "know" we're not racist because we angrily condemn Apartheid; we may even do some organizing against U.S. investment in South Africa. But if our concept of racism/anti-racism is limited to such obvious examples, it's unlikely that we're challenging the racism within us. It's unlikely that we grasp racism's breadth and subtlety or perceive the social and economic forces which foster the de facto segregation that crosscuts every facet of our society.

In my first 14 years of school I had only two black classmates; I've never had a black teacher. I was 19 before I had my first conversation with a black person. My first years of college were spent in a lovely ivy enclave set off by walls and security police from the teeming inner city at its gate. Demoralized by the irrelevancy of what I was being taught, I got poor grades and dropped out. I then got a good-paying construction job -- thanks to the building boom of the sixties which, in the name of urban renewal, forced the relocation of thousands of blacks off the precious real estate between downtown and the university. Few of these blacks could break into the construction trades; there wasn't a single black in our union local. My fellow workers were determined to keep it that way. It's no wonder that when I toured South Africa a couple of years ago it seemed so

much like home to me.

Even in the eighties, as an SPC activist I've had little contact with the local black or Indian or Latino community. It seems even our activist subculture, so vain in its political correctness, lets itself reflect the segregation of society at large.

Underlying this segregation is what can be called tunnel vision. It's infinitely more destructive than the malice of the Ku Klux Klan. Tunnel vision is a cultural egoism which assumes -- often unconsciously -- that only white history or suffering or interests or discovery are worthy of notice. Most of us grew up in white neighborhoods going to white schools where we internalized the white version of life. Our openness to people of color was "whited out" at an early age.



Mike Peters/People's World/LNS


The tunnel vision that denies or demeans did not originate with racism. It began, historically and personally, before we were exposed to ethnic diversity. As children, while being molded for roles defined by gender, we acquired the tunnel vision of a culture based on male supremacy. Sexist behavior provides the ongoing rehearsal that hones our racist performance. Sexism is the parent or prototype of racism. It grinds the lens which makes our racist outlook second nature.

When we were young we had no control over our indoctrination and so weren't to blame for our tunnel vision. But now that we're grown, we are responsible for the kinds of callousness and exclusivity we choose to honor. Many of us eagerly -- or obliviously -- float along with the mainstream that invalidates the lives of the disempowered. Their gifts and their rights, their needs and their pain are systematically negated, rendered invisible.

Tunnel vision helps explain the foreign policy double

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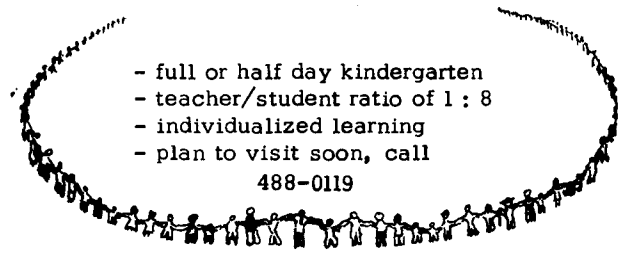
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standard which regards only political violence aimed at whites as terrorism. In recent decades whites have not been the target of U.S., Israeli or South African air raids, so we don't call their atrocities terrorism. Similarly, although we call Kadaffy a terrorist, we don't call members of Congress terrorists when they vote tens of millions for military regimes and mercenaries. In the moral calculus of white America the tens of thousands of slain Nicaraguans and Salvadorans simply don't exist. Even we who actively oppose U.S. policy in Central America seldom think of that policy in terms of the racism at its heart.

If we want to overcome our "isms," we can resist selective ignorance and we can shed our patterns of exclusivity. We can burst the bubble of our self-contrived segregation. We can strive to witness -- through work, study or travel -- the human condition of the huge majority of our species that isn't white, that isn't affluent, that doesn't blackmail the globe with nuclear terror.

We can encourage our peace and justice groups not only to take on Apartheid happening over there, but also the lower case apartheid which is fully present right here -- in our own community and among ourselves. Until our organizations learn to cope with human diversity, we may not have sufficient sensitivity to work with people with backgrounds different from our own. If we did more work with the poor and people of color locally on issues of importance to them we might acquire that sensitivity.



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Nick Pinto:

Extraordinary Labor and Civil Rights Leader

Nick Pinto received what I consider to be one of the greatest tributes to a white civil rights and labor leader -- a black minister officiated at his funeral and black and white friends and co-workers served as pallbearers. Nick deserved this honor.

Nick's fiery passion for social justice showed in his 27 years of labor organizing with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), and his active participation in NAACP, Americans for Democratic Action (ADA) and the Central New York Committee Against Racism and Apartheid. His membership in other organizations included the International Workers of the World, NOW, the Industrial Relations Research Association, the Cayuga Council of Labor and the Syracuse Peace Council.

He was appointed as AFSCME's first executive director of Council 66 in 1970. Four years later he joined Council 82 as the chief negotiator and president of the Independent staff union.

Speaking on behalf of Council 82, Bob Moroney said Nick fought "injustice by every means available... introducing legislation, removing from office people who were unsympathetic." Fighting injustice included going to jail for his beliefs. He was the first AFSCME representative to be jailed when the public employee union went on strike in Arizona.

Nick was one of those who brought together the Central New York Committee Against Racism and Apartheid. This was the committee that organized the Syracuse rally last year for Apartheid Protest Day, October 11th. Nick and I worked together on this committee.

He facilitated the committee meetings with enthusiasm and gusto. He had a "Let's Go!" attitude that could rival that of a football coach.

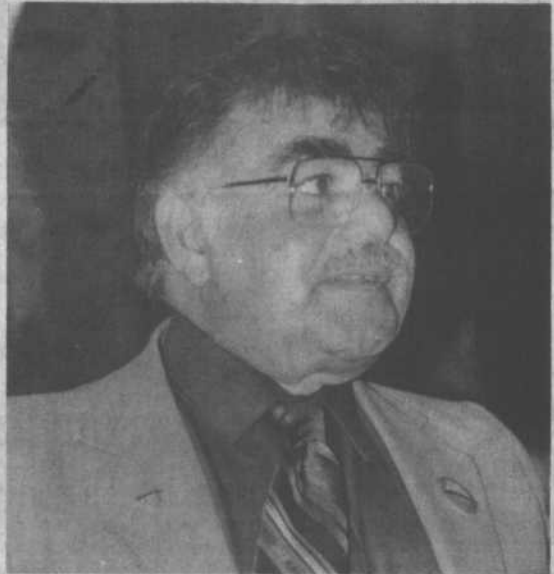
Nick's energy and dedication amazed me. When we would bring out our calendars to schedule our next meeting, it was typical for Nick to have out-of-town union commitments two days a week, a NAACP meeting another night and an ADA meeting another. Yet, he wouldn't hesitate to schedule our meeting on his only free night.

Referring to Nick's dedication, Bob Moroney said: "It was never too late or too early to call him, no group of organized labor was too small for him to assist... No employer big or strong enough that he wouldn't challenge..."

When I telephoned Nick, I knew it wasn't going to be a short conversation. He lived and breathed organizing. He also liked to talk organizing.

One of my fondest memories was when Nick manipulated me, with my full awareness, into taking on a task by flattering the Peace Council at a meeting of the Central New York Committee Against Racism and Apartheid. No volunteers were speaking up for a particular job. So Nick focused on me and sincerely said "The Peace Council knows how to do that kind of organizing." Yep, it worked.

Thanks to Antoine Polgar and staff of the Impartial Citizen for photo and quotes in this article.



Nick Pinto receiving the 1985 NAACP Freedom Award

Nick had a bright look in his eyes. He liked people. He treated people as persons. It seems like he knew everyone. "He didn't care about the differences -- race, color, religion."

Last year Nick was honored with the 1985 NAACP Freedom Award. It was a testimony to his long years of involvement in the struggle for human and civil rights on behalf of all people.

Rev. Emery Proctor, Pastor of Shaw Temple AME Zion Church and officiator at Nick's funeral, said it very well: "The best thing we can do for him and his family is to embrace the same philosophy he held dear."

— Corinne Kinane

Labor & Social Justice

We would like this to be the first of several articles on labor in the PNL. We think there is an integral relationship between the struggles of laboring people and the overall struggle for peace and social justice. Fittingly, our first issue is dedicated to some one who so aptly represented this connection -- Nick Pinto.

We welcome your suggestions and information to include in future issues. Topics we're thinking of are: interviews with local labor leaders, plant closings and unemployment in Syracuse, migrant farmworkers, labor's relation to our foreign policy, and updates on local strikes and boycotts.

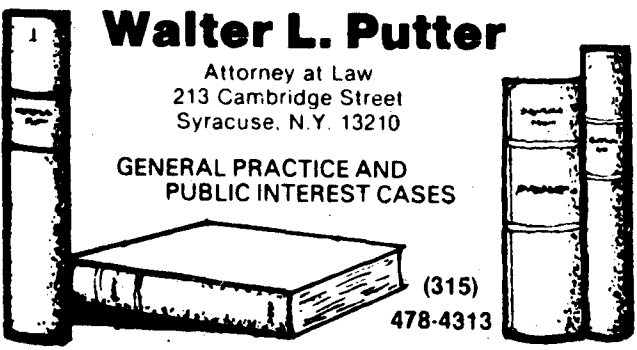
The St. Joe's Miner's Strike continues (July PNL): contributions can be left at AFSC, 821 Euclid Av.

UFW Boycott: The UFW is again fighting for farmworkers' rights and against the use of toxic chemicals in California agriculture. They are asking people to boycott table grapes, chiquita bananas, Seagram and Paul Masson liquor, and RC-Cola.

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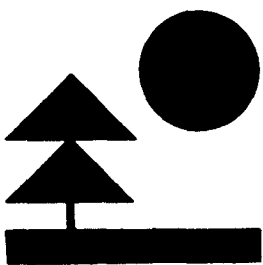
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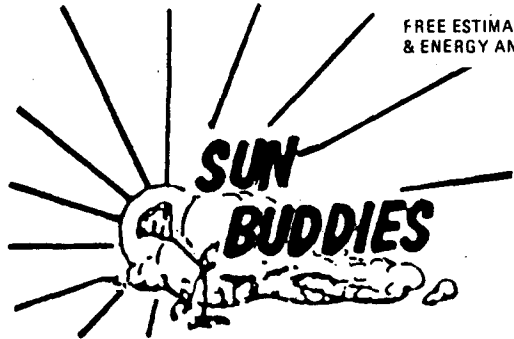
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Encounter with the American Legion

by Andy Mager

Several speaking engagements this past Spring (in high schools and churches) prompted me to think about how the peace movement tries to reach people. Do we reach out personally or in small groups, or primarily through the media and impersonal demonstrations? Who do we put energy into reaching? Do we focus mostly on those who already sympathize with us, or do we challenge ourselves to dialogue with people who actively oppose us?

Draft registration, military recruiting and my experiences as a draft resister were the focus of my talks. In the high schools I was again confronted with the reality of conservative young people who are believing the lies foisted upon them. There is some questioning, but it's often very confused. When I spoke two days after the bombing of Libya, some of the students wanted to call in the Red Squad and have me forcibly removed. One of the few students who vocally agreed with me said that he wasn't going to register, but that he supported aid to the contras.

The follow-up reports of much discussion and debate from the high schools, help me to realize that all is not lost with today's young people. At the same time we have much work to do in convincing them that the road to peace is not paved with weapons and military intervention.

I Pledge Allegiance...?

At one of the churches I ended up speaking to an unruly audience of mostly American Legion members. The Legionnaires filled the front rows, waving American flags. When the moderator tried to get things going, he was heckled and interrupted by people who demanded that we recite the Pledge of Allegiance. I quickly decided to stand up (something I usually refuse to do because of my distaste for nationalism). Images of Wobblies being tarred and feathered and war resisters beaten up flitted through my mind.

I had begun feeling nervous earlier that afternoon as I learned of the upcoming encounter. By this time I was tempted to sneak out the back door, or pee all over the floor. As I began speaking, however, I felt much better. I was interrupted several times, heckled consistently, but was generally able to speak. (The audience response to the heckling was one of resentment, something we should consider before using such a tactic ourselves.) As my anxiety left, it was replaced by a deep feeling of peace and love. I tried to open up my heart to these people, to give them a chance to feel who I am and why I refuse to participate in war. It was a wonderful, joyful feeling, one of true non-violence.

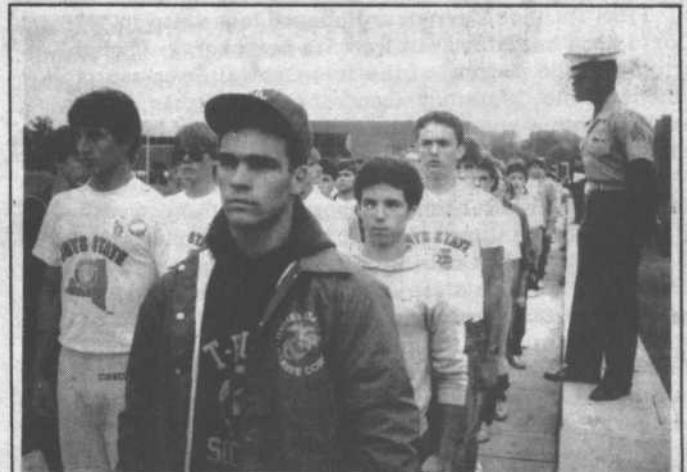
After I was finished there was a break before the question and answer period. On my way to the bathroom (I still had to pee), an old Legionnaire called me over. He swore at me, called me names and nearly

After his "encounter" Andy decided to cancel his Legion membership. Andy is also the production coordinator for the Peace Newsletter.

foamed with anger and hatred. I tried to communicate with him, but it felt like he needed to let off steam, not dialogue. I listened as long as I could stand it, and then left.

When the group reconvened, several of the American Legion commanders were given an opportunity to make brief statements. In addition to attacking me, they also offered to collect money to send me to whatever country in which I want to live.

The questions and statements from the audience demonstrated a wide variety of opinion, including a great deal of support for my position. But I obviously did not change a lot of minds that night. Hopefully, I planted a few seeds which may bear fruit at some later date.



At the American Legion sponsored Boys' State Convention young men learn that Marine-style discipline is part of learning about the US political system. (photo by Paul Pearce)

Challenging Ourselves

As I reflect on the experience, there are several things which stand out. The first is how infrequently I have had such opportunities for dialogue with people who strongly disagree with me. We tend to be afraid of creating such situations (in reality if not in our rhetoric). But for all that, it was an empowering experience, despite all the fear and anxiety. A second realization was that in both cases, I really felt people's desire to feel good about their country. In challenging the violence and oppression perpetrated by our government, we refuse to allow them to feel good about their country. Ronald Reagan has very successfully appealed to their pride.

My final thought has to do with the feelings of these men (primarily), most of whom are World War II veterans. There is a depth of emotion there which is so enraged by my talking about why I don't believe in war. It's frightening to feel that hatred. But perhaps they'll feel a little better after having been able to express it to me. And I hope to learn a little about why they feel as they do, and how to receive their anger with a deep spirit of non-violence.

INTRODUCTION
 The following articles are dedicated to Alejandro Gomez, a Salvadoran refugee, who recently left the US after living in sanctuary in Rochester. We had planned to interview Alejandro for this section. However, he and his family chose to flee the US rather than risk deportation. For them, and for all the victims of violence in Central America, we re-dedicate ourselves to the struggle for self-determination for all.

Can Costa Rica Remain Neutral?

by Andrew Reding

The following is excerpted from a longer article in the Spring 1986 issue of World Policy Journal. The quarterly journal is available for \$18/yr. from World Policy Institute, 777 UN Plaza, NY, NY 10017.

From its inception as an independent state in 1838, Costa Rica has stood out from its neighbors. Though originally the poorest of the five Central American provinces of the Captaincy-General of Guatemala, it has evolved into a country with the highest, and best distributed, standard of living in the region.

For the past six years, however, the current U.S. administration has been collaborating with segments of the Costa Rican upper classes in trying to undermine the four pillars of Costa Rica's social peace: the social-democratic welfare state created by the National Liberation party (PLN) between 1948 and 1978; the right of workers to organize in unions of their own choosing; the representation of leftists in the national legislature; and the absence of armed forces. In pursuing this course, Washington's objectives seem to be twofold: first, to reshape Costa Rica in the image of Ronald Reagan's United States by slashing social spending in favor of new military spending and by giving carte blanche to domestic and foreign private enterprise; and second, to obtain Costa Rican cooperation in more firmly encircling Nicaragua with a strengthened southern front.

These are not easy objectives to achieve in Costa Rica, a country with a long history of self-government and a relatively well-educated population. Yet the Reagan administration's greatest strength lies in its ability to exploit Costa Rica's greatest weakness: its mass media. The press is the one institution that was left virtually untouched in the social transformations of the past half-century, and has remained the preserve of the Costa Rican upper classes.

After the Nicaraguan revolution in 1979 and the April 1980 resignation of businessman Alfonso Rebelo from Nicaragua's Junta of National Reconstruction, executives of Costa Rica's major broadcast and print media began meeting together to plan common editorial strategies for dealing with Nicaragua, El Salvador, and other areas of common concern. Then, after Reagan's 1980 electoral victory, representatives of the US embassy began playing a more active role in these meetings.

The outcome has been a concerted propaganda and disinformation campaign designed to scare Costa Ricans

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into a hostile attitude toward Nicaragua, thereby increasing their receptivity to U.S. intervention, Costa Rican rearmament, and persecution of real and supposed domestic leftists.



Economic Blackmail

Costa Rica's abject dependence on U.S. dollars has provided the Reagan administration with an important source of leverage in its quest to bring the Costa Rican economy in line with "supply-side" policies. According to U.S. policymakers, it is the inherent inefficiency of its state enterprises that has caused Costa Rica's economy to stagnate. Washington has therefore urged San Jose to implement drastic cutbacks in public controls, to limit government participation in the economy, and to turn capital and investment over to private enterprise.

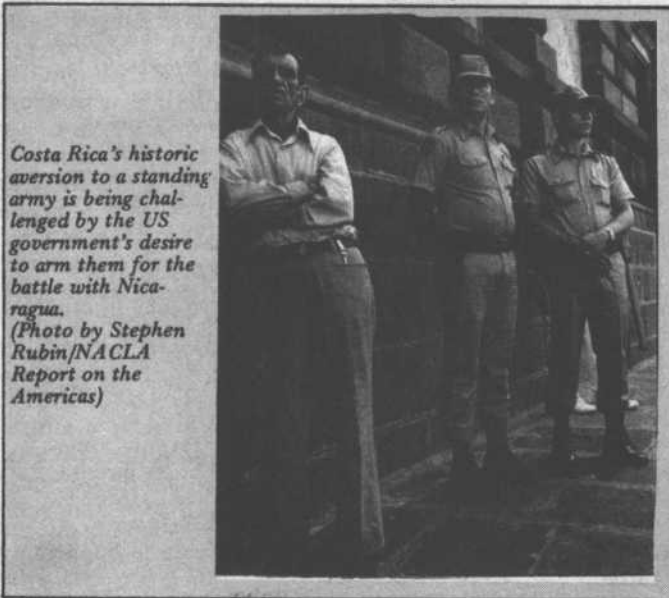
Just as state enterprises are now coming under attack, so is the traditional bulwark of Costa Rican workers: the labor movement. Spearheading this drive is a right-wing Catholic priest who--with generous funding from dominant sectors of the Costa Rican business community, as well as from the government of Guatemala, Israel, Chile, and (by way of USAID) the United States--is successfully dismantling the country's labor unions. The priest, Father Claudio Solano Cerdas, attracts this money through his own reading of the Church's social teaching, which he claims associates labor unions with class hatreds. He instead advocates "solidarity" between labor and management, a notion that has acquired great support among anti-communists throughout Latin America.

Political Neutrality

The fourth, and most important, pillar of Costa Rican society has traditionally been its strong anti-militarism. But in recent years, as fighting between Sandinistas and the U.S. -supported contra forces has escalated along the Costa Rican-Nicaraguan border, this pillar has been slowly eroded. Within Costa Rica, the press has waged a far-reaching media campaign against Managua in the hope of igniting anticommunist sentiments. In addition, the Reagan administration has been pressuring Costa Rica to take a more active part in the covert war against Nicaragua.

A key target of both the press and the Reagan administration has been President Monge's Proclamation of Neutrality. Issued on November 17, 1983, the proclamation formalized what had been Costa Rica's long-standing practice. It was welcomed by 83 percent of the Costa Rican people, by the Catholic Church, and by virtually every country in the world, with the prominent exception of the United States.

While President Monge was on a trip abroad, and without his knowledge, Public Security Minister Piza invited U.S. Special Forces instructors into the country. In open defiance of the Costa Rican constitution, 750 Civil Guards were transformed into Batallones Relampagos (Lightning Battalions), special army units in full combat gear, trained in the use of M-16s, M-60 machine guns, M-2 and M-3 grenade launchers, mortars, and helicopters. But for all the suddenness with which these battalions appeared, it should be understood that the United States had been paving the way for them. Over the preceding couple of years, it had donated "police equipment"---olive-drab jeeps as "police vehicles," marine-style combat fatigues as "police uniforms", and M-16s as "police weapons"---transforming the appearance of downtown San Jose, where the police not long ago patrolled unarmed, in ceremonial uniforms. Washington's intent was crystal clear: to gradually accustom the Costa Rican people to an army they did not want.



Costa Rica's historic aversion to a standing army is being challenged by the US government's desire to arm them for the battle with Nicaragua. (Photo by Stephen Rubin/NACLA Report on the Americas)

The neutrality issue played a major, and perhaps decisive, role in Costa Rica's 1986 presidential and

legislative campaign. Since the constitution limits presidents to a single four-year term, the PLN nominated Oscar Arias Sanchez, a moderate likely to pursue the popular policies of the Monge administration, to head its ticket. The opposition Social Christian Unity Party (PUSC) nominated Rafael Angel Calderon Fournier, who argued against neutrality, for a rupture of diplomatic relations with Nicaragua, for improving Costa Rica's defense capabilities, and for close ties with the Reagan administration. Oscar Arias took 52.3 percent of the vote to Calderon's 45.8 percent, and the PLN secured 29 of 57 seats in the Legislative Assembly, much of the credit being due to outgoing President Monge's enormous popularity, earned by his relative success in preserving Costa Rican neutrality, while at the same time keeping U.S. dollars flowing into the country. But the results also reflected widespread reluctance to entrust the country's governance to a man and a party too closely identified with the policies of the current U.S. government.

The message was not lost on the president-elect, who promptly delivered an unwelcome message to the contras and their backers. While reaffirming Costa Rica's liberal policy of welcoming refugees from other countries, he insisted that all such guests must respect Costa Rican sovereignty and civil traditions by leaving their weapons behind. President Monge then seized the moment to return the Costa Rican ambassador to Managua and propose that an international team of observers keep watch on the border. Monge's initiative was welcomed by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, who has long advocated the even stronger measure of establishing an internationally-supervised demilitarized zone along the border. On February 24, the two countries agreed to set up a bilateral "inspection and vigilance" commission, with the assistance of other Latin American countries in the Contadora group and its support group.

But since such an arrangement would be disastrous for U.S. plans to develop a southern front against Nicaragua--to say nothing of U.S. efforts to portray the Nicaraguan government as belligerent and uninterested in serious negotiations--it remains to be seen how far Monge and Arias can go without serious reprisals from the Reagan administration.

The Generous Friend?

Although Costa Rican democracy has shown an amazing resiliency in the face of the Reagan administration's concerted efforts to undermine its foundations, this small country is nonetheless suffering damage.

Its government's ability to channel scarce investment funds into vital national development projects has been hampered by the U.S. breach in its national banking system. Its channels of social communication have been poisoned with disinformation campaigns, and its government has been permeated with embassy intrigue. A small army has been established in violation of its constitution.

To the extent that we in the United States truly believe our own accolades of Costa Rican democracy as the "model" in Latin America, and our own public pronouncements of respect for the self-determination of our continental neighbors, we need to begin listening to our Costa Rican friends themselves, who would have us act much differently toward them and other countries in the region.

"Alive You Took Them, Alive We Want Them Back"

International Solidarity with Guatemala's Disappeared

by Karen Beetle

Karen Beetle, former SPC staffperson and PNL editor, was in Guatemala from March to June this year with Peace Brigades International (PBI) serving as a nonviolent bodyguard to threatened human rights activists.

The three year-old on my lap didn't care what page I was trying to read. She only wanted to look at the pictures. And she found one, an image all too familiar to even the youngest of Guatemalans--members of the army dressed in camouflage armed with machine guns. "Those," she said, looking up at me, "are the ones who took my daddy away."

For Alejandra and her mom, Nineth de Garcia, the pain and anguish of Fernando Garcia's disappearance is a wound that will never completely heal. From where I sat with Alejandra, I could see his picture, displayed prominently in the living room, a testimony to his presence in their hearts if not in their lives.

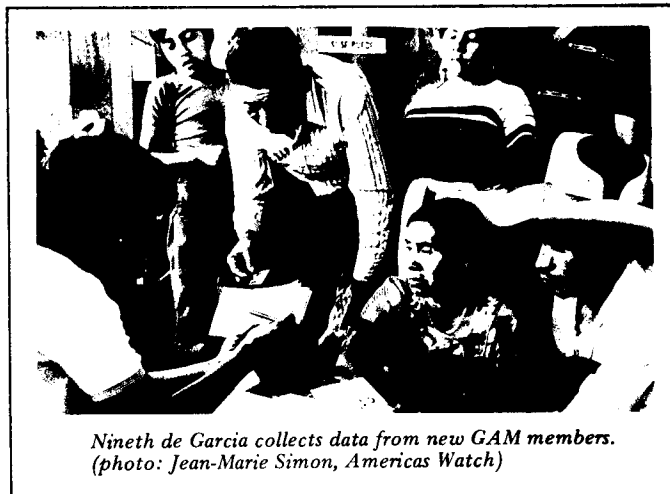
As Nineth began the lonely and fruitless search for Fernando, visiting the city's morgues, writing countless letters, and placing newspaper ads, she met the families of other "desaparecidos". They shared their stories and their pain. It was out of these encounters in the Spring of 1984 that the Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo (GAM) or Mutual Support Group was formed.

Mutual Support Group (GAM)

GAM is not the first organization to demand simple human dignity--it is the first to survive. Virtually all opposition to the last thirty years of military rule has been systematically eliminated through terror, assassination, torture, and disappearances. Most of those who remain alive are in exile, underground, or fighting with the guerrilla forces in northern or western Guatemala. Forty-six percent of the disappearances in all of Latin America between 1955 and 1985 occurred in Guatemala (some 100,000 human beings in a country with the population of greater New York City). Most massacres and disappearances have occurred in the rural indigenous communities. But the repression has spread to Guatemala City as well. During a two year period, in the early 1980's, 400 students and faculty were assassinated or disappeared from Guatemala City's San Carlos University. And even under newly elected civilian President Vinicio Cerezo, GAM counts 120 disappeared people between January and May of this year.

A voice of the powerless, GAM is primarily an organization of indigenous women. It is not uncommon for these women and their families to travel as many as five hours by bus from their rural villages to weekly demonstrations at the Palacio Nacional or to attend GAM's biweekly meetings in Guatemala City. Carrying babies on their backs, dressed in brilliantly colored handwoven clothing,

wearing sombreros and carrying banners with the names of Guatemala's desaparecidos, and shouting "Alive you took them, alive we want them back" GAM members make their vigils a vibrant and haunting call for justice.



*Nineth de Garcia collects data from new GAM members.
(photo: Jean-Marie Simon, Americas Watch)*

GAM's brief history is characterized by persistent and creative nonviolent action, perhaps most dramatically noted by their five day occupation of the National Cathedral during last Fall's Presidential elections. During the three months I was there, GAM president Nineth de Garcia went on a three week tour of six European countries, GAM held a 24-hour vigil on the steps of the Palacio Nacional, held two theatre events in conjunction with other groups, marched to Congress, and later to the Supreme Court with 1467 writs of habeas corpus, collated the first copies of a book of much of their documentation, met several times with President Cerezo, held press conferences, placed radio and newspaper ads, held weekly vigils, met regularly, and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

During these last two years, GAM has grown in numbers (from several women to 1500 families), in visibility, and in power; but like most movements for change in Guatemala the cost has been dear. In late March and early April of 1985, two GAM leaders, Rosario Godoy de Cuevas and Hector Gomez Calito were tortured and assassinated (Rosario's brother and two year-old son were also killed). Numerous others have been threatened, put under surveillance, or temporarily detained. It was after the assassinations that Peace Brigades International began to take a more active role in support of GAM.

Peace Brigades International

PBI was formed in 1981 as an international organization committed to experimenting with Gandhi's concept of a "peace army", groups of volunteers experienced in nonviolent techniques that can intervene in conflict, and even armed conflict situations. Peace Brigades sent two investigative teams to Guatemala before deciding to begin an ongoing project there in 1983. Since its second meeting, GAM has used the PBI house in Guatemala City to hold meetings and work sessions, and receive their mail and messages. PBI provided an international presence, a measure of safety at GAM public events. And since April 1985, PBI has provided up to 24-hour escorts for threatened GAM leaders.

