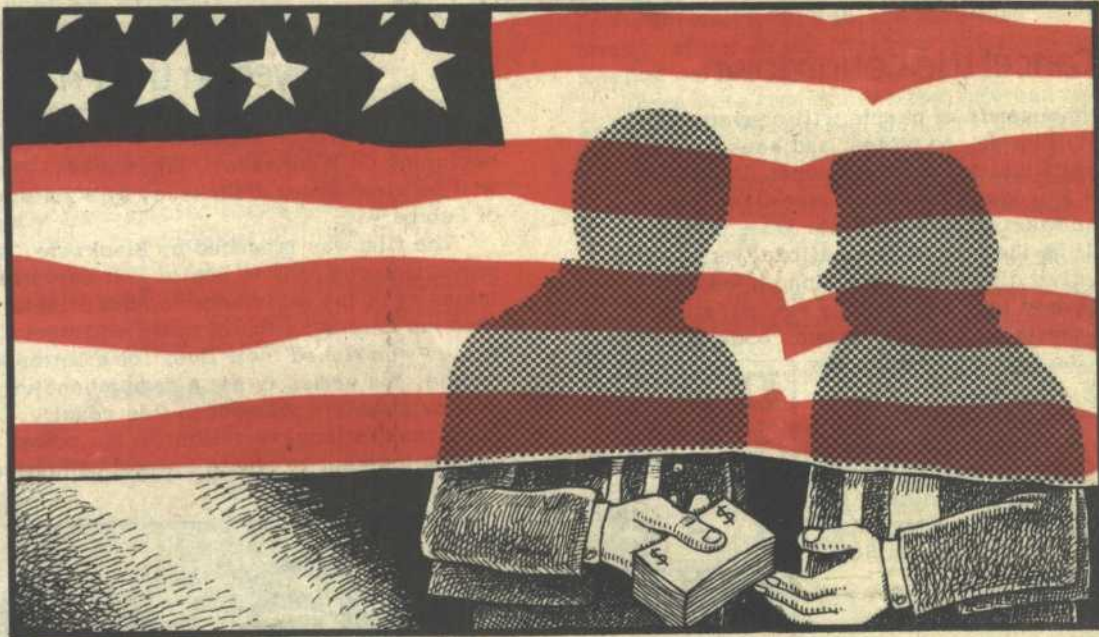


Peace Newsletter

A Central New York Voice for Peace and Social Justice

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Shootout at Credibility Gap

by Ron Shuffler

No funds may be used...for the purpose of overthrowing the Government of Nicaragua.

-Boland Amendment (passed unanimously by the House of Representatives)

We have to get where we can run a foreign policy without a committee of 525 telling us what we can do.

-Ronald Reagan

Scandal has erupted in Washington and Ronald Reagan faces the most serious crisis of his presidency. Amid the daily revelations, totally contradictory testimony, and incredible pleas of ignorance from top officials, a clear picture emerges of government arrogance, duplicity, contempt for the law, and utter disdain for the democratic process.

Congress is stepping rather lightly, focussing its attention on issues of corruption and narrowly-defined questions of legality. The media plays its traditional role of setting limits on the debate--concentrating on minute details and spotlighting personalities. Outrage has centered on Administration violations of the bureaucratic process rather than the substance of US policy. What is missing is any attempt to provide an understanding of the underlying causes of a crisis that may profoundly affect the shaping of American foreign policy in the years ahead.

The right hand doesn't know what the far right hand is doing.

-National Public Radio Commentator

At the core of the crisis lie deep divisions in US ruling circles over the course and conduct of foreign policy under the Reagan Administration. Inter-agency rivalries have developed, serious splits within agencies

have surfaced, and secret parallel structures of power have been erected, all as a result of a deep internal struggle that is a reflection of a profound divergence of opinion and interests among those occupying seats of power, public and private.

Contradictions abound within official government circles, within the "business community," and between the two. A concrete example is the bizarre situation in socialist Angola, where a US multinational (Gulf Oil) has its property and operations defended by Cuban soldiers from attacks by CIA-funded counterrevolutionaries.

Debate over foreign policy, centering mostly on Central America, has been going on for years at the State Department. At the CIA, senior officials, including a deputy director, have resigned over policy differences; and in the Pentagon there are divisions between "pragmatic" senior officers and the civilian "ideologues" appointed by the President. The center of the debate is what has come to be known as the "Reagan Doctrine"--a foreign policy strategy aimed at maintaining and extending US hegemony over the Third World. Two main components of the strategy are: "counterinsurgency"--the bolstering of repressive governments against popular rebellion by providing money, arms, military training, and "advice," and "rollback"--a more aggressive policy of destabilization and ultimate overthrow of progressive Third World governments wherever possible.

This strategy, carried out through both open and covert means (legal and otherwise) includes political, diplomatic, economic and military components. Intelligence

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Cancel the Countdown

This month thousands of people will converge on Cape Canaveral, Florida, to protest and seek the cancellation of the first flight test of the Trident II nuclear missile and the Star Wars System. Cape Canaveral is the Pentagon's newest missile and Star Wars testing facility and will be the site of this national walk, rally and nonviolent civil disobedience action on January 17. This is the confirmed test date for the new missile. Many will also participate in nonviolent "back country occupation" of the test area on January 15.

National Mobilization for Survival is organizing a Peace Train from Boston to Orlando with stops along the way and connections along the Chicago to New York City routes. For more information, contact Mobilization for Survival at 212-533-0008.

-Leeann Irwin



National March for Gay/Lesbian Rights

Seven years ago 100,000 supporters of gay and lesbian rights took to the streets of Washington, DC. As the AIDS crisis has again brought out the latent homophobia in American society, activists from around the country have begun planning for a national demonstration in the fall of 1987.

The specific demands are yet to be agreed upon, but it appears that the march will support civil rights for all people. Thus, in addition to the calls for rights for gay men and lesbians, there may be positions against sexism and racism, and possibly for peace and justice in South Africa and Central America.

Organizers are needed to support the march in Upstate New York. For further information, contact March on Washington Committee, 212-431-5999, or in Syracuse contact Harry Freeman-Jones, 478-5225.

-Andy Mager

"Eyes on the Prize"

"Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965" will be shown on WCNY, Channel 24 beginning on Wednesday, January 21. The 6-part series will be aired every Wednesday at 9 pm through the end of February.

The film was produced by Blackside, Inc., a black production company in Boston. It captures both the intensity of the resistance to equal rights for blacks and also the determination of those activists, black and white, who risked their lives for a better world. Of course, the series is not a comprehensive portrayal of the civil rights movement in this country. However, it is an inspirational testament to the power of people coming together to create a world of justice.

-Andy Mager



photo by United Press International

Workshop on Non Violence

This fall a coalition of representatives from a wide variety of church and peace and justice groups began meeting to plan a workshop on non violence. The groundwork has been laid for a day-long workshop on Saturday, March 21. It will begin in the early afternoon and continue through dinner into the evening.

Dorothy Cotton, a national board member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and an activist from the civil rights movement, will be the keynote speaker. There will also be a number of workshops and discussions addressing the ways that non violence affects our personal lives and work for a world of peace and justice. Keep your eyes open for more information, or call Andy at SPC, 472-5478.

-Andy Mager

the peace council page

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.



Major SPC Project Launched

The Program Committee of SPC wants to tell you of the early plans for an exciting project: we will be doing a Central America Material Aid Project.

SPC will be working in conjunction with the local MADRE group, which is long on resources and know-how but short on people power. Several enthusiastic joint meetings have already been held and everyone is feeling positive about the idea.

How does material aid tie into SPC's "educate, agitate and organize" motto? We see material aid both as an end in itself (sending life support to people who urgently need it) and as a consciousness raising and empowering tool for the senders. Let's join in sending an amount of true humanitarian aid at least equal in value to the "humanitarian" aid the US government is sending to the contras.

We are asking for participation and/or input into these plans. Come to the next program committee meeting (January 19 at 7 pm at 105 Avondale Place) or contact the SPC House (472-5478) with ideas or suggestions. We hope you will give serious consideration to joining the material aid project. Look for more information in future issues of the Peace Newsletter.

-Marge Rush

Plans For 1987

At the November Council Meeting of the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) new and long time members met to briefly reflect on the past year and spent the bulk of our meeting on plans for the new year.

There were two focuses that emerged from the meeting as directions for the organization. The first is that the Peace Council will launch a material aid campaign to a country in Central America in conjunction with Madre. Please see article on this page for details.

The second focus is a plan to do more networking with local groups we already have contact with. As preparation for this discussion, a questionnaire was sent out to local peace and justice activists, soliciting their perspective on SPC's relationship to their group and suggestions on how we could work more cooperatively. The comments were generally positive with some suggestions that more networking among Syracuse groups would benefit everyone. Groups find the Peace Newsletter a valuable resource with some suggesting more direct use of the newsletter by and for local activities. We agreed to make the PNL space more accessible to local groups.

One group that has shown great interest in working more closely with SPC is the Central New York Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign. A committee was formed to explore working more closely with the Freeze. Our material aid campaign will mean that we will be working more closely with Madre. This committee will initiate a six month evaluation of our progress of further networking.

We also had a brainstorm of actions and projects for 1987. Many people made suggestions ranging from a teach-in on the "Deadly Connections" of nuclear weapons and "third world" intervention, reviving SPC Potlucks, workshops on organizing, and putting some work into the physical shape of the SPC house. We have already committed to helping with the February Central America Dinner and will be bringing in Howard Zinn for our Birthday Dinner in April.

A brief discussion of SPC's relationship to the Syracuse Cultural Workers and the Peace Calendar was short in part because not all Peace Council people involved with the recent discussion were present. Some people were not interested in reviving an old issue, others felt they didn't have enough information. Two people volunteered to be part of a discussion with the SCW which will include the SCW calendar, improving ongoing relationships and a possible SPC fundraising product.

In conclusion, as we begin this year at SPC we are pleased that our staff will be getting a little better salary although that means we will maintain a smaller staff as compared to a few years ago. With plans for our material aid campaign, more networking not to mention our ongoing projects, we look to you our membership, for participation and leadership in the upcoming year.

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analysts have catalogued more than 50 covert operations alone (most of which are still in effect) during Reagan's tenure. They include: the buying of elections; manipulation of media, both foreign and domestic; illegal arms deals; the overthrow of a government (in Chad) and the illegal surveillance of domestic opponents of US interventionism.

By the time the scandal reaches its conclusion, much of the secret government apparatus may be dismantled (though it will likely be replaced by something similar). It seems the Reagan Administration and its New Right allies may have gone too far. The same kind of lying, double-dealing and usurpation of power is what brought down Richard Nixon (though his goals were far pettier). It may or may not topple Ronald Reagan, but it will certainly end the careers of many around him and (hopefully) leave his hard-line, ideologically-based foreign policy in shambles.

The basic thrust of US foreign policy, however, is not likely to change. The important players in the current conflict all are "cold warriors"--their argument is over means, not ends. But the "realists" do want significant changes in the way policy is carried out; they want to turn away from strategy and tactics they view as ill-conceived and dangerous.

Reagan has always been particularly obsessed with reversing the successful popular revolution in Nicaragua. But the Administration has left itself in a corner with its attack on Nicaragua; the contra war is seemingly at a dead end. The superiority of the Sandinista Army, massive corruption, infighting, and total lack of support among the Nicaraguan people have left Reagan's "freedom fighting" terrorists in total disarray.