During my stay at PBI, I worked with escorts and team members from France, Germany, Canada and the US. One's job as an escort is to be present, alert, ready to move, flexible, highly visible, but at times invisible as well. Escorted GAM members are rarely alone. It becomes easy to understand why at the same time they welcome you as escort, they resent what you represent. Most of an escort's time is spent waiting, often for hours. The work isn't glamorous. No one asks your opinion, they may not even remember your name, or care to speak to you. And yet, there isn't any escort who wasn't deeply moved by the experience. For all of us it was a unique opportunity to be challenged and inspired by the incredible people we got to know.

In conjunction with my PBI work, I traveled several times to the Guatemalan highlands. What I noticed most of all were the contrasts: the incredible beauty of the country, the clouds playing in and out of the volcanoes and valleys, and the overwhelming military presence. The soil is so rich and climate so varied that everything is sustained--broccoli and apples, mangos and coconuts--everything but the people who work the land yet do not own it. The children are rich in tradition and connection to the earth, but poor in so many basic ways. I think of GAM member Genara's children living in a dim one room apartment in the city instead of in the fields and foothills of Genara's village near Coban. The disappearance of her brother brought Genara to GAM, and after numerous threats she sought refuge in the city. Just this May, security forces returned to Genara's country home looking for GAM's "stockpile of arms."

GAM members live with a level of fear that our presence does little to alleviate. Walking home from school with Genara at night, I could sense this fear as she looked anxiously down the dark streets, and then back at me. As my weeks in Guatemala went by, my fear for my own safety lessened as I began to think more about the risks those around me were taking, risks so much greater than my own. As the PBI house serves as GAM's address, PBI volunteers open the door several times a week to people reporting a disappearance for the first time. The journey to GAM is a long one. Often people come after months or years of waiting and searching for their loved one, others are admitting for the first time what really happened, many barely speak Spanish, and virtually all know that to be associated with GAM is to risk one's life.

A History of Struggle

Although the recent epoch of repression began with a CIA orchestrated coup in 1954 that overthrew Arbenz, a

democratically elected president who dared to challenge United Fruit Co., the roots go back much deeper. Ever since the Spanish arrived in the 1500's, the native Mayans have been engaged in a battle for their lives, land and culture. It is a testimony to their strength and courage that many still speak their native languages and practice their cultural traditions. The indigenous population, the majority of Guatemala, has been the prime target of rural counter-insurgency efforts. Thousands have fled to Mexico, Canada and the US; and many of those who stayed are forced to live in "model villages", or strategic hamlets, and participate in "self-defense" patrols.



GAM memorial march for Hector Gomez and Rosario Godoy, April 13, 1985 (photo: Jean-Marie Simon, Americas Watch)

Guatemala Under Cerezo

Although much heralded by the Reagan Administration, the election of Vinicio Cerezo as Guatemala's President in December, 1985, is not the return to democracy that is longed for by Guatemalans. In fact, when General and Head of State Mejia Victores decided to hold elections in the Fall of 1985, it wasn't out of a commitment to democracy, but out of the hope that a new public image might just convince the US and other reluctant governments to renew military and economic aid to Guatemala. Today, the entire military apparatus that created the death squads, carried out a brutal counter-insurgency program in the highlands, and silenced dissent in the cities remains virtually intact. And, by and large, the military is still calling the shots.

Cerezo's actions in the past few months make clear that he is walking a fine line. As the country's economy worsens, Cerezo continues to oppose land reform. And recently after months of negotiations with GAM over the formation of a governmental commission to investigate the disappearances, Cerezo announced that the commission was unnecessary. Cerezo's eagerness to present the facade of a free society has left students, unions, campesinos and GAM more room to maneuver. But for the most part Guatemalans are wary. Even in the last five years, they have seen the door open, only to be slammed shut with yet another wave of terror.

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Contadora Update... Use It To Educate!

by Hank Strunk

1986

Whereas Nicaragua has agreed to Contadora treaties and made a variety of concessions in the last three years, the US has repeatedly labelled these as propaganda and has obfuscated treaty details in order to sabotage the process.

Can we in the US present the details of Contadora events to show that the Reagan Administration does not embody the will of the American people; that rather than seek regional security and accomodation with Nicaragua, it is intent on destroying it?

The June 26 Contra Aid Vote was a major setback for the Contadora Process, although the four foreign ministers said at the UN on June 26: Contadora has "reached the end of a chapter, not the end of its work."

Time for peacemaking is running out, as the US escalates the Contra war and further acclimates the public to a crusade mentality.

But there are still citizens out there who, out of respectful recognition that our heritage is justice-through-the-rule-of-law, will resist the growing fascist movement long enough to hear our urgent and reasoned presentation.

Sequence of Events

- 1/83 - Creation of Contadora Process by Mexico, Columbia, Panama, Venezuela.
- 9/10/83 - Contadora nations draft treaty document.
- 6/84 - Manzanillo Talks between US & Nicaragua begin.
- 9/7/84 - Shultz praises Draft Treaty (not expecting Nicaragua to sign). Notes its conditional acceptance by Costa Rica, Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.
- 9/21/84 - Nicaragua, surprising the US, accepts Contadora Draft, acquiescing on many points.
- 10/84 - US and Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador then express their disagreement with parts of the Contadora Draft.
- 10/30/84 - National Security Report: "We have effectively blocked Contadora group efforts to impose the second draft to the Revised Contadora act. . . We have trumped the latest Nicaraguan/Mexican efforts to rush signature of an unsatisfactory Contadora agreement. . . Contadora spokesmen have become notably subdued recently on prospects of an early signing."

1985

- 1/85 - Manzanillo Talks cut off by US.
- 5/85 - US declares Trade Embargo against Nicaragua.
- 8/85 - Formation of Contadora Support Group--Peru, Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina.
- 5/12/85 - Contadora completes a revised Draft.
- 11/11/85 - Nicaragua agrees to 100 out of its 117 provisions . . . on remaining 17, calls for return to 9/84 draft.
- 12/3/85 - Nicaragua calls for a temporary halt--6 months--on talks in order to stop contras and await inauguration of new leadership in Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras.

- 1/86 - Caraballeda Declaration by Contadora & Support Nations, calling on US to re-open dialogue with Nicaragua, stop contra aid, and withdraw its military forces.
- late January - Nicaragua accepts Caraballeda Declaration.
- 1/22/86 - Reagan requests \$100 million in Contra Aid.
- 2/10/86 - Caraballeda foreign ministers come to Washington to present Caraballeda Declaration to Shultz.
- 2/14 - Nicaragua participated in Contadora negotiating session in Panama. Made concessions to Costa Rica on border agreement--apologized to Costa Rica for 5/31/85 border incident; apology accepted.
- 3/5 - Nicaragua backs off on its insistence (& Contadora's) on ban of Honduran-US exercises.
- 3/12 - Nicaragua willing to sign Contadora document on pacification & cooperation if compliance on the Caraballeda Declaration is guaranteed..
- 3/86 - House rejects Reagan's proposal. Senate approves it.
- 4/5/86 - Panama Meeting of Contadora & Support. . . Mexico proposed that the conference appeal to US to suspend contra aid. . Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras refuse, calling aid an internal matter outside the scope of Contadora and insist that treaty negotiations go forward without condemnation of aid.

All but Nicaragua agree to sign Treaty on June 6. (Insisting on simultaneous work to stop aid & sign treaty, Nicaragua had already conceded too much with very little additional room to maneuver.) "We were not born to commit suicide!"

- 4/11/86 - Habib's letter to Rep. Jim Slattery, accepting Treaty.
- 4/12/86 - Ortega responds that Nicaragua could sign the Contadora Treaty on June 6th "if the US has ceased its aggression against Nicaragua by that date and if agreement has been reached on the pending issues of the modified act." Reagan suggests that Nicaragua has torpedoed Contadora.
- late April - Habib on South American tour to end US isolation on Contra aid by assiduously projecting a US willingness to go along with Contadora if Nicaragua signs (re: letter to Slattery).
- 4/11 - Honduras agrees to sign.
- 4/14 - Costa Rica. . . "eager to sign on June 6. Guatemala. . . "will sign on June 6. Salvador. . . will sign even if Nicaragua doesn't.
- 5/16 - Contadora negotiating session in Panama. US shifts position. . . (Nicaragua: "Now the question is not whether or not Nicaragua will sign the act but who else would sign it."

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- 5/17 - Nicaraguan Commandante Bayardo Arce states skepticism re: Habib's letter--"merely an effort to create expectations and get public support." But personal letters to other Central American countries by US seem to imply US willingness to accept Treaty.
- May - US officials meet with Brazil, Uruguay to discuss US intervention in Nicaragua.
- May - Ortega: "What cannot be asked of Nicaragua, is that we disarm while the US continues maneuvers near our borders."
- 5/23 - White House reneges on Habib's letter. (Elliot Abrams says Habib's letter has been misinterpreted.)
- 5/29 - Guatemala Foreign Minister says Nicaraguan position has changed--favorably--considerably.

Is Nicaragua the Problem?

Peruvian Pres. Alan Garcia: "How can you say so hastily that Nicaragua has been the problem? Nicaragua cannot trust good intentions and goodwill when there is a public, international, and open request of the US administration to send \$100 million in weapons to areas where the insurgents who oppose Nicaragua operate. Therefore, I wouldn't go around hastily saying that Nicaragua is to be blamed. I would say that perhaps Nicaragua can do a bit more for this process but I feel that the responsibility lies with that bipolar conflict of the world which hurts us so much and which the Contadora Group wants to keep from reaching our countries."

- 6/4 - Diplomatic sources in San Salvador predict that the four would reject the treaty "as a result of the tour that Regan's Habib is making through Central America."
- 6/6 - Contadora submits its new draft--Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador want to re-open discussion of the previously accepted political chapter of the act re: democratization and national reconciliation.
- June 12-13 - Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador fully agree with US that the peace plan "does not make possible verification of the reduction of the arms build-up, troops, and foreign military advisers."
- June 20 - Nicaragua responds in favor of the new Contadora Draft Agreement.
- June 26 - House Contra Vote has cancelled any hopes for near future.
- July 13 - New York Times, "US said to plan a long presence in Honduras bases--cites Nicaragua threat"--(\$100 million already spend in Honduras bases and military exercises.)

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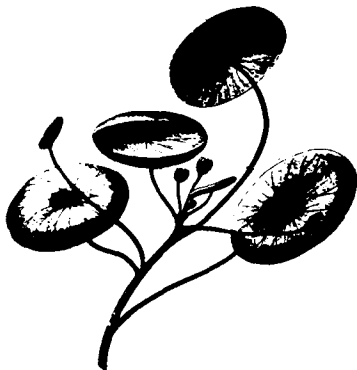


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Peacemaker in the Middle East

Mubarak Awad

by Alan W. Pike

Dr. Mubarak E. Awad, a native Palestinian and an American citizen, established the Palestinian Center for the Study of Non-violence (PSCN) in East Jerusalem in January 1985. He is a man with a mission, who speaks of the non-violent struggle of Palestinians to gain freedom from the oppressions of the Israeli forces of occupation in the West Bank and Gaza strip. Since the 6-day war in June 1967, Israel has controlled the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The West Bank includes East Jerusalem and "Jerusalem No Man's Land." The Gaza Strip borders on the Mediterranean Sea. The 1.4 million people in both areas are overwhelmingly Muslim.

The Israeli military governments in the West Bank and the Gaza strip exercise full control over all aspects of the lives of the Palestinian people. This authority is exercised through a system for issuing or denying permits or licenses which are necessary for almost every activity. The Israeli plan to change the character of the life in these land areas by "Judaizing" them. The authorities impose themselves on a daily basis on the land, waters, institutions, and rights of the Palestinian people. Israeli troops and settlers encroach on the Palestinians' lands and way of life.

The Struggle

The Palestinians on a daily basis respond to the encroachments on their lives. They are unarmed. Aggressive confrontations with the Israeli military government, troops, or settlers usually result in arrests and imprisonment. The Palestinians have learned that "their most effective strategy is one of non-violent resistance in the struggle for liberation."

Dr. Mubarak Awad received his early education in the West Bank. After imprisonments by both Jordanians and the Israelis for his ideas and acts, he immigrated to the United States. Here he studied social work and received a doctorate in psychology. Mubarak was influenced by Mennonites and Quakers from his native country, as well as during his stay in the United States.

These influences led to his dedication to aiding the Palestinians on the West Bank struggle for justice through non-violent means. He studied the non-violence of Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Gene Sharp, and others. After more than 10 years in this country, he returned to the West Bank for a "trial year" to test his knowledge and skills in building a movement of non-violent resistance. Mubarak returned to the U.S. in the following year, received a \$35,000 grant of support for the establishment and operation of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Non-Violence. He made a commitment to stay on the West Bank for three years. In May 1986 he returned to the U.S. for one of his periodic visits to gain international support through funds, understanding, and actions. Mubarak's visit to Syracuse on May 22, 1986, was co-sponsored by the Syra-

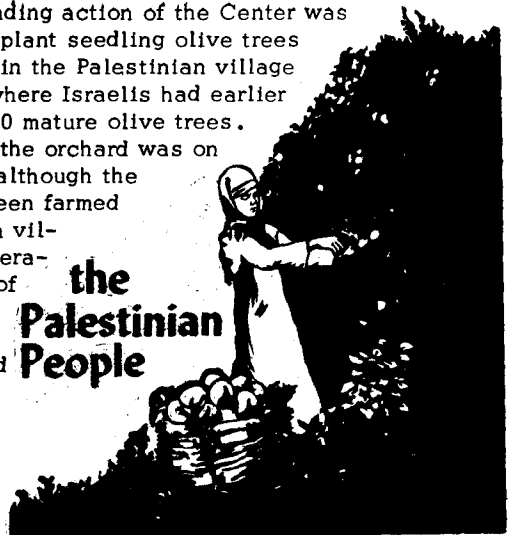
cuse Chapter of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; the Arab-American Council of Central New York; and the American Friends Service Committee. He made clear his thoughtful and passionate commitment in his words, "We have a God-given right to get rid of the occupation. We need our freedom."

The purpose of the PCSN is to provide education in the theory and practice of the philosophy of non-violence. Most of the instruction provided by the Center is in the actual practice of creative non-violent actions in real life situations for the protection of human rights and against oppression. In some of these actions, Israelis have cooperated with Palestinians. While the Center is in its very initial stages, it could become a major contributor to the attainment of an Israeli-Palestinian settlement.

The Olive Trees of Qatanna

An outstanding action of the Center was an attempt to plant seedling olive trees at an orchard in the Palestinian village of Qatanna, where Israelis had earlier uprooted 2,000 mature olive trees.

They claimed the orchard was on Israeli land, although the orchard had been farmed by Palestinian villagers for generations. Some of these stolen olive trees were replanted in a Memorial Plaza to commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. in January 1986. The event was publicized internationally. Dr. Awad revealed that the olive trees had been stolen from orchards in Qatanna. In a spirit of non-violent protest both Israeli and Palestinian supporters of the PCSN attempted to plant 500 seedling olive trees in the orchard to replace the stolen trees. The action was thwarted by the Israeli military, but gained world-wide attention to the case. The land ownership question has been taken to the courts.



To learn more, contact Dr. Mubarak E. Awad at the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence, P.O. Box 19543, Jerusalem, Via Israel.

Note: In addition to the remarks of Dr. Mubarak E. Awad on May 22, 1986, the writer has used his article: "Non-violent Resistance: A Strategy for Occupied Territories", in *Nonviolent Struggle in the Middle East*, New Society Publishers, 4722 Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, PA. 19143, (C. 1985)

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Mississippi Boycott

In Indianola, Mississippi, blacks staged a successful 37-day boycott of schools and businesses to protest the hiring of a white school superintendent. The boycott had the participation of an estimated 80-90% of the black community, in a school district that is 93% black.

The boycott ended when W.A. Grissom, the white superintendent, resigned, to be replaced by Robert Merritt, a black with popular support. Also at issue was the school board's approval of a \$5,000 raise for the superintendent, to \$57,000 a year, without approving pay increases for teachers.

Black community leaders say they will continue to work for more black representation.

—condensed from the Guardian



If It's So Safe...

Long before the "liability crisis", there was the Price-Anderson Act. Passed in 1957, the Price-Anderson Act severely limits insurance awards in case of a nuclear accident. Although losses could exceed tens of billions of dollars, the liability of the nuclear industry is limited to \$665 million.

If it's so safe, why can't individual home and business owners buy insurance against nuclear hazards? In fact, insurance companies will provide only \$160 million in coverage to the nuclear utilities. The utilities themselves would pay the rest of the \$665 million.

The Price-Anderson Act will expire in August 1987 if Congress does not renew it. If it expires, existing activity will be covered at the present liability limits.

Price-Anderson legislation is in committee and could be on the House and Senate floor by September.

—Shelagh Clancy



Gray Panthers Protest

About 20 Gray Panthers showed up at the Army Recruiting Station in Phoenix, Arizona in April and tried to enlist as a protest against cuts in social programs. But the doors were locked and they weren't allowed inside.

79-year-old Naomi Harward of Tempe said, "This is our way of saying that the government provides more for the military than it does for the elderly and children in this country. We figure that if it takes induction into the armed services to receive necessary housing and medical care, then we'll go for it."

Signs protested military expenditures: "Military Budget Up 89% in Five Years," and "I Can't Afford Health Care - I Want to Enlist! Similar protests took place around the country.

—Shelagh Clancy

ANC in Syracuse

Since 1912, the African National Congress (ANC) has led the struggle for a non-racial democratic society in a unitary South Africa. For half a century, the ANC held fast to a program of non-violent resistance in the face of brutal repression.

Following the Sharpeville Massacre in 1960 --the murder of 69 unarmed African women and children protesting the Pass Laws-- the ANC was banned by the ruling Nationalist Party. Driven underground, the ANC resolved that armed struggle had become a necessary stage in the struggle against White Supremacy.

Victor Mashabela, an ANC representative, brought the message of the South African liberation movement to Syracuse on June 11th. He lent great clarity to the news reports North Americans normally receive. He stressed that actions of the South African government were responses to the broadening initiatives of the ANC and the growing mass militancy of the people. Mashabela informed the forum participants that night that the State of Emergency already existed. The next day, it was officially declared.

Mashabela also emphasized the importance of the international movement for sanctions and disinvestment to isolate the Apartheid regime.

—Seth Moranz



Gay & Lesbian Pride Rally

Can Syracuse's Parks and Recreation Department restrict free speech in Columbus Circle? The Gay and Lesbian Conference of Syracuse and Central New York NOW have filed suit in federal court to find out.

When the Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee applied for a rally permit in June, Parks and Recreation required proof of liability insurance for \$1 million. When the rally committee balked at this, they were told they could apply for a waiver. This would absolve the city from all liability, even that resulting from negligence on the city's part.

CNY NOW, who planned a liberty Rally July 3rd, and the Gay and Lesbian Conference, went to court for an injunction against the requirement. They argued that the city was attempting to abridge their freedom of speech by restricting access to a recognized public forum.

Judge Neil McCurn refused to grant an injunction, although subpoenaed documents showed that the unwritten policy was selectively enforced. The city offered a special waiver, assigning liability to the appropriate party. The plaintiffs felt this restated current law.

The Gay and Lesbian Pride Rally was held on June 22nd, without insurance or waiver, and was a great success with over 100 people attending in a positive, happy mood.

The case is to be continued. It may have a chilling effect on organizing; the NOW rally was cancelled. Many groups have signed the waiver, and the city continues to require it.

—Shelagh Clancy

Book Review-

The Men with the Pink Triangle

by Heinz Heger Alyson Pub. 1980 \$5.95

by Toni Taverone

The play Bent represents the first introduction many of us have had to the broadness of Nazi repression. We are face to face with the chilling fact that along with the 6 million Jews liquidated in the concentration camps of the Third Reich were also countless thousands of homosexuals, and along with them thousands of gypsies, and thousands of socialists, communists, and other progressive intellectuals. Much of the context and background of the play Bent is contained in the book The Men with the Pink Triangle. This is a chronicle of one young man's internment and survival of six years in several concentration camps, as told to the German writer Heinz Heger. His story contains not only the details of his own personal struggle, but also an in-depth look at the camps themselves, the purpose they played in the Nazi scheme, and ultimately the thread which connects all oppressed groups.

This young man, an Austrian, tells of how he first recognized his homosexual feelings as a teenager. He had a relationship with another young man who was a fellow student. They had plans and dreams for the future, as all lovers have. The man related how his mother was supportive of him and his "different" feelings, and how she encouraged him to be himself. One day the gestapo arrived at his house with a picture of him and his lover with a loving inscription written on the back. He was arrested and this began his six-year nightmare.

This anonymous man outlines the conditions in the camps, concentrating on the stories of homosexuals, gypsies, and Jews. This is by no means a mere chronicle of atrocities, but rather a sensitive picture of the resources and limitations of the human spirit. The long term purpose of the camps was forced labor and ultimate liquidation of the "target" groups. The immediate goal of the day-to-day conditions was to set up a hierarchy among the prisoners and destroy their solidarity. Conditions were set to ensure that survival was always at the expense of another. The man in the book survived by his sexual alliances with camp officials and other prisoners who were above him in the hierarchy. He saw less "well connected" prisoners die of torture, hunger, and overwork while he himself was protected from dangerous work assignments and given extra food. On rare occasions he was able to use his privilege to help another. Most of the time, however, he did not interfere and protected his own position. This is its own special form of torture -- setting the conditions such that it is impossible to help another without sacrificing oneself.

In this book is an allegory which applies to all of us in today's world. It was no accident that the Nazis chose the groups they did for the camps. Jews and gypsies threatened their racial goals. Progressive thinkers threatened their goals of a rigid social structure. Homosexuality threatened their ideas of sharp gender division and male supremacy. The concentration camp experience

shows in stark relief the connection between these threats -- and the ultimate connection between the groups who represent these threats. The camp conditions are recreated in milder form in the world at large when survival means choosing between one oppressed group or another.

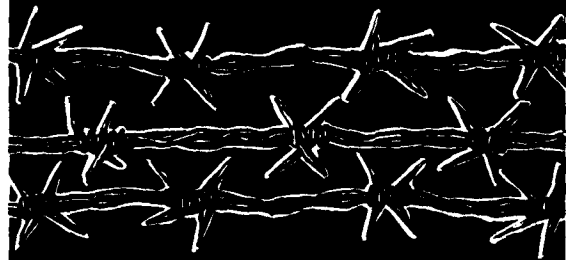
The reality of gays in the concentration camps has been suppressed until recently in two ways. It has been suppressed "officially" by those seeking justice for camp survivors -- not wanting to include gays in the group of those who deserve restitution. But the other, more insidious way it has been suppressed is that until recently no gay survivors have been willing to come forward and speak. Only until the gay movement established a firm basis of support has anyone been able to come forward and tell their story. This is one of the hardest lessons to be learned from the Holocaust. The destruction of human solidarity goes far beyond the camps and follows us into a new generation.

In The Men with the Pink Triangle this anonymous Austrian delivers a plea for unity that is straightforward, personal, and conscious. He simply asks that homosexuals be included in the human family. His story is an intense personal statement of a raw political reality -- that the exclusion and oppression of homosexuals parallels the exclusion and oppression of all other groups who have ever been "outcast", and that the survival of all is inextricably linked.



First they came for the Jews
and I did not speak out -
because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for the communists
and I did not speak out -
because I was not a communist.
Then they came for the trade
unionists and I did not speak out -
because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for me -
and there was no one left
to speak out for me.

Pastor Niemöller (victim of the Nazis)



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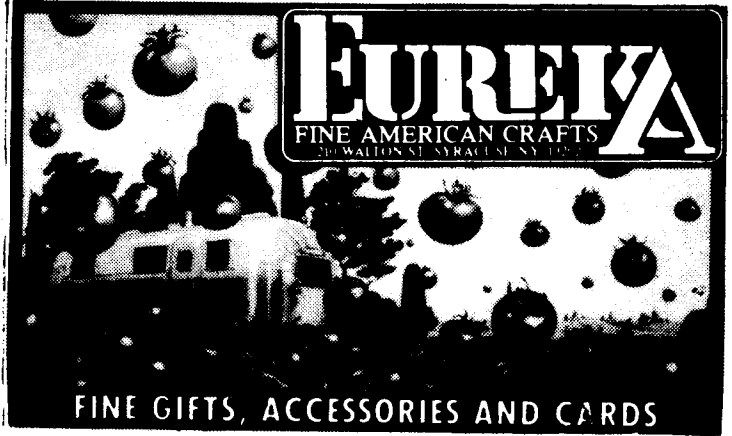
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The foreign aid that Mejia Victores envisioned is already forthcoming in 287 million dollars in credits from private and public international lending institutions. Cerezo has also asked for some 90 million in economic and military aid from the Reagan Administration.

What You Can Do

The struggle for peace and justice in Guatemala is a long one. Until the hold of the military is broken, and until drastic economic inequalities are dealt with, tensions cannot subside. And yet GAM and other groups pushing for change have tremendous potential. Our organized opposition to our own government's complicity, and particularly to economic and military aid is crucial in the months ahead. Letters to Guatemalan President Vinicio Cerezo (Palacio Nacional, Zona 1, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala) asking him to appoint the impartial commission to investigate the disappearances, and telling him that you hold him responsible for the safety of GAM are also needed. The hundreds of letters and telegrams sent to Mejia Victores while GAM was occupying the National Cathedral may have guaranteed their safety. Letters of support and encouragement can also be sent to GAM (Calle Mariscal 10-10, Zona 11, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala).

Spanish speaking short and long-term volunteers are needed for PBI's Guatemala Project. Contact PBI, 175 Carlton, Toronto, Ont. Canada M5A 2K3, (416) 964-1881.

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Changes In South Africa An Interview with Winnie Mandela

by Marimuthu Subramoney

The following interview with Winnie Mandela took place on July 23, soon after the South African government had lifted banning orders against Mandela, enabling her legally to speak and be quoted by the press.

President Reagan has once again not only refused to impose economic sanctions against South Africa but has also referred to certain elements in the ANC [African National Congress] as terrorists. What is your view of Reagan?

We regard him as the clown he is. The actor he is. He regards us as his theater.

Reagan is in fact seeking a confrontation with the oppressed people of our country. His recent speech [in which he opposed sanctions] was made by an irresponsible actor who couldn't care a damn about the aspirations of our people. We have come to the conclusion that the time has come to accept the challenge presented by these Western nations, a challenge that we have warned is confrontational. We are going to accept the challenge

Marimuthu Subramoney is managing editor of the Press Trust of South Africa, which was the target of a South African police raid in June. The article was written under stringent press restrictions imposed by the government in the current state of emergency. The interview is reprinted from The Guardian, a radical newsweekly, available for \$27.50 annually from 33 West 17th St., New York, New York 10011.

and examine ourselves and our strategies now that they made their stance very clear. It is perhaps time we reviewed the policies of the ANC.

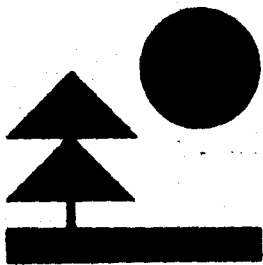
Reagan has repeated that if sanctions were imposed against Pretoria, the West would be damaging the cause of Blacks, that Blacks would be the first to suffer. Do you agree with him?

We are the people who are suffering in our land. We are the people who have called on the caring democratic world to come to our aid. We have told the rest of the world that the only peaceful course we know that is open to us is the imposition of sanctions. We at least should be allowed the right to determine the type of suffering we are prepared to go through in order to attain our freedom. We do not accept this racist attitude of prescribing to us the form of oppression we should be subjected to and prescribing even the method through which we should fight our oppressor.

You say the ANC is the future government of South Africa. How certain are you about this?

I have no doubts about this at all. The ANC is the people's mouthpiece. The ANC espouses the aspirations

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Vigil a Success

More than 100 people gathered for the annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki vigil at Columbus Circle on August 6. A sense of dignity and respect was felt as we gathered in silence with the participants of the Open Hand Theater Parade and music creating the drama of the event.

One by one people placed hand-made paper cranes on symbolic trees of Hope and Life. We had wanted to have people state their hopes for peace, but without a sound system verbal communication was difficult. Next year there will be a sound system at the event. Because we did not create or define the physical parameters of our vigil, people moved freely in and out of it. Our silence was sometimes lost with conversation and crowd movement but at the same time people passing by were able to join us. Leaflets given out and signs displayed explaining the purpose of the vigil and the symbolism of the paper cranes, were also invitations for new people to join us. Those of us who gathered were grateful to publicly remember the bombings and to continue our witness of saying no to nuclear annihilation and yes to healing the planet.

Building Bridges

On Saturday October 18, the Peace Council will be sponsoring a workshop on Building Bridges: Working and Playing in Racial and Cultural Diversity. The workshop will run from 10 Am to 5 PM. Look for the October Peace Newsletter for more details.



Immediate Job Opening

The Peace Council has re-opened our staff search. We are looking for a full-time organizer with some experience. The pay is \$110 a week. For more information call us at 472-5478.

Upcoming Dinner

Plans are being made for the annual fall dinner and speaker to be held some time in mid-October. If you are interested in working on any aspect of the event, including publicity, food preparation or set-up, please call Leeann at SPC.

Safe Energy Resource

The Safe Energy Communications Council is making available, free of charge, two Public Service Announcements on safe energy. The tapes, narrated by Robert Redford, present timely information about the hazards of nuclear power and also present a positive message about real energy choices. Anyone wishing to work on putting them on the air at local radio stations can contact Leeann at SPC.