After six years of "secret" war, with the expenditure of untold millions of dollars, the CIA-organized army has suffered a strategic defeat. The Reagan forces seem to be left with two choices: settle for some kind of diplomatic solution (they have always rejected this), or carry out their policy to its logical conclusion--direct military intervention.

In recent weeks, ominous signs point to the conclusion that the second option may have already been

Ron is an unemployed activist. Maybe you or someone you know could give him a job.

chosen. At the annual meeting of the Organization of American States on Nov. 15, representatives from Honduras, Costa Rica and El Salvador rejected the Contadora effort at mediation, citing Nicaragua as the "threat to peace" in the region. The Honduran Foreign Minister called for support for the "use of force in view of the necessity to put an end to (the) Nicaragua regime..."

The President does not want to leave this problem to his successor. He wants to get rid of the Sandinistas now.
-ex-National Security Advisor John Poindexter

The Reagan Administration has been busy on the diplomatic front--US officials have been trying to convince our Latin American and European allies to break diplomatic relations with Nicaragua. The military groundwork has already been laid over the past several years, mainly in Honduras, where a series of "war games" have trained American soldiers in warfare suited to Central American terrain.

Military analysts say the "most logical" time for a major escalation would be in the Spring, at the beginning of the dry season; according to press sources, Honduras has been assured that the contras will be out of their country (and in Nicaragua) by April 1. The rebels couldn't last long without direct US assistance.

But there is serious opposition in high places to such a disastrous move. There is even resistance from top US military officers--reported including the Joint Chiefs of Staff--to military adventurism in Central America. The Pentagon has already balked at the suggestion of a naval blockade of Nicaragua.

According to analyst Lt. Col. John Buchanan (Center for Defense Information), the Pentagon would support an invasion "only if there is a reasonable assurance that the President has secured congressional and public support for the military to carry out the job in its entirety." Such support certainly does not exist among the American people who have consistently opposed even the proxy war against Nicaragua.

The debate over the possibility of open war against Nicaragua is a key to the timing of the current crisis. We must participate fully in that debate, continuing to expose the lies and clearly define the real issues that have taken us to the brink of war.

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"Amerika" = Propaganda

Latest word is that ABC will air its long awaited mini-series, "Amerika" beginning Sunday, February 15 and running seven nights for 14 1/2 hours of prime time. This \$30-40 million right-wing inspired production is the answer to ABC's "too liberal" 2 1/4 hour "The Day After" in 1983. "Amerika" is fear mongering--big time! One worries about the people running one of our major media networks these days.

"Amerika's" plot is amply described in many publications (e.g. Mother Jones, Jan. '87), so I'll highlight some themes of concern to peace and justice activists:

- *Americans do not care enough about their country to defend it--an insult to all of us!
- *Dissent (especially liberal) is unpatriotic and undermines US security. Toleration of peaceful dissent is the fundamental essence of our democratic society! Who needs (or respects) blind allegiance to "authority"?
- *The Soviet Union has the intention and capability to conquer and occupy the US. Technologically, militarily and economically absurd!
- *The United Nations is the tool of the Soviet government. Slanderous!

A Syracuse peace coalition is planning strategies around "Amerika" and has arranged a one-hour panel discussion at the local ABC TV station during the series. For further information, or resources, call Chad Nelson, AFSC, 315-475-4822.

-Chad Nelson

Freeze & SANE Join Forces

In a sweeping vote for unity, delegates to the National Conference of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign decided by a 185 to 21 margin to merge the Campaign with SANE. Delegates also called for immediate negotiations with Freeze Voter, a disarmament PAC, so that a 3-way unification is possible. The SANE board of directors is expected to approve the merger on January 24th.

The breadth of resources each of the three organizations brings to the merger means the creation of the largest peace organization in United States' history. The merger also indicates a maturation of thought among Freeze activists. The interrelationship of disarmament and social justice work was clearly felt at the convention.

Mary Ann Zeppetello and Beth Broadway represented the Central New York Freeze. Both voted in favor of a

new Long Term Goal for the Freeze:

Enactment of a bilateral, comprehensive Freeze is an essential verifiable step toward lessening the risk of nuclear war; the phased mutual reductions of nuclear weapons, beginning with US and Soviet ballistic missiles. These are concrete steps towards a vision of a world without nuclear weapons by the year 2000. Achieving the elimination of nuclear arsenals should be accompanied by ending the cold war, sharp mutual reductions in conventional forces, conversion to a peace economy, and establishing common security among the nations of the world.

The overall Campaign goal for 1987 is the Comprehensive Test Ban. Secondary goals include halting weapons in space and a missile flight test ban.

The democratic process used by the Freeze Campaign to determine merger, goals, and strategies is phenomenal. We were truly impressed with the methods for insuring input from grass-roots groups, and the process by which the decisions were reached.

Locally, we are meeting to discuss the merger's implications for our own community on January 6th at a general meeting of the Freeze (7:30 pm at May Memorial). We invite all interested people to join us and leaders from the various disarmament groups in the Syracuse area as we consider the future of the peace movement.

-Beth Broadway and Mary Ann Zeppetello

Making Socialism Work

Nearly a thousand socialists and activists met in New York City on December 5-7 to discuss strategies, issues and the nitty-gritty of organizing. This was the third "Conference on Socialism and Activism" in twelve months, and was sponsored by the Progressive, the Guardian, Socialist Review and NYC radio station WBAI. These unique gatherings enable socialist activists to talk without regard to organizational affiliation or approach.

Forty workshops were held on political strategy, social justice issues, the directions of the movements, international struggles, community organizing and revolution. Keynote speakers included Bernie Sanders, Michio Kaku, Digna Sanchez, John Conyers, June Jordan, Bertell Ollman and Benjamin Spock. Mother Jones sponsored a special panel on Right Wing domination of the media. The socialists also held a memorial service for Sidney Lens, movement activist and founder of the Conference.

Local groups represented at the conference included: the Socialist Party, Syracuse Alternative Media Network, Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union, and Syracuse Cultural Workers.

-Ron Ehrenreich



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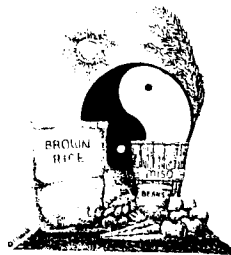
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Friends of Mental Patients All. mtg, 4pm, Plymouth Church Wild & Woolley Women skiing at Beaver Creek, 9:30am, meet at Women's INCO, 478-4636	Program Meeting Join the SPC committee in deciding the organization's directions, 7pm 105 Avondale Pl, 472-5478 "Black Magic" film, 3pm OCPL Betts Branch, 4862 S. Salina St., 473-2702	Gr. Syracuse NOW, 8pm May Memorial, 446-2229 Every Tuesday: Men's Social, 7:30pm SU Gay/Lesbian Student Assoc. 423-3599	Every Wednesday: Mother's Support Group, 2:30-4pm Women's INFO 478-4636 Moving? Please save us 25¢ and let us know before you do!!	Every Thursday: Central America vigil, 7:30am Federal Bldg	The Killing Fields NVS Films, 7:59pm, Watson Aud. SU, \$2, Friday & Saturday Lesbian Support Group, 5:30 potluck, 6:30 discussion, 478-4636	Women's Self Defense Class, Sat & Sun, 560, 478-4636 or 474-3707
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Central America Dinner NATION OF POETS, 5:30 dinner May Memorial, see calendar box below	Every Monday, Visual Disability Support Group, 501 E. Fayette St., 10-11:30am, 472-3171	"Not a Love Story" Women's Film Series, 7pm SU Hendricks Chapel/Nobel Room, free 4002	Finger Lakes Peace All. mtg, 110 Exchange St., Geneva, Arnie (716) 243-4822	Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle, 475-4822	The Opium War NVS Films, 7:59pm, Watson Aud. SU, \$2, Friday & Saturday	Lesbian Support Group, 6pm potluck, 7pm discussion, 478-4636
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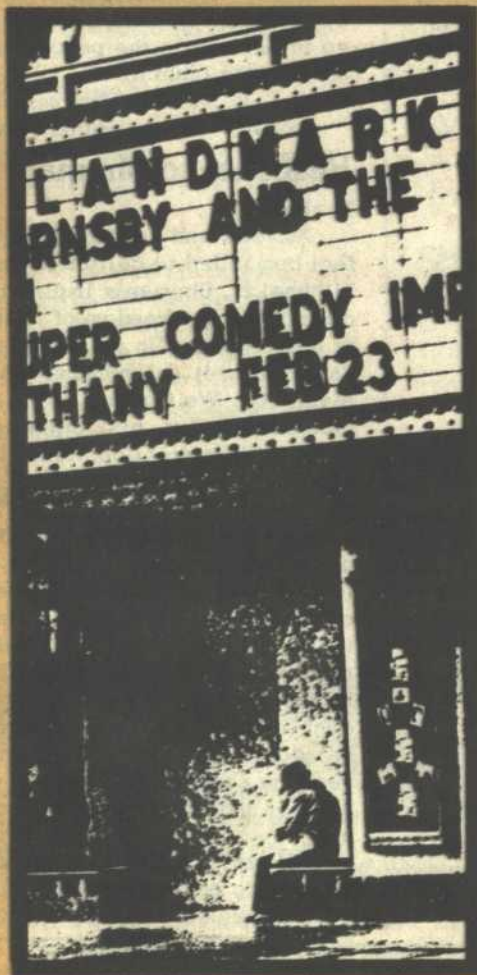
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It's Cold With No Home



Still Hoping in Manila

Dear Syracuse Peace Council,
Warm greetings of justice and peace! We would like to extend our profound appreciation for sending us the Peace Newsletter. It has not only provided us with the work of SPC and the development of the peace movement in the US but has inspired us to work for justice and peace with stronger determination. We believe that for peace to last long, it should be based on justice and freedom.

At the moment, our country is still hoping for peace in spite of the gains made by the February political revolution. The farmers continue to condemn militarization in the countryside. This is because of the abuses and violations by the New Armed Forces of the Philippines (NAFP). They changed their name (by adding New) but their orientation is still the same. They have resumed their normal search and destroy missions, under the guise of protecting democracy. Meanwhile, prices of fertilizers, pesticides and other farm necessities continue to climb, while the prices of farm products drop. Genuine land reform is still to be implemented. The import dependent export oriented economy prescribed by the IMF-WB is still implemented.

The workers continue to face poverty wages, inhuman conditions job insecurity, curtailment of trade union rights and the dominance of yellow leaders. Workers who protest against these conditions are branded as subversives, unworthy of human rights considerations or legal protection. The goons, security guards and the police/military continue to club, shoot, hose, disperse, and jail workers who strike, just like the days of the Marcos dictatorship. Recently, the leader of strikers at the Capital City Medical Center was shot dead. The workers are being blamed for the continuing economic crisis.

The military is trying all its means to derail the ongoing peace talks between the government and the insurgents. They are threatening a coup if the government doesn't undertake a military offensive aimed at the insurgents. It is reported that conservative American politicians are funding the destabili-



zation scheme of our former Defense Minister against President Aquino. They hope to bring him to power so that the huge military bases would remain here indefinitely and the transnational corporations here can continue their hold on our economy. To counter these attempts, our people have been holding prayer rallies, symposia, dialogues, signature campaigns and pickets to support the peace initiative of Pres. Aquino and the insurgents.