Staff Structure Review

A review and evaluation of SPC staff structure will be held September 22nd at 7 PM at 104 Avondale. The discussion topics will include: number of staff, wages, work and program priorities, and SPC staff role in the larger community. For further information or comments call Leeann at 472-5478.

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of the oppressed peoples of South Africa. We have no doubt at all that the beliefs in the Freedom Charter express the views of oppressed Black South Africans and democratic whites.

The state of emergency is now more than a month old. Do you think it has achieved anything?

The state of emergency has led the country deeper and deeper into crisis. The Afrikaner continues to sow seeds of the inevitable revolution. It now appears that it is the Afrikaner himself who is impatient with the pace of the revolution. There is no truth in what the government says that violence has abated, that violence has been reduced by the security forces. On the contrary, violence has increased in the townships. What has happened is that the media--both international and local--have been prevented from telling it as it is. All the government has succeeded in doing is to silence the media and increase the pace of the revolution.

How do you see the political system in South Africa after racial oppression is abolished?

The people of our country, the majority, will have to make that decision. After generations and decades of struggle, it is their right to have a government of their choice. Without necessarily speaking for them on that score, I should imagine they will have a government that will represent all who live here. I should imagine they will want a country that will share the wealth of the land. I should think they would want a government that will be

a people's government for the oppressed people in our country. I should imagine they would want to eliminate the poverty we have known under the immoral capitalist regime--the Botha regime. I should imagine they will want a country where they shall be free to choose whatever rights they want.

You yourself have been subject to a great deal of repression, such as house arrests, bannings, detentions and prison terms. Don't you feel bitter about being subjected to such inhumanity?

I don't think there is a single oppressed person who has no bitterness within himself or herself. I don't think it would be human for anyone not to feel bitter while we are burying every day innocent victims of apartheid, while we continue to see blood flow from our children, who have done nothing more than to raise a finger against oppression.

Yet you say South Africa belongs to all who live in it and that the future government should represent all people.

The country's inhabitants happen to be of different colors. That was God's wish. What we have done in the ANC is to educate our people so they understand that we cannot afford to think in terms of groups in our land. We do not view our society as belonging to certain ethnic groups who are superior by virtue of their color. We are all equal and we have to accept that our country belongs to all who live in it, who made it what it is.

On September 4 there will be protests in Syracuse aimed at getting the City of Syracuse to divest holdings in companies operating in South Africa. Call Thabo Raphoto, 475-4822, for information.

Resistance to Relocation Continues

"In our traditional tongue there is no word for relocation. To move away means to disappear and never be seen again."

-Pauline Whitesinger

The United States Government set July 7 as the deadline for "voluntary relocation" of the Native American people from Big Mountain, Arizona. The date passed without mass arrests, a large scale invasion, or "forced relocation". However, the pressure on the Dine (Navajo) people who are resisting relocation is mounting.

The tension in the area around Big Mountain is high. There has been consistent surveillance and harassment. Planes and helicopters frequently fly at low altitudes over homes and cattle. A confrontation between members of the Sovereign Dine Nation security force and the "official" Navajo police took place in July. There has also been increased construction by Hopi Tribal personnel in this "Joint Use Area". (This area has been shared by the Hopi and Navajo for some 600 years. The passage of Public Law 93-531 in 1974 set up a timetable for the removal of all Dine residents from this area. See the Nov./Dec. 1985 Peace Newsletter for further background information on the situation.)

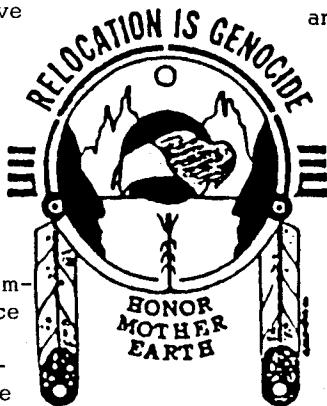
At the same time support for the traditional Dine people who refuse to cooperate with relocation has

also been increasing. The Hopi traditional government has declared its opposition to relocation. (This is in strong contrast to the Bureau of Indian Affairs created Hopi Tribal Council, which supports relocation.) People concerned with peace and social justice in this country and around the world are recognizing that relocation is another example of U.S. exploitation of Native people and have lent their support.

The pressure exerted on Congress is certainly one of the reasons that July 7 passed without a major incident. But there is still much work to be done. The relocation act must be repealed so that the Dine people living in the disputed area can remain and those who have "voluntarily" relocated can return.

For further information about what you can do to support the people of Big Mountain contact the Syracuse Support Group for Indigenous Peoples and Traditional Pathways, 316 Greenwood Avenue, Syracuse, N.Y. 13210, (315) 476-6103, or the Big Mountain Legal Defense/Offense Committee, 2501 N. 4th Street, Suite 18, Flagstaff, AZ 86001, (602) 774-5233.

-Andy Mager



Nonviolence Conferences

This fall two conferences on nonviolence will be held in the region. On the weekend of September 26-28 there will be a three-day workshop for people interested in learning facilitation skills for nonviolence preparations, and who are experienced with civil disobedience. The conference will be held at a conference center near Lake Chautauqua. Registration is limited, and the deadline is September 5.

The weekend came out of a need for more preparations for civil disobedience actions in solidarity with Central America struggles. The organizers stress the importance of participants having previous experience in civil disobedience and having a desire to return to their communities to facilitate nonviolence preparation sessions. For more information, call Leeann or Andy at SPC, or write WNY Peace Center, 472 Emslie Street, Buffalo, NY 14212.

For those wishing to participate in a regional conference on nonviolence the 1986 Mid-Atlantic Nonviolence Conference will be held in Chevy Chase, MD on November 14 and 15. The purpose of the conference is to deepen participants' understanding of nonviolence and of bringing about political and constructive social change. For information contact Pat Tatum, 4715 Rittenhouse St., Riverdale, MD 20737, (301) 277-2242 or call Leeann or Andy at the Peace Council, 472-5478.

Alliance for Cultural Democracy

The Alliance for Cultural Democracy, a nationwide non-profit organization for community-based arts programs and activist artists involved in community and cultural work, will hold its 10th anniversary conference, IMAGINATION, in Boston on November 7-10.

At the heart of the conference will be a complex vision of our society which integrates political, economic and cultural factors and embraces cultural action as a strategy for enabling diverse peoples to creatively determine their own lives. Performances, exhibits and discussions will help participants explore this vision.

Housing is available for those who register early. Childcare is available by advanced registration. Fees are \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members. For information, call (617) 277-1009 or (617) 423-3711.

Peace Fellowship Available

Fellowships to work in Washington, DC, for disarmament, nuclear arms control and peace organizations are now available for college graduates. They support people to spend 3-4 months working full-time on arms control research and/or action activities with one of 18 organizations.

The fellowships, named for the late Dr. Herbert Scoville, Jr., long-time public servant and advocate of international peace and nuclear arms control, begin in January of 1987. The deadline for the spring semester is October 15, and March 1 for the fall semester. For further information, program description and application requirements, contact: Scoville Peace Fellowship Program, 110 Maryland Avenue, NE Room 211, Washington, DC 20002.

From Oswestry to Oswego

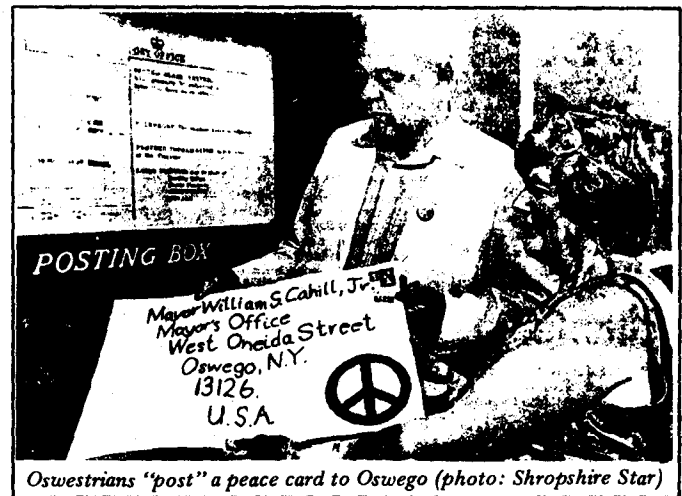
One wouldn't expect the people of England to commemorate July 4 as Independence Day. Yet this is what many British peace groups did this past summer.

As part of a national campaign initiated by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) the Oswestry Nuclear Disarmament Group from Oswestry England sent a giant post card to the mayor of Oswego (Oswego being the US city closest in name to Oswestry) calling for Americans to support efforts at British Independence through the removal of US weapons from their soil.

Their message read in part, "We are not being anti-American when we call for the removal of American nuclear bases here and an end to British Star Wars research.... Rather we write to you, the people of America, because we know that your government will listen to you and that, in the true spirit of 1776, you can help us gain our independence and we can work together constructively as partners to make the world a safer place."

The Peace Council was contacted as the peace group they knew about nearest to Oswego. Oswegonians (and others) can reply by writing to Oswestry Nuclear Disarmament Group, 72 Oak Drive, Oswestry, Shropshire SY11 2RY England.

-Andy Mager



Oswestrians "post" a peace card to Oswego (photo: Shropshire Star)

Taxing Bananas for Relief

In Madison, Wisconsin, there is a friendly neighborhood grocery store, the Willy Street Coop, that adds a 2¢ tax on every pound of bananas sold in order to help local refugees from Central America.

A sign above the fruit shelves explains that while the customers like bananas, many are unhappy about the large corporations that control the industry in Guatemala, pay the workers very low wages, and in general support the oppressive conditions that are forcing thousands of poor people from their homes as refugees. As a small contribution, the coop staff sends the banana tax of about \$150 every few months to three local churches that aid refugees. Two photos of some of them were on display.

The sign did not say how the 2¢ tax was decided upon, nor if and when other items produced under similar conditions in Central America, such as coffee, cocoa, and fast-food hamburger beef, would also be taxed.

-Theodore Herman

Peace March Still Truckin'

The Great Peace March for Nuclear Disarmament is currently on its way to Toledo, Ohio, reaching the 2/3rd point in its cross-continental hike to Washington. While the March is still struggling financially, the panic is gone and they expect to reach Washington on November 15.

Their trip through the hot sun of the Midwest was tempered by occasional friendly dousings by local fire departments. They continue to receive a warm welcome in most places, particularly in rural areas. There are currently some 700 people actively participating in the March. At any one time 500 of them are doing the easy work of walking,

while others do advance organizing in areas they will soon enter.

A group of women musicians from the March, "Wild Womyn for Peace," will be coming to this area to perform at the Women Harvest Festival, and at S.U. on Sept. 22. Speakers will be available on Sept. 22 and 23. Call 423-4268 for further information.

-Andy Mager



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Correction

In the August Peace Newsletter, an article about the local Gay and Lesbian Pride Rally credited the Central New York Chapter of N.O.W. with co-sponsoring the event. It was actually the Greater Syracuse Chapter of N.O.W. which was involved. We apologize for any confusion caused by the error.

Grants for Cultural Work

The Cultural Resources Council (CRC) is accepting applications for the 1987 CRC Regrant Project. The Project, a part of the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) Decentralization Program, has received \$30,000 from NYSCA for distribution to community organizations for cultural programs.

To be eligible an organization must be a not-for-profit corporation, have an active Board of Directors, and be based in Onondaga County. Any agency that has applied to NYSCA for 1986-87 is not eligible. Individuals may apply only if they are sponsored by an organization. Applications are due by October 1, 1986. For application forms, contact the Council at 411 Montgomery St., Syracuse, NY 13202, or call Christine Yackel at 425-2155.

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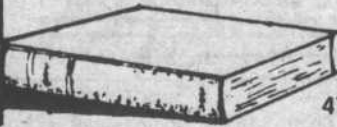
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11 Help With "Visions of 1" Peace 7:30PM ECOH 119 Sunport Ave (Dairy Pothuck) 472-7300

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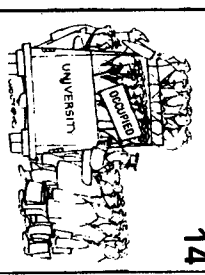
12 New Jewish Agenda 6-9PM 119 Sunport Ave (Dairy Pothuck)

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Open Public Service Comm. Hearing on \$165 million Mt. Kato Rate Hike 167PM State Office Bldg 33 E. Washington St., Syracuse

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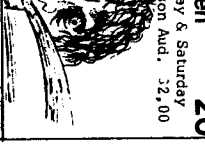
Natl Council of Negro Women Mtg. 7PM Dunbar Center

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19 **Carmen** NWS FILMS Friday & Saturday 7:9PM SU Watson Aud. \$2.00

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21 **Visions of Peace Festival** See calendar box below.

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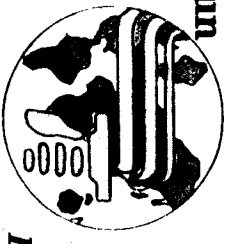
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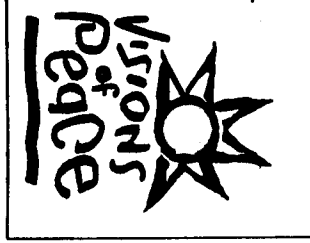
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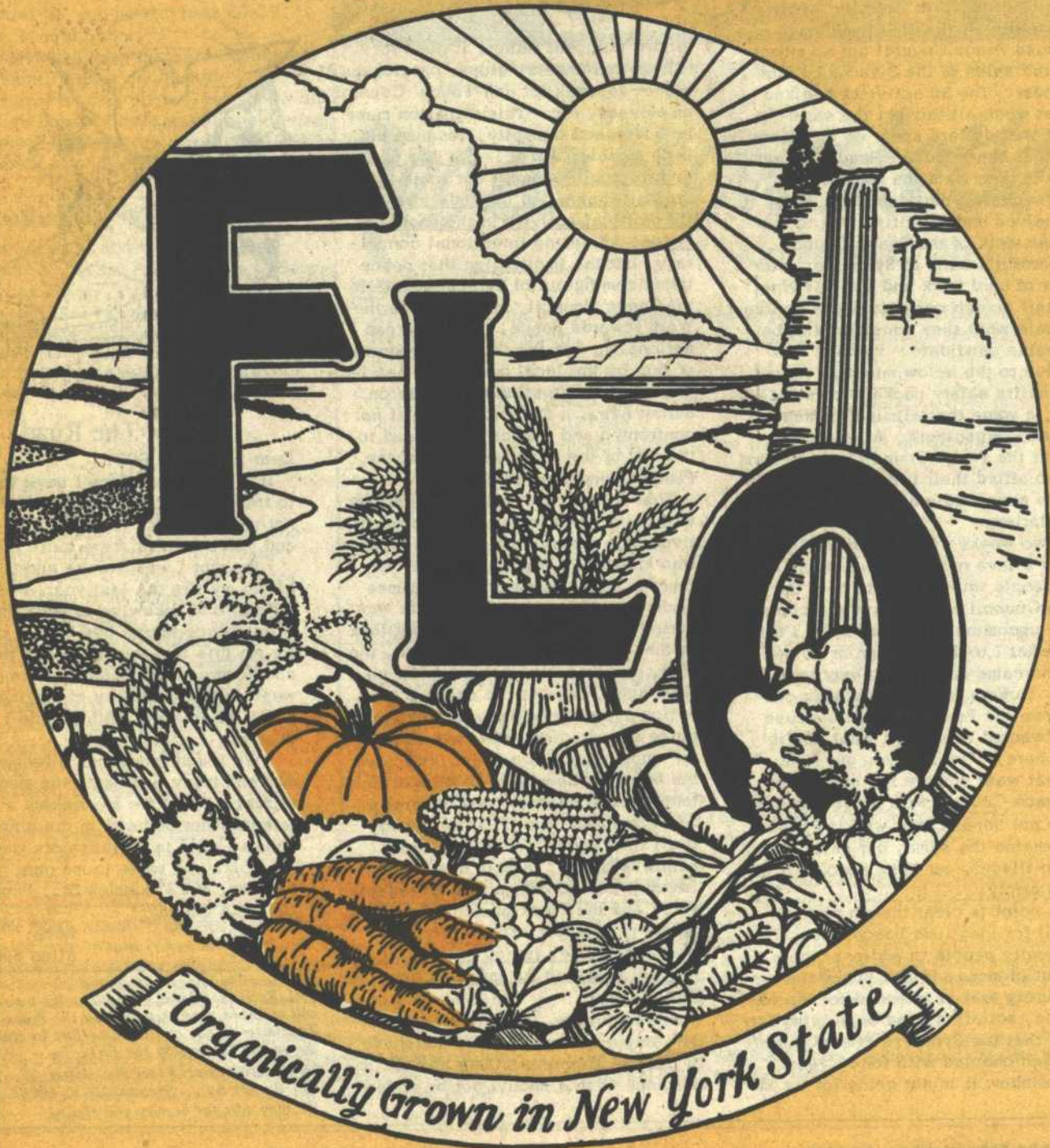
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LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

Whose Calendar?

Dear editor:

I was telling a friend of mine in Albany about the hard financial straits of the Peace Council, and she said: it's a good thing it's calendar season. Her mouth literally dropped in disbelief when I told her that the Syracuse Peace Council got no money from the sales of the Syracuse Peace Calendar. The 30 activists I talked to that week all thought the same thing: that dollars spent on the Peace Calendar benefited the Peace Council. Many of them said the only reason they purchased that calendar, for themselves and for gifts, was to support the work of the Peace Council.

Meanwhile back in Syracuse, after a year of hard work and interviewing, the staff search committee was unable to locate what they considered to be a hireable candidate. Perhaps this was due to the below minimum wage/no benefits salary package being offered, a wage that eliminates many potential organizers. All current staff at the Peace Council have second jobs to afford their full-time SPC job. This is supposedly due to lack of funds for salaries.

In two weeks since returning from Albany I have received four phone calls from people who wanted to help the Peace Council by purchasing a copy of the upcoming history of SPC. I told them what I told the dozen or so people who came out of their way to purchase tickets for the Joan Baez concert from the Peace Council because they "wanted to support what you're doing here," "to help you guys out," and that was: you are not supporting the Peace Council with these purchases, we do not benefit, our working budget remains the same, our salaries remain illegal, our bank account remains empty.

The point is clear though perhaps painful for long time Peace Council Community people to address: there is a lot of money in and out of the community that is intended for the educating, agitating, and organizing for Peace that the Syracuse Peace Council has been charged with for 50 years, but somehow it is not going for its in-



FREE SPEECH

tended purpose: rather, it goes for slicker calendars, glossy catalogues, higher salaries for non-Peace Council employees, etc. This situation must be addressed promptly, because SPC is in trouble, and it is not due to a lack of public support but to an apparent mischanneling of funds intended for political activity in the name of Peace. I infer no intentional conspiracy, but the implication that peace items coming out of Syracuse benefit the Peace Council, and therefore the Work towards Peace, is widespread nationally, and the lack of recognition of this by the local community has led to a serious situation down here on Burnet Ave., a situation which if not confronted and remedied will lead to the end of the organizing arm of the Peace Council community.

This winter our remaining organizer will leave, and with our non-competitive, barely survivable wage package who knows if a replacement will be found. Many blame it on the times (back in the Viet Nam days there was something to organize about) but look at these times: in the last month, the U.S. has "legally" declared war on Nicaragua, brought the military into action against civilians under the guise of a drug crusade, witnessed the appointment of a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who is all but blatantly racist, sexist, and generally down on human rights. And through it all the Peace Council has been painfully silent, largely due to the "overworked condition of its organizer," and the "lack of money" to hire other, more experienced activists. Well, the money is not lacking, it is just not reaching its intended destination.

In conclusion, if you want a calendar, buy a calendar. Your purchase of posters supports artists and the importance of this should not be under-

played. But under the current structure, your purchase of these items does not help the Peace Council with its intention to educate, agitate, and organize for peace, something which becomes more necessary each day, as we become less capable of doing it.

Yours in the struggle,
Andrew Seltzer



The GREAT PEACE MARCH
for NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT INC. 1986

From The Road

Dear friends at SPC:

It's been long since I have written to tell folks of my life. The time does not mean I do not think of the people and years I spent there quite often.

I thought I would write and tell a bit on my life the last year, and ask others to do likewise to me. The Great Peace March has been a center for me this last year, through the ups and downs of desertion, bankruptcy, weather and difficulty of moving every day it is an event with people I love dearly.

We touch thousands directly each day and many more with the media we attract. I feel we are making a difference, not perhaps in the grandiose scheme, but in a grassroots way.

Folks can write to me care of my parents, 622 Frederick St., Panama City FLA 32405.

Love,
Allen Smith

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

Our special harvest issue is just filled with food for thought, or brain food as we say on the cover. You can learn about the farm crisis from the perspective of farm organizer Tom West, international food issues in Shelley Feldman's article and the ways that our food is increasingly coming from foreign lands from Shane LaBrake. Also see information about the status of migrant farm laborers in Central NY and how to help CROP fight hunger.

A look at Congressional contenders Rosemary Pooler and George Wortley, more information about Central America and an appeal from some peace-loving veterans fill out this month's PNL.

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Dates and Deadlines

The November PNL will be an 8 pgr. Production days will be:
Monday, October 21 and
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Space Requests: October 10
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Calendar: October 17



In the December newsletter we will take a look at Children and Peace. Send us your ideas real soon.

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COVER

We have used the logo for Finger Lakes Organics by Ithaca artist Dan Burgevin for this month's cover. We only regret that we are unable to reproduce it in full-color.

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House News

Oy vay, can you believe what a month it's been. A vibrant booth at the State Fair, courtesy of Paul Pearce, Carol Baum, Andy Mager and others. Leeann went on a nice long trip to Maine, returning to find one of the mice which preferred coffee to liberation via Hav-a-Heart at her desk. The Press spent unfathomably long hours printing a beautiful catalog for the Jewish Community Center, which was followed by out-of-town for both of the basement boys. The SPC animal rescue squad was called again this month. Rather than mice, young squirrels were the objects of our concern. A family seems to have nested in our eaves, with the youngsters occasionally jumping to the ground when momma was off gathering food. They were gently returned to their home. It looks like our house will remain our house, after the folks who expressed interest in buying the building responded to our price. So, if you have any ideas for making it more beautiful (or we'd settle for structurally sound) please come down and pitch in. Also, SPC activist Cletus Pinti recently quit his job cooking chickens, and has spent much time on all three floors of the house. Remember, the house belongs to us all, so come join us, get your hands dirty doing some enjoyable and useful work.

—Andy Mager

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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Building Bridges

The Peace Council is sponsoring an all day workshop titled: "Building Bridges Across Race and Culture" on Saturday, October 18, from 10 to 5 PM, at East Genesee Presbyterian Church, 1800 East Genesee St. The workshop is focused on how white people can work toward overcoming racism.

The cost is on a sliding scale from \$5 to \$10 with a \$2 late fee. Work exchange is available. Please register by Thursday, October 16 by calling or writing to SPC. Childcare will be available for those who register. The Church is wheelchair accessible. A simple vegetarian lunch will be provided.

For all interested participants there will be a follow-up meeting with the Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism on Tuesday, October 21, at American Friends Service Committee, 821 Euclid Av.

Concert Planned

Charlie King, folksinger and political activist, will be performing Saturday, November 22, at May Memorial Unitarian Church. Charlie has been on stage before in Syracuse with Bright Morning Star and singing solo for a Griffiths Plowshares Celebration. The concert is sponsored by SPC. For details of time and cost call SPC.

Focus on Central America

The Program Committee of SPC is planning a material aid project or a sister city project with a country in Central America.

Committee members are currently gathering information on existing projects, including Oxfam, NEST (New El Salvador Today), and Madre. We are also investigating a potential project in Guatemala and a sister city project in Nicaragua. Anyone interested in being involved in such a project is invited to attend the decision making meeting, October 22, 7:30 PM at Leeann Irwin's, 104 Avondale. As this goes out in the mail we will be having our second planning meeting on October 1 at the same time and place as the previous meeting mentioned. For further information or comments call Leeann at SPC.

Staff Structure Review

The review and evaluation of SPC staff structure planned for September 22 has been postponed until Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 PM at the home of Leeann Irwin, 104 Avondale Pl.

The meeting is open to anyone interested. Comments, evaluations and suggestions from the staff review meeting and the internal review workshops on process issues with the last full time staff person will be incorporated into this evaluation. The meeting will include evaluation of staff search, current staff structure and work priorities, and the relationship of SPC staff structure to the SPC community. A proposed agenda is available at SPC. Call Leeann for more information.

A State Fair Success

"People of all ages protesting, questioning establishment--thank SPC for being here. What a shot in the arm --to take a turn at the Fair."

--Hank and Sue Strunk

By most barometers, the SPC booth at the State Fair was a big success. We sold \$2,000 worth of progressive buttons, t-shirts, etc., we gave out over 500 Peace Newsletters, along with other literature, over 200 people signed petitions, and 250 people signed up to be on the Peace Newsletter mailing list. Those who worked at the booth generally felt energized and glad to be part of a "peace presence" at the Fair. Financially, the booth broke even in the end.

We plan to utilize all the comments and good information learned this year to make next year's booth one which does a better job of reaching out and bringing people in. One specific plan is to create some sort of interesting participatory learning experience. Thanks go out to all who helped with the project, and look forward to being asked to help again next year. Anyone interested in working on coordinating committee for next year's booth should call Andy Mager at SPC.



photo by Glenda Neff

Computer Sought

There's a joke around the SPC House that the Peace Council is just stepping into the 70's. For example we have a functioning photocopy machine. Although our 2,000 piece mailing list is on computer discs the computers are in the homes of two generous SPC members which makes it a bit inconvenient to coordinate schedules.

To get us into the mid 70's it would be great to have our own computer. Yes, Yes, we saw the movie War Games and we know of the subtle seduction of technology but we have 2,000 names on our mailing list! So, if you're interested in helping SPC move into the late 70's by getting a computer or getting one donated, call Leeann at SPC.

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Challenging U.S. Intervention: Suing the Government on Contra Aid

Tony Avirgan and Martha Honey are fulltime journalists working in Costa Rica for media organizations such as CBS News, the British Broadcasting Corporation, The Sunday Times, The Times of London, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and National Public Radio. Both have long-time connections with the Peace Council and Central New York.

They are uniquely qualified to discuss the crimes of the Contras. Still working journalists living in Costa Rica and still breaking new stories about Contragate, Tony and Martha speak from personal experience with the Contras, the Americans helping them and people who are their victims.

On May 29, 1986, the Christie Institute in Washington, D.C. filed a lawsuit in United States-Federal Court in the Southern District of Florida on their behalf.

This suit is a private civil action against 30 defendants. While the suit does allege numerous criminal acts, it is up to the Justice Department to bring the criminal charges against the named defendants. The suit is an attempt to hold the US government accountable for its illegal policy of arming the Contras seeking to overthrow Nicaragua's elected government.

The event triggering the suit was the placing and detonating of an explosive device at a press conference held by Eden Pastora at La Penca, Nicaragua on May 30, 1984. At that time, Mr. Pastora was an independent Contra leader. As a one-time hero of the Sandinista revolution, Pastora refused to ally himself with the other Contra factions controlled by ex-Somoza national guardsmen and the CIA. The other Contra factions attempted to murder Pastora with the May 1984 bombing. Protected by the bodies of the world press, Pastora escaped death. Three journalists were killed and numerous others, including Tony, were seriously injured, some losing limbs and suffering diminished hearing capacity. The La Penca bombing was only the first of three plans to kill Pastora.

The suit alleges that the La Penca bombing was part of an overall scheme of activity planned and carried out by the Contra leaders named in the suit and their American supporters. The central purpose of this conspiracy was to establish a Contra force, a "Southern Front" against Nicaragua, other than the forces commanded by Eden Pastora, in northern Costa Rica. The establishment of this force through recruitment, training, financing, arming, equipping,

and launching took place within the United States and thereby constitutes a conspiracy to violate the United States Neutrality Act. The Act forbids taking military action originating on United States soil against a government with which the United States is not at war.

This plan to establish a foreign expeditionary military force expanded to include murders and physical assaults intended to silence opposition to the plan, the smuggling of huge shipments of cocaine into the United States to finance the plan, the purchasing and exporting of weapons and other lethal military equipment from the United States to Costa Rica in violation of the US Arms Export Control Act, and the laundering of funds in violation of United States banking laws.

In the course of their drug smuggling activity, the defendants learned that a major cocaine dealer in Columbia had offered a bounty for the death of US Ambassador

Lewis Tambs. While ambassador to Colombia, Tambs had urged the Colombian government to take various drug control measures. In response, the cocaine dealer offered one million dollars to anyone who would kill Tambs. The defendants planned to bomb the United States Embassy, kill Ambassador Tambs at his new post in Costa Rica, and collect the bounty to finance their operations.

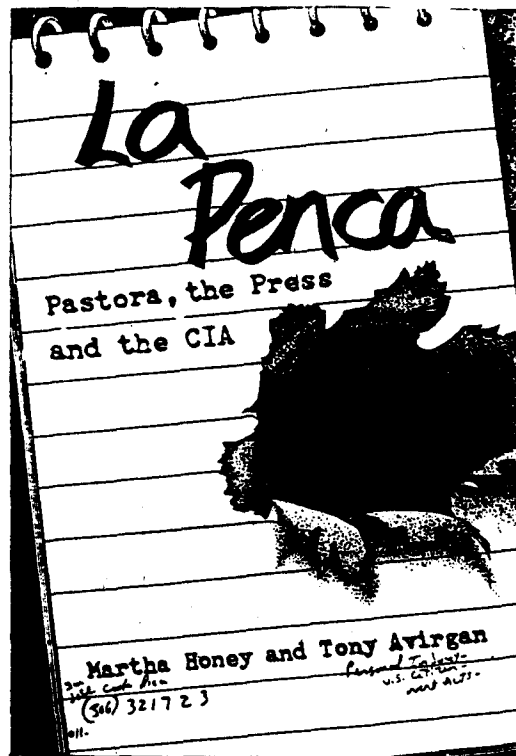
The conspirators planned the assassinations of Pastora and Tambs to look like the Sandinistas had carried them out. The killing of the journalists, including United States reporters, and of the United States ambassador would be blamed on the Sandinistas. Their hope was that these terrorist acts would provoke a Libyan-style United States strike against the Nicaraguan government or even more forceful US intervention in Nicaragua.

All of these activities form the overall conspiracy alleged in the suit. After the bombing at La Penca, Tony and Martha began an investigation into who was responsible. As they uncovered

the conspiracy alleged in the suit, they began to receive death threats, as did their information sources. They had Costa Rican government guards around their house, and sent their children out of the country for protection.

The La Penca suit is an important case in bringing to light the activities of what amounts to an outlaw group launched and funded from US territory to carry out an element of United States foreign policy.

The above information is drawn from materials distributed by The Christie Institute. We expect Tony or Martha to be coming to speak at our Annual Dinner sometime in November. Look for details.



To the voters of the 27th Congressional District...

VOTE FOR ME!

Rosemary Pooler



I've never been one to sit on the sidelines when there are issues which demand action. I'd become concerned about the lack of effective leadership for this District in Washington over the past six years. After discussing these concerns with my family and close friends, I decided

to challenge the current incumbent.

There are three reasons why I offer the voters a clear alternative: my Past, the Present and our Future.

In every job I've ever held, I've earned a reputation for responsiveness and effective action. My public career includes stints as Director of Syracuse's first Consumer Affairs Office, as a Syracuse Common Councilor, as Director of New York State's Consumer Protection Board, and, most recently, as a Public Service Commissioner, in which capacity I helped protect families and businesses from having to pay \$300 million in waste and cost overruns at Nine Mile 2 nuclear power plant. During these fifteen years, I've learned problems can be solved by bringing two sides together and working to find a fair middle ground.

Everywhere I go, I find that people in this District are concerned about their jobs, about the prospects for new economic growth and the development of both the city and country, and about the backbone businesses of this region such as the family dairy farm. These concerns can and must be addressed now. It's a question of setting new priorities for spending--priorities which recognize that \$100 million to the Contras is ineffective, wasteful and wrong. Don't get me wrong--I believe a strong national defense is essential for peace. But a strong defense includes much more than guns and missiles. It includes a strong economy, a vibrant educational system, and a healthy public with a fair opportunity to succeed in life.

This region can offer our children a place to build livelihoods and raise families. But this will be only if we give them the most precious heirloom of all: a healthy, vibrant and vigorous society with opportunities for all. This heirloom is ours to create. It is in our hands-- the hands which will pull the ballot box levers on November 4th. Please join me in pulling for a future we all can believe in.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Pooler

George Wortley



Budget: Congressman George C. Wortley supported Gramm-Rudman as a necessary disciplinary tool to force a balanced budget by 1991. In general (he) supports a spending freeze with selective and judicious cuts in some programs.

Taxes: Congressman Wortley opposes tax increases.

Veterans Affairs: Congressman Wortley has consistently supported veterans programs (including) the Veterans Health Care Amendment of 1985, the Veterans Compensation Benefits Amendments of 1985, and the Veterans Housing and Memorial Affairs Amendments of 1985.

Economic Development for the 27th: Congressman Wortley strongly supports Community Development Block Grants and Urban Development Action Grants, which create jobs and help improve the situation of low-income areas, (and) federal efforts to help make sure decent housing is available for low-income families.

Environment: Congressman Wortley has played a leading role in bringing the seriousness of the acid rain problem to the attention of the administration and pressuring it to take corrective action. He is an original cosponsor of H. R. 4567, the Acid Deposition Control Act. (He has) supported Superfund legislation to clean up hazardous waste sites.

Education: Congressman Wortley has been a strong supporter of education programs, including Upward Bound TRIO, and maximum levels for higher education funding.

Nutrition: Congressman Wortley has consistently supported all nutrition programs for children and the elderly. This includes school lunches and breakfasts, the WIC program, and congregate and home-delivered meals for senior citizens.

(The above was excerpted from a Wortley campaign document called "Positions and Initiatives." Another piece of Mr. Wortley's campaign literature says that Watchdogs of the Treasury, Inc; the National Taxpayers Union; the U. S. Chamber of Commerce; and the American Conservative Union all give the Congressman high marks on his voting record.)

Editorial Note: In the literature we received from People for Wortley, no mention was made of Mr. Wortley's support for the Contras in Nicaragua.-- Angus MacDonald.

Bombs Away in El Salvador...

When is War Not War?

by Win Skeele

When is war not war? Answer, when it is low-intensity conflict. Our government would define low-intensity conflict as counter guerrilla warfare, low on the scale of possible conflicts. In Central America it is a learning laboratory in how to intervene without letting the public know or how to make it palatable; the Vietnam War in its first year would have been classified a low-intensity conflict.

Word Games! In El Salvador low-intensity is a misleading and devious euphemism. It sounds harmless like those Vietnam Era terms, "rooting out the infrastructure" or "pacification," but in El Salvador a devastating air war is raging, on a daily basis. The Pentagon and Salvadoran military have unleashed ruthless flying death squads using helicopter gunships against guerrillas, anyone else on the ground, and the ground itself.

250 lb. bombs that knock down trees and houses, kill people and make 10 foot craters; "iron" fragmentation bombs which explode above ground allowing hunks of metal shrapnel to be hurled in a wide circumference, devastating a concentration of people, usually civilians; demolition bombs good for destroying trenches and air raid shelters; incendiary bombs that are used in the dry season to "clean" an area before troops are sent in, forcing the population to flee to avoid death by suffocation or fire. Injuries, especially from incendiary and white phosphorus bombs, are often fatal because of the lack of medical facilities in rural El Salvador.

On April 8, at about 5:45 AM, government forces launched an attack on the town of Arcatao on northeastern El Salvador. In a familiar pattern, the attack began with intensive aerial bombing and strafing of the area by C-47 gunships, Cessna A-37 Dragonfly jets, and Hughes 500MD and Bell UH-1H helicopters. At 7:00 AM, parachuted troops dropped into the area from 25 helicopters, troops proceeded to destroy homes and crops and to forcibly round up local residents. Several civilians were brutally murdered.

A recent delegation of North Americans to El Salvador was informed by the U.S. Embassy that operations such as the one described in Arcatao are 'prototypes for operations you will see in the future'.

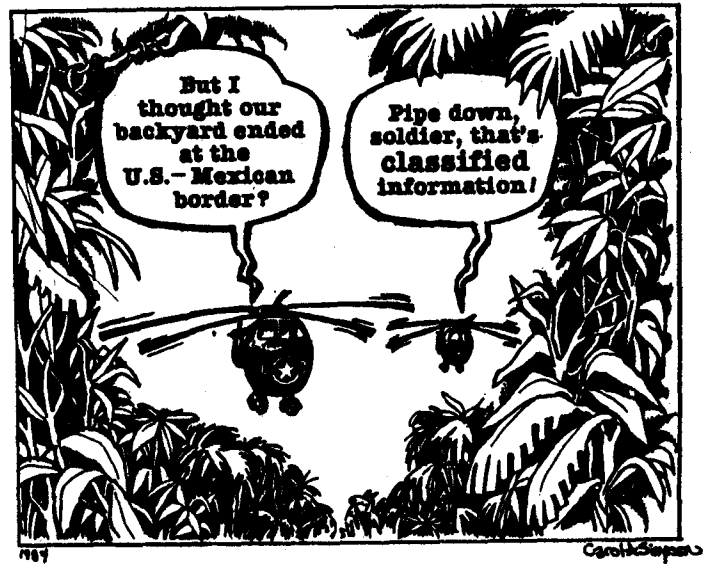
So then the people flee, and the civilians are then encouraged to return to build. But the pacification plan is largely failing as many fear to return. This counter insurgency strategy which attempts to combine military objectives with economic programs is not turning the tide of the war. The pattern of repeated bombings coupled with the search and destroy tactics has resulted in significant shrinkage of the population due to civilian killings, casualties and refugees fleeing across the borders.

Nearly 30% of the population has been displaced with 700,000 internal & 816,000 external refugees.

Our government has not chosen the path of human rights and the sanctity of human life in El Salvador, but rather the path it followed in Southeast Asia. Large scale death

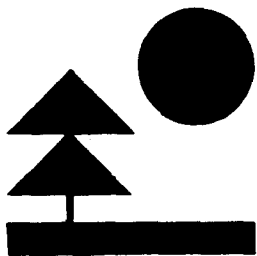
and destruction, by way of death squads, massive bombardment followed by ground sweeps. Napalming and fragmentation bombing exterminate a population, they do not liberate or pacify. We stress that every human life is a thing of value, and we are outraged by isolated acts of violence and terrorism, yet in El Salvador we are engaged in mass slaughter of innocent persons. State terrorism is another name for it.

The American people are not getting the facts about our involvement in El Salvador. A report prepared by three Congressmen in 1985 found that of approximately \$1.7 billion in aid to El Salvador over the previous five years, \$67 million or 15% went for reform programs. The other 85% went for military equipment and arms. We spend about \$50,000 per guerrilla and only \$300 per Salvadorean living in absolute poverty. In 1984 the air war was voted among the top ten most censored stories in the media and continues to be so.



As this issue goes to press, Charlie Liteky, who recently turned in his Congressional Medal of Honor to protest our government's policy toward Nicaragua, and three other Vietnam Veterans are 4 weeks into a water only fast for life. "We are here because we want to make it absolutely clear that if our government insist on supporting proxy killers, if it insists on violating the sovereignty and right to self-determination of other nations, if it insists on violating our constitution and international law, they are not going to do it in our name". They are making the strongest statement possible, with their lives, against the lies and atrocities in Central America. The American people are asleep; part of the blame lies at the feet of the people controlling the news. Do we not owe it to the people of Central America, Charlie Liteky, and the others to sound the alarm?

Win Skeele is active in local Central America Solidarity work.



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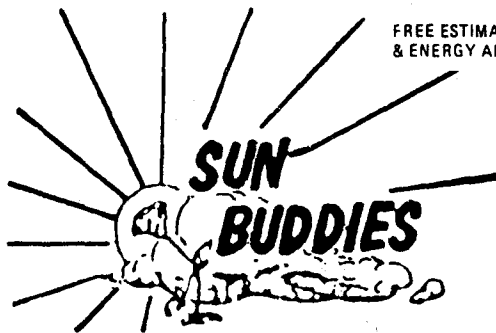


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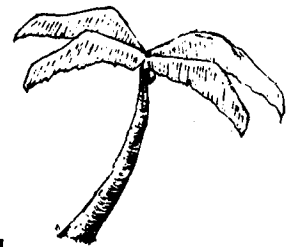
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Feet for Fallout

Forty-eight Austrians set out to distribute 50,000 leaflets on the health hazards from the Chernobyl fallout.

Five of them were briefly detained in Czechoslovakia, but were not charged. Prague authorities warned the Austrian government that if a repeat action occurred, the detainees would not be treated so indulgently.

Since the Chernobyl disaster Europeans have become aware that there is no protection from nuclear devastation.

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NISBCO Update

On July 31, the House Appropriations Committee declared "null and void" new amendments to Selective Service regulations. Anti-draft groups and other concerned people had urged the Committee to reject these more repressive regulations.

The language used by the Committee was surprisingly strong. "The Committee believes these changes compromise fundamental rights of conscience and impose unjustifiable hardship on men seeking exemptions, deferments and alternative service.

The victory is certainly a small one, but gives hope to activists struggling against increasing militarization and repression in this country. (Information supplied by the National Interreligious Service Board for Conscientious Objectors, NISBCO.)

US Navy Landing Strip

Local hostility and political activism has dimmed US Navy hopes for a new landing strip in Japan, which the Navy claims is vital to train aircraft carrier pilots.

A vote to recall two Assemblymen last month on Miyake Island, 110 miles south of Tokyo guarantees long negotiations before the Navy gets what it wants.

The residents voted overwhelmingly to recall the two legislators because they abandoned their opposition to the proposed landing strip in favor of positions of support or neutrality. Most of the 4,300 islanders are as concerned about jeopardizing the fish and wildlife as they are about the noise and their safety. As an incentive the Government is offering \$460 million in economic assistance to Miyake's farmers and fisherpeople, plus a new Yacht harbor, a golf course and tennis courts to attract tourists. If anything these offers have fueled resentment among the islanders who regard them as attempts to buy out the opposition.

The US Navy has avoided substantive comment, saying these matters should be settled by the Japanese.

From Missile Systems to Bricks

Bob Gross, 54 and son Michael developed a computerized source that makes hundreds of bricks every hour.

Gross is a 18 year veteran from Marshall Space Flight Center in Alabama where he worked in a top secret guidance and control lab on intercontinental ballistic missile systems.

After a medical leave Gross decided not to return. "I was building things to kill people. All we ever talked about was how many people you could kill per hectre. I didn't want to do that anymore," Gross said.

Gross had gotten the idea for the Terra Block Duplex Machine while on a trip to Arizona being intrigued by adobe structures and there longevity.

The Terra Block Duplex is the size of a small truck, produces 600 bricks an hour from ordinary soil and is fuel efficient using only 3 litres of fuel.

The current list price is \$72,000 based on the cost of producing it in the US.

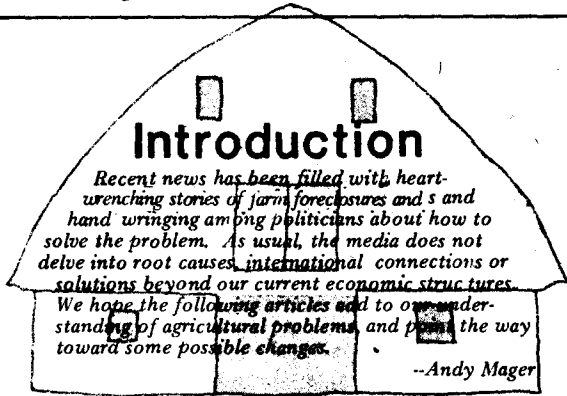
Already the machine has been used in Malaysia, Gabon and Saudi Arabia.



Brother Peace

Imagine the end of men's violence throughout the world. If you are a man who dreams about such a goal, join BrotherPeace, an International Day of Actions to End Men's Violence on October 18. Nationally, the actions are being coordinated by the National Organization for Changing Men (3083 W. 111th St., Cleveland, OH 44111, 815-671-5636).

In Syracuse there will be a rally and open forum for men to share their commitment to a world without violence. It will begin at 2:30pm at Walnut Park (at the corner of Waverly and Walnut on the SU campus). At exactly 4pm, nationwide, there will be three minutes of silence to honor those who have died, suffered from or survived this violence. For more information about the local action, call Bill at (315) 476-6103.



by Tom West

It's no secret that American family farmers and ranchers are living through an economic crisis as severe as the Great Depression. Plunging incomes have forced several hundred thousand families from their land since 1980, and their departure is unravelling the fabric of a thousand rural communities. In addition, the farm crisis is adding to unemployment in our cities. The bankruptcy and farm loss taking place is the result of a conscious governmental policy of decreasing farm prices and increasing corporate domination of our food supply. This concerns all who work for social justice and democracy.

History Repeating Itself

There is a '30's expression that goes, "Depressions are farm led and farm fed." US farm debt has increased almost 1000% since the late 1960's. One third of existing rural banks are predicted to fold by 1995. Wharton and Chase econometrics has predicted that potential loan defaults will seriously "shake confidence" in financial systems. Farm credit problems have a spiral effect: increasing defaults dry up available credit, leading to more farms being unable to get working loans and leading to yet more failures.

Of concern to working people is the "ripple effect" of farm failures. According to the US Department of Labor, at least three jobs are lost with every farm (other studies point to as many as five jobs), and one business fails with every farm liquidation. From 1981 to 1985 farm equipment sales dropped 35%; as a result fewer than half of the farm equipment manufacturing workers employed in 1979 are working now. Additionally, 1712 equipment dealers have closed their doors since 1981. John Deere Co. has about a year's inventory of tractors in stock, which is allowing it to lock out workers and press for reduced wages.

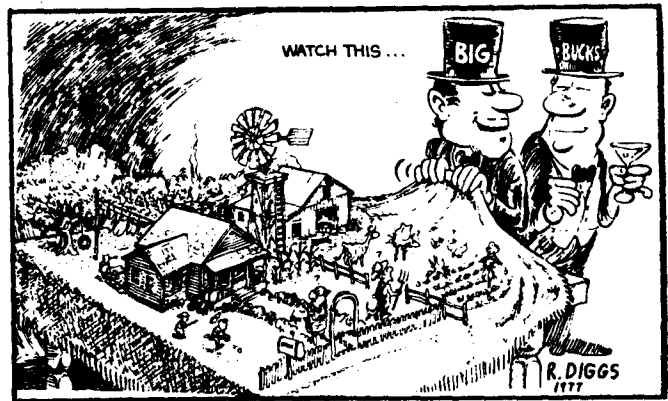
The farm depression gives rise to a frightening shift in ownership and control of agricultural assets. US farms currently control almost \$1 trillion worth of land, machinery and livestock, equal to the value of all US manufacturing industries. Unless we reverse current trends, within a few years half of these assets will pass out of the hands of working farmers and into the hands of large banks, insurance companies, corporations and the government. This would be a serious blow to social justice and democracy in our nation.

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Ruling the Heartland: Crisis in American Agriculture

In addition to the general farm crisis, Black and other farmers from racial minority groups face the results of decades of racial discrimination in credit and other government agricultural policies. Blacks suffer a land loss rate of 350,000 acres per year, a loss so severe that if policies are not changed, our country faces the tragedy of "no more Black farmers by the year 2000," according to a US Civil Rights Commission report.

The first stewards of the land on this continent were the Native Americans. More than any other people, they have viewed mother earth with respect and understanding. Many Native Americans have become involved in commercial ranching and farming. While low cost government loans have helped foster some of these activities, most government and corporate activities have worked to deny Native Americans their rightful access to their sacred land.



The Problem: Prices

The problem in agriculture can be simply stated: the prices received for farm commodities are below the cost of production. Low prices are a direct result of governmental policy. The policy was instituted in the early 1950's, after several decades of a relatively stable and prosperous farm economy coming out of the New Deal.

The corporate backed policy of driving down prices has been couched in the rhetoric of "market prices" and "free trade." Trade in agricultural commodities is dominated by six transnational companies. One is the infamous Cargil, currently attempting to break the International Association of Machinists local at Watkins Glen.

The food processing industry also likes low commodity prices, as it is one more way to increase their profit margin. The farmer's share of the food dollar has been steadily eroding. Farmers currently average about 30% of the food dollar, and this percentage is greatly reduced as corporations push highly processed foods. Cornflakes, which are not difficult to manufacture, cost consumers about \$250 per bushel while currently farmers are getting less than \$2.00 per bushel of corn.

Farmers were told in the early 1970's to "Get big or get out." They were pushed by many forces to increase production. Often they were denied loans unless the

lending agents felt they were borrowing enough to be "good businessmen." Farmers Home Administration officers were known to drive to farms and solicit borrowing. The resulting overproduction and falling prices forced farmers to plant more, use more agricultural chemicals and plow delicate land. This yielded more surplus and reinforced corporate leverage for lower prices. Governmental programs instituted to keep farmers from being totally devastated have mainly benefited larger operations. This year subsidy programs will exceed \$24 billion, closely equalling the Gramm-Rudman cuts.

Farmers are saying, "We need fair prices, not subsidies." A program of fair prices with supply management could reduce governmental expenditures to less than \$1 billion, and ensure adequate production for reserve needs and food programs. A democratically administered supply management system would keep farmers on the land and prevent corporate takeover. US consumer food prices are currently the lowest of any industrialized Western nation. Since commodities are being sold at below the cost of production, farmers will eventually have to make a profit in order to survive. Until that time, preventing the takeover of farming by investors and corporate agribusiness will preserve healthy, decentralized and diverse family farms in the best interest of consumers.

Throughout history, farmers and labor have been active in the struggle for human dignity and freedom. Today, we witness a massive public relations campaign to convince us that family farmers and workers in many industries are no longer needed in a high tech "service economy." It is no coincidence that the same arguments about "competitiveness on the world market" are being used by transnational corporations to cut workers' wages as well as fair farm prices. During the recent period of plunging commodities prices, the purchasing power of labor's wages has also dropped.

Our Largest Industry

New York's largest single industry is agriculture. It is diverse, with emphasis on dairy and fruit. Both commodities are perishable and because of their nature have developed marketing systems that make it difficult for farmers to influence pricing. Over half of the dairy farms belong to marketing coops. However, many farmers feel that the coops do not represent their interests. Cooperatives are driven to behave as the traditional private handlers, whose objective is to buy low and sell high. Milk prices to farmers are about the same as 10 years ago, having fallen about 10% from last year. They are expected to drop further. Farmers are price takers, the only manufacturers who say, "What will you give me?" Again, like workers without a contract they must accept whatever wage is offered. With falling prices, their only option is to add more cows, increasing their work hours, stress and accidents. Farmers have the highest occupational injury rate of any major population.

Increasing work demands and physical distances are several of the factors that work against farmers coming together to organize. There is also a myth perpetuated by some farm institutions that "these present difficulties will sort out the bad managers," the familiar "blame the victim" routine.

However, from their personal experience and with the help of numerous growing farm organizations, many far-

mers are seeing that everyone is in this together. They are realizing that governmental policy and corporate greed perpetuate low prices. Growing solidarity with labor and social justice groups is developing a sense of unity and combatting isolation. With growing frequency, strong voices of farmers are speaking out and opening the way for discussion of problems previously hidden by self-imposed shame. Some of the best farm organizers are those who have lost their farms and are devoting their energies to fighting back. Women are taking strong leadership roles in this organizing.

Growing Activism

The recent United Farmer and Rancher Congress held in September was a historic event that illustrates the developing unity among farmers and their allies. Five hundred rural meetings across the country produced over two thousand resolutions. Elected delegates came together and resoundingly approved a concise set of some 95 strong resolutions. They called for fair prices, supply management, justice in credit, land ownership and trade. They reflect a growing emphasis on political activity around these issues. Speakers at the Congress represented not only farmers, but allies in labor and human justice struggles.

Farmers in New York are increasingly discussing and lobbying for solutions that only a few years ago were not even up for discussion. A recent milk withholding action was successful in raising the issue to a new awareness among farmers and consumers. Farmers see the need to better inform the consumers of this problem and to act together to solve it. To a greater extent than before, New York farmers are communicating with farmers around the country to cooperate in pushing for legislation that sets fair prices and ends government handouts to corporate farms. This year, the issues and not the political party will determine how farmers vote.

As the call to the Farm Congress concluded:

The common concerns between US and other farmers of the world reach far into the global concerns of hunger, peace, and economic justice. Perhaps our efforts to save the family farm will prevent our beautiful world from being destroyed by nuclear war. We are all in this together!

Our Important Friends: Migrant Farm Workers

Each day migrant farmworkers touch our lives because of the food we eat. The farmworkers travel across the US following the sun to harvest crops yet receive little recognition.

It is necessary to realize that these workers are an important part of the agricultural community, particularly in the very labor intensive crops. A recent study conducted in Western New York revealed that more than \$4 million had been pumped into the local economy during the '83 harvest season.

Currently there are approx. 9,000 migrant workers in NY State. Nationally, migrants harvest crops, assist in food processing and work in related agricultural industries. The workers come from many ethnic groups, including Afro-Americans, Haitians, Puerto Ricans and Caucasians.

Migrant farmworkers have been denied many of the basic benefits we take for granted, which results

in serious problems like over crowded housing, inadequate sanitary

facilities, poor nutrition, lack of educational opportunities, child labor, alcohol and drug abuse.

As a migrant farmworker you would:

- *have a life expectancy of between 49 and 52 years
- *suffer 25% greater infant mortality than the rest of the population
- * have an 80% chance of being a high school drop-out
- *be denied full benefits from workman's compensation, unemployment insurance, the right to organize, and collective bargaining.

Although the problems may seem insurmountable, there are a variety of organizations helping out:

*Rural Opportunities, Inc. - provides job training and relocation assistance

* N.Y.S. Migrant Child Care Program - provides child-care for the preschool child

*Bureau of Migrant Education, State Education Dept. provides funds for educational activity of children

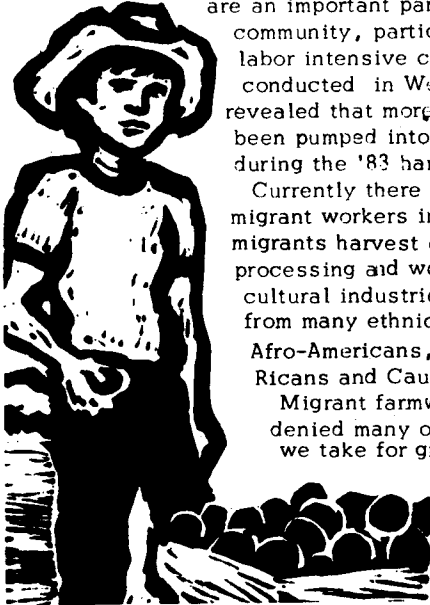
*Migrant Health - provides some resources for health and dental care

*N.Y.S. Farmworkers Legal Services, Inc. - provides civil legal services to the workers

With the assistance of these programs and local efforts, migrant workers can begin to be able to live and work with the dignity befitting their labor.

Yes, migrant farmworkers, our friends, are feeding all of us!!!

- Robert Lynch



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Book Review —

The One-Straw Revolution

by Masanobu Fukuoka Bantam 1978 155 pages \$3.95

by Pat Finley

The One-Straw Revolution is a happy book. Just reading the chapter headings cheers my soul: Look at this Grain; Toward a Do-Nothing Farming; Humanity Does Not Know Nature; Growing Vegetables like Wild Plants; Commercial Agriculture Will Fail; The Culture of Food; Drifting Clouds and the Illusion of Science; A Village Without War and Peace. This selection from the many brief chapters that meld meditation, autobiography, parable, and practice gives a sense of the approach Masanobu Fukuoka takes in The One-Straw Revolution: An Introduction to Natural Farming. Mr. Fukuoka has given us more than a book about organic and no-tillage farming; he has given us a way of living. I first read the book several years ago and it changed my life by reaffirming and heartening certain inclinations.

Forty years ago, Masanobu Fukuoka turned away from work as a microbiologist specializing in plant diseases and returned to his native village on the island of Shikoku in southern Japan. There, on a hillside, he began to move toward a "do-nothing" method of agriculture which involves no chemicals, no machinery, and almost no weeding. Mr. Fukuoka does not like the word "work" and thinks human beings would be better off being like "other animals (who) make their living by living." However, he also tells us that some visitors to his little farm are surprised when they find people not sitting in idleness but "doing what needs to be done." For human animals, attentiveness in ordinary daily activities and open space in their lives form the wellspring of spiritual awareness. Mr. Fukuoka laments that farmers in Japan no longer have the time to write poetry or compose songs.

To break experience in half and call one side physical and the other spiritual is narrowing and confusing. People do not live dependent on food. Ultimately, we cannot know what food is. It would be better if people stopped even thinking about food. Similarly, it would be well if people stopped troubling themselves about discovering the 'true meaning of life'...

Intertwined with such homilies is a clear presentation of how Mr. Fukuoka grows enough rice and winter grains on a quarter acre field to support five to ten people who need put in an average of less than one hour's labor each

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from The One-Straw Revolution

day. His method has evolved over the decades and is particularly suited to his home place, but the four principles of natural farming can be used anywhere as long as the farmer is attentive to the uniqueness of the site and how plants grow there. The four principles are: no cultivation (earthworms, small animals, plant roots and microorganisms, not machines turn the soil); no chemical fertilizer or prepared compost (soil fertility comes from the cycle of plant and animal life); no weeding by tillage or herbicides (straw mulch, a white clover ground cover, and temporary flooding make for crop and weed co-existence); no dependence on chemicals (strong plants and a healthful environment provide disease and insect control).

On the hillside, Mr. Fukuoka also grows fruit trees and in their midst, along with the clover, grass and weeds, semi-wild vegetables.

Twenty years ago the soil of his orchard was red clay, naked and hard. As he puts it, "You might say that, rather than growing citrus and vegetables up here, I have been helping to restore the fertility of the soil."

One-Straw Revolution is a serious book. Mr. Fukuoka details the agricultural abuses and approach to life that find us tilling a dying earth under a nuclear umbrella. And he shows us another way. It is a book I go back to because it helps me believe in the One-Straw Revolution. I return to another book as well. In The Life and Times of Michael K by J. M. Coetzee, Michael K, a gardener is tempted once to join history, to follow a guerrilla band, but he does not go.

... enough men had gone off to war saying the time for gardening was when the war was over; whereas there must be men to stay behind and keep gardening alive, or at least the idea of gardening; because once that cord was broken, the earth would grow hard and forget her children.