Is it possible that newsclippings about the peace movement here be included in the Peace Newsletter? Or a collaboration between the Filipino and American peace movements be made? I believe that those who espouse [eschew?] war and inequality should have their own international linkages.

Please extend our regards to your colleagues and the Americans who cherish justice and peace.

Mabuhay!

In solidarity,
Napoleon Genate
Program Director,
St. Joseph Social
Services, Inc.,
Manila

We're Not Dead Yet!

To SPC:

I used to live in Syracuse and pick up your newsletter. Now I'm a student at the University of California at Santa Cruz, where I saw the Peace Newsletter in the library.

I didn't think I missed Syracuse at all but your newsletter reminds me it's not such a dead place after all! So I'm ordering a subscription and enclosing \$2 extra - not much but it's all I can afford.

I was especially interested in your article on the four Vietnam veterans who fasted for peace in El Salvador. Charles Litkey spoke at UCSC about the significance of his fast and the importance of individual prayer and change to bring about bigger changes.

Jean Hunter
Santa Cruz, Cal.

Peace Marcher Reports

Friends,

I marched the final three weeks of the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament, through New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland.

Included was a time-out in New York City for the baptism of a Grady granddaughter by Dan Berrigan, followed by a responsible action for the new life the following day - a civil disobedience action at Riverside Research Institute. We blocked the entrance of the Institute, which is on the cutting edge of theoretical and applied physics for war planning.

From August into September, another stretch of the March, from Notre Dame (my alma mater) into Cleveland. Still earlier, back in April, a c.d. action with 80 marchers, an American Peace Test Action at the Nevada Test Site.

Let me ask someone there to get signatures on the support statement for Archbishop Hunt-hausen. He is under heavy attack by pro-war activists because he is so influential in the peace movement in the church.

Shalom,
Frank Carver

Response to Shuman

To the editor,

As Jews and peace activists we feel compelled to call attention to Michael H. Shuman's implications concerning the freedom of religion of Soviet Jews ("In the Wake of a Failed Summit," November '86, Myth #4). We find his logic and reasoning faulty, his "arguments" filled with internal contradictions and, thus his "conclusions" questionable.

In Kiev, he states, there is only one synagogue for nearly 300,000 Jews. "Nevertheless, despite many obstacles, Jews continue to practice their religion. . . . Nearly 80,000 showed up to the synagogue for Yom Kippur services, sitting in an adjacent street while loudspeakers broadcast the service." Shuman's seeming acceptance of this situation is ludicrous and unconscionable.

He tells that Jewish children are free to practice their religion, "but if they do they may also find

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In This Issue

Our cover article on homelessness in Syracuse by Pat Sher reminds us that even in our recent sub-zero temperatures some Syracusans spend their nights outside. The continuing Israeli-Palestinian conflict is addressed in a section including a review of Noam Chomsky's The Fateful Triangle, an article on the Israeli peace movement and a spotlight on SAMED (see page 11 to see what that means).

On pages 6 and 7 you will find two looks at 1986 for the Syracuse Peace Council, one financial and one with a broader perspective. Finally, we look at the state of the peace movement in this country with a strategy article and Kathy Collin's reflections on her participation in the Great Peace March.

This issue will be the last one as an editorial committee member for Cletus Pinti. We will miss him.

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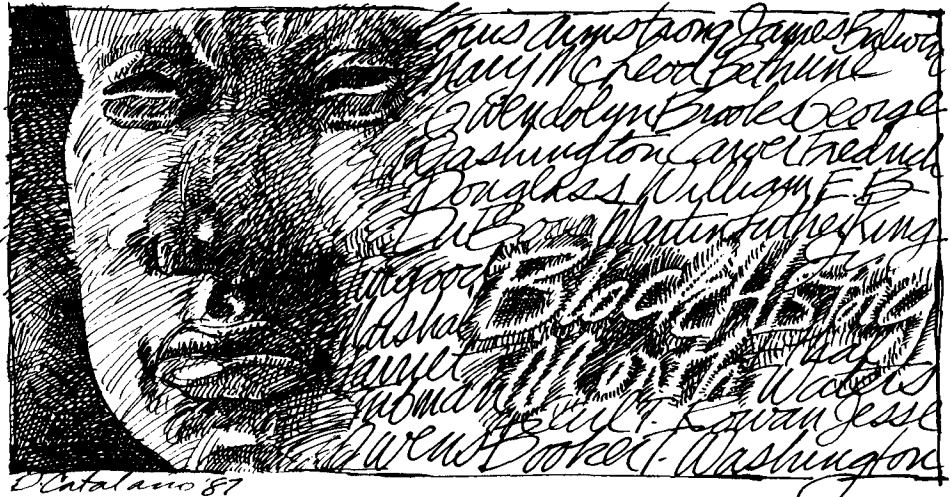
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SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As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

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

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Moving Ahead With Networking

Seven peace and social justice groups met in January beginning the new year with discussing efforts to work together in more formal ways.

All were in agreement that the groups represented would benefit from working together as a coalition of groups, with the definition of the coalition to be further explored. In addition, other interesting possibilities included: building a local coalition center, having a Mayor's commission on Peace and Social Justice Issues, and expanding outreach to the Syracuse Community.

Groups that have expressed interest include: CNY Weapons Freeze, Syracuse Peace Council, American Friends Service Committee, Educators for Social Responsibility, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Syracuse Cultural Workers, and United Campuses Against Nuclear War.

Interested groups and individuals are asked to take this information to your next general meeting or board meeting for discussion and ideas for strategies. Please send your comments and suggestions by February 14th to: Joan Goldberg, 3422 Barron Rd., Marcellus, NY 13108.

Oops We Forgot

Unlearning racism is a long and arduous task that one must commit oneself to again and again. The results are an increased spirit of working together and respecting our differences.

As we were planning the January Peace Newsletter, we forgot about the national holiday for Martin Luther King Jr. We apologize for forgetting this important day and for not publicizing the local event.

Some may say that such forgetfulness is not racist. As a white political activist I try to examine my motivation and my automatic defenses when issues of racism arise. That I forgot to seek out information about a Martin Luther King Jr. event or consider having an article about his work in the Peace Newsletter is a reflection of my isolation in the white community in Syracuse and in the white dominant culture of the USA. I don't think I am a "bad" person because I forgot but I do think it is important to admit racist attitudes and to work towards continuously developing my own awareness of racism as a white woman fighting racism.

AMERIKA EXPOSED

In response to the flagrant propaganda of the ABC mini-series "AMERIKA", the CNY Task Force has been very busy distributing information to over 800 houses of worship, local schools, and providing the local media with comprehensive media packets to counter ABC's 14 hour propaganda slam.

At the present time two television forums have been setup, the first is Feb. 19th on WCNY's Good Afternoon talk show, at 3PM; this is a call in show, and we strongly urge opponents of the AMERIKA series to call in support.

The second program is Feb. 20th at 8 PM on WIXT 9/ABC. This is a panel discussion. For more info call 475-4822.

SPC / Madre Aid Campaign

About ten enthusiastic people met to begin implementing a material aid campaign to Nicaragua. Members of Madre and SPC discussed the types of material aid but are waiting on a suggested priority needs list from Madre. Action groups formed around creating a joint informational promotional leaflet about the local campaign, doing a mail mailing to SPC activists, and writing public service announcements about the campaign. There were also a number of new ideas that were discussed. All were in agreement that any campaign work will include educational work.

All are invited to the next organizing meeting on Monday, Feb. 9, 7 PM at 105 Avondale Pl. On Sat. Feb. 22 at 10 AM at 702 South Beech, (476-3396) Madre will have two national staff speak about their current campaign.



Saying Goodbye and Hello

In the past few weeks members of the Staff Search committee have been reading through resumes and interviewing people for the full time staff position. We hope to have the position filled in the next few weeks. Watch the PNL for the news of new staff.

By the time you receive this newsletter in the mail Leeann Irwin, the staff person who's been putting this SPC page together, will be heading south. First I'll be visiting family and then I'll be heading to the southwest for fun in the sun. And what does a good political activist do after a year as a staffperson for SPC but head to massage school.

Thanks to all of you who have shared in the work and activities of SPC from mailing parties, to participating in planning meetings, to making phone calls. You've helped make my year here a productive one. I also appreciate the ongoing support and encouragement I have received. Peace to You all.



1986 Financial Report

• 1986 was a very good year for the Peace Council financially. We entered the year in debt (a particularly difficult situation since we generally need a surplus after receiving our holiday contributions), yet we came out of it in better financial shape than at any time in our history. We go into 1987 knowing that we can pay our bills as they come due, that we can pay salaries and carry on our important work. Nevertheless, we must continue to bring in enough money to cover the increase in staff salaries (from \$110/week to \$150).

INCOME	
Pledges	\$8,435.80
Contributions	12,008.54
PNL Subscriptions	3,172.50
PNL Advertising	3,197.45
State Fair Contributions	656.23
Auction	746.60
Flowsares	3,382.13
Rent	120.00
Charlie King Concert	230.50
Louise Mack Memorial	533.00
50th Anniversary PNL	882.50
Birthday Dinner/Concert	2,836.50
Program Income	93.14
Miscellaneous	1,978.80
TOTAL	\$38,273.69

EXPENSES	
Program	\$44.95
Postage	1,273.48
Phone	1,813.62
Printing	1,081.18
Utilities	1,962.23
House Costs	1,852.01
Car	687.14
Birthday Dinner/Concert	1,905.12
Staff Search	104.45
NYS Fair Booth	753.14
Auction	164.95
Flowsares	791.42
Salary Costs	11,565.22
PNL	6,541.31
TOTAL	\$30,540.22

NET GAIN

\$7,733.47

The income of \$38,273.69 is significantly greater than any past year (our annual budget has hovered around \$32,000 for a number of years). Why? It isn't easy to say, but some factors include: our 50th anniversary, several very successful fundraising events, including the Birthday Dinner and Concert, and the fact that the US government has done its best to demonstrate the importance of our work in the past year.

We thank all of you who have contributed in the past year, and ask that you continue supporting us financially. For those who haven't given a donation recently, your support is always needed (both financially and as active volunteers).

-Andy Mager

Acts of Courage

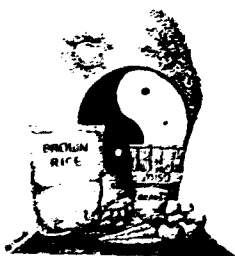
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1986: Looking Back on our 50th Year



by Liam Mahony

The month of January generally brings with it so many cliched reviews of the previous year that the case could be made to avoid adding to the morass. But 1986 really was a special year, both for the Peace Council and for the issues which concern us. We can't let it pass into the pages of history without at least a parting toast.

A Busy Year for the World

Think for a moment of the momentous political happenings of the year; the fall of Marcos in the Philippines and the fall of Duvalier in Haiti. Reagan and Congress began the year with a frenzy of violent patriotic fervor: bombing Libya to "punish terrorists"; sending \$100 million in weapons to the Contras to "stop communism"; refusing to respond when the Soviets again extended their unilateral nuclear test ban and hesitating to do anything about South Africa.

By the end of the year few Congresspeople in their right mind would dare to oppose sanctions against the apartheid regime in South Africa, Reagan is seen internationally as a failure for ignoring the test ban and for his dismal performance at the Iceland Summit, and the administration has been caught selling weapons to the terrorists it was previously condemning in order to send the profits to the Contras. As a result, further aid to the Contras is (we hope) highly unlikely. The South African government is becoming increasingly isolated, as is the Reagan administration.