Rereading The One-Straw Revolution I know why I have the garden I have this year. It started years ago and is moving in the direction of do-nothing gardening. In this new garden, Queen Anne's lace, squash, fleabane, phlox, and scarlet runner beans, sorrel, tomatoes, cucumbers, nasturtiums, and gill-over-the-ground embrace one another. I have never seen so many butterflies and minutely brilliant bugs. I sit in the disappearing paths and do nothing -- do what needs to be done.



Poverty & Hunger: Who's In Control?

by Shelley Feldman

Conditions of poverty and hunger characterize the lives of more than one billion of the world's peoples. The majority live in Third World countries, particularly in South Asia and Africa. A growing number also live in industrialized countries such as the US. Within countries, people of different class, race and gender share unequally in the production and distribution of food resources. Access to food is further constrained by the inability of individual countries to expand food production or control access to food staples exchanged on the world market.

Two arguments are commonly used to explain hunger and people's unequal access to food. One is that population grows faster than a country's productive capacity, creating a gap between supply and demand for food. An example of this is the characterization of Bangladesh as a "basket case" because of its rapidly growing population.

The second argument assumes that countries and/or people are backward and unable to secure or produce enough food and other resources to meet their needs because of ignorance and laziness. This argument is exemplified by Reagan's assertion that poverty exists in the US because people don't know how to get access to what is available to them. Similar assessments are made about people in Third World nations.

These arguments are misleading because they locate the causes of poverty and hunger in characteristics and practices of individuals, a strategy known as "blaming the victim." An alternative interpretation of poverty and world hunger identifies the causes of these conditions in the unequal resource control among competing social classes, and between the industrialized countries and those of the Third World. These relations of inequality are generated and maintained through transnational corporations (TNCs), international lending institutions such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, and bilateral aid agencies and consortia such as the United States Agency for International Development and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and European Economic Community. These relations of inequality affect production, trade and price policies for all countries of the world economy.

Production Strategies & New Technologies

Many of our Third World neighbors have improved food production and yields by adopting new agriculture technologies, different land use patterns, and more intensive farming practices. These improvements are a response to the biological and technical changes brought about by the Green Revolution and the intensive use of natural resources such as fossil fuel and groundwater. For example, wheat production in Bangladesh expanded ninefold and rice production increased by 3.3 million tons (or approximately 36 percent) between 1973 and 1982.

These new production strategies created a revolution in the agricultural process and a new dependence on both

biological and technical inputs. Biological, and more recently biotechnological, innovations include the development of new seed varieties that provide greater yields per acre than indigenous varieties, offer disease and pest resistance, and change the agronomic conditions under which plants are grown. Technical innovations include mechanized farm equipment and irrigation facilities, which create a demand for skilled labor.

Dependency & Control

The benefit of the Green Revolution has been a major increase in the world production of food staples, offering the opportunity to meet the growing demand for food. The effect of changing agricultural production strategies, however, has changed the nature of dependence between rich and poor countries.



Production based on Green Revolution changes generally rely on large US or transnational firms, which produce these inputs. This means that control of the agricultural production itself increasingly lies primarily with TNCs. To encourage the adoption of new varieties of wheat and rice, for example, US foreign assistance is often used to support programs which depend on the use of these mechanical inputs. This aid thus tends to ensure First World dominance of agricultural markets.

These aid and assistance agreements also influence commodity production and production relations in recipient countries. For example, to take advantage of new agricultural inputs and to meet the increased demand for foreign exchange generated by the increased use of foreign-produced technology, Third World countries often must increase exports, this is often at the expense of production for home consumption.

This emphasis on export production is part of a comparative advantage strategy concentrating agricultural activity on "cash crops". Comparative advantage is a production and marketing strategy based on the assumption that a country can produce a given crop or product more efficiently than other countries, thus giving them an

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edge on the international market for these goods. Columbia, for example, may focus on coffee production, while Honduras focuses on bananas. It is assumed that the international prices generated by the sale of these commodities will generate foreign exchange, thus enabling the purchase of products that are produced more efficiently elsewhere. Because the comparative advantage strategy is geared toward the world market, production of subsistence crops is not encouraged. This increases dependence on food imports to meet domestic needs. Unfortunately, these commodities and the inputs needed to produce them are subject to fluctuations in world prices beyond the control of rural producers or the producer nation. This means that when the prices for their particular cash crop(s) take a sudden dive, or when costs of inputs skyrocket, poverty is greatly increased.

An export-oriented production strategy is also a response to the need for Third World countries to earn foreign capital to repay old loans and request new ones, and meet purchase agreements for new technology. Such a strategy may decrease national control of food resources, since international pricing policies and the national agricultural policies of food surplus countries, as well as the demands of the international banking system, are beyond the control of Third World countries. In the US, where food is "overproduced", government has intervened with payments to farmers for not planting or taxes on surplus production as a disincentive for expanding production. The intent of these programs is to reduce food output to support favorable prices. Consequently, the anomaly exists of widespread hunger and increasingly vulnerable Third World consumers while there are farmers who are paid not to plant or to plow under excess crops.

Production for export also changes the relations among producers within countries. Existing inequalities in wealth and power among landholders tend to increase wealthier farm families' access to and control over new resources such as credit and inputs to maintain production. As a result, land ownership becomes concentrated among large producers, and small and subsistence farmers tend to shift from being owner-cultivators to agricultural laborers.

These laborers become dependent on securing jobs and wages sufficient to meet their families food needs. As production is increasingly concentrated, however, large farmers tend to increase the use of mechanized equipment, which may reduce or change the kind of labor required. Unskilled laborers then compete for limited low-paying, part-time jobs. Also, since agricultural production is characterized by a particular gender division of labor, changes in production change the mix of male and female labor. The resulting low wages and poverty keep people from purchasing sufficient food to meet their needs, despite food availability.

Other factors that constrain equitable food distribution, particularly within Third World countries, include the impact of food aid programs, the consequences of chemical monoculture on soil fertility, and problems of erosion, deforestation and the consequences of chemical fertilizer and pesticide. They also include concentrated control of food resources within a few TNCs, as exemplified by the fact that five grain companies--Cargill, Continental, Louis Dreyfus, Bunge and Andre--dominate the world grain market.

The consequence of these relations of inequality is hunger for a large proportion of the world's population, as indicated by the relatively conservative estimates of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and UNICEF:

In the early 1970s the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations estimated that 300 to 500 million people in the poor countries did not get enough food to do more than just barely survive, and that 1.5 billion people did not receive an adequately balanced diet...

Malnutrition strikes children especially hard. According to UNICEF, in 1981 about 17 million children died, one every two seconds, and malnutrition was probably a contributing factor in at least half of these cases. Of the 125 million children born in 1982, another 17 million are expected to be dead by their fifth birthday. UNICEF describes this as "another year of 'silent emergency': of 40,000 children quietly dying each day; of 100 million children quietly going to sleep hungry at night; of ten million children quietly becoming disabled in mind or body."

(George Kent, The Political Economy of Hunger: The Silent Holocaust, New York: Praeger, 1984, p. 7)



In order to regain some control over their food, the Cuban government has set up state-run cooperative farms. The junior high school students pictured above are harvesting malanga, a root crop. (photo is from No Free Lunch: Food and Revolution in Cuba Today)

In sum, despite the overall increase in world food production and the presence of more than adequate food to feed everyone, malnutrition and hunger have yet to be overcome. This results from the inability of individuals to control resources such as land and water, underemployment, the inability of Third World countries to control their own agricultural policies, and increasing dependence on TNCs and international agencies.

The kinds of actions that Third World countries might take are easier to outline than to act on. Some countries like China and Cuba have changed production relationships with cooperative ownership and management, and have supplied health care as well as food to their populations. Other countries have instituted land reforms to improve peasant access to land for the production of subsistence crops. Concerns about long-term food security and less reliance on arrangements with other countries, which are easily affected by political considerations, have led leaders in places like India to re-emphasize food self-sufficiency. But as long as the unequal relationships described above continue, it is unlikely that the problems of hunger will subside.



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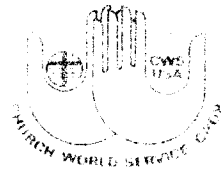
CROP is the community hunger appeal of Church World Service. It has been in existence since 1946 when Americans gathered together grain shipments for Europeans suffering from mass hunger created by WWII.

Over 2,000 communities in the USA, including over 140 in Upstate New York, hold annual community CROP events to raise money to combat hunger. Of the money raised, up to 25% goes to local hunger programs, with the remaining monies going to support international programs. These go beyond mere food give-a-ways to projects which seek to give Third World people the tools to feed themselves. Tools, seeds, vocational training, mother-child clinics and similar efforts help the poorest of the world's poor to help themselves.

On Sunday, October 19 there will be CROP walks throughout Upstate New York. Help is needed in a variety of ways:

1. Help organize the walk in your local area,
2. Walk the day of the event, securing pledges from friends, neighbors and co-workers for so much per mile or kilometer, or
3. Contribute money.

For further information, contact CWS/CROP, 2105 W. Genesee St., Rm. 212, Syracuse, NY 13219, (315) 488-0981. For an updated message about current programs, or to find out how moneys are spent, call 1-800-535-2713.



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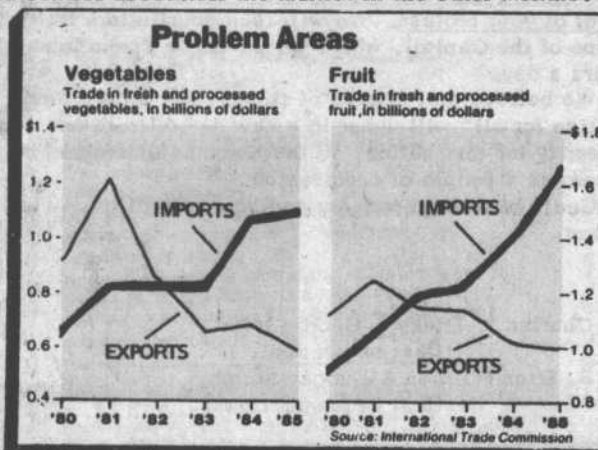
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Imported Food — Who Benefits?

by Shane La Brake

For the first time in 25 years, the United States may well import more than it exports. Ironically, we cannot blame this on catastrophic events such as drought or flood, but instead on the fact that many major food producers are looking abroad for cheaper sources of food. Rather than support an already depressed domestic farm economy, major corporations, in search of greater profits, are turning to many Third World countries for a cheaper, year-round supply of food. This is certainly cause for alarm. This trend to process and import food from abroad may well lead to an inability to produce reasonably priced food in our country, something we too easily take for granted, if not to the total demise of agriculture in the U.S. as we know it.

The effect of this trend is widespread, and truly affects people everywhere. First, the effect on the U.S. farm economy is one of adding insult to injury. Most of us are aware of the farm crisis in terms of the debt factor. Yet the trend to systematically replace American farmers with counterparts in Third World countries is rarely publicized. Florida farmers, who once dominated the winter vegetable market, are now producing less than half of the tomatoes, peppers, cukes and other produce eaten in this country between December and April. Meanwhile, Mexican growers, financed by American companies (e.g. Campbell's, Castle & Cooke, General Foods), supply more than 70% of vegetables during January and February, and control about half the market in the other months.



Unfortunately, the reasons for this shift do not necessarily result in lower food prices for the U.S. consumer. Instead, major food processing corporations are looking for an inexpensive, year-round supply of products to increase their profits while fulfilling a fickle U.S. demand. For example, cheap labor in Chile, coupled with low-cost land and the availability of investment capital, make it possible to fly a load of apples from Chile to Boston, and sell them for less than apples grown in New York State. (Meanwhile, the U.S. sup-

ported government of General Pinochet continues its oppression of the Chilean people.) As with other industries in the past, the reason is economic; there exists a powerful incentive to move out of the U.S., namely lower production costs.

In addition to propelling an already depressed farm economy into further decline, this trend will also have an impact on the U.S. consumer. For one, the availability of cheap food produced in our own country will no longer be a reality. And, as more and more U.S. farmers go out of business, the chances to someday resume production here will be greatly reduced. Second, and perhaps even greater cause for alarm, is that the U.S. consumer will be increasingly exposed to chemicals that are banned for use in food production here in our own country. Agricultural standards in many Third World countries, if they exist at all, are much less rigid than here in the U.S. Chemical sprays used on produce, such as DDT and others, long ago banned for use here, are commonly used in many Latin American countries.

Finally, workers and families in Third World countries are also adversely affected by this trend. The concept of "cheap labor," wherein Chilean grape pickers earn \$2 - \$3/day while their U.S. counterparts earn \$10/hour, only advances the exploitation of human beings everywhere. Also, these same workers are being exposed to harmful chemicals (which unfortunately is still occurring here as well), with no warning of the dangers before them. And ultimately the food source of many Third World inhabitants is threatened by the increasingly popular concept of export agriculture.

Sadly, there are no quick and easy remedies to thwart this disturbing trend. As socially-conscious consumers we can consider pressuring corporations to return to the U.S. as a source for food for domestic consumption. This could be attempted via boycotts and legislation requiring use of domestic food sources. The economy of food is strange though, and it might be better to insist on local produce when available, thus strengthening the local domestic farmer by increasing demand for regional products.

While this article seems nationalistic, that is certainly not the intention. Rather it is a warning that our supply of inexpensive, relatively safe food, is quickly being diminished at the cruel expense of exploitation and subjugation of devalued workers around the world. Furthermore, in our all too affluent society, we too easily take food for granted. And unlike many material goods, wholesome, affordable food is an absolute necessity to our well-being.

Most Americans have no idea all this is going on; our ability to produce fruits and vegetables in this country is disappearing.

—Steve Teixeira,
Community Worker, California Rural Legal Assistance

Portions of this article are excerpted from "Looking Abroad to Fill Our Bellies," by Keith Schneider, The New York Times, Section 3, pp. 1, 8-9, Aug. 3, 1986.

Veterans Fast for Life

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Dear fellow Americans,

We are four US war veterans who are beginning a water only fast for life.

On August 13, 1986 the United States Senate approved \$100 million worth of killing power to assist an army called the contras whose aim is to overthrow the government of Nicaragua. The contras do not now, nor have they ever, received the support of the majority of the Nicaraguan people. It's no wonder. Ninety-five percent of their top leadership is made up of Anastasio Somoza's National Guard, one of the most brutal armies in Central American history.

The contras' record of crimes are well documented in reports by Amnesty International and by Americas Watch. For arming, training, funding, and directing the contras, the United States was condemned by the World Court.

If our government insists on supporting proxy killers, on violating the sovereignty and right to self-determination of others, on violating our Constitution, we want it known that our government does not speak for us. Nor does it speak for most Americans: nationwide opinion polls show 62% of the US public are opposed to the government policies in Central America.

Convinced of the immorality and illegality of this new Vietnam, we now offer our lives in a statement of ultimate protest. We plead with the people of our country to connect passionately with the victims and to search their consciences for ways to respond to their suffering.

When the US entered World War II and Vietnam, we offered ourselves to our country without question. We now offer our lives for the causes of truth, justice and love. As veterans we will not remain silent nor sit passively by while being led into another Vietnam. Invoking the Nuremberg principles, we veterans of two wars, choose not to be party to crimes against humanity. When leaders act contrary to conscience, we must act contrary to leaders.



We will be praying for a new commitment to peace; for an escalation of resistance to immoral government policies; for the outcry of a people who refuse to live in the implied consent of silence. We ask you to heed the words of Mahatma Gandhi,

If you want something really important to be done, you must not merely satisfy the reason. You must move the heart also. The appeal to reason is more to the head, but the penetration of the heart comes from suffering. It opens the inner understanding.

The principle goal of our prayer and fasting is to inspire the protest movement in this country, to save lives - now. We have all been to Central America and we do not want to see any more Nicaraguan children, women and old men die before their time. Here are some of the ways you can help save Nicaraguan lives - and ours too - since we have identified with the victims of the US contras:

1. Pray and fast for an end to US militarism.
2. Consider non-violent direct action, civil initiative, and tax resistance.
3. Stage rallies of peaceful protest and hold vigils.
4. Seek creative ways of awakening the people to further acts of conscience. (Friends in San Francisco are building a 25 by 25 foot Central American Memorial Wall.)
5. Pray for a conversion of heart for the contras and their supporters in Congress (221 in the House and 53 in the Senate.) Pray for the ones from your district by name.
6. Write letters to the editor, the most widely read part of any newspaper. And letters to public officials.
7. Each one reach ten: call 10 friends or xerox and mail this letter to 10 individuals/groups.

The important thing is that you write to us and let us know what you are doing and how you have escalated the level of your protest. We will read your letters from the steps of the Capitol, where we intend to spend four hours a day.

We believe that a wave of support for "liberty and justice for all" will usher in a new day of truth and integrity for this nation, so that once again we can be known as a people of compassion.

God's blessing upon you and your efforts to create peace.

Charles J. Liteky & George Mizo
(fast begun Sept. 1)
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People interested in participating in support activities for the Fast for Life here in Central New York should call Betsy Hunt at 487-8806.

Test Ban in Trouble

In August the House of Representatives passed HR-3, the resolution that in effect would stop all funds for nuclear weapons testing by the U.S. for 1 year as long as the Soviet Union continues their moratorium on testing. The bill now goes to the Senate where it will face a tough time of passage, since many Senators don't want to be seen as being "easy" on the Soviets at a time when the Soviets are being portrayed as the evil empire, full of journalist-napping KGB agents.

Spies and the Summit

The real potential of U.S.-Soviet relations is being buried in this smoke screen of spies, with the test ban being forgotten the quickest.

Just before this issue went to press, President Reagan made a speech at the United Nations, in which he said that great progress has been made in arms control talks in Geneva, and that an agreement on a sizable reduction in the number of offensive nuclear weapons is possible in the near future. But is this announcement good news, or is it the same talk we heard last year before the summit?

Write to Senator D'Amato and Senator Moynihan; tell them to pass the bill on holding all funding for nuclear weapons testing for 1 year.

Senator D'Amato
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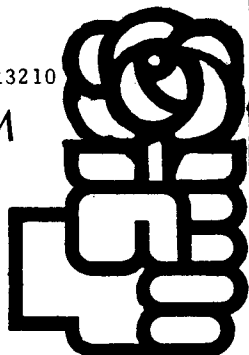
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Friday, Oct. 10 7,9:30

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Friday, Oct. 17 7,9:15

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Friday, Oct. 24 7,9

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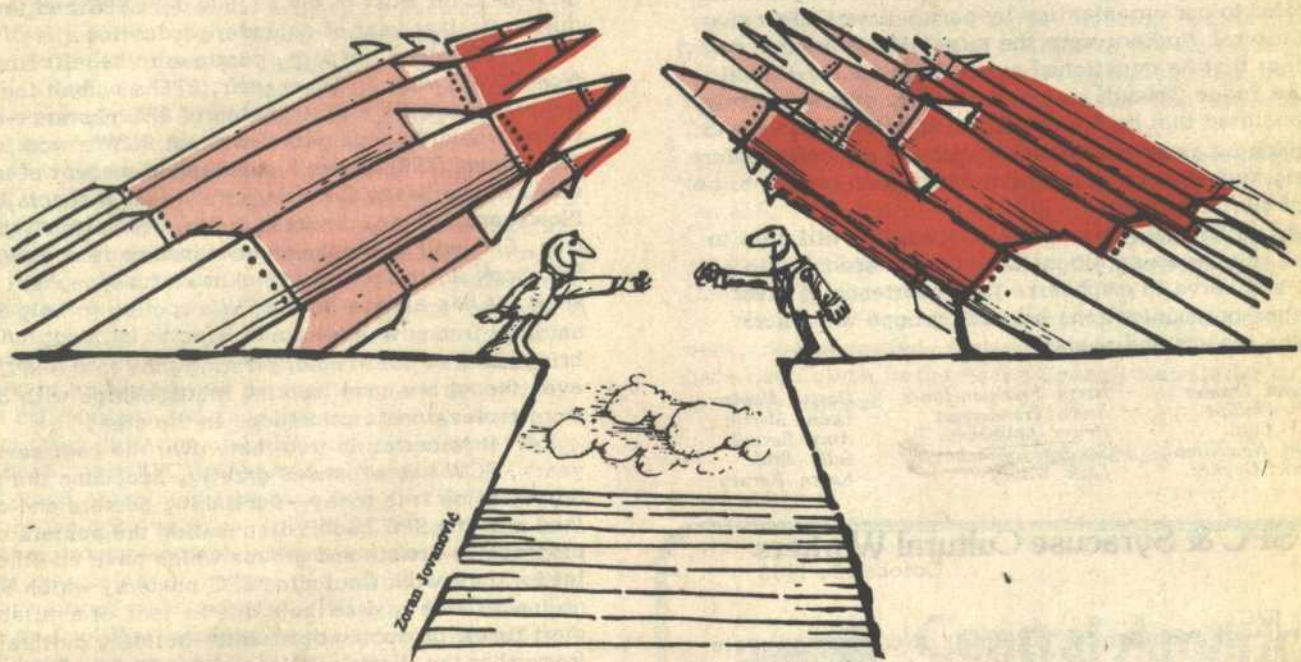
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Understanding the Soviets...



In the Wake of a Failed Summit

by Michael H. Shuman

The failure of the recent "mini-summit" has been re-written innumerable times by our government and the media. Yet, the simple fact is that the US and Soviet governments have been unable to negotiate any serious cutbacks in weapons (nuclear or otherwise) since World War II. Underlying this, as well as many of the other international crises facing the peace movement, is a tremendous anti-Soviet and anti-communist sentiment among the American people. It is our hope that the following article helps to "demythify" the Soviet Union and its people.

-the Editors

Myth #1: Visitors are Exhaustively Searched

When we arrived in Moscow on the evening of September 29th, many of us were terrified of Soviet customs procedures. Would our books and papers be confiscated? Would we have to undergo intensive questioning? When all was said and done, most of our bags were searched with only standard airport X-ray equipment. Everything we wanted to bring into the country - including a box of proceedings from the highly political Second Biennial Conference on the Fate of the Earth - was admitted.

The customs guards were all young men with crew cuts and rosy cheeks. Their stone faces lit up when members of our group gave them buttons that said "I Choose Peace" in both English and Russian. One guard asked me if I had ever been in the Soviet Union before. "No," I replied. "Are you sure?" he persisted. "No," I repeated nervously. Without even cracking a smile, he stared and said, "Then you should have a good time. Okay? Next."

Leaving the Soviet Union two weeks later was equally painless. Even though we departed at the Leningrad airport, which is rumored to have the nation's nastiest customs clerks, all of our films, videocassettes, papers, gifts, and knick-knacks left the country intact.

We wondered whether the relatively relaxed borders were a result of preparation for the Geneva superpower summit in Geneva or a manifestation of Gorbachev's loosening of restrictions. Perhaps it was a combination of both. Whatever the reasons, the Soviet Union is now a far cry from the super-secret Stalinist state of the 1930s and 1940s.

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SCW Staff Responds

October 15, 1986

To the editor:

As the staff of the Syracuse Cultural Workers (both paid and volunteer, full time and part time) we feel a need to respond to Andy Seltser's letter in the October PNL. First of all we'd like to express our thanks to Linda Perla for the time and energy she put into writing her eloquent letter, (which also appears in this issue), and to note that she quite clearly expresses our feelings and opinions as well.

Frankly, all of us felt much anger and frustration at the content and tone of Andy's letter. (Although he did not refer to our organization by name, it was clear that the Cultural Workers were the target of his resentments.) The fact that he questioned our respect for, and loyalty to, the Peace Council was bewildering. We were truly disappointed that he did not feel comfortable enough to approach us as an organization with his concerns before writing such a strong statement which then proved to be full of misinformation.

We do hope though, that Linda's letter will help to dispel any misconceptions about our relationship to SPC, and serve to emphasize the importance of clear and open communications between groups who share common dreams and goals.

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SPC & Syracuse Cultural Workers

October 5, 1986

Dear SPC,

It is with concern for our spirit of common struggle and sense of common history that I take the time to write this response to Andrew Seltser's well-intentioned but misinformed letter (PNL 10/86) regarding the Peace Calendar, the SPC history book and other publications of the Syracuse Cultural Workers (SCW). While I am sure Mr. Seltser's letter was inspired by his frustration at SPC's financial situation, I am sorry that he chose to bypass good process by failing to talk with the Cultural Workers, or with more experienced members of SPC, about his concerns before imparting misinformation to PNL readers and other SPC supporters who, like himself, may be unfamiliar with the history of the peace community in Syracuse. Mr. Seltser's letter is, in a way, a symptom of SPC's loss of awareness of its own history and community connections--a loss which has inevitably accompanied the rapid turnover in staff over the past few years and a situation which, ironically, SCW's publication of the SPC history book will help to correct. In the meantime, however, I would like to address 1) a few of the more glaring errors and omissions in Mr. Seltser's letter, and 2) an underlying attitude which I found more distressing than the factual inaccuracies.

First, some facts to help correct Mr. Seltser's lack of accurate information:

1) It was SPC itself which decided, in 1982, that it could no longer afford to publish the Peace Calendar due to the inordinate amount of staff time it consumed and the

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fact that it had lost money the previous year. After meeting twice with the appropriate SPC committee, 3 SPC members (Dik Cool, Karen Kerney and myself) decided that, rather than let the calendar die, we would form a separate non-profit group whose purpose would be to continue to publish the calendar--and the Cultural Workers was born.

2) During SCW's first year and a half of existence, SCW paid off most of the \$3,500 debt SPC had incurred during its last year of calendar production.

3) SPC does, in fact, continue to benefit financially from SCW's work. Every year, SPC's budget includes income from SCW's distribution of SPC posters--income which would be nonexistent without SCW's work. The Front Room (TFR) makes a substantial amount of money on sales of the Peace Calendar every year (especially at Plowshare.) Also, contrary to Mr. Seltser's misinformation, SPC will, indeed, receive income from sales of the SPC book if, in fact, the book makes any money. In short, it has always been SCW's policy to help SPC financially in any way we could--including continuing to bring many of our simpler printing jobs to the SPC Press, even though we have working relationships with other, more professional, printshops in the area.

4) It is certainly true that, over the past several years, SCW has expanded greatly, becoming the unique organization it is today--publishing posters and cards (and now the SPC book); distributing the posters of other progressive artists and groups which have no other outlet for their work (including SPC posters, which SPC was no longer able to distribute due to lack of available staff time); producing community-building cultural events (remember the Weavers film and the Dennis Banks benefit?); beginning a progressive design service for the community; and, yes, increasing our staff and raising our salaries. (Full-time staff, who often work 50 hours or more a week, still take home less than \$9,000 a year.) This last issue--increased staff and "higher" salaries--has been a major area of discussion for us, and reflects our decision to take ourselves seriously as a growing, progressive, non-profit business. In order to do this, many of us have taken on personal financial risk--including lending money to the organization, assuming personal liability for money we have borrowed from others, and delaying our own paychecks so that we could scrape together enough money to pay our printer for next year's calendar. Whether our financial risks will pay off is yet to be seen--we are optimistic that they will but the fact is that we, too, are struggling financially--perhaps only on a grander scale than SPC. I would, incidentally, suggest that SPC consider taking itself more seriously as an organization as well--perhaps high staff turnover could be reversed and greater programming work be accomplished if SPC could make that leap of faith and offer its staff a semi-reasonable wage.

5) SCW sold 20,000 calendars last year and expects to sell 30,000 this year. Most of our calendars and other products are sold nationally through bookstores (the rest through peace groups, who make money on their

sale), and to suggest that everyone who buys a calendar does so with the intention of supporting the Syracuse Peace Council is obviously absurd. If, in fact, there are still people locally who are unaware that SPC no longer publishes the calendar, that is unfortunate. However, SCW has always been publicly clear about our separateness from, as well as our connections to, SPC. A brief history of SCW has been included in every calendar and most catalogs we have published since we began. I also wrote a piece for the PNL in 1982 explaining SPC's decision to discontinue publication of the calendar and SCW's decision to carry it on.

More important than any of these facts, however, is the more painful issue of the underlying assumptions in Mr. Seltser's letter. Mr. Seltser apparently feels that if the work of SCW does not financially benefit SPC (which, in fact, it does), then it does not benefit SPC at all--a perspective I find extremely depressing. To say that the publication of the SPC history book and other peace-related items does not benefit the Peace Council is myopic and divisive, as well as insulting to the many people (almost all of whom are SPC members) who have invested their time, energy and spirit in our work. It has always been our feeling that cultural work is a tremendously important part of the peace movement, providing all of us with a clearer sense of our hopes and visions, making us visible in a world which is in dire need of an alternative perspective, and providing us with affirmations and encouragement in our work, which is often deflating and difficult. To suggest that, in Syracuse, only SPC is charged with educating, agitating and organizing for peace is a denial by Mr. Seltser of the good work not only of SCW but of the many other groups who are working for peace, and who consider themselves to be part of a united and supportive community of peaceworkers. We all consider our work to be "political activity in the name of Peace"--if we did not, we would not be doing it.

In closing, I would like to say that, although I am sorry to see valuable PNL space used for discussions of this sort, I am nonetheless grateful for this opportunity to let the community know that SCW is hard at work, to thank the many people who support us in so many ways, and to reiterate SCW's commitment to continuing our history of working with SPC.

Yours also in struggle,
Linda Perla

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October 10, 1986

To the editor:

The article in the Peace Council Newsletter extolling the so called "virtues" of George Wortley was a travesty on the truth and most appalling and offensive to many who read it.