Contributing to this isolation is the fact that those who chose to go to the polls in November took control of the Senate away from the Republicans. Whether the Democrats will do much better with it is debatable, but the message to the administration was clear, nevertheless. Even in our own Congressional district, where Republicans outnumber Democrats by 3 to 2, Rosemary Pooler, a progressive consumer activist, came within a hair's breadth of defeating incumbent George Wortley.

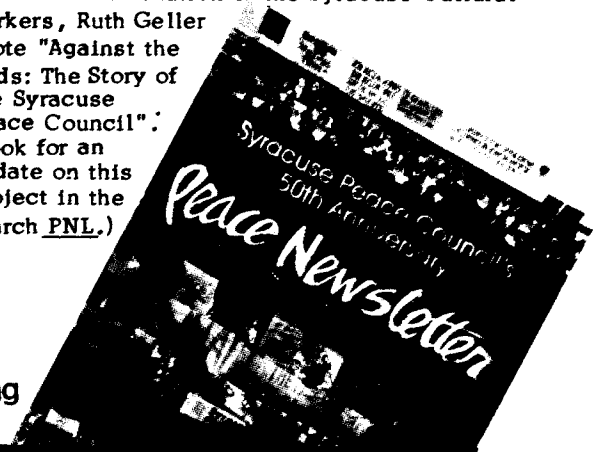
Celebrating the Anniversary

All in all, enough happened in 1986 to make the fact that it was the Peace Council's 50th Birthday fade into the background. The 50th Anniversary Committee, which began meeting back in 1984, had many grand plans for the year, few of which were actually pulled off. Staff changes in the end of 1985 and early 1986, combined with the fact that we were unable to get financial support from foundations to pay for our grand plans, forced us to cut back from our initial intentions. Nevertheless, it is worth recounting what we DID do:

- * We kicked off the year with a "Birthday Boogie", a successful fundraiser and fun party at the Lost

- Horizon with four live bands. This coincided with a full-page spread in the Post-Standard, complete with a cover photo, about SPC and our history.
- * We produced a commemorative "50th Anniversary Peace Newsletter", 48 pages, including excerpts from the upcoming book about SPC. During the course of the year, we distributed all 10,000 copies.
- * In February, the Onondaga Historical Society hosted a display devoted to the history of the Peace Council and its role in Central New York.
- * In April, over 500 people attended our Birthday Dinner/Concert with Tom Paxton. It was a wonderful evening, for many of us the highlight of the year.
- * Other events included a successful fundraising auction in June, and a return to the State Fair, where our first booth in several years was a great success.
- * Under the coordination of the Syracuse Cultural Workers, Ruth Geller wrote "Against the Odds: The Story of the Syracuse Peace Council". (Look for an update on this project in the March PNL.)

Moving On



What does 50 years mean? It's just an arbitrary number, right? Yes, but without such markers groups like ours are all too prone to keep barreling ahead without taking sufficient time out to take stock of ourselves--to appreciate the good in what we've done, and criticize and work to improve the bad. We are a tiny organization with just a few full-time workers, we make mistakes, we fight with each other, and we get tired. Despite our weaknesses, there are few other groups our size with the same kind of long-term impact and tenacity.

As we move into our second fifty years we are bound to encounter many events far more tumultuous than those 1986 brought us. We should let our history teach us and strengthen us. Above all we should not forget that we are a part of these events, and that our seemingly miniscule efforts, when combined with those of thousands of other loving and committed people and organizations, really do change the world.

Barrel ahead!



PEACES

compiled by Diana Ellis and Betsy Swart

1st Black Congressman

A great shout went up throughout the Black Community in Mississippi when Mike Espy was declared the winner in Mississippi's Second Congressional District race for U.S. House of Representatives on Tues., Nov. 4, 1986. Mike Espy and the voters of the 2nd District made history that day: it had been 103 years since a black representative had gone to Congress from Mississippi.

Espy overcame tremendous odds in his campaign. He was not well known and in the Democratic Primary faced the grandson of a former governor and a relative of the powerful late Senator Eastland. After just winning the Primary, he faced a two-term Republican incumbent. In order to campaign, Espy had to resign his job, forego an income, go into debt, and put himself and his family through a long and arduous campaign.

Voting was primarily along racial lines. On average, Espy probably received 12 to 15 percent of the white vote. The voting also confirmed the fact that Mississippi Delta farmers were disillusioned with the current administration's farm policy which the incumbent had espoused. Many Delta farmers are facing loss of their land and foreclosures.

The Delta Resources Committee, which supported Espy's campaign, is a local grassroots group attempting to deal with the massive political and economic problems of this area of Mississippi. They are in need of contributions to meet the escalating needs: send to P.O. Box 584, Greenville, MS 38702-0584 (their newsletter will also be sent without charge upon request).

Cape Canaveral Action

On January 15, Stop the Countdown protesters numbering close to 4500 delayed the first test launch of the Trident II missile for almost 2 hours while police arrested scores of demonstrators. The launch was the first of up to 25 scheduled land test firings leading up to the missile's deployment in 1989. The missile holds at least 10 war-heads, each with an explosive power of 500 kilotons, and is capable of zeroing in on targets up to 6900 miles away. The week of anti-nuclear activities culminated when thousands of protesters--including Dr. Benjamin Spock--blocked the main gate and climbed barbed wire fences leading into the Air Base. For info on this and future actions call Mobilization for Survival at (212) 533-0008.

SPC & S.F. Credit Union

Any Syracuse Peace Council member can now join the Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union. You need NOT be a member of the Food Coop to open a Credit Union account. Just bring proof of SPC membership--your PNL mailing label or receipt for a contribution--to the Credit Union office at 618 Kensington Road or call 471-1116. The Credit Union is also looking for volunteers for the Board of Directors and the Credit Committee.

Winterize Encampment

The women living "on the land" at the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice in Romulus need your help to prepare for the winter's COLD. Desperately needed items include: blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, pillow cases, rugs, towels, dish towels, curtains, a blender, a vacuum cleaner, a toaster. So check your attic, ask your friends, or fund-raise for a particular item. For more info call Betsy at 478-8521 or the Encampment at (607) 869-5825.



Zapped at Greenham

Harrassment is nothing new to the women of Greenham Common--the 5 year-old peace camp outside USAF Greenham Common in Southern England. In the last 5 years, they have been subjected to everything from evictions--sometimes as many as 5 per day--to savage beatings. In October, 1984, women at the Camp began to experience strange physiological symptoms: headaches, nosebleeds, burning skin, ear-aches, panic in non-panic situations, miscarriages. Women suspected that these symptoms were caused by "zapping"--electronic warfare directed at them from inside the Base. Scientists were brought in and agreed that the women's illnesses were probably caused by high-frequency microwave beams pulsed at extra-low frequency. "Zapping" at Greenham has continued and worsened since 1984. Women remaining at the Camp protect themselves behind metal shields or mounds of earth. You can help by: bringing "zapping" before public and Congressional attention; sending donations or letters of support to Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, outside USAF Greenham Common, near Newbury, Berkshire, UK; adding your message or name to local support cablegram (call Betsy at 478-8521.) For a newsletter on the Greenham situation write Greenham Women Against Cruise Missiles, 339 Lafayette St., NYC 10012.

Scientists Oppose Star Wars

In a poll conducted by Cornell University, members of the National Academy of Sciences reported their opposition to Star Wars by an overwhelming margin of 8 to 1. The reasons for their opposition could be found in responses to some of the other questions in the survey. For instance, almost 90% said it was "improbable" Star Wars could be tested sufficiently to provide confidence that it would work as intended. Two-thirds of the scientists thought 99% of Soviet warheads would have to be destroyed by any Star Wars system to provide an effective defense of the civilian population; and 98% thought this would be an impossible goal to achieve.

It is unusual for scientists to call for cuts in research, but 60% of those surveyed said funding for Star Wars should be cut significantly.

The scientific community's opposition to Star Wars has taken an even more active form. In a boycott begun in 1985 science professors and graduate students at 130 universities have pledged not to accept funding for Star Wars research. The pledge has been signed by a majority of the faculty at the 20 top-ranked physics departments in the nation.



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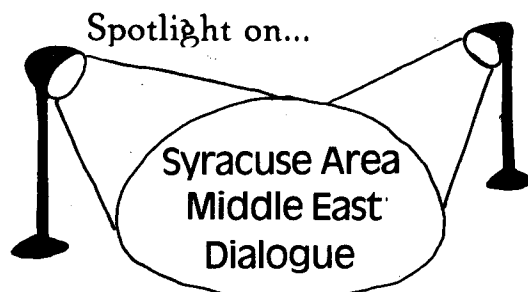


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The Syracuse Area Middle East Dialogue Group (SAMED) was formed to provide a forum for Jews, Palestinians and Christians in the Syracuse area to discuss problems in the Middle East. The group seeks on a local level to begin the discussions and consensus-seeking process which are needed on an international level. The following consensus statement was released by SAMED in June, 1984. To get in touch with SAMED, write to them at 1013 S. Clinton St., Syracuse, NY 13202.

We recognize many developments of the past two years have added difficulties already inherent in reaching a negotiated settlement. The path to peace has been made harder by the spread of religious fundamentalism throughout the region, the escalation of violence and terrorism, and the reinforcement of Israeli settlements on the West Bank. The maneuverability of those seeking to set the stage for approaching negotiation has been limited by the 1984 Israeli election, which denied a mandate for either of the major parties; by the open rupture within the PLO between factions opposing and supporting a negotiated settlement; and by the apparent breakdown, in February of this year, of the Arafat-Hussein agreement to seek such a settlement.

Nevertheless, these discouraging signs must not cause us to lose sight of the fact that in the same period, the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty held. Moreover, some of the critical players came very close to a major breakthrough in the long-standing impasse among the remaining combatants, along the lines suggested in our Consensus statement. In 1985, PLO Chairman Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein did reach public agreement on joint steps aimed at a process for commencing direct negotiations with the Israelis; Israeli Prime Minister Peres acknowledged the Palestinians as "a People" and publically agreed to meet and negotiate with a Jordanian-Palestine delegation; and substantial progress was made toward agreement of all parties on the composition of such a delegation.

The parties have also been inching toward a solution to the delicate issue of "linkage" -- ie, how to achieve simultaneity of mutual recognition of the "legitimacy of the State of Israel and...of self-determination for Palestinians." On 2/17/86, the U.S. State Department stated that "Arab-Israeli peace negotiations must recognize the legitimate rights of the Palestine people;" Arafat responded to this as a "positive step forward in that it... for the first time...establishes a link between the [Palestinian people] and [U.N.] resolutions 242 and 338." Peres, in April 1986, affirmed that Israel recognizes the Palestines "as a nation."

It is easier to disrupt negotiations than to achieve progress toward compromise, a fact that extremists on all sides have been ready and willing to exploit. Despite extremist attacks on those who stand for moderation, however, there are still forces working toward a meaningful compromise. Mounting pressures on all the countries in the region to improve their own economies may add the necessary additional incentive to make progress toward negotiations for peace, as a way of easing the terrible burdens of military expenditures. Some risks by all parties will have to be taken to achieve a comprehensive peace and coexistence among Israel, the Palestinians, and their Arab neighbors.