The actual record of the ultra conservative views of George Wortley and his support of Reagan politics right down the line are well known: Calling for \$170,000,000 for murderous Contra aid --even outdoing Reagan's request for \$100,000,000 - supporting cuts to aid to education, environmental concerns, housing and medical care to funnel hundreds of billions to the Pentagon.

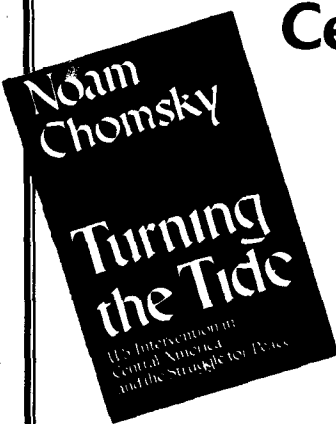
His stand on vocal prayer in public schools and his opposition to freedom of choice on abortion and Women's Lib are also matter of record.

Extolling the "virtues" of said Wortley are best left to his cronies from the Pentagon such as Alexander Haig "et al".

The likes of George Wortley is the real reason for the struggle and sacrifices made by the members of the Peace Council, past and present.

We humbly beg forgiveness from Peace Council Members, now deceased, that space, time and money should have been given in the Peace Council Newsletter to print his garbage.

In disbelief,
Herman & Miriam Bieling



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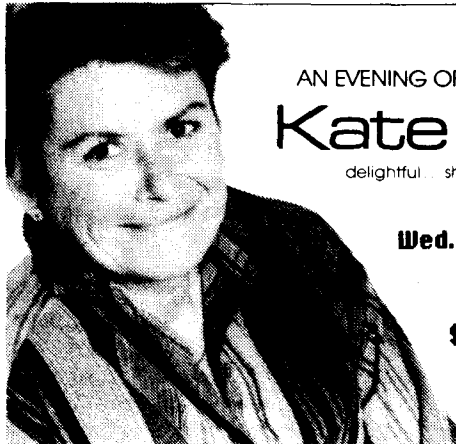
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the peace council page

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Immediate Job Opening

The Peace Council is looking for a full time organizer for the organizational maintenance staff position which includes office and volunteer coordination, fundraising, newsletter work, and some program work. The salary is \$150 per week with health insurance and a two week paid vacation. There is a great sense of reward that many former staff have had as they work for peace and justice in an office with other committed activists, Contact SPC for further job description and applications.

Volunteers Needed

Come show your support of SPC by volunteering for two upcoming events. On Saturday November 22 at the SPC house we will be having a joint holiday fund appeal mailing and Peace Newsletter mailing. The mailing will run from 9:30 to 4 PM so stop by any time and help out.

The 16th annual Plowshares Craftsair will be held Saturday December 6 and Sunday December 7. If you can help with anything from childcare to poster, let us know.

Council Meeting

Fall is the time for planning for the next year. Come join us Monday Nov. 24 at 7 PM at the SPC House to make program plans for SPC in 1987. This SPC Council Meeting is a time for you to bring ideas, proposals and enthusiasm for future work of SPC.

We'd also like to hear from other Syracuse peace and justice groups who are making plans for 1987 so we can avoid duplicating or conflicting and to compliment our activities and efforts when possible. Call Leeann or Andy Mager at SPC for comments. So we hope to see you on November 24.



We're Staying Put

During the past several months the Peace Council has been discussing a possible move. The idea was stimulated by neighbors wishing to buy our house. This sparked the latent desire for a more visible location which we all share. SPC houseworkers looked at several houses and buildings and spoke with real estate agents. Unfortunately, it seems that the amount of money we would need to move favorably is more than we can get for our current house. Of course, there is always the possibility of something coming up unexpectedly. Let us know if you have any ideas.

-Andy Mager

Dinner Cancelled

We regret that the annual dinner with Tony Avirgan or Martha Honey has been cancelled to their rescheduling problems and their long trip from Costa Rica. For more information about their lawsuit see the October Peace Newsletter or contact the Christic Institute, 1324 North Capital St., NW, Wash., DC 20002.

For the annual SPC fall event this year come join us for a fun evening of music and socializing at the Charlie King concert. See the insert and the calendar for details.

Two meetings brought together some SPC activists to evaluate the current SPC staff structure. We agreed to raise the salary for the next full time staff person to \$150 plus health insurance along with a raise for the half time staff person. We will keep the current staff structure of one full time person, one half time Peace Newsletter person and a bookkeeper. Several ideas for increased fundraising will be worked on over the next few months. We also agreed to several staff support structures that will particularly help new staff coming on.

At the first meeting we also briefly spoke about a proposal presented to make the SPC House more of a networking and information-sharing center. This discussion will continue at the upcoming Council Meeting. If you have comments or suggestions related to any of these issues please call Leeann at SPC.

Eastern Farmworkers Association / National Labor Federation Story

by Peter Kardas

Several months ago a representative of the Eastern Farmworkers Association contacted a local peace activist (who in turn contacted me) about getting support for their organizing efforts in upstate N.Y. Given the seemingly worthy goals implied by the organization's title and the fact that staff from the AFSC had been in contact with the Eastern Farmworkers in years past, I was inclined to be supportive. Still, I was curious about the group and about its national umbrella (the National Labor Federation, or Natlfed), and decided to learn what I could about them. Here is some of what I discovered.



For one thing, there is no organizational connection between the Eastern Farmworkers and the United Farmworkers Union (UFW), nor, according to the UFW, has there ever been a connection. Furthermore, conversations with Texas Rural Legal Aid attorneys raised substantial questions about the claim by a Natlfed affiliate, the Texas Farm Workers Union, to represent thousands of Texas farm workers.

I was given similar information about the California Homemakers Association, another Natlfed affiliate (according to a 1983 Christian Century article on Natlfed, there were in that year around 41 such affiliates). A representative of the National Farmworkers Ministry (which works with the United Farmworkers) told me he was never able to find the California Homemakers Association office in Oakland open and that he could not get straight answers about their finances or their overall organizational structure. He did acknowledge that the Coalition of Concerned Medical Professionals (another Natlfed affiliate) provided actual medical care to people, something which other sources have also acknowledged.

Having learned about the California and Texas groups, I still didn't know what made Natlfed tick. Insight into that was provided by a few published articles, among them the above-cited Christian Century article by Jean Caffey Lyles, "How the Revolutionaries Conned the Bureaucrats"; 1977 and 1984 articles from Public Eye, an investigative journal published by Citi-

zens in Defense of Civil Liberties and the National Lawyers Guild Civil Liberties Committee; and a 1977 piece from a newspaper called Pipe Dream.

What Makes Them Tick?

The 1984 Public Eye story is the most revealing. It was written by Jeff Whitmack, a former volunteer with the Oakland Coalition of Concerned Medical Professionals and the California Homemakers Association. According to Whitmack "critics of Natlfed charge it has a hidden agenda: the organizing by the mutual aid associations is not really to solve or address the specific problems of low-income persons, but rather to attract recruits to the Provisional Party," the next inner level of the organization. Behind the Provisional Party lies a man named Gino Parenti (aka Gerald William Doeden) and his "core of trusted followers," who have their headquarters in a Brooklyn brownstone house. Whitmack claims that the organization's goal is revolution, and other published reports indicate that volunteers who move up to cadre level receive political training based on the writings of Marx, Lenin and Stalin. Party members are also given a "history" of the group that includes guerrilla training in Cuba in the early 60's and guerrilla struggles in Guatemala in 1966. According to Whitmack's research, none of this history is true.

Cultish Characteristics

What bothers Whitmack is not Natlfed's leftist analysis but rather the manner in which the organization operates. Volunteers at the entry-level of the organization are told only what they need to do their job, and they are kept separated as much as possible from other volunteers. According to Whitmack, "one former Natlfed organizer admits the organizing and distribution of benefits was not primarily aimed at those people who needed assistance, but was aimed at providing a context from which discipline and commitment would be instilled in the cadre." Whitmack goes on to describe the cultish nature of the organization as follows:

Now that I look back at my experience in Natlfed, it sure seems to fit all the criteria for being a dangerous cult: a schedule designed to produce chronic exhaustion, long droning lectures while followers are already exhausted, wild ideas and beliefs which attain the force of psychotic delusion, predictions of change or doom around the corner, the POW camp-type atmosphere, followers quitting their jobs and severing outside personal and economic ties, the historic sense of mission, the operating under tight discipline and secrecy, the extolment of qualities of ruthlessness and fanatical determination, a "Triumph of the Will" approach, eventually pushing cult members to adopt a 'beyond good and evil' mentality, the kneejerk calling of any critics "government agents". This is Gino Parenti's National Labor Federation.

Peter Kardas is the director of the Economic Conversion Project at the American Friends Service Committee in Syracuse.

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Sanctuary Celebration From Captivity to Covenant

Over one thousand people from throughout the US and Central America gathered for a celebration of the sanctuary movement from September 26 to 29 in Washington, DC. Central Americans and North Americans engaged in dialogue during the weekend, sharing concerns, experiences, and hopes in an effort to strengthen Sanctuary and to respond to the continuing harsh realities of Guatemala and El Salvador.

The emerging theme of the conference was that providing sanctuary to refugees fleeing terror in Central America is but one part of a larger struggle for peace and justice throughout the region. Sister Darlene Nicgorski, one of the Tucson sanctuary workers recently convicted of aiding "illegal" refugees, eloquently stated this theme: "Our task is to turn the (underground) railroad around back to Central America and accompany the refugees back there."

To "accompany the refugees" is to work to create the conditions which will allow for their return. Campesinos in El Salvador have begun this effort by organizing the repopulation of lands abandoned because of the war. They have at times been turned back or cut off from needed supplies. They plant their crops under the gaze of troops who in other situations may have massacred civilians. The conference still held out hope that with the support of North Americans the repopulation effort can succeed and can empower the campesinos, whose only consistent resource is their religious faith.

To "accompany the refugees" is also to consider Central America in its entirety, and to suggest that the US government promotes the conditions which produce misery and violence in the region. The fasters in the Veterans Fast for Life spoke at the celebration and the response to their honest conviction and courage was overwhelming (Due to responses like this the Fasters chose to end their fast with the hope that the movement for peace in Central America is indeed growing.) In that moment the relationship between Sanctuary and opposition to aid for the contras was resonantly clear, and on the next day, we Sanctuary celebrants joined with those working to let Nicaragua develop in peace, as several thousand people marched from downtown Washington to the Lincoln Memorial.

At least 17 of the celebrants came from Syracuse. We learned much from the dialogue, workshops, interfaith religious service, rally and lobbying which constituted the Celebration. We have returned with great energy as we expect the arrival of refugees in sanctuary in Syracuse, under the umbrella of our interfaith covenant, within six months. "Somos presente"--we are here, ready to create a sanctuary, to educate and be educated. Please join us. For information and to get on our mailing list, call 471-4672 or 478-1592.

-Paul Weichselbaum

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Myth #2: Visitors are Carefully Followed and Monitored

Perhaps the most common question we have been asked since returning was: "Were you followed?" This is precisely the kind of question that seems utterly ridiculous once you visit the Soviet Union, for once you are there, you realize that, with literally tens of thousands of foreign visitors in the country at any one time, no snooping agency, not even the dread KGB, can know where everyone is all of the time.

To be sure, the government still tries to control the general contours of visitors' itineraries; it especially wants to know the city and hotel in which you are staying. The government's tourist agency, Intourist, assigns every group at least one guide, whose job it is, in part, to keep an eye on your activities. But beyond these general controls, your itinerary is your own business.

The government seems much more interested in keeping Soviets away from tourists than vice versa. Every hotel has a doorman whose job it is to keep curious Soviets out. Intourist would prefer that a group stick together with its guide, but if a group refuses, Intourist adapts. After we politely informed our guide, Irena, that very few of us would be participating in the official daily tours, she went out of her way to help our mini-groups with such essentials as subway maps, ballet tickets, and restaurant reservations. Every morning, we darted off in so many different directions that even we, let alone our Intourist guides, rarely knew where all our compatriots were.

In every city, we were free to walk anywhere we wanted, any time of day, without telling anybody where we were going or why. And by and large, we felt much safer wandering Soviet streets at night than, say, the streets of San Francisco or New York.

Restrictions get tighter when visitors want to travel outside the main, "open" cities. But even this is not impossible. One day, for example, several members of our group rented a car in Leningrad to visit some landmarks outside the city.

The only member of our group to stumble into trouble was Mark DuBois, founder of Friends of the River, who got up early one Sunday morning in Erevan, the capital city of the Soviet Republic of Armenia, to take some pictures. As he wandered into a lush, wooded area, he had no idea that he had actually entered the outskirts of a munitions factory. An elderly Soviet man noticed him, made what amounted to a citizens' arrest, and brought him to a nearby security guard, who was sleeping. The startled guard confiscated Mark's film, brought him via motorcycle to a police station, and then let him go. Later, Irena convinced the police to return to Mark all but one roll of his film.

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Myth #3: Soviets Hate Americans

Perhaps because so many people in this country denigrate Soviet people as "commies" and the "evil empire," we assume that Soviets cast similar aspersions on us. Not so. At all levels of society, the Soviets are fascinated and excited by Americans. Whatever wrath they have for Americans is heaped onto our "imperialistic" and "exploitative" multinational businesses.

Soviet images of America are simultaneously too glorious and too critical. On the one hand, they adore American art, film, literature, fashions, and music. Many young Soviets came up to me and, after establishing that I was American, started reciting American rock-and-roll song lyrics, including Bruce Springsteen's "Born In The U.S.A."

On the other hand, Soviets also believe that America is a virtual war zone. Their news continually tells them about race riots, massive poverty, handgun crimes, political action committee "bribes," and U.S. misconduct abroad. They are incredulous that we could tolerate such repression.



Marilyn Hoogen, a schoolteacher from the United States, was often the center of attention during the time she visited the USSR and taught there. (photo from Soviet Life magazine)

But whether the Soviets are being complimentary or critical, they above all have a burning curiosity to know more. Most are smart enough to realize that their media is telling them half-truths. Everywhere we went, people - especially young people - came up to us, asking, "Are you Americans?" If the answer was yes, their faces would light up and they would immediately offer anything they could to spend time with us - a guided tour to a nearby museum or bookstore, a pile of handy gifts, or invitations to join them for a home-cooked dinner.

Myth #4: The Soviet Union is Oppressing Its People with Orwellian Totalitarianism

One thing a visitor to the Soviet Union quickly learns is that concepts like "human rights," "repres-

sion," and "freedom" are all very value-laden, and have meanings very different for Soviets than for us. Since we as Americans especially treasure our rights of speech, assembly, travel, and voting, we are horrified that these rights are so restricted for Soviets. But most Soviets, mindful of how many of their brethren died from starvation and poverty in the twentieth century, especially treasure their rights to food, housing, jobs, pensions, education, and medical care. They are horrified to see how we in America let millions go hungry or homeless. Moscow may not have open public debates on such issues as nuclear weapons policy, but it also doesn't have 50,000 street people as, say, New York does.

But even with regard to the human rights Americans most care about, it is not appropriate to view the Soviets as having absolute restrictions where we have none. It's really a question of degree.

For example, we boast about upholding our citizens' freedom of speech, but the Supreme Court has said at various times that we can jail people who utter slander, obscenity, fighting words, state secrets, or sedition. The Soviets jail people for these same things, only they define these categories much more broadly and enforce their laws more capriciously.

Freedom of religion is another area where we think the Soviets have virtually no freedom. It is certainly true that the government promotes atheism, manipulates the nation's churches, and discriminates against some devout practitioners. But since the government officially endorses freedom of religion, the nation still has many churches and many thriving religious communities, though their numbers are dwindling. In Kiev, for example, where discrimination against Jews is apparently worse than in Leningrad and Moscow, there is only one synagogue for a community of nearly 300,000 Jews. Nevertheless, despite many obstacles, Jews continue to

practice their religion. According to several Jews we met, nearly 80,000 showed up to the synagogue for Yom Kippur services, sitting in an adjacent street while loudspeakers broadcast the service.

Today, the Soviets do not jail most unwanted speakers or religious practitioners, as some of us had imagined; in fact, the Soviets have roughly the same percentage of their population behind bars as we do. Instead, Soviet pressures for conformity are exerted through more subtle rewards and punishments. Jewish kids are free to practice their religion, but if they do, they may also find themselves ineligible to be members of the coveted Communist Youth League. Dissidents are often demoted and then unemployed altogether. But again, this system is little different than McCarthyism of the 1950s, where American leftists found themselves equally unemployable.

Myth #5: The Soviets Cannot Criticize and Change Government Policy

It is true that Soviet citizens cannot criticize many government policies, lest they risk economic retaliation or worse. But they still have some powers to speak out that many use successfully. On issues we do not pay much attention to--issues like the quality of consumer goods, medical care, or schools--the Soviet media carries numerous debates. In a meeting we had at Novosti Press, the country's second largest news agency, we were surprised to see its editors bicker with one another when asked whether, in their view, Moscow's environmental quality had improved or deteriorated during the past decade.

Dissent also has had its impact. Public outrage over the pollution of Lake Baykal, the largest fresh water lake in the world that was once spoiled as badly as Lake Erie, led to the closure of industrial plants operating around the lake. Similarly, public dissent over the air quality in the country's largest cities led the government to move smokestack industries into the countryside.

Even over such sensitive issues as Afghanistan, we were surprised to discover a great deal of discontent. Virtually every one of the dozen or so young men we met despised the war, in part because so many of their older friends were returning from the front lines in boxes. Other returning soldiers came back with horror stories, drugs, and disillusionment with their government. Even though the system does not tolerate street protests, more subtle protest is still simmering.



A 1982 Peace March organized by Scandinavian women covered hundreds of miles in the Soviet Union. It was joined by thousands of Soviet people in Leningrad, Kalinin, Moscow, Smolensk, Minsk and Kiev. (photo from *Soviet Life* magazine)

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Meanwhile, older Soviets continue to support the war on the grounds that the government is assisting an ally in its struggle against counter-revolutionary guerillas. Young against old--sound painfully familiar?

Myth #6: The Soviet Government Enjoys No Support Among Its People

Despite all of the shortcomings of the government, most of the Soviet people are content with it. Most Soviets long for greater personal freedoms, especially the freedom to travel outside the country. But compared to what they have endured during their recent history--the brutal Czars, the revolution, Stalin's purges, and World War II, each of which killed millions--now is a time of peace and prosperity.

To be sure, there are pockets of dissent. In Kiev, one young man told us that eighty percent of the city's Jews had applied to emigrate. In Erevan, where Armenians have been batted around like a ping pong ball between the Turks and the Russians over the centuries, frustrations run very high.

But overall, the Soviets are relatively pleased with their government, especially now that they have a new, vigorous leader. Throughout the country, there is a sense that Gorbachev is making a fresh start and will gradually meet their lurking gripes.



A woman who is in charge of youth affairs meets with some of her constituents. (photo from Soviet Life magazine)

Myth #7: The Soviet System Doesn't Work

In their misguided hopes that the Soviet system will collapse and restructure itself along the lines of a western democracy, many hardliners contend that the Soviet system does not work. This has always struck me as a peculiar kind of statement, rife with contradiction. If it is not working, how can we call it a system? By what

criteria are we judging success or failure? Ours or theirs? If it's theirs, how can we explain that most Soviets like their system?

An Aeroflot flight between Kiev and Erevan drove home for me the essential reality of "the Soviet system." As specimens of aviation technology, Aeroflot jets are fine pieces of workmanship. Compared with their American counterparts, the engines may be louder, the fuselage vibrations more intense, and seats more densely packed, but they basically run well. Everything else associated with these planes, however, is in thorough disarray. The toilets are uncleaned metallic bowls with no seats. Meal and beverage service is often non-existent since no food or drink is served on internal flights less than four hours (our flight was probably three hours and 55 minutes).

At roughly the time our flight was supposed to be landing, about 2:00 am, I wandered to the back of the plane, where two stewardesses had passed out in one another's arms underneath an oven door, which was keeping them toasty. I then walked to the front of the plane, where two men wearing what appeared to be co-pilots' caps were also asleep. Who, I wondered, was operating the plane? I sat down and, several minutes later, everyone awoke and returned to their duties. We landed without a problem.

In a way, this is the story of the entire Soviet system. The economy is rife with inefficiency--too many workers are doing too little too much of the time. Yet somehow, the essential tasks are getting done. The Soviet economy may not be as robust as its western competitors, but it is hardly on the verge of collapse. And so long as it continues to provide the Soviet people with a tolerable standard of living, it will continue to be regarded by most Soviets as a success.

Myth #8: The Soviets are Bent on World Conquest

No myth about the Soviet Union seems more prevalent and insidious, and no myth seems further from the truth. The one thing a visitor sees, over and over again, is that the Soviets are obsessed by peace. It is hard to walk several blocks in any Soviet city without finding a monument, a cemetery, or an icon decrying the horrors of warfare. Memories of the hundreds of thousands of people whom the Nazis starved in Leningrad and shot in Kiev (into the infamous pit at Babi Yar) are permanently etched on the consciousness of the Soviet people.

The Soviets have responded to their Nazi holocaust in much the same way as Jews have--with an ideology of "never again." It's their almost paranoid embrace of this ideology that underlies their enormous military apparatus and their continued occupation of Eastern Europe.

But it is important to underscore that the Soviets believe--very much unlike the Nazis--that their military is only for defensive purposes. And this belief is reinforced at all levels of society: in the many streets named "Peace Boulevard;" in the thousands of public posters expressing revulsion for war; and in the peace buttons kids wear.

To some, Soviet words about peace and war are irrelevant so long as they are contradicted by Soviet actions. But words matter. So long as the Soviet government draws some of its legitimacy from public support, it cannot afford to alienate its people. And the impact of Soviet words about war and peace is that the people expect their government not to engage in aggression. This is the government's growing problem with the war in Afghanistan, for as more and more Soviet citizens question its defensive nature, the war is eroding the government's legitimacy.

While many Soviets wish that the rest of the world would adopt what to them are the tried-and-true ways of the Soviet state (much as we in the United States wish the rest of the world to adopt our tried-and-true ways), no one we met hopes for a Soviet military takeover of western civilization. In fact, we came to the conclusion that if the Soviets ever attacked Europe or the United States, it might well spark an internal revolt.

Myth #9: Any Soviet who Works for the Government is Simply Pushing the Party Line

To Americans, the fact that a Soviet citizen is working for the government immediately leads us to dismiss this as simply "the party line," an opinion dictated from a small cadre above, that has nothing to do with people's real feelings.

Unfortunately, this kind of thinking can lead to a complete dismissal of virtually every Soviet citizen's opinion. Unlike our country, where some people work for the government and others don't, in the Soviet Union practically everyone works for the government. This means that, to some degree, every Soviet citizen's opinion can be construed as representing the government's views.

But the government does not dictate everything. One might think of the "party line" as a hazy outline that can be filled in with details in a thousand different ways. And once you pull people into a private setting, you can get extraordinarily candid opinions. One high-level Soviet official, for example, conceded in private that, while he approved of Soviet involvement in Afghanistan, he regretted the

Soviet military's "methods."

Myth #10: The Soviet Union Will Never Change

Critics of the Soviet Union often argue that the nation is completely monolithic, incapable of ever changing. Similarly, they are certain that it does not make a difference who is heading the Soviet Union--that the inflexibility of the system transcends all differences in leadership.

Anyone who talks with people on the streets of the Soviet Union will recognize that this is completely false. Not only have the days of Stalinist terror all but disappeared, but the emergence of Gorbachev has already begun a new process of dramatic change. In his brief tenure, Gorbachev has already changed the complexion of Soviet foreign policy by dislodging the ideologically rigid Andrei Gromyko. Domestically, he has made noticeable progress in closing bars, reducing absenteeism, and improving the state of Soviet technology.

This last category of change is particularly important, for the Soviets are now engaging in a host of surprising activities--loosening travel restrictions, developing and spreading computers, and decentralizing some management--all to increase the quality of Soviet technology. Meanwhile, there are a growing number of entrepreneurs within the Soviet system. One such entrepreneur is Joseph Goldin, who for years has been promoting his visions of bringing human beings around the planet together through advanced telecommunications. Goldin was instrumental in setting up the early US-Soviet television "space bridges." Occasionally, his innovation has brought on the wrath of the authorities.

Under Chernenko, for example, Goldin was briefly put in a mental hospital. But now, under Gorbachev, Goldin has come back into official favor. With a budget of one million rubles, he is making a movie that he hopes will be simultaneously broadcast to audiences in Moscow and New York.

The changes in the Soviet Union can also be seen most profoundly at a social and cultural level.



This group of Soviet people, in front of one of the many monuments to Soviet suffering in World War II, demonstrates the ethnic diversity of the USSR. (photo from *Soviet Life* magazine)

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For the first time in Soviet history, the nation's young people are experiencing a real adolescence. In the past, the largely agrarian society moved children quickly into responsible positions of adulthood; even in the cities, the low standard of living forced children to begin work at a young age. But now, more and more children are growing up in the cities with creature comforts provided by their parents, and they are acting with the same restlessness and rebelliousness as have their peers in Western Europe and North America. They are experimenting with drugs (hashish and marijuana are flowing in from Afghanistan), listening to rock music, dressing in new wave styles, and dabbling in more and more "counter-culture" or "health culture" activities like jogging, massage, and psychic healing.

In a way, the Soviets are now experiencing our 1960s all over again. And as these youth who prefer the Beatles to Lenin begin to form an ever larger presence in Soviet society, the political impacts promise to be profound. We may be on the verge of a period of change in the Soviet Union even more dramatic than we are now witnessing in China.

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Do these impressions seem different than what you have read or heard elsewhere? They certainly were for us. But don't take our word for it. Go over there and judge for yourself. Your thinking about the Soviet Union will never be the same.



A delegation of American trade unionists visits the Zapsib Metalworks in Novokuznetsk. Speaking of the Soviet trade unions, they said, "We are impressed and even overwhelmed by their size, their authority and responsibility, their independence and democratic structure." (photo from Soviet Life magazine)



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It was this organization which, according to the Lyles article, infiltrated the Commission on Voluntary Service and Action (CVSA) in the late 1970's and eventually gained control of their publication, Invest Yourself. Invest Yourself is an annual directory of voluntary agencies that "has long been relied on by church agencies as a tool for voluntary recruitment, and trusted by idealistic young people as a reputable guide to opportunities for putting their energies to work in a good cause." (Lyles). The fascinating story of how Parenti's group quietly gained control of this publication is told well in the Lyles article, and I recommend it to all who are interested. And the story is still not finished, since the Natlfed groups continue to control the directory's publication and former members of the CVSA's Board of Directors who are not Natlfed members continue to face a multi-million dollar lawsuit filed by Natlfed's attorneys.

Having learned all of this, I was not inclined to lend my support to the Eastern Farmworkers Association. I do not know what material good they have done for farmworkers in Wayne County nor whether they have recruited people in our region into their inner circles. I do know that they are not a union and are not on a union-organizing drive, nor are they working to press state agencies for more assistance to farmworkers and their families. If you are thinking of associating in some way with the Eastern Farmworkers you may want to ask them more about their organizational structure, their philosophy, their finances, etc. I would also be happy to share my file of articles with anyone who is interested.



It Fell Off!

In the October Peace Newsletter the article entitled "Imported Food--Who Benefits" by Shane LaBrake had an empty spot on the bottom left corner. Did you notice it? Somewhere between 924 Burnet Avenue and the Scotsman Press Shane's writer's identification was lost. Shane has lived in Latin America, and studied Journalism and Geography at SU. He currently works as a staffperson at the Syracuse Real Food Coop. Sorry Shane!

-Andy Mager



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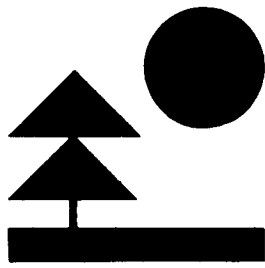
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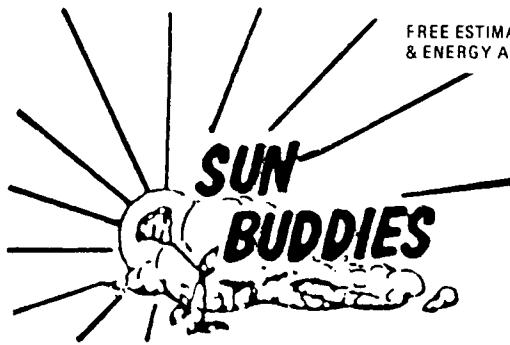


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-New York Environmental Institute

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-Andy Mager

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Here's an opportunity for positive action: buying from and otherwise cooperating with an organization whose policies we support. In 1976, US nuclear-powered, nuclear-arms-capable warships resumed visiting New Zealand after a five-year ban imposed by New Zealand for safety reasons. Protests mounted, with around 3/4 of New Zealanders supporting their government's policy of prohibiting nuclear weapons. In 1984, New Zealand banned all foreign warships unless guaranteed not nuclear-armed. Since US policy is "to neither confirm nor deny..." US ships are barred. New Zealand fears economic reprisals, which have already semi-officially begun, with US customs delaying shipments of New Zealand perishables. You can aid beleaguered New Zealand by buying its products, such as flowers and kiwi fruit, and showing appreciation to merchants who carry them; or even by visiting this beautiful land of mountainous islands and ancient Maori culture. Phone 476-7635 for more info on how to help.