It is essential that U.S. policies and actions reinforce the efforts of moderates on all sides, both openly and in the behind-the-scenes discussions which are obviously an important prelude to negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. We urge our government representatives to express a clear policy now, in support of a negotiated settlement, before another crisis or war erupts. We offer our support and cooperation to those who are working to bring a just and lasting peace to this troubled region.



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The Peace Movement in Israel

Struggling Valiantly Against Great Odds & Monumental Problems

by Ezra Goldstein

The 400,000 people who gathered in a Tel Aviv square four years ago to protest Israel's invasion of Lebanon say a lot about what's right and what's wrong with the peace movement in Israel. Any demonstration that brings out 10% of a country's population demands respect (imagine 22 million Americans turning out on the Washington Mall!) But it was a mass protest that seems to have led to no mass movements; it has already been consigned to Israel's history.

Shula Koenig is a veteran Israeli civil rights activist currently living in the US. According to Koenig, there is no tradition in Israel of long-term political work that is not connected to a political party. "There is no stamina for grass-roots organizing," she said. "The peace movement is reactive instead of active. It's good at mounting protests when something occurs, but not very good at keeping anything going."

Koenig described a situation in which the peace movement often finds itself sitting on the fence. "Everyone wants to be left of center," she said, "but not too far. If you can imagine Israeli politics as a bell curve, it's okay to be at the edges at the bottom of the bell, as long as you're still inside the bell."

Koenig's "bell" appears to mean accepting certain premises: dialogue with the PLO is illegal; certain parts of the Occupied Territories may have to be retained for security purposes; a two-state solution is not necessarily the only way to solve the Palestine "problem"; a certain amount of repression is inevitable in any occupation.

The Price of Protest

The price for straying too far from the center can be high. When an Israeli delegation met with PLO representatives in Romania last November, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir called the Israelis traitors and four of the leaders were arrested. The Progressive List for Peace (PLP) is a political party of Arabs and Jews that has advocated dialogue with the PLO since its founding; fellow progressive Ray Cohen, of the Citizens Rights and Peace Movement Party (CRM), has called the PLP "the spokesman of Arafat in Israel and simply...not relevant." Gideon Spiro is a peace activist who wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper condemning Israel's actions in Lebanon and was subsequently fired from his civil service job.

Peace Now, which organized the mammoth Tel Aviv rally, has moved so close to the center that many people now accuse it of being adjunct to Israel's powerful Labor Party. One activist described Peace Now's attitude towards Israel's behavior in the Occupied Territories as "Please can we make the occupation nice"?



Peace Now rally, 3/8/83 (photo by Andre Brutmann)

Despite the negatives--the caution, the lack of sustained grassroots organizing--there is an entirely different, and much more positive, way of looking at the Israeli peace movement. From an American perspective, the number and diversity of organized peace groups seems extraordinary.

New Outlook, a magazine dedicated to Israeli-Arab peace, published a guide to peace networking in Israel in its May/June 1986 issue. The list included 10 peace movement groups (many dedicated to bettering relations between Arabs and Jews); 6 civil rights groups; 5 research and policy institutes, 4 groups involved in international activism (including an anti-apartheid group and a Nicaragua support group; and 4 groups dedicated to cultural activism. New Outlook identified 7 political parties whose Knesset (Israeli parliament) delegations are either totally or partially progressive.

The peace groups listed included several that have earned an international reputation for their work. Among the best known are Peace Now; East for Peace, composed mostly of Oriental Jews; Oz V'Shalom (Courage and Peace), a religious movement created to counter right-wing Orthodox Jewish groups; and Yesh Gvul (There is a Limit), a support group for soldiers.

Internal and External Issues

What is obvious from looking at the peace networking list and comparing it to similar lists from a few years ago is the tremendous growth in the number of groups working on issues of civil liberties, coexistence and democracy.

"There is great fatigue in the peace camp," said Drora Kass, director of the United States office of the International Center for Peace in the Middle East, "because nothing is happening. The peace process isn't at the top of anyone's agenda--not of the two-headed government in Israel, not of PLO Chairman Yassir Arafat,

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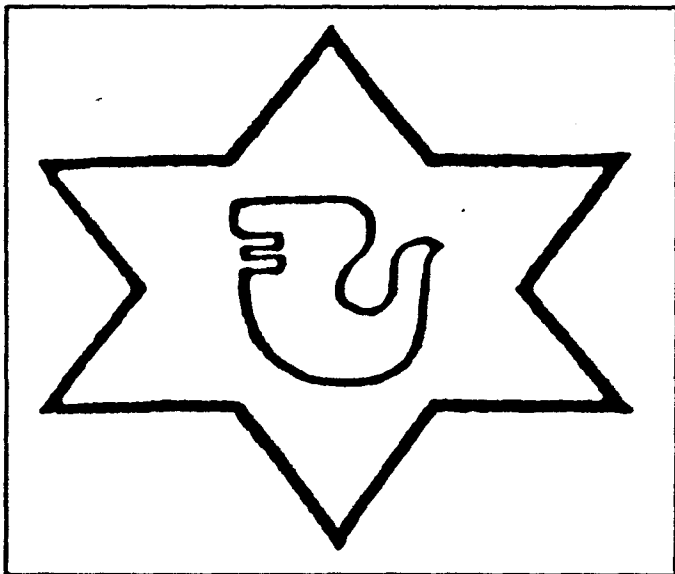
not of the United States. Everyone's looking towards America to be the outside force to push things, to be the catalyst, but America doesn't seem to have any clear policy on the Middle East."

"At the same time, the toleration for pluralism within Israel is deteriorating. Israeli Jews are fighting with Israeli Arabs. Secular Jews are fighting with orthodox Jews. Polls show that students are turning away from values of democracy and tolerance. So people are turning their attention to these internal issues that are tearing Israel apart."

Israel has no constitution or bill of rights. Israeli Arabs, who allegedly enjoy all the rights of Israeli citizenship, are routinely discriminated against. Israeli Jews who don't subscribe to Orthodox Judaism are also discriminated against in the practice of their religious or secular beliefs.

Israelis are increasingly concerned about the very nature of their society, distorted by a state of alert that has not been relaxed since Israel came into existence in 1948. Israel's enormous military expenditures have forced the country into almost total dependency on American aid, leading it to perform all kinds of ill advised and distasteful services in return.

More and more, you hear activists talking about Israel's "soul" in worried tones. Regardless of what one thinks of the Zionist dream that led to the creation of the state of Israel, it was based on enlightened ideals of democracy and social and economic justice. The country seems to be drifting further and further from those roots.



Typical of the groups working to promote democratic values and foster dialogue between Israeli Arabs and Jews is Neve Shalom. It is an "intentional" community that also includes Christians; Geshet, a women's group; Inters for Peace, which places young volunteers in communities to set up programs that bring Israel's Jewish and Arab citizens together; and Kol Koreh and the Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation, which develops humanistic, anti-racist educational material. Kol Koreh also works on civil rights issues, as does the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and the Citizens Rights and Peace Movement Party (CRM).

"What people must come to understand is the inevitable connection between the external and the internal," said Kass. "What happens on the West Bank because there is no peace settlement with the Palestinians seeps into Israel proper. The problems within Israel will only be resolved when the problems outside Israel are settled."

The great tragedy of Israel is that two peoples, the Palestinians and the Jews, claim equally legitimate rights to the same piece of land that, from the start, neither has been very interested in sharing. Since the 1967 war, deepening the tragedy, Israel has ruled over 1.4 million Palestinians who consider themselves prisoners in their own land.

Israeli historian Jacob Talmon wrote in 1980: "The effort to hold onto the territories proves itself...a burden not to be borne without degradation, corruption and perhaps even collapse...The more time passes, the more extremism mounts within the Israeli populace. The danger of civil war between Arabs and Jews, and between Jews and fellow Jews, hovers over us."

Talmon also pointed out that the occupation undermines "Israel's legitimacy in the eyes of the world." Israel was widely condemned for the murder of three West Bank students by Israeli soldiers last December. In January, respected West Bank journalist Akram Haniyyah was deported for reasons Israel's security services refused to make public, even to Haniyyah's Israeli lawyers. Later in the same month, Egypt attempted to convene a conference of Americans, Israelis, Egyptians and Palestinians in San Diego, and the Israeli government refused to grant visas to most of the people invited from the West Bank. The conference was effectively scuttled.

Shulamit Aloni, a CRM member of Knesset, was asked recently why she campaigns vigorously for the civil rights of Israeli Arabs, but not for the Arabs living in the occupied territories. Her reply was that extending civil liberties to the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation implies annexation of their land, a great dilemma for CRM and other civil rights groups. The best activists can do under the circumstances is to demand application of Geneva conventions applying to civilians living under military occupation. And, of course, push for a just resolution of the conflict. The formula accepted by most Israeli peace groups is for mutual recognition, by Israel and the Palestinians, of each people's rights to national self-determination.

It is no wonder that Israeli progressives like Shula Koenig and Drora Kass get discouraged. At the same time, it is remarkable to see the number of Israeli Arabs and Jews, and Palestinians in the occupied territories, who continue to struggle for peace.

Getting Involved

There are several ways to get involved with the Israeli peace movement. New Jewish Agenda (c/o Elana Levy, 1030 Westmoreland Avenue, Syracuse 13120 or 64 Fulton Street, #1100, New York, NY 10038) has set up pairing arrangements between Agenda chapters and several Israeli peace groups and often brings Israeli speakers to the US. Peace networking lists are available from New Outlook (150 5th Ave., New York, NY 10011)

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and the New Israel Fund (111 West 40th St., New York, NY 10018--ask for "A Guide to Arab-Jewish Peacemaking in Israel"). The Fund supports many progressive causes in Israel and welcomes contributions. New Outlook, printed in English, is an excellent source of information about Israel; subscriptions cost \$30 per year.

For information about activities among Palestinians in the Occupied Territories, contact Al-Fajr, 2 Hatem al-Ta'ee St., PO Box 20517, Jerusalem. In this country, contact the Palestine Human Rights Campaign (220 South State St., 1

Quincy Court, Chicago, IL 60604) or the Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (1731 Connecticut Ave., Suite 400, Washington, DC 20009).

American support groups include: America-Israel Council for Israel-Palestinian Peace (4816 Cornell Ave., Downers Grove, IL 60515), Interns for Peace and American Friends of Neve Shalom (both at 270 West 89th St., New York, NY 10024), American Friends of Peace Now (27 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011), International Center for Middle East Peace (345 East 46th St., Suite 208, New York, NY 10017) and Kol Koreh (c/o Shula Koenig, RD 1, Box 198, Craryville, NY 12521).

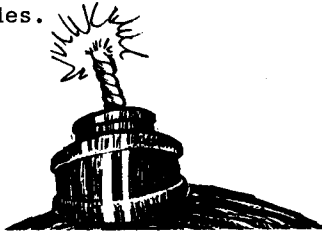
Israel's Nuclear "Traitor"

A beleaguered small country with staunchly democratic institutions and a nuclear capability for only peaceful purposes--is this the whole truth about Israel? The case of Mordechai Vanunu reveals a very different story.

For ten years Vanunu was a nuclear technician at Israel's Dimona plant. In interviews with London's Sunday Times last autumn, Vanunu gave proof of an Israeli nuclear capability much greater than ever before imagined. His testimony and photos reveal that Israel (which has refused to sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and had harassed U.S. scientists sent to inspect its nuclear facilities) "has produced enough nuclear weapons to wipe every country in the Middle East off the face of the earth." It is producing weapons with ten times the yields estimated by the CIA, at a possible rate of twenty per year. Current stockpiles contain 100-200 sophisticated nuclear, including thermo-nuclear weapons. Moreover, the Dimona reactor built for Israel by France between 1957 and 1964, ostensibly for peaceful nuclear research, is shown by Vanunu's photos to have been expanded ten times over, to a secret six-level underground bomb production facility. Finally, Israel has materials and technology even for neutron bomb production.