-Marge Rusk

Nuclear Weapons Facility Conference

Eighty activists from 27 nuclear weapons facilities gathered in San Francisco in September for a strategy conference held by Mobilization for Survival. We came from as far as FL, NY, TX, OK, MN, PA and represented resistance efforts at weapons manufacturers, Dept. of Energy facilities, as well as military bases. We came to share resources, compare stories and to see what possibilities exist for developing coordinated action in the near future. Initial steps were achieved toward reforming a coordinating committee for a Nuclear Weapons Facility Network. Additional members are being sought.

The final plenary agreed to become involved with the following proposals:

1. Truck Watch- an effort to monitor the Pantex nuclear warhead assembly plant in TX and to track the trucks carrying H-bombs out of the facility to deployment sites around the country.

2. Disarmament 2000- a proposal recently put out by a coalition of major peace and religious groups calling for a step-by-step strategic time-line that aims for the abolition of all nuclear weapons by the year 2000.

3. Nationally coordinated actions at nuclear weapons facilities around the country.

For more information, or copies of the literature distributed, please contact Leeann at SPC.

-Andrea Doremus

D.C. Disarmament Demo

The "Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament" will arrive in Washington on November 15th. We are planning to join thousands of others in a demonstration. A bus will leave Syracuse late November 14th and return to Syracuse late November 15th. The fee will be \$30.00 per person. To reserve a space on the bus contact the Belges'--Betty-474-6254, Bob-423-3511, Mary-423-4268.

-Rob Belge

3rd Party for N.Y. State?

A new political party in New York State is attempting to challenge the Tweedledee and Tweedledum politics of the Democrats and Republicans. The New Alliance Party, formed in New York City in 1979, hopes to receive the 50,000 votes necessary to gain a permanent line on the ballot "for a progressive, independent, multi-racial, pro-gay party that will continue the fight for real democracy." Their statewide slate includes Dr. Lenora Fulani for Governor, Dr. Rafael Mendez for Lt. Governor, Dr. Fred Newman for U.S. Senator, Michael Hardy for Attorney General and Mary Fridley for Comptroller. For more information, contact them at 216 West 102nd Street, New York, New York 10025, (212) 864-3101.

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LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

So Right

To Herman & Miriam Blieing:

You were so right! And I was so wrong!

While some on the PNL Editorial Committee wanted to ignore the Rosemary Pooler-George Wortley contest, I thought that this would make the Peace Council seem removed from reality.

I asked each candidate's headquarters for a statement exactly 250 words long. These statements were to be printed side-by-side without editing or editorial comment. Ms. Pooler agreed and sent a statement. The Wortley headquarters refused.

To print the Pooler statement alone would have suggested that the Peace Council had endorsed her candidacy. (I wish now that I had suggested that she make her statement a paid political advertisement, and let it go at that.) Instead, I excerpted some of George Wortley's campaign literature. The result (to my horror) was that a much stronger case seemed to be made for Wortley than for Pooler: he came through as conservative but kind, when actually he has enthusiastically supported the undeclared war against Nicaragua, and voted for Reagan's war expenditures and for Reagan's deep cuts in funds for social programs.

We had a page to fill and no time to work up an alternative, and we went ahead with the Pooler-Wortley articles.

I apologize to past and present members of the Syracuse Peace Council for my goof. Bad judgment can be as harmful as evil intent.

Sincerely,
Angus MacDonald

Holiday Craftsfair for Everyone?

To the editor:

It is very disturbing to learn that for another year the Plowshare Craftsfair is again going to be held in a facility which is not accessible to all people. There are several individuals in this community who want to participate in this event. Unfortunately the stairs which lay between the wheelchair and the fair are barriers to these people participating in a fair which is supposedly a public event. The SPC's reasons for continuing to hold the fair at Plymouth Church have been clearly stated; the choices of facilities are few; the funds for renting facilities are limited. Nonetheless an organization which works for peace among all people has no excuse in continuing this sort of insidious segregation. SPC's craftsfair needs to be accessible to people who walk with wheels as well as feet.

If the Peace Council truly feels Plymouth is the only choice for the fair then that needs to be stated publicly by the Peace Council! Segregation can't simply be ignored.

-Kristen McCauley Goldman

The Politics of Food

The stream and rocks of wind on the leaves become the flow of the natural course, the rest are swept unconcerned for they are midstream and can only rest by the shoulder..

the feeling of cement in my stomach from the industrial park will find the green in the purpose has become a dull color since we see it in the camouflage of the army.

When is power exploited by the difference of opinion when the difference in the class of work monetarily is disparity.

the union and the disparity of training becomes the tool...

Education is a commodity?

the individual in a collective can vote yes or no but if you're not there vote no..

eat trees?? where is the change if they have to buy the park something to eat..

Union evolved the dirt to become money that is the dirt... who is to pay the greenery.

the green becomes wood to eat and the subsidym of the industrial park... industrial park becomes obsolete when you can't eat it any more.....

-Neefus (swindon)

Let's Work Together

Dear friends:

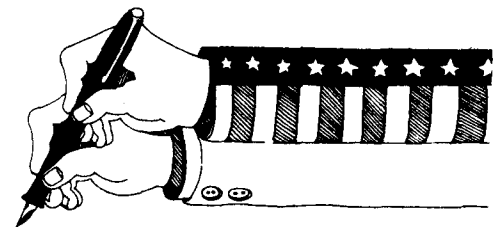
Andrew Seltser's letter to the October PNL shocked me and made me sad. The passing of calendars, buttons and posters should produce some revenue--not only for fundraising reasons, but, as one of the many who do, present a way for supporters to give their views to friends and peers. I support, in a small way, as my mother before me did, the SPC with cash. I also agitate with buttons and posters for "Men of Quality..." and "Don't Buy War Toys."

Being involved with the Dorothy Day House, which is working on a volunteer/stipend basis makes me acutely aware of the need for "cash" to support "the good works". There is too much work to do to spread the dedicated hours so thin, with you as well as other activist, volunteer organizations.

Is it feasible to combine efforts on some of these projects? Is the "Private Sector" really out there willing to be tapped? Maybe we should form a "grant writing group" to seek private sector funding to gather all the resources for your "peace and Justice" and our addition of "homeless and hungry"?

The booth at the Fair was a wonderful opportunity to expand from one project to another.

Love & peace,
Rita Gormley



In This Issue

A special section on Children & Peace lies at the heart of this month's Peace Newsletter. The editorial Committee would like to dedicate this issue to PNL committeeperson Shelagh Clancy and the baby she is expecting soon. Focussing on the world which we are creating for future generations seemed a suitable counterpoint to the often hollow "Peace on Earth", which we frequently hear during this season.

Some commentary on the after-effects of the elections--nationally (page 17) and in several local communities (page 18) is also enclosed. A look at the "War on Drugs" (pages 19 and 20) help fill out the PNL.

Have a Happy New Year!

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Dates and Deadlines

The January PNL will be an 8-page issue.

Space: December 10
Display Ads: December 15
Calendar: December 19



This lovely, ecological-looking drawing is the symbol for food which has been preserved by irradiation. Naturally, the Food and Drug Administration chose a logo which consumers would readily identify as being associated with radiation.

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COVER

Nick Catalano's cover art depicts the struggle going on in the toy boxes, and the hearts and minds of children (and parents too).

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House News

This month the house humans have been involved in some hot controversy... a veritable upstairs/downstairs, wild house meetings, hot lunches in more ways than one, enough process to make Velveeta turn green with envy. But you certainly aren't interested in all that, dear reader. No, what could be more boring on a cold, fall evening than reports of accusations of maliciousness, slime and censorship, over the persistent calendar issue. (Letters, PNL 530-532) Instead allow me to enlighten you on the completion of the house winterization project, complete with plastic and caulk. Allow me to inform you that the SPC Press has printed the new Front Room Catalogue, with the design services of Karen Kearney, in a grand trans-collective effort. Warm yourselves in the knowledge that the House has a new water heater, replacing the old leaker that automatically washed the pressroom floor, sort of. Take heart just knowing that Leeann's yoga class is keeping her relaxed, Andy M's country home is getting winterized, TFR is into its busy season, the colder weather is bringing new and much welcomed volunteers into the house (always room for more), Paul is moonlighting in Oswego teaching film, and Andrew just sat through nine hours of "Shoah" and is calling everybody a fascist. So, until next time, make it a good today.

-----Andrew Seltser

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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Compiled by Leeann Irwin

Immediate Job Opening

Putting your political beliefs and your full time work together is sometimes a challenge. If you're looking for an opportunity to do just this, then the Peace Council staff position may be just the job for you. We are looking for someone for the organizational maintenance position which includes: office and volunteer coordination, fundraising, newsletter work and program work. The job entails a wide variety of work so you don't need to worry about getting bored, and there's also lots of flexibility. In addition, staff work in an office with other committed peace workers.

The salary is \$150 per week with health insurance and a two week paid vacation. Contact Paul Pearce or Andy Seltser at SPC for further job description and applications.

Library Being Revived

We are currently working on cataloguing our library. In addition, we hope to make it more available and useful to more people in the community. A diligent volunteer is also filing and updating our topical and periodical files. If you are interested in working on any of these projects or making donations of books or current material you don't think we have, contact Leeann at SPC.

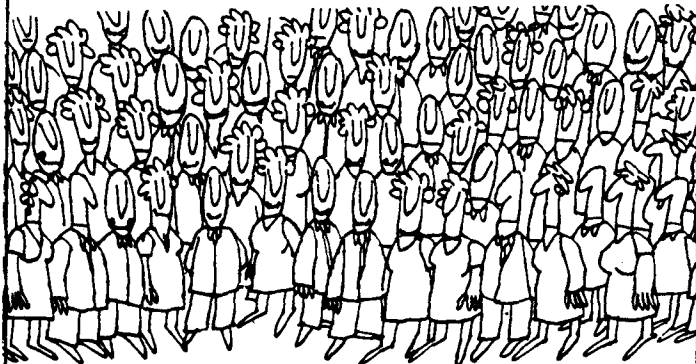
Plowshare Craftsair

Come join us at our annual Plowshare Craftsair Saturday, December 6th from 10 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, December 7th, from 11:30 AM through 5 PM. The fair is held at Plymouth Church, 232 East Onondaga St., off Columbus Circle near Warren St. More than fifty crafts people will have quality crafts from woodworking to soft sculpture. In addition, The Front Room Bookstore SPC and other area peace and justice groups will have literature tables and displays. And of course we will have some fine music, delicious food, and great prizes for our raffle. If you can volunteer for any part of this two day event, give Leeann a call at SPC.



Photo by Caris Lester

"We Pledge" \$100 per/month



Seriously, pledges- however small! (actual pledges range from \$1 to \$50 per month) - provide a reliable financial base for SPC's ongoing work. Operating expenses don't just happen just once or twice a year, nor do they take a holiday. So please consider joining the many people who pledge monthly, some of whom have been pledging for years. Do it TODAY!

Volunteers Needed

As you are looking at plans for the new year, consider volunteering at SPC. If you are able to make an ongoing commitment to a job, we invite you to give us a call about the following jobs:

Bank Depositor: A two hour job twice a month to record incoming checks and make deposits.

Graphics Filer: A once a month job for a few hours to refile PNL graphics and to cut and file new graphics from other publications.

Peace Newsletter Distributor: to distribute PNL's once a month to local businesses, buildings and offices that you frequently visit.

Distributors needed for the following areas:

Erie Blvd. E. and East Genesee St.

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Call us with additional ideas!

'87 Peace Calendar Another Beauty

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The 1987 Peace Calendar is published by the Syracuse Cultural Workers. The Peace Council put out the calendars until 1983 when the Cultural Workers began. If you wish to support the Peace Council financially, buy your calendar at The Front Room Bookstore (or send us a holiday contribution).

The Syracuse Cultural Workers' 1987 Peace calendar "Carry It On" is off the press and ready to go. With 12 vivid and full color images. This year's calendar continues to celebrate a vital and emergent people's culture. Artists and activists from across the country have contributed work that blends beauty with the beast, vibrant pieces that both disturb and disarm, inform and inspire. The artwork is powerful from pastel to oil, mural to photograph.

Beginning with a two page spread of photographs and poetry celebrating the Filipinos' "people power" revolt, the calendar moves through time like a witness to the courageous movements for justice and peace around the world. Miranda Bergman's collage representing Winnie Mandella and the struggle for freedom in South Africa is followed by a detail of David Fichter's intricate mural linking today's sanctuary movement to the historic and heroic efforts of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railway.

In solidarity with the people of Central America, the calendar includes poignant photosilkscreen by Mark Vallen entitled "No Pasaran", the Nicaraguan's

resistance slogan to the CIA-backed Contras and a richly textured oil by a Catholic nun commemorating the slaughter of four American churchwomen in El Salvador. Focusing on issues in North and South America, the October and November images feature a photograph of Katherine Smith, a Navajo elder active in the Big Mountain relocation resistance movement and a haunting pastel by Teresa Flavin which solemnly depicts the contradictions of a food chain run amok.

The calendar also includes a bright watercolor by Bonnie Acker, a long-time contributor to the Peace Calendar. Bonnie says about her work: "I try, in my images, to reflect the passion of people seeking better lives--- their humor, their resilience and their ability to remain hopeful against enormous odds".

Full of historical information and networking resources, "Carry It On" is an aesthetic experience, a history lesson, a gallery, sanctuary and conscience-raiser. It is an extended invitation from the Syracuse Cultural Workers to celebrate and create as you move through 1987. The calendar is available at the Front Room Bookstore or by mail for \$9.70, 3/\$26., 5/\$40. from SCW, Box 6367, Syracuse, New York, 13217 (315)474-1132. Visa and MasterCard orders can be done by phone.

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Open Hand Theater

Celebrating the Holidays and exploring Sanctuary
The Advent of the Homeless

It is difficult to categorize or even describe an Open Hand Theater performance. To call it puppetry, or dance, or mime is at once both accurate and inadequate. "A Wondrous Winter Puppetry Pageant" is one way the Open Hand folks describe their current piece, which goes by the title of "Last Journey of the Same Return: The Advent of the Homeless." But this description is still inadequate, because an Open Hand performance is an experience which seems somehow to come from the collective imagination of performers and audience together.

"We all walk around with deep archetypal landscapes in our inner being," says Geoffrey Navias, Open Hand's Artistic Director. It is these "landscapes" that are the foundations upon which we build the beliefs that determine our view of the world. "We build on foundations that we don't even know" says Navias. As we explore these foundations, we grope around in the dark and sometimes what we find is a surprise that requires us to rethink what we are building." It is this sense of exploration into the depths of our own hopes and fears that makes an Open Hand performance both personal and primal -- but it is the sense of community which makes it come alive.



Giant greedy face masks surround hope in a scene from "Last Journey of the Same Return," Open Hand Theater's new Pageant. (photo by John Dowling)

Open Hand Theater arose about five years ago out of a collective that was trying to create a new kind of theater in Syracuse. From the beginning, the sense of

community that is created among performers and between performers and audience has been an integral part of their work. The move from Eureka Studios to Plymouth Church a couple of years later added a new dimension. In 1984 the first winter pageant, called "As Starlight Grows the Winter Rose," drew together members of the congregation, Open Hand Theater and others who had not previously been involved in either, into an exploration of the meaning of the Christmas season for both Christians and non-Christians. The result was the beginning of a tradition that continues in this year's pageant. Cindy Squillace, one of the members of the founding collective, speaks of the winter pageant as "a yearly ritual." "It is part of what describes my feelings about the holiday," she says, "and it helps me focus on the Christmas Season in my own way." For both performers and audience, it has become part of their personal holiday celebration. For Open Hand it has become a major yearly production. And for the church it has become an important part of Advent. It has been a healthy association.

This year's cast brings together about thirty children and adults from a variety of backgrounds and nations. Some have worked together before; others are participating for the first time, but all have the chance for creative input helping the piece to develop.

"'The Last Journey of the Same Return' challenges us to move beyond human chauvinism," says Navias. "The value of other living things is too often measured in economic terms and it is not a very big step to doing the same to humans."

"We are exploring the meaning of homelessness for families of all species," he continues. "We are working in our own muddling ways to explore what it means to make a home for each other in this joyful and dangerous world."

The pageant will be presented at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St., Dec. 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m.; December 12 and 13 at 8:00 p.m.; and December 14 at 4:00 p.m. Ticket reservations can be made by calling 476-0466 or tickets can be purchased from cast members, at Plowshares or at the door. Tickets are \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. *-Paul Barfoot*

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Jewish Film Festival

A Jewish Film Festival, featuring four films about Jewish past and present history, will open in Syracuse on December 7th at the Westcott Theater. "The Revolt of Job" (3:30, Sunday, Dec.7) is the story of a childless Jewish couple who, on the eve of the Holocaust, adopt a Catholic boy to pass on their traditions and heritage. "The Boat is Full" (7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec.10) is a suspenseful drama about a group of refugees seeking war-time sanctuary. "Beyond the Walls" (3:30, Sunday, Dec. 14) depicts the struggle of Arab and Israeli inmates in a maximum security prison and the reconciliation they achieve in the shadow of the mid-East crisis. "The Free Voice of Labor" (7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17) is a documentary about immigrant Jewish life on New York's Lower East Side and the beginnings of Jewish activism in the American Labor movement. There will be guest speakers after each film. A reception from 2:30-3:30 on Sunday, December 7 at the Westcott Theater will open the Festival. Tickets are \$3.50 each--Festival passes are \$12.00. For tickets or info call the Syracuse Cultural Workers at 474-1132.



Photo from FREE VOICE OF LABOR showing Wed., Dec.17, 7 PM at the Jewish Community Center

Conference on Nicaragua

A Conference on "Human Rights & the Future of the Nicaraguan Revolution" will be held December 6, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Church Center, 3049 East Genesee Street in Syracuse. The morning presenters will be Andrew Reding of the World Policy Institute and Rev. Jim Goff former Presbyterian Missionary to Nicaragua. Afternoon presenters will be Chief Oren Lyons of the Onondaga Nation and Dennis Gilbert, Chairman of the Latin American Studies Department of Hamilton College. Registration fee is \$8-12 sliding scale and includes lunch. Seating is limited so call United Church of Fayetteville, 637-3186, for reservations.

Griffiss Protestors Sentenced

On Oct. 22, six protestors who walked onto Griffiss Air Force Base on Aug. 6 to commemorate the 41st anniversary of the dropping of an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, were convicted of 3rd degree trespass. The 6 were Father William Cuddy, Jerry Berrigan, Margaret Thompson, Kathleen Rumpf, Joy Hackett-Miller, and John Mahony. The defendants called Col. James N. Hockney, the Griffiss Commanding Officer, to testify about his refusal to meet with them at the Base.

Judge Edward M. Conan found the defendants guilty, and on November 19, sentenced Jerry Berrigan, John Mahony, and Kathleen Rumpf to 30 days in jail and a \$100 fine; Bill Cuddy to 20 days in jail and a \$100 fine; and Joy Hackett-Miller and Margaret Thompson to \$50 fines. Letters of support can be sent c/o Jail Ministry, 208 Slocum Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204.

Brother Peace a Success

On October 18th, 70 men, women, and children gathered in Syracuse for the first annual BrotherPeace March and Rally. BrotherPeace, an international day of actions to end men's violence, was coordinated nationally by the National Organization for Changing Men and locally by the Syracuse BrotherPeace Committee. The Rally was held in conjunction with over 30 similar events in 12 states, Western Europe, and Canada. Speakers included Dr. Robert Seidenberg, President of the Greater Syracuse Chapter of NOW; Harry Freeman-Jones, gay rights activist; and Paul Pearce, Vietnam veteran and Peace Council Press operator. Three minutes of silence was shared nation-wide to remember those who have suffered, survived, or been killed by male violence. Local organizer Bill Wartens stated that the event "illustrates the growing number of men who are willing to take a stand against violence and to make connections between male violence in all its forms. We look forward to making this an annual event."

SAS Wins Concessions

The Student Afro-American Society of Syracuse University sponsored a sit-in outside the doors of student-owned radio station WJPZ on Monday, November 3rd. About 100 students, concerned about the cancellation of three Black music programs by WJPZ and charging the University with racial discrimination, occupied the offices of the radio station until the station turned off its transmitter around midnight. The sit-in followed the events of Black Solidarity Day on campus when approximately 400 students joined a cross-campus march to protest University policies towards Blacks. SAS officials presented WJPZ with three demands: that the station expand its format to include at least 28 hours of minority programming each week; that WJPZ establish a minority affairs department and include an SAS representative on its Board; that the station incorporate these demands into its by-laws. As a result of the sit-in, WJPZ agreed to the following: 15 hours each week of minority programming, the addition of a minority advisor on the WJPZ Board, and the creation of a training program at the station for minority students. For more info contact SAS at 423-4633.

Peaceful Toys for Holiday Giving

by Shelagh Clancy

The toy manufacturers say their sexist, militaristic toys are what kids want. But they need to spend millions in advertising to sell them. This holiday season, spend time talking about toys with the children on your list. Explain why war toys upset you and what they teach; point out sexism; and encourage kids to think about TV ads, not just react to them.

You can find toys kids really like that you will like, too. Begin by looking beyond Kiddie City, Syracuse's largest toy store, to smaller stores with more unusual merchandise, like the Consortium, which offers hand-made toys, and Small World and the Science Center (in the malls). And look beyond toy stores. Catalogs offer unusual toys, games and books; craft and dime stores are a good source of art materials; secondhand stores may have wonderful dress-up costumes.

For Young Children

The smallest children will enjoy blocks, wooden puzzles, stuffed animals, and riding toys. The selection of peaceful toys is best for this age group. Fisher-Price makes indestructible toys with the age recommendations printed on the box. (Last year they introduced their first line of military toys, so write them!)

Construction materials are popular with kids over three. There's a vast assortment of Legos constructs and remember Lincoln Logs and Tinkertoys? Little people are also a good choice, and Playmobil offers many sets of people with working parts, such as safaris, spaceships and construction workers. When you venture into sets, you need to check for weapons. You can always buy them anyway, throw the guns away, and write to the manufacturer to let them know.

Children of all ages like musical instruments, trains, and puzzles. Art supplies can be selected for the proper age. Blackboards and chalk, large newsprint pads, crayons and fingerpaints are best for smaller children. Playdough is easier to get out of the rug than clay. Save shiny markers and oil pastels for kids old enough to put them away. There is really a wide variety of art supplies, and they're one of the most creative toys available, so look around.

For Older Children

Choosing toys for older children is more complex, and the selection more limited. Older kids like science toys, such as dinosaur models, electronic kits, bug catchers, and microscopes. Some of these toys are good substitutes for the violent "adventure" toys. Non-competitive board games are available from Animal Town (see below), like "Save the Whales", in which the players must work together to save eight great whales from extinction.

Video games and software are very popular for older children. Choose carefully, and you can promote the values you want. Much software is based on violence:



HAVE YOU GOT A "HELL NO HE WON'T GO" GAME?

the entire purpose is to destroy the enemy. Look for software that encourages cooperation rather than competition; in which shooting the enemy is not the reward; in which it is possible to succeed, since in many games the player will eventually crash and can only postpone it.

Books are always nice. Try to read them before you buy, or choose a subject you'd like to promote.

And yes, there are toys designed to promote peace. The Peace Museum in Chicago displayed some in an exhibit last year called "Child's Play". Included were Hug-a-Planet, a stuffed globe pillow, the Peace Trek puzzle, depicting views of the world at peace; the Peace Post Office, where kids can write letters to children in other countries; and a Peace Trivia computer game. Also included were many toys like those suggested here: toys readily available in local stores as well as those harder to find, toys which are alternatives to violence and destructiveness, which encourage imaginative play and creativity.

Listed below are addresses for catalogs of unusual, alternative and peaceful toys and books.

Family Pastimes
R.R. 4
Perth, Ont. Can. K7H 3C6

Gryphon House
PO Box 275
Mt. Ranier, MD 20702

Animal Town Game Co.
PO Box 2002
Santa Barbara, CA 93120

Hearth Song
PO Box B
Sebastapol, CA 95472

Child Craft—Toys That Teach
20 Kilmer Rd.
Edison, NJ 08818

The Peace Museum
430 W. Erie St.
Chicago, IL 60610

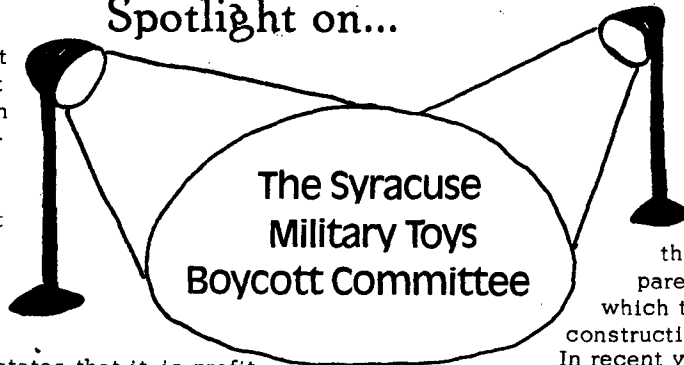
Discovery Toys
400 Ellinwood Way Suite 400
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Toys To Grow On
PO Box 17
Long Beach, CA 90801

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Spotlight on...

It is a little appreciated fact in our country that war can start in the toybox. One organization that has grown out of this realization is the Syracuse Military Toys Boycott Committee. The four-year-old group asserts that children who play with violent toys display more violent or anti-social behavior than those that don't.



The Syracuse
Military Toys
Boycott Committee

They often depict warlike situations which teach children to develop mechanical responses to destroying an enemy. Aren't there better solutions to resolving conflicts than killing or destroying, the group asks. And shouldn't parents be buying alternative toys, which teach different solutions and constructive skills and attitudes?

Toy activist Mima Cataldo states that it is profitable for toy companies to promote war toys. Since the Reagan Administration, she says, we have developed a false patriotism, and toy companies have adapted toys to capitalize on this trend.

In particular, Ms. Cataldo points out the new line of G.I. Joe dolls, which includes a whole collection of buddies and enemies. G.I. Joe's most recent foe is a dark-skinned terrorist with an Arab-sounding name. The whole G.I. Joe line, she claims, is sexist and racist. Transformers dolls, on the other hand, have weapons built into their bodies. Toys such as these glorify war, and the group asks, is war something we should glorify, especially in the minds of our children? Ms. Cataldo is also concerned about Saturday morning children's television programming, which is often about war and which is designed in part to sell more war toys to more children.

Video games can be culprits, too, the group claims.

In recent years, the committee has sponsored demonstrations at Kiddie City and Shoppingtown. In the coming year, they plan to fund raise, organize a media campaign and distribute a bus poster through the Syracuse Cultural Workers.

This year, they urge shoppers to boycott war toys during the holidays. In addition, you can write to toy manufacturers, encouraging them to stop producing these war toys:

HASBRO INC.
c/o Stephen Hassenfeld
1027 Newport Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02862
(G.I. Joe)

LJN STEPHEN CANNEL PROD.
200 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10010
(A-Team, M-16 rifles)

MATELL
Hawthorne, CA 90250
(Secret Wars, He-Man)

KENNER PRODUCTS
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(Super Powers Collection)

For more information, call Diana Cramer, 474-1132.
-Stephen Rosenbloom

Socialist Party

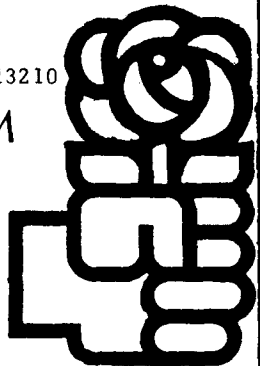
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The Challenges of Non Violent Parenting

by Jane Rhodes

Raising children in the 1980s can seem like an overwhelming task, particularly if parents and educators want to instill children with non-violent, anti-war values. Parents have only to consider these media influences to send shudders up their spines:

- **Rambo: First Blood part II*, released in 1985, is among the top ten money makers in American film history;
- *the National Coalition on Television Violence ranks "The A-Team" as the second most violent TV show in 1986 and "Miami Vice" as sixth;
- *cartoons are not much better, with NCTV noting that 27 percent of cartoons contain too many violent episodes.

Social scientists frequently disagree on whether there are connections between media content and violent behavior, but the National Institute of Mental Health said in 1982 that "TV violence is as strongly correlated with aggressive behavior as any behavioral variable that has been measured."

Culture of Violence

There are other factors that influence children beyond the mass media. As many Americans in the age of Reagan read *Soldier of Fortune* magazine, play combat games in the woods, and support US aid to the Nicaraguan contras, this heightened militarism trickles down into children's popular culture. Camouflage clothing is the latest rage among young children and teenagers, and toys imitate the sophisticated world of high tech armaments with robots that transform into fighter jets, and toy soldiers equipped with their own laser weapons.

These themes are also frequently reinforced in the classroom. "The schools are partly to blame in both their texts and curriculum," said SUNY Cortland Professor Bill Griffen, a long-time SPC member. "Most teaching tends to honor military exploits done in defense of freedom. When the war is not clearly a defensive action, such as Viet Nam, they introduce cold war rhetoric to justify them."

Griffen, who co-authored the book *Lessons of the Viet Nam War* with John Marciano, another Cortland faculty member, argues that most schools fail to provide a balanced approach to the concepts of war, armaments and violence. "They apply a double standard--they condone official violence such as breaking labor strikes or riots, but condemn the protest violence of dissent. Most teachers don't fully understand that US policy has been based on intervention and militarism since the start of the country. The students are only getting one message," he said.

Griffen is also concerned with the policy of allowing military recruiters into high schools to solicit student interest. "We have to fight like hell to have alternative arguments and literature introduced in the schools. It's

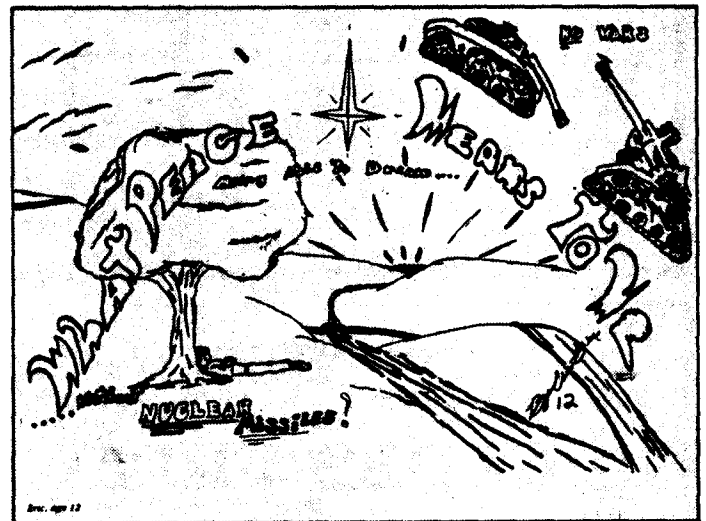
a tough battle, but it's still worth fighting," he said. "And we should be appealing to social studies teachers to expand the curriculum."

What's A Parent to Do?

Another strategy for concerned parents is to organize small protest activities. Diana Cramer, Mima Cataldo and Judy Woods pooled their energies in 1984 to demonstrate against war toys in Syracuse. "One of the reasons I got involved was that these toys started to be an issue in our house when my son Ethan was about six," said Cramer. "Compared to the 1970's, there was an incredible influx of violent toys. GI Joe was brought back on the market, and the toy companies were saying that people were more patriotic because of the Iranian hostage crisis."

"People of our generation say they grew up with guns and then became pacifists, but I think it's different now," Cramer added. "It's more than just toy guns -- it's the literature, the packaging of a culture. TV tells kids what they want, and then it's hard to deal with them."

Like many parents, Cramer found that as her son became older and more independent, simply forbidding war toys in the household was not always the best approach. "My decision was that I didn't want to make a battle out of it. Some parents just say no, but if I did that, it would be a problem," she said. "He wants to be like the other kids. So the compromise is that I wouldn't buy those things, and he doesn't ask for them, but he occasionally gets them from other relatives. The important thing is for him to know how I feel about it and why."



Drawing from *Children As Teachers of Peace*

Many parents recommend talking with young children about these issues and using the principles of non-violence in family interactions. "Explaining and educating about these issues are one of the most important

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things we do," said Kathryn Russell, who teaches philosophy at Cortland and has two daughters. "We are not pacifists, but we believe in non-violent conflict resolution, so we try to discuss how to handle anger."

Russell said it is important for children to observe and participate in their parents' activism. "One thing that discourages kids most is the sense that adults are not doing anything about nuclear weapons and war," she said. "So we try to include them in our efforts -- we have always made it a point to take them to demonstrations and meetings, which allows them to see an alternative culture." While the Russells' children, especially 14-year-old Michelle, don't always agree with their parents' position, they have initiated actions of their own, such as writing letters to the President to protest nuclear power and to express support for the Nicaraguan revolution.



Other children, like Bill Griffen's 16-year-old daughter Amy, who demonstrated and was arrested at Griffiss Air Force Base last year, take even greater risks in the quest for peace. "As the kids were growing up we would watch the news together and I'd do a teach-in right there," said Griffen. "I try not to proselytize my kids, but wait for their questions. As children get older, you have to accept them and their views and not be preachy."

The Role of Religion

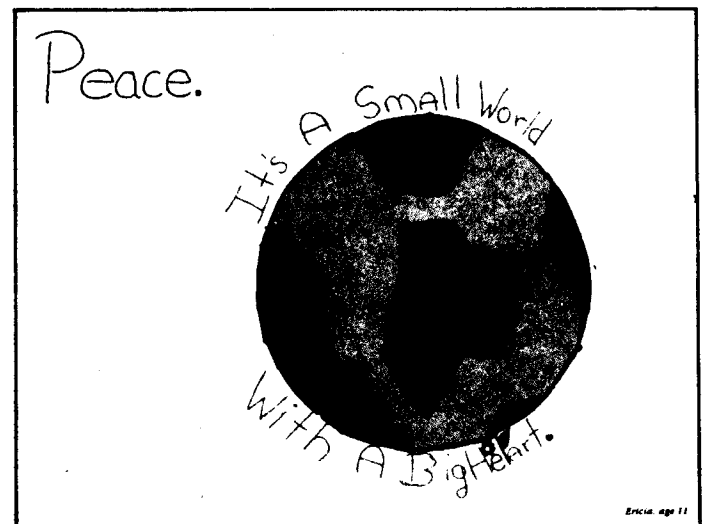
Religion can be another strong basis for teaching non-violent values. Millicent Collins, who recently earned a degree in black church studies from the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, said the concept of peace comes up often in her home. "We tell the kids that people should find other ways of relating to each other besides violence. I think our children's response is not to what we say, but what we do," she said. "Non-violence is a beautiful theory but it doesn't always work; it's something we have to constantly struggle with. We try to explain to our kids that adults are people too, and we don't always respond perfectly. But the idea is like

a seed being planted: you don't see the results immediately."

Collins also helps her family draw connections between violence and other social issues. "The issue of peace and militarism for black people extends beyond the home. Any form of oppression is a form of violence," she said. "I have a lot of concerns about activists who deal with the problem globally but not right here in their community."

Bill Griffen agrees, noting that "children must be shown the links between militarism and racism. Military conscription in this country is economic: the lower-class kids have no alternative. It's an indictment of our society that there are so few options for young people."

Outside of the home, Griffen advocates parents organizing to change what is taught in the schools. "Parents can be involved in simple projects, like writing letters, or requesting that alternative literature and draft counseling be made available when military recruiters hit the high schools," he said. "Without acting as a censor, parents can also monitor social studies and literature books and make suggestions to teachers about the content."



Drawing from Children As Teachers of Peace

It is a Struggle

Concerned parents can expect resistance to their efforts, however. Cramer said the war toys group sent a letter on the topic to all city schools, hoping it would be printed in the school newsletters. However, the only school that published it is where her son is enrolled. "It's too controversial. Schools say it's not their place to make these statements," she said. "It can be really frustrating because the schools won't take a stand, and kids continue to pass the wrong values on from one to another."

"Teachers don't like to be told what to do," agreed Griffen, "but the message can be given in subtle ways. Education is an expansive process. Anytime you can provide children with alternatives, you are being proactive"

Youth Activism STEPS Up

Youth for Peace & Social Action

In this fast-paced world of ours it often appears that people of high school age care very little about political and social matters. Yet, there are those who are concerned with their future--and want to bring this awareness to their peers. Youth for Peace and Social Action, or YPSA affectionately, consisting of about fifteen teenagers, has recently formed in the Syracuse area. The group was brought together by Mark Chupp and Andy Mager who pooled resources to come up with a list of politically active teenagers.

YPSA first met in September at the American Friends Service Committee. After becoming acquainted (needless to say, we all hit it off quickly) we immediately decided to set up a basic list of ideals. The simple constitution formed was to be a supportive, political-awareness body.

On November 8th YPSA retreated to Common Place, in Truxton, to tentatively begin planning an area wide spring forum concerning many social and political issues. However, YPSA would like to stress the concept of open-mindedness and therefore will present both sides of each issue. This will require much careful planning but we hope it will enable teenagers to learn and draw on their knowledge to form their own opinions. We hope that the forum will draw many more high school students into our group, or at least "open a few eyes". By youth, for youth, this age group carries our future.

If you have ideas or know people who are interested, please contact Youth for Peace and Social Action, c/o American Friends Service Committee, 821 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210, (315) 475-4822.

Erika Lyon

Trip to Nicaragua

During the summer of 1986, seven Central New York high school students and two adults went to Nacaragua on a two week trip from the tenth to the twenty-sixth of July. This trip was a result of several months of planning, meetings, and extensive fund-raising. In addition to coverage on television, radio, and in area publications, each member of the group continues to inform schools and communities about what the group saw, and his or her conclusions based on these observations.

The group called the Students Traveling Encouraging Peace, or STEP, was initiated by Martha Swan, a lay missionary currently active in Nicaragua. We landed in Managua July tenth and traveled freely throughout the capital, over and around Leon, another major city, and North to Chinandega, a providence near

the Honduran border. This was done without government supervision, surveillance or advice.

We met with the FES, the national student group of Nicaragua, the AMNLAE, the organization of Nicaraguan women, students in several different schools, and with a government representative. Three of the students in STEP and both adults could speak and understand Spanish, and the group also had two young Nicaraguan translators to assist in communication. Martha, who accompanied the group within the country, also spoke fluent Spanish, had arranged the itinerary according to group consensus. Each member and family had to accept the risks involved with traveling to and within the country, although the 1986 itinerary was established for the least danger and the most variety. The group entered none of the war zones near either of Nicaragua's borders.

We have continued to be in close contact following the trip, sharing slides and discussing not only presentation plans, but also the future of the group. It is hoped that through contact and increased awareness, this group and others like it across the United States will inevitably point our government toward a course that promotes peace for the entire region of Central America.

STEP, open to any high school student, has since become not solely an organization for trips to Nicaragua, but additionally, a medium for the exchange of ideas and concerns about the region among young people. STEP is looking for any students who are concerned, regardless of political affiliation, in addition to those who are especially interested in the trip, which is a considerably expensive and time consuming endeavor.

Call us for times when we are doing a presentation or to ask for more information. If you are interested in the next trip to Nicaragua, be sure to attend any meetings you can. It is a experience you will never forget.

STEP
621 Fellows Ave.
Syracuse, NY 13210
(315) 472-5711

- David Adams (315) 472-8531
- Kathy Collins (315) 475-6496
- Nikko Collins (315) 425-6982
- Christopher Hinsley (315) 824-1406
- Daniella Salzman (315) 472-5711 or 853-6696
- Jennifer Rowe (315) 446-7383
- Christian Spies-Rusk (315) 476-7635

Christopher Hinsley

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Family Values!...

by Harry Freeman-Jones

We meet tonight in community--a community united in purpose. We stand together to speak out against the tyranny of violence in our lives. As men, as women, we face a growing challenge from conditions that devalue human life and spirit.

We seek to take back the night, yes, but we really seek much more. Ours is a witness to the ravages of violence on many levels, and a rejection of the values that support it. Rape is not an isolated behavior, devoid of social context. It reflects ominous, disturbing, and I believe, unacceptable attitudes still too widely honored in our society and in this city. Like the fag-basher, the anti-semite, the klansman, the rapist is a bully. This extreme form of bullyism, as we know, belies a severe sense of insecurity and self-doubt. The bully and rapist must create his own sense of power and control over his fearful and insecure private world by dominating others.

The option of violence, the imperative to force one's will on another, is a desperate act that declares the perpetrator's inner self-loathing. A self-accepting and secure personality has no need to violate the personhood of another.

Men are still raised to believe that success and the achievement of personhood must be based on patterns of aggression and dominance at the expense of any feelings of vulnerability, nurturance, and mutuality. The normative myth for men is still one which requires all too often one's becoming the biggest and best...no matter what! In business, work, and play, the man is expected to succeed through dominance. The "game" played well in business and athletics may reap fleeting benefits, but when carried over into interpersonal relationships is tragic and demeaning. There it is reflected, indeed institutionalized, in sex-role expectations that appear to rob the majority of relationships of a sense of mutuality and trust necessary for fulfillment and growth.

Women are, of course, traditionally prepared to fulfill role expectations that complement the presumed aspirations of males. "It's human nature, isn't it?" I can hear the conservative voices crying. "It's God's WILL!" cry the pseudo-religious hustlers preying on a spiritually vulnerable and gullible constituency.

Tonight my heart hears more clearly the loud voices of those who have suffered the physical and mental abuse of such a model of human relationship. Men unable to achieve or perform the role expected of them have carried their imperative for control from their jobs (if they have them) into their homes. The voices of wives who have suffered the deaths of their own dreams in deference to those of their husbands are heard. The voices of women who have been physically brutalized by their husbands are finally being heard. Their legacy of pain

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and terror and isolation demands an end to this tyranny of violence. Likewise, the legacy of competitiveness, frustration, and early death suffered by my brothers caught in "the game" demands that changes be made.

The message is implicit. Select the "traditional" lifestyle that doesn't challenge the white-male-dominant sex-role stereotype as defined by Phyllis Schlafly, William Rehnquist, Archbishop O'Connor, Ed Meese and the politicians running in my district or SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES! Expect trouble if you're an independent woman, expect trouble if you're a man who rejects jockdom, expect trouble if you're a queer, or if you're a very small country that happens to reject the Monroe Doctrine. Rambo Ron, the ultimate daddy, will set you straight. He is, after all, undoubtedly, someone with FAMILY VALUES!



I believe there are no easy solutions to this awful cycle. If we are to win back this night, we cannot seek instant gratification ourselves. Campaigns threatening censorship and renewed law and order crusades will offer little relief and instead imperil the foundation of liberty itself. I find it tragic to behold feminists consorting with the likes of Falwell and Robertson in order to achieve the "quick fix" to the exploitation of women and children in the "sex industry."

There is a common thread of energy and vitality that runs through all the great movements of human liberation we represent. We must strengthen that into a bond. We must share our wisdom with one another. Ignorance and the insecurity it nurtures demeans us all. That is why I believe that one cannot stand for racial equality without embracing feminism. One cannot truly be a feminist and still be homophobic. One cannot truly be gay and still be sexist, racist, and bigoted.

Overcoming violence is a process. We have come together tonight to recognize that the peace process can tolerate no prejudice. We proclaim that we are people of peace. Now there is work to do.

Disarmament and the New Congress

by Carol Tucker

The 1986 elections are over. Locally, for arms control advocates and Central American activists there was a clear choice between candidates in the 27th Congressional District: Republican incumbent George Wortley was a Reagan administration yes-man and Democratic challenger Rosemary Pooler favored nuclear arms control and came out strongly against contra aid. Therefore it was disappointing to the progressive community to see Wortley win with 49.7 percent of the votes--a mere six tenths of one percent more votes than Pooler.

However, Upstate New York did succeed in helping to bring an arms control advocate to the House in the 30th Congressional District in Rochester. There Democrat Louise Slaughter, a former N.Y. State Assemblywoman, successfully challenged Republican incumbent Fred Eckert, who has consistently supported the arms race.

Another positive outcome of the election is the return of the U.S. Senate to the Democrats, ending the Republican domination which has existed since Reagan came into office in 1981. Of the 34 contested Senate seats, the Democrats picked up nine from the Republicans, while the Republicans picked up only one from the Democrats. The new balance for the 100th Congress is: Democrats 55 seats (up from 47), and Republicans 45 seats (down from 53). Apart from the actual number of seats, this result is significant because committee chairmanships and agenda-setting priorities flow from the majority party. (The Democratic balance in the House was also boosted by a net gain of 5 seats. There will be 258 Democrats and 177 Republicans in the House during the 100th Congress).

involved in a number of targeted campaigns, some through Political Action Committees such as Freeze Voter, SANE, or WAND PAC, and others directly. These activists made a difference in some very close races and brought five solid pro-peace candidates into the Senate:

1. Wyche Fowler, Jr. (D-GA), (51%)
2. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), (61%)
3. Kent Conrad (D-ND), (50%)
4. Tom Caschle (D-SD), (52%)
5. Brock Adams (D-WA), (51%)

In addition, activists helped Tim Wirth (D-CO) retain his seat with 51% of the vote. Five of these six races were so close that peace activists can take credit for providing the necessary edge for winning the election.

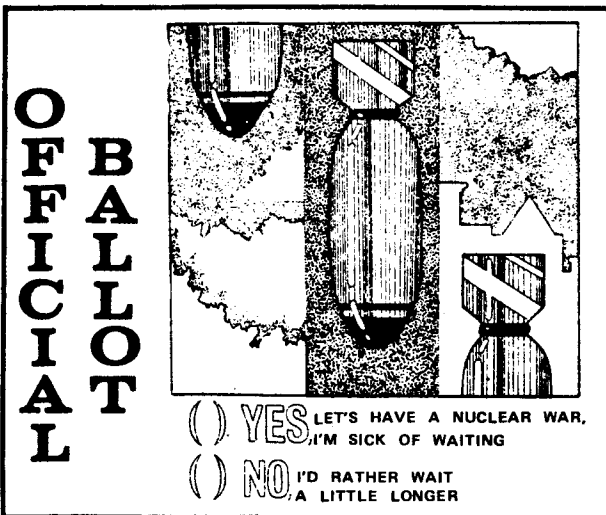
Although we gained six sympathetic Senators, we also lost four: Hart (D-CO), Mathias (R-MD), Eagleton (D-MO), and Andrews (R-ND). Therefore, the known net gain is two--just barely enough to change formerly deadlocked peace and justice votes if all else remains equal. Nevertheless, two votes--or even one--could have changed some important decisions in the past. For instance: in 1933 a proposal to build new deadly nerve gas tied 49-49. It could have been defeated with one more vote. In 1984 the opportunity to stop the MX missile lost by a single vote: the 48-48 tie was broken by Vice President Bush. There are also some new Senators who are considered "moderates" and can be expected to vote for arms control and against contra aid at least some of the time.

Overall we can expect some gains in the 100th Congress. The election gave contra aid foes a net gain of just two Senate votes, not enough to overcome the six vote margin by which the Senate endorsed Reagan's \$100 million aid package in 1986. But requests for future aid will face tougher scrutiny: opponents on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, will now be able to conduct well-publicised hearings on the contras' human rights abuses and financial improprieties. In addition, we can expect more prodding of the administration to impose sanctions against South Africa's white minority government.

There is also a prospect of deeper cuts in SDI funding: in August a Senate amendment slashing total SDI funding by 40% failed by a single vote, and that balance has now shifted. In addition Democrats should be eager to push proposals in the 100th Congress which they shelved, at Reagan's urging, on the eve of the Iceland Summit.

Peace activists who engaged in organized, dependable, effective campaign efforts picked up tremendous credibility in the November elections. To be effective on Capitol Hill we must keep up our presence with increasingly coordinated and sophisticated lobbying work backed up by solid expertise on the issues. By doing so we will continue to reclaim the political power which is one important part of our efforts to change society.

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As peace activists, we need to view the election in deeper terms than party affiliation, however. In the 1986 elections thousands of peace activists were in-

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Jobs with Peace Campaign2
 Military Industrial Complex1

On Tuesday, November 4 voters in Baltimore, MD and Delaware County, Pennsylvania overwhelmingly rejected an economy based on war, and chose instead one based on peace and meeting human needs. Citizens in those two communities supported Jobs with Peace ballot initiatives by a 59%-41% margin in Baltimore, and 80%-20% in Delaware County.

In a similar effort in Los Angeles, the military-industrial complex reared its ugly head by spending nearly a half million dollars to defeat Prop V.

The Baltimore initiative established a first-ever Jobs with Peace Development Commission. It will work with industries suffering from "Pentagon addiction" and assist them in diversifying away from dependence on military contracts. As Baltimore Jobs with Peace Director Sister Katherine Corr noted, "This is an historic victory. For the first time ever a local government will work together with citizens to cut the military budget and put the money into programs to meet people's needs."

The Los Angeles effort suffered defeat at the hands of a well-financed media blitz sponsored by local military contractors. In a region that ranks ahead of the number two state, Texas, in military contract dollars, TV and radio ads "blackmailed" the electorate into believing that Prop V would lead to massive unemployment. Just the opposite is true.

Prop V would have established a Development Council to build citizen support for significantly cutting the Pentagon budget and redirecting spending into education, public transportation, housing construction and other industries. It would also have assisted military industries to diversify away from military production, and encouraged divesting city pension funds out of military corporations and into local community development projects to create more jobs.

Frank Clemente, Washington Director of the Jobs with Peace Campaign, commented "Peace is fundamentally a question of economics. Corporations and communities are hooked on enormous military profits and well paid jobs just like the drug addict's dependence on crack. Only by breaking that cycle of dependency and substituting other, more productive industries, can we hope to reverse the arms race and use our tax dollars more productively."

The Delaware County initiative made a surprisingly strong showing despite a 3 to 1 Republican voter registration advantage in the County. Its call for "increased spending on jobs and social programs...by significantly reducing spending on nuclear weapons, foreign intervention and Pentagon waste" further shows an erosion of public support for President Reagan's budget policies.

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Drug Testing: The New Litmus Test

by Andy Mager

During the 1950's, hysteria about communism swept the country. One could easily lose one's job and friends due to an accusation of being a leftist. Today's right-wing litmus test--drug testing--seems much less overtly political. But what is really behind the hysterical cries about drug use destroying America?

Last April, a NY Times/CBS News Poll found that 2% of those surveyed thought drugs were our most pressing national problem. Since then, the media has emotionally and colorfully portrayed the issue (multiple cover stories in *Time* and *Newsweek*, feature reports on national TV, and more) and President Reagan has declared a "war on drugs." A similar poll in August found that 13% felt drugs were our most pressing national problem.

Legal & Illegal Drugs

To begin with, drugs are pervasive in our society. Whether it is alcohol, caffeine, nicotine, aspirin, valium, marijuana, cocaine or heroin, drugs are a basic part of almost every social milieu. Our government defines these drugs as "legal", "illegal", "over-the-counter" and "under-the-counter." The drug testing hype focuses only on the "illegal" drugs which Reagan claims are threatening the very fabric of American society (which is in need of a major overhaul anyway).

What is the real damage caused by drugs in our society? In 1985, heroin overdoses numbered slightly less than 1,000. There were 613 cocaine-related deaths. Cocaine deaths in 1985 represent only 1/2 of 1% of those who died from alcohol abuse and 2/10 of 1% of those who died from smoking-related disease. The Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina estimates direct and indirect costs of alcohol abuse to exceed \$100 billion annually. Why are there no cries for testing to determine alcohol or tobacco abuse?

There is clear political significance in the fact that the government defines the terms in the multi-billion dollar drug industry. Alcohol and tobacco companies are well known for their generous contributions to political candidates. Perhaps this is in some way connected to the lack of a government "war on alcohol" or "war on cigarettes."

What does drug-testing mean for our civil liberties? According to the director of Philaposh, a Philadelphia coalition concerned with worker safety and health, "Random alcohol and drug testing is a witch hunt that is bringing fascism to the American workplace." A recent Federal Court ruling defended the rights of government employees. What will happen in appeals is unknown, and courts have said that employees of private companies basically have no such protection. Given the political setting in which drugs are defined as "illegal" and the trend toward limitations on civil liberties, the "war on drugs" may have serious consequences for us all.

Questions have also been raised about the error rates involved in the testing itself. According to the Centers for Disease Control, "significant" error rates persist in laboratories despite use of state-of-the-art technology. This leads to the likelihood of people losing their jobs due to faulty test results. Such testing began in the military in 1980, according to Todd Ensign of Citizen Soldier, and has resulted in many unwarranted dishonorable discharges.

Why People Use Drugs

Whatever their choice of drugs, most people in our world use them. Drugs help people to let go and relax, to escape an undesirable situation, and, in some cases it is a part of a spiritual practice. Amidst all the current rhetoric we hear little if any discussion about why people turn to drugs. As usual, there is no attempt to find the root (radical) causes of a problem but solely to look at the symptoms.

Most people in this country are unhappy with their lives. Whether you are an unemployed city youth, a bored suburbanite, or someone stuck in a 9 to 5 rut, drugs provide an easy out. Well-known drug researcher Andrew Weil recently told *In These Times* ". . .realistically a lot of people are going to use drugs because they take you where you want to go with no work."

The focus of the US government's war is on harsher penalties for drug sellers and users, and greater vigilance to stop their supply and locate them. Increased treatment and rehabilitation programs are low on the government's agenda. According to a local person who seeks alternatives to incarceration, it is practically impossible to find programs for all the people who need them.

Fortunately, there are groups and individuals around the country who take a different view of the situation. "We're absolutely opposed to the use of drugs and we do not believe that people should be punished for sickness. They should be educated and treated," said Tom Rapanotti, AFSCME Council 67 Executive Director. AFSCME and other unions are actively opposing mandatory drug testing. Civil libertarians and others concerned about "getting the government off the backs of the people" (sound familiar?) also are seeking more sensible solutions to the problems of drug addiction.

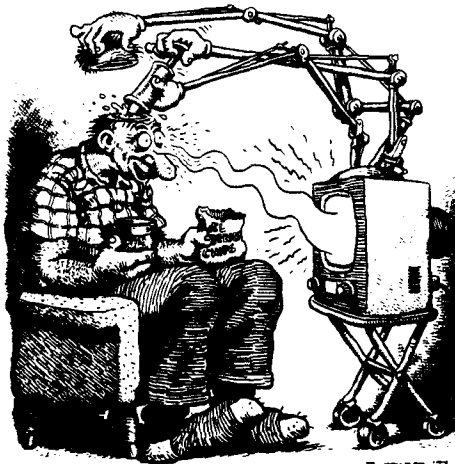
In the final analysis, the "war on drugs" is simply another attempt by the political leaders of this country to obscure social and political issues for their own purposes. Yes, there are problems of drug abuse in this country. However, these problems are symptomatic of the broader injustices of class, race and gender in our society. In confronting this issue, we must remain true to an understanding of American society which goes beyond inflammatory headlines to a deeper understanding of how we can create a society from which people do not need to escape through the use of drugs.

T.V. is the Drug that I'm thinking of.

Drugs: substances that allow an escape from reality, from the daily responsibilities we are destined to pay complete attention to. What could come closer to that definition than television? TV is the ultimate hypnotic drug, the quorporate quaalude: it literally turns off the mind, puts it in a receptive state, and programs the individual shooting light images and sound on conscious and sub-conscious levels into the brain as sure as a junkie shoots junk into his or her veins. The medium itself insists that you sit there quietly (often in a darkened room) and cease thinking. Standard brainwashing techniques from brave new world hypnopædia to CIA tactics being used as you read this involve stilling the mind in some similar way, then putting in the desired "programming." You would think they might have called them something a little more subtle than TV "programs" but there was no need: the population was ready for mass hypnosis and the syringe of madison avenue morphine runneth over. Washing machines in the fifties, cars and cigarettes in the sixties, the image of cowboys in the seventies, Reagan in the eighties, all were gobbled up in a drug induced frenzy/stupor symptomatic of the advertising addicted. And now there is the cry amongst the herd: drugs are B-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-d. Foolish sheep, three hours a day in front of the tube is three hours a day, a full day and nite a week, of turning off your mind and submitting it to corporate brainwashing. 1984 is alive and well in 1986, and has been since 1956. After 30 years we can look at a box flashing images into our brains and call it "a potentially

objective medium, one not being used so well right now, except for PBS, of course, which educates me and my kids."

If TV is your drug of choice, so be it, but don't criticize and crack down on the choice of others. To call drugs unnatural and then take a four hour fix from a machine flashing light beams into your brain and altering your mood and consciousness is an unreasonable, albeit popular, position. The issue is not "drugs or no drugs," the issue is "stay drugged on the drugs WE prescribe, worship OUR hallucination, stay under our control, keep your minds on our programs, stay unfree, . . ."



Television is the opium of the people---a cute way of saying it is the ultimate tool of social control and is currently being used as such. In "1984" it was an act of sedition to turn off the tv...how far are we from that when television becomes the state sanctioned drug, and all other drugs are declared the great evil of society.

-----Andrew Seltser

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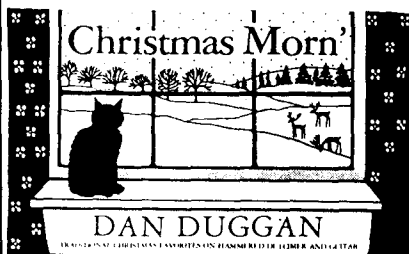
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She was tireless, dedicated, persistent, hopeful, knowledgeable, irrepressible, encouraging, supportive, accepting, inspired and inspiring. Holding a vision of a world without war, oppression, hunger and discrimination, she could see ahead to a time when human life and the environment would be respected and treasured.

Since 1969, she worked as a social worker and program planner in the Children's Division of the Department of Social Services. Active at all levels in the National Association of Social Workers, Louise, by example, spurred many of her colleagues to become active in the struggle for peace. (Locally, she chaired the social work committee for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.) She was recognized as the Social Worker of the Year in 1985, by the Central New York Division of NASW.

When Louise died, the peace community lost a good friend and gained a precious legacy. We will miss you Louise and promise to carry on the work.

The Mack family requests that donations in Louise's memory be sent to the Peace Council.

-Mary Ann Zeppetello

Tie a Blue Ribbon...

On November 15, the Great Peace March for Nuclear Disarmament arrived in Washington. The March was greeted by an enthusiastic crowd of some 20,000 supporters. The feeling of the marchers was one of hope after their 3,000 mile sojourn through the heartland of the United States.

During the March people began wearing blue ribbons to signify their support for the March. Some have decided to continue wearing the ribbons, or to cut them in half and send one half to Ronald Reagan (The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue,

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-Andy Mager



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