Israel's treatment of Vanunu has also revealed another side to Israeli democratic institutions. Vanunu was apparently kidnapped by Israeli agents

in Rome, Italy and spirited back to Israel to stand trial for treason. He is kept incommunicado and transported to secret court sessions in a vehicle with white-washed windows. Moreover, the Israeli attorney-general has publicly announced that the prosecution may ask for the death penalty if Vanunu is found guilty, despite the fact that Israel's penal law permits the death penalty for treason only in a period of armed hostilities.



Vanunu's fate--whether it will be that of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg or that of Daniel Ellsberg of Pentagon Papers fame--depends in large part on the world's reaction to Israel's violations of his human and legal rights. So far, there has been a great silence, out of fear of offending Israel. But, is Vanunu a traitor to Israel or a protagonist of the people of the whole earth living under the nuclear cloud?

Contributions to the Mordechai Vanunu Legal Defense Fund may be sent to: PO Box 45005, Somerville, MA 02145.

This piece was written by Marge Kusk and is based largely on information from the 1/21/1987 issue of The Guardian.

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The Terrain Beyond the Shallows

A Review of Noam Chomsky's THE FATEFUL TRIANGLE

by Ed Kinane

Most of our media, floating merrily down the main-stream, present facts and issues in set channels ultimately defined by their banks. Seldom do they dare set foot ashore. Seldom do they explore terrain beyond the shallows.

To raise our consciousness, we need to go to sources beyond the media. One of the best of these is Noam Chomsky. But be warned: Chomsky is not for those who foster their own fuzzy-mindedness to keep from rocking the boat, or who, upon landing, stick their head in the sand. Chomsky writes with outspoken integrity. His indictment of U.S. foreign policy is documented with an erudite and methodical passion.

The Fateful Triangle* was published shortly after the invasion of Lebanon, the shelling of Beirut, and the killing of hundreds of women and children in Sabra and Shatila, the Palestinian refugee camps.

To give you a sense of the book, here's the first page:

...since Israel invaded Lebanon on June 2, 1982, critics of Israeli actions have frequently been accused of hypocrisy. While the reasons advanced are spurious, the charge itself has some merit. It is surely hypocritical to condemn Israel for establishing settlements in the occupied territories while we pay for establishing and expanding them. Or to condemn Israel for attacking civilian targets, with cluster and phosphorous bombs "to get the maximum kill per hit," when we provide them gratis or at bargain rates, knowing that they will be used for just this purpose. Or to criticize Israel's "indiscriminate" bombardment of heavily-settled civilian areas or its other military adventures while we not only provide the means of abundance but welcome Israel's assistance in testing the latest weaponry under live battle field conditions—to be sure, against a vastly outmatched enemy... including completely undefended targets... In general, it is pure hypocrisy to criticize the exercise of Israeli power while welcoming Israel's contributions towards realizing the US aim of eliminating possible threats, largely indigenous, to American domination of the Middle East region.

Chomsky continues:

Clearly, as long as the United States provides the wherewithal, Israel will use it for its purposes... to integrate the bulk of the occupied territories within Israel in some fashion while finding a way to reduce the Arab population; to disperse the scattered refugees and crush any manifestation of Palestinian nationalism or Palestinian culture; to gain control over southern Lebanon... (pp. 1,2)

In discussing these themes Chomsky, who once lived on a kibbutz, draws heavily on Hebrew sources. He notes that

... many crucial issues... freely discussed in the Hebrew press in Israel and much that is documented there are virtually excluded from the American press, so that the people who are expected to pay the bills are kept largely in the dark about what they are financing or about the debates with Israel concerning these matters. (p. 12)

It shouldn't be surprising that our media, now mostly owned by mega-corporations, are less critical of Israeli militarism than are the more independent

Some years ago, before he examined his racist attitude toward the Arab world, Ed was a booster of Israeli domination.

Israeli media. (What is surprising is the U.S. peace movement's silence on this issue compared to its vocal Israeli counterpart.) Similarly, in South Africa before the recent crackdown some of the press were strikingly frank in criticizing Apartheid. During the same era U.S. criticism of Apartheid was merely rhetorical — or so muted that it tried to convince us Botha was bent on reform.



Israel and South Africa. Although both have long been portrayed in the West as "enclaves of civilization" and "bastions against communism," the two are seldom linked. We forget what intimate allies they are and how much they have in common. Consider: Both derive divine sanction from the Old Testament. Both are garrisoned settler states relying on cheap, disenfranchised labor and motivated by a master race mentality. Both are U.S. proxies, nuclear wildcards, regional super-powers almost universally condemned (outside the U.S.) for multiple breaches of international law. The Fateful Triangle, by focusing on the Mideast side of the equation, exposes the parallel ways these two warring tribes evict, exploit, and terrorize their indigenous neighbors.

Noam Chomsky, The Fateful Triangle: The United States, Israel and the Palestinians. South End Press, Boston, 1983, 480pp, paperback, \$11. Available from The Front Room and the Syracuse Public Library.

** His other books include The Political Economy of Human Rights (with Edward S. Herman, 2 vols, 1979), Toward a New Cold War (1982), and Turning the Tide: U.S. Intervention in Central America and the Struggle for Peace (1985). Chomsky is Professor of Linguistics at MIT.*

Homelessness: Phenomenon of the '80's

by Pat Sher

The phenomenon of homelessness in America is a national disgrace. It should burn the conscience of every American and move us to action--through our power to vote and through our right to assemble in peaceful protest. Various estimates of the number of homeless people in this country range from a few hundred thousand to 2-3 million. Too little attention has been paid to providing an accurate figure on the number of children and elderly among them or to the alarming increase in the numbers of young adults who make up these alarming statistics. Furthermore, 35 to 40 per cent of homeless individuals nationally have serious mental disabilities. Yet, for the past decade, we Americans have watched as the number of homeless people swelled around us. Never since the Great Depression has there been so much suffering through deprivation and abject poverty. But the misery of homelessness has been absorbed by society just as we have absorbed other stories of global violence. Every day, starting at breakfast, it is fed to us via the media. And we are to a marked degree desensitized to it all.

There's some way to stop this. It's not like lightning or earthquakes. We've got a bad thing made by men and by God that's something we can change.
--John Steinbeck, *Grapes of Wrath*

In New York alone, more than 100,000 people are homeless within the boundaries of the metropolitan community. Many of them are children. It is a profound shock to the senses to visit New York and witness the harsh and terrible lot of the disenfranchised and then to gaze upon block after block of wasteland where the bulldozer has levelled not just housing but whole ethnic communities. These were poor neighborhoods, to be sure, but, despite the poverty, the people in them had each other for support. Now whole neighborhoods are gone...and so are the people. Where? The story of New York is repeated across this land. When the neighborhoods are gone what we have to replace them are welfare hotels--havens for scavengers on human misery where women and children are recruited for prostitution, pornography, and abuse of every kind. Sadly, for many people, welfare hotels are the best a city can offer--there is no low income housing.

In Syracuse, it has been estimated that there are between 350-400 people homeless. This number is based only on shelter beds available and there are some who would quarrel with its accuracy. Indeed, if we are to take homelessness in the literal sense, we would need to include people who live in abandoned housing, transit stations, or who share households with relatives or friends. Technically, these people are only "housing vulnerable." In reality, they are homeless. Overall, though, our own community's response to homelessness is positive and hopeful. A spirit of cooperation and unity of purpose

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exists between individuals, shelters, and local government. We are indeed fortunate to have a "service provider" community who combine many skills to provide not only relief for the homeless but also workable solutions for the future. But of all the homeless in Syracuse, the lot of the homeless woman and her children is the most grim. The Dorothy Day House, which has 18 beds, turned away 155 women and 170 children in 1986. The Vera House, with a capacity of 26 beds, turns away on the average of 30 women per month. The Salvation Army responded to this great need by adding 22 beds for women. But the situation is still desperate: there are over 300 available beds for homeless men in Syracuse. There are less than 100 for women.



We must talk about poverty because people insulated by their own comfort lose sight of it.
--Dorothy Day

This past Fall, the National Coalition for the Homeless gathered 500 of its members from across the nation to assemble in Washington, D.C. for a three-day conference. The consensus from shelter providers from California to Maine was unanimous: immediate answers to the homeless crisis are not to be found in building more and more shelters (the band-aid solution) but in advocating a massive effort to restore the nation's depleted stock of low income housing and pushing for transitional housing, special housing for the mentally and physically impaired, and for single room occupancy projects. Furthermore, the National Coalition for the Homeless is sponsoring a bill which is currently being "kicked around" in the Senate. It's called The Homeless Person's Survival Act of 1986 and it is a comprehensive proposal to alleviate the immediate misery of homelessness while also addressing its precipitating and long-term causes. Based on the work of over 10 national organizations with expertise in areas relating to homelessness, the bill is founded on the basic premise that homelessness is now a national crisis requiring immediate and responsible federal action. Among other emergency provisions, the Bill would: provide effective outreach to homeless persons eligible for food stamps and S.S.I. benefits; per-

mit use of food stamps to buy homeless persons prepared food; require that the now optional emergency assistance to families be made mandatory in states receiving AFDC funds; remove barriers to education for homeless children; and prohibit the imposition of permanent address requirements for receipt of benefits. (For a copy of the entire bill, contact the Dorothy Day House through the Volunteer Center at 474-7011)

1987 has been officially designated The Year of the Homeless. In Syracuse, all human service agencies, health services, and shelters have reported a sharp rise in the number of people seeking help. But there is hope. Like the song says, "The meek are getting ready." In fact, they are getting organized. Grass roots leaders are emerging among them and, hopefully, in 1987, we will see them really begin to fight back. And we must join them. First of all, we must change our way of thinking. The final answer to homelessness lies in a change of consciousness that will restore that basic human right (now denied to 3 million people) to a roof over one's head. In the meantime, one of the best ways you can help the homeless in your community is by calling your congressperson now and asking him/her to support the Homeless Persons' Survival Act in its entirety. Do it for your brothers and sisters who cannot do it themselves. And do it for the children.

In one of her manuscript reflections, Dorothy Day wrote, "It is only after we have used all our resources that we should call upon the State, for the common good." First, then, let us do all we can. And, then, for the common good, pick up the phone...

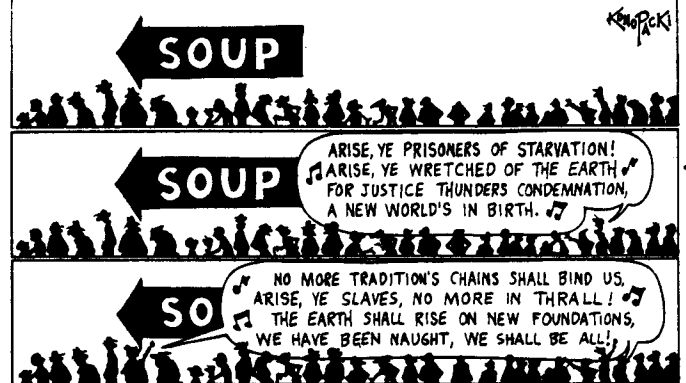
Homeless Break In in Protest

United Press International

Homeless people armed with hammers and crow-bars smashed their way into vacant government-owned houses in eight cities Monday, demanding that the buildings be opened to people with nowhere else to live.

Protests occurred in Philadelphia, the home base of the National Homeless Union that coordinated them, and in Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, Boston, New York and New Orleans.

No arrests were reported immediately.



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themselves ineligible to be members of the coveted Communist Youth League." We object to Shuman's casual, uncritical approach to what we consider to be oppressive and discriminatory--despite the "official position." This is an issue not to be trivialized, nor to be condoned.

In his attempt to demythify the Soviet Union, Shuman succeeds, instead, only in raising questions not only about the status and treatment of Jews (and other religious groups) in the Soviet Union but about his own credibility and responsibility as an observer and reporter.

Syracuse Chapter
New Jewish Agenda

A Friend in Massachusetts

Dear Syracuse Peace Council,

I have enjoyed receiving the Peace Newsletter and I realized that I haven't sent you any money to help pay for it and your other activities. So, here's a big contribution to make up for the past and help you work for the future.

In this time of Ronald Reagan (and company) and their nightmare diplomacy, everything that we can

do to struggle for peace and justice is necessary and worth supporting.

Keep up the good work!

Steve Wishengrad
Allston, Mass.

Ni Mo's Worried

Dear Peace Council Folks!

Some of you read in the New Times (Dec. 17, 1986) about my' encounter last November with NiMo security personnel when Chris and I were birdwatching near their Energy Information (read: Propaganda) Center in Scriba.

After two guards had ascertained that we were birdwatching (why else would anybody be squinting through binoculars and 'scope into the teeth of a Lake Ontario gale?) and that yes, that was our car in the parking lot, I got a phone call from an "investigator", "concerned" about the anti-nuke stickers on my car, relative to plant security.

Well I'd be concerned about the mentality of security staff who really think that somebody posing as a birdwatcher, but actually planning to do in Nine Mile I and II, would forget to remove their anti-nuke stickers first. I believe

the whole performance was an attempt to intimidate me and keep me from returning to a place where the public is invited. NiMo was concerned that my car stickers could sabotage the slick pro-nuke scene at the Energy Center.

However, the fascinating thing is that these stickers ("Nuclear Free Zone", "You can't hug children with nuclear arms", and a Rosemary Pooler campaign sticker) are not explicitly anti-nuke power. Here we've been trying for years to demonstrate the connection between nuclear power and nuclear weapons, and now NiMo has just gone and done it so neatly for us.

Peace and no nukes (of either kind!)

Marge Rusk

Condemn the Israelis

Dear Syracuse Peace Council,

It seems that at least once a week I read an article about Israel bombing or shooting someone.

If you are truly a peace council, why don't you condemn their action?

John Green
N.S. Trailer Camp

Decision Time for the American Peace Movement

by Andrea Ayzajian and Michael Klare

Although it is now a cliché to repeat Einstein's quotation about how the splitting of the atom changed everything "save our way of thinking," he went to the very heart of the problem with that simple phrase. Clearly, we need new ways of thinking about "security" and "defense" if we are to promote global peace in a world of nuclear weapons. But it is also time for the peace movement itself to adopt new ways of thinking, if we are to break out of our present immobility and contest the Administration's military policies.

Lacking a clear strategy for the future, peace activists lurch from event to event, believing that a series of unrelated events—all supporting something good and against something bad—will somehow change the hearts and minds of Americans and maybe, eventually, trickle up to Washington. Activists vigil against apartheid one day, march for a nuclear weapons freeze the next, educate about Gramm-Rudman the third, organize against aid to the Contras the next, and the list goes on. Our agenda appropriately, is every affront to peace and justice, but the result is a movement that has grown a mile wide and an inch deep.

We are also constantly on the defensive in our effort to combat the image of social change agents as unpatriotic remnants from the 1960s, while the Right has moved to the moral high ground, taking the family, the Bible, and the flag with them. Peace and justice activists are left on the lowlands, where we are constantly reacting to, rather than setting, the political agenda. This leaves us appearing forever negative—against most proposals, rather than projecting a clear and positive image of the future.

There are important lessons to learn, the US peace movement must incorporate an evaluation of where we have been, and an assessment of where we stand today. Having reflected on both those concerns with hundreds of activists from all over the US, we conclude that a new thought world must include the following six basic features:

1. Greater Emphasis on values

Campaigns and issues come and go. Organizing based on issues alone often becomes highly "ends not means" focused, as when verbally abusive exchanges with police take place during nonviolent protest actions.

It is time to create a thought world based on clearly articulated values, values that serve as the bedrock upon which strategies are built. The point is not to force a choice between organizing-based-on-issues versus organizing-based-on-values, but rather to view our work on issues that are always changing as rooted in values that

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are enduring. Our work will be stronger if we present it as based upon and helping to advance such fundamental human values as: the value of every human life; the right of every person to have basic needs met and to live in dignity; the universal desire for peace; the need to guarantee a secure future for our children; a desire to honor and protect the natural world; the love and integrity of family units; compassion and care for the poor, sick, old, hungry, and homeless; and an equal sharing of life's resources and opportunities for all people. However these values are framed, we must project a sense that we are for things, not just against everything.

2. Positive and well-defined vision of the future

We have moved beyond the days of mobilizing people out of fear and guilt. The negative emotions we have been generating and the gruesome images of nuclear holocaust must be replaced with a realistic, positive, and healthy vision of the peaceful world we seek to create. This vision must incorporate the higher human values we seek to nurture.

3. Respect for the best of American history and tradition

While we must stress our role as global citizens and our need to work with other nations in creating an enduring world peace, we need not relinquish to the Rights exclusive control over the interpretation of American values, goals, and history. We must project an image of America that is rooted in the best of our past, particularly our people's struggles for independence, against slavery, for women's rights, and for the advancement of freedom, equality, and democracy. We must articulate our belief that patriotism in a democratic society entails understanding the issues, getting involved in the governmental process, and speaking out against injustice, Dissent, and the protection of dissenters from repression, are honored American traditions.

4. Recognition of indivisibility of peace

In contrast to the current thrust of the peace movement as being predominantly in opposition to nuclear weapons and nuclear war, we must recognize that violence exists on a continuous spectrum from repressive violence and terrorism to low-intensity conflict, full-scale conventional warfare, and on up to nuclear war. All violence, however low on the scale of military combat, entails unacceptable human suffering. If we are a peace movement we must be for peace when violence of any sort is threatened.

This shift in emphases will allow us to articulate our belief that the roots of violence lie in racism, classism, sexism, and a will toward world domination. As a movement, we may have been overly focused in recent years on the prevention of nuclear war, while society as a whole is becoming unlivable. The entire spectrum of violence is our enemy—not one or the other superpower, or nuclear weapons themselves.

5. Return to community organizing and the empowerment of the individual

The Freeze has been vividly successful as a campaign; it has put the issues of the Cold War and the nuclear arms race on the political agenda. It has served as entry level politics for many people, while for others it has been a way of becoming active again after a dormant decade. The Freeze has built a remarkable network of paid staff and dedicated volunteers nationwide. But the Freeze had its failings, especially with regard to its time line. Imagining that we could confront forty years of Cold War ideology and freeze the arms race in a five year period was not only unrealistic, it caused us to shift our focus too quickly and heavily from community-based activities to developments in Wash. D.C. The success of our efforts came to be measured by votes in Wash., while individuals who had been empowered and energized on the local level became discouraged and disempowered.

As a movement, we need to return to a community-based focus for our work; our strength does not lie in Wash., but with all the committed people meeting in church basements and around kitchen tables, speaking at Kiwanis Clubs, leafletting at malls, and doing all the unglamorous, hard work of creative organizing on the community level.

6. Confronting racism

It is time for the peace movement to address the racism that fuels US militarism and inevitably affects our organizing and outreach as well. If we are to build a movement based on enduring human values, we must begin by acknowledging the injustice and inequality that persist in our society. The criticism that the peace movement of the 1980s is a white, middle-class enterprise must be analyzed and discussed. We require a period where we can deal, individually and collectively, with one of the essential roots of violence and war—racism.

We are living in what some consider a period of transformation in human thought. Historically, the Renaissance is one example of such a time of change. This current period of transformation involves moving from a military/technological paradigm. The task of the peace movement may be to define and nurture this evolution of human thought, which has already begun. The challenge we face is to achieve this transformation before we use—through accident, miscalculation or all-out war—the ultimate weapons of destruction.

"The Choice"

"The Choice" is a world that encourages the transformation of human thought by articulating sharply opposing visions of our nation's future and its role in the world. One path to the future has been laid out by the Right; the goal of the Choice is to articulate an alternative route and to define and confront the ideology of the Right wing.

The response from the Right to the politically and economically uncertain world situation has been and will probably continue to be intensified militarism, which involves among other things, growing anti-sovietism, the continuing nuclear weapons build-up, the extension of the arms race to space, increased repression and deprivation at home, and increasing intervention abroad. The peace movement must spell out for the American people another Choice, the life-centered, democratic paradigm that gives human well-being—physical, emotional and spiritual—the highest priority. The essence of the Choice is that it

places our country at a fork in the road, and states that the two paths have radically different outcomes. Once either direction is chosen, decisions and consequences inevitably follow.

The life-centered/global cooperation paradigm assumes that America's greatness lies in its commitment to moral principle, the most profound of which is honoring life itself. This paradigm states that every human life is of value, and that people, in all of their diversity, are united by basic needs and desires—that people matter, above all else.

America views itself as the guardian of human life. The life centered paradigm does not identify freedom with the privilege of exploiting others, but with civil rights, civil liberties, and the right of all people to live in peace and dignity. It presumes that America's future well-being requires cooperation with other nations in overcoming world problems.

The life-centered paradigm presumes that we will never create a lasting peace without justice—at home and abroad. Our definition of justice includes a commitment to basic human rights and opportunity. It views national security as the creation of a nonmilitaristic society, with a healthy economy and a decent provision for the poor, old, sick, and disadvantaged. True national security means that women are safe on city streets, farmers can keep their farms, hungry school children have subsidized lunch programs, needy students can receive loans, people of color are not the targets of violence and harass-

We should begin talking about the world as we would make it—a world of peace and justice and mutual prosperity—rather than deploring the sickly world that militarists are producing.

ment, and the homeless can go from shelters to subsidized housing. True national security means making the inhabitants of this (and every) nation safe and secure through world peace, social justice, and economic well-being.

Much more thought has to be given to develop a political program, but the following are some suggestions for employing this approach:

- **The Choice allows us to link together in a coherent pattern all the disparate issues we have focused on in recent years.
- **The Choice allows us to go on the offensive and articulate our distinctive view of the world.
- **The Choice gives us a clear basis upon which to form alliances with groups working on many concerns, including social needs, civil rights, environmental protection, and constitutional rights.
- **The Choice gives us the strength to challenge advocates of the right-wing agenda to debates—not just on particular issues, but on the guiding principles that serve as the foundation of America's future.
- **The Choice allows us to take the initiative on such issues as military spending and human rights.
- **Finally, the Choice frees our imaginations to develop new tactics for current struggles and to begin visualizing a world of peace.

The Choice allows the peace and justice community to regain the moral high ground and to invite people to join us in imagining and creating a nation where people and their aspirations come first.

graphic adapted from cover art by Rupert Garcia for the new book *Hope in Hard Times* by Paul Loeb

Great Peace March...Reflections

by Kathy Collins

On November 15, 1986 the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament arrived in Washington, DC. 700 cross country walkers, joined by 500 more in the last weeks and another 2000 on the final day were greeted by several thousand well wishers at the Reflecting Pool of the Lincoln Memorial as the march completed its 9 month, 3720 mile walk from LA to DC.

National media, which had shown reluctance to cover the walk, were on hand to witness its completion. Life, People, Us, The Washington Post, and Rolling Stone, among others, told Middle America about the march in photos and print.

Two questions are frequently asked. What has happened to the Great Peace March organization, and what, if anything, did all this time and energy accomplish?

Many people went home to obligations or just to rest. "Making some money" was a definite priority. Some wanted The Great Peace March to continue as a peace organization. Others made a choice to keep on walking "til the bombs come down." The march maintains offices in Santa Monica and DC. In December, 50 marchers organized a walk from the Carolinas to Cape Canaveral where the Trident II was scheduled for testing January 17. The government tested early but the walkers and 4000 demonstrators were on hand to protest. Peace walks in Canada, Europe, and the Soviet Union are being planned.

The Peace March was successful in at least 3 ways. 1) It got the message out to many new people and re-charged "old timers." 2) It was a lesson in community life and conflict resolution. 3) It prepared a cadre of people in walking, talking and acting peacefully. The impact of 700 people on a city the size of Cleveland or Chicago is minimal, but 700 people walking along roads and staying in small towns is noticed. With that attention comes contact and conversations. Occasionally we got "the finger" and often stares, but I think that people were "inspired", at least for a moment, to think about

the possibility of a world without nuclear threat. Many wrote to their congresspeople, talked to their friends, classmates and communities, joined the March or found other ways of getting involved.

We now have 700 citizens who have experienced 9 months of living 4 feet away from lesbians, gay men, feminists, anarchists, children, older adults, Viet Vets, male identified women and sexist men. Living and working in these close quarters, we heard vets scream in their sleep. We had to deal with sexist people making decisions that affected our daily lives. We saw and heard our "tent neighbors" molested. We got tired, angry and frustrated and could not pretend to be what we

weren't. Perhaps you don't believe peace activists are racist, sexist, and homophobic. In fact, these maladies have been prevalent, unresolved and silenced in the movement for decades. It also became apparent to me that most of us live sheltered and "ghettoed" lives. Even the most tolerant found it difficult to live with people so different from ourselves on a daily basis. But if one stayed with the march one had to relate to the differences. We learned to deal with problems and anger in new ways. Mediation, facilitation and "circles" were used to deal with a "patriarchal hierarchy" that got challenged at every turn. Consensus decision making and process where every man, woman, and child could participate and feel empowered became as important as the decisions themselves. Each of us had to face the unpeacefulness within ourselves and transform it.

What does this have to do with Global Nuclear Disarmament? "If we don't take the bombs down, we won't live to discuss other issues." I believe all must go on simultaneously. Until each of us learns to resolve conflict in a peaceful way, be it within the context of a relationship, a family, our community or our planet, we will always be threatened with annihilation, because when humans feel threatened, we are dangerous.

Unfortunately, I can not claim that 700 people are now a prototype of peaceful behavior. Even in the last week one could hear racist, sexist, homophobic and warlike remarks. I think, however, for each of us there was movement and change - a glimpse of the possibility and the necessity for a different "modus operandi."



Finally, I think the simple act of walking and interacting was something we learned to do well. It is my hope that the March continues to organize walks. Walking is meditative and can cleanse the soul and bring personal peace. Walking gives us much needed "slow-down" - an opportunity to touch our beautiful planet. There is no substitute for personal contact with our citizens. There are many communities that do not have peace groups. All many people get is network news. Our public institutions are of little help in teaching conflict resolution or the facts of nuclear technology.

We now have more citizens renewed, educated and dedicated to peacemaking. In the spirit of The Hundredth Monkey, we may be one step closer to tipping the balance of the collective consciousness toward a world of peace we all seek.

Kathy is a Syracusan who spent much of 1986 with the Great Peace March. Her walking shoes are still warm.



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Celebrating Women's Struggles

The Chance We've Been Waiting For

Recent events have given us the opportunity to make 1987 a turning point in the six year US war in Central America. After years of struggle to simply slow the pace of escalation, we now have the chance to actually reverse the direction of US policy. This is the chance we've been waiting for:

- * the public is being exposed daily to evidence of what we've been saying all along: the Administration is lying and breaking the law;
- * the Administration's credibility has been severely weakened, making it much harder for them to continue their steady escalation of the war;
- * the Democratic controlled Congress is now in the hot-seat, which gives us the opportunity to push them to oppose the Administration more forcefully.

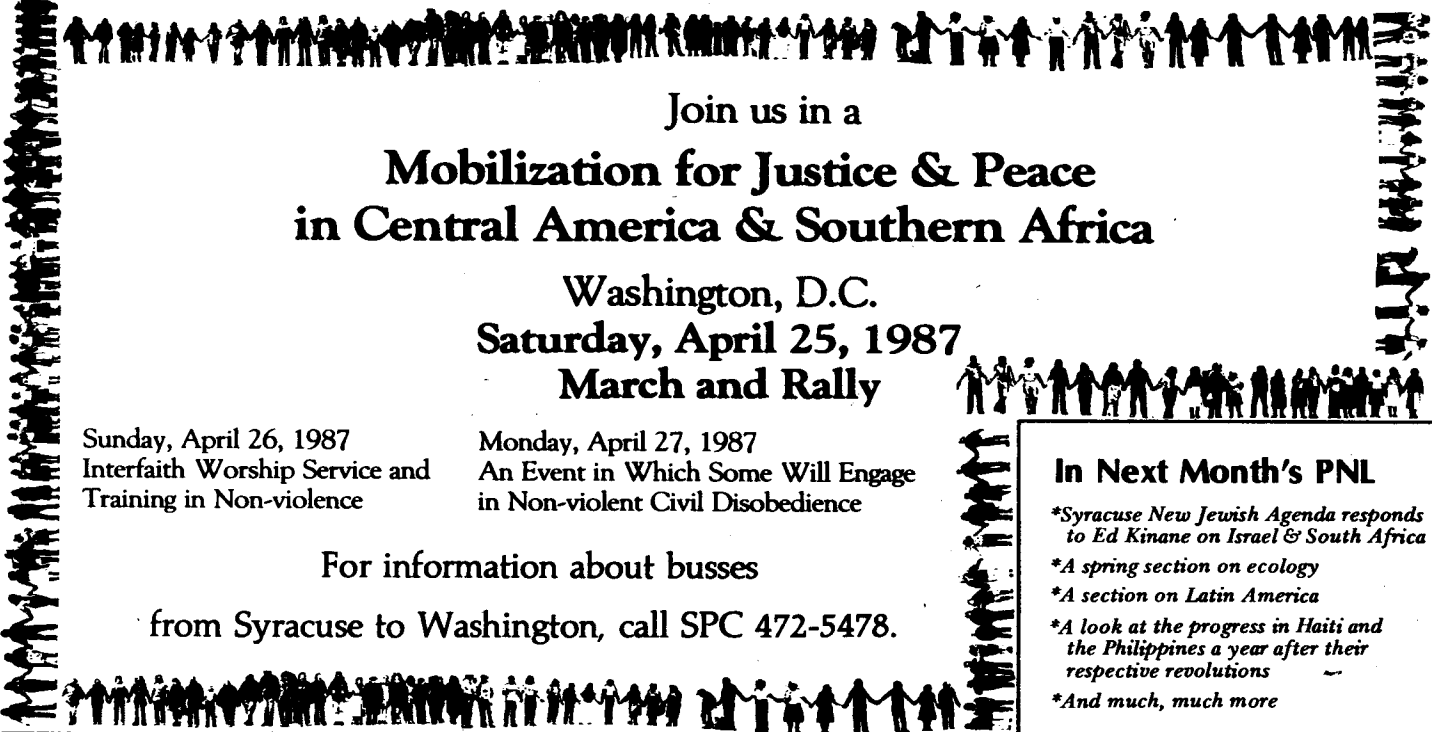
The opening created by this situation will be amplified by events in Central America. The contras will be unable to force a cry of "Uncle Sam" from Nicaragua. In El Salvador, speculation focuses on how much longer the Duarte government can survive its failure to bring the promised peace and prosperity.

The first opportunity we have is the Congressional vote, probably in March, on the remaining \$40 of the \$100 million voted for contra aid last year. If both houses vote no, the president will veto the resolution of disapproval. Since there is no chance of overriding the veto, even a no vote by the Congress will not stop the aid. But a public repudiation of contra aid by Congress would send a powerful signal to the Administration, the contras and Central America that US policy has been thrown off-track and that the contras have little future.

The timing of the April 25-27 actions in Washington couldn't be better. Congress will be in the middle of its budgeting process and the Reagan Administration will be flirting with escalating the war, as a distraction from the Irancon scandal.

The mobilization's call is being issued by an unprecedented alliance of over 40 church and labor leaders and organized by a broad coalition of groups. Including a march and rally on April 25th and a White House civil disobedience action on April 27th, these events will break new ground by uniting the Central America and Southern Africa movements as a single national force.

-Stephen Slade, national Pledge of Resistance



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*A spring section on ecology

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*A look at the progress in Haiti and the Philippines a year after their respective revolutions

*And much, much more

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the peace council page

Hello From Our New Staffer

I want to start off by saying that I am looking forward to working with the Syracuse Peace Council and hope that the year to come will be productive and exciting.

My first real introduction to activism came when I became involved in NYPIRG at SUNY Cortland. I found that I really enjoyed working on the projects we were involved with; and I loved the people with whom I worked. I went to my first rally in Washington (to protest apartheid), and went back two or three more times for other marches and to do some lobbying. When I left Cortland I decided that I definitely wanted to spend more time doing these types of activities.

This past fall, I got a chance to get involved with Rosemary Pooler's campaign. I started off doing mailings and I eventually wound up doing a lot of work with volunteers and updating the computer's volunteer lists.

Upon the suggestion of Ms. Pooler's volunteer coordinator, I became involved with the SPC. I helped to coordinate/run the Plowshares child care center, and I also helped in set-up/clean-up of both this event and the Charlie King concert.

I hope that in my future days here I will be able to help the Peace Council in achieving its goals. I also hope to gain specific organization skills as well as more knowledge about the issues affecting our lives. I look forward to meeting some of you at our open house on Tuesday, March 10, from 5-7pm.

-Lisa Labeille

Birthday Dinner

On April 3rd we're going to have our 51st Birthday Dinner. It will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, (corner of Madison and University), with the reception starting at 6:00 pm, and the talk beginning at 8:00 pm. We still need volunteers to help with publicity, cooking, set-up and clean-up. There is limited seating for dinner, so please reserve your space soon. Our guest speaker will be Howard Zinn, speaking on "Anti-Communism and U.S. Foreign Policy." See page 5 for further information about him. To volunteer, call Lisa at SPC.

-Lisa Labeille

Tax Day Approaching

Well, it's that time again. Tax Day, April 15, is rapidly approaching, and we, along with other organizations are planning some educational events and demonstrations, for the week before. We want people to know where their tax dollars are going, and more specifically how much of it is going to the military. To help with the organizing, call Lisa at SPC.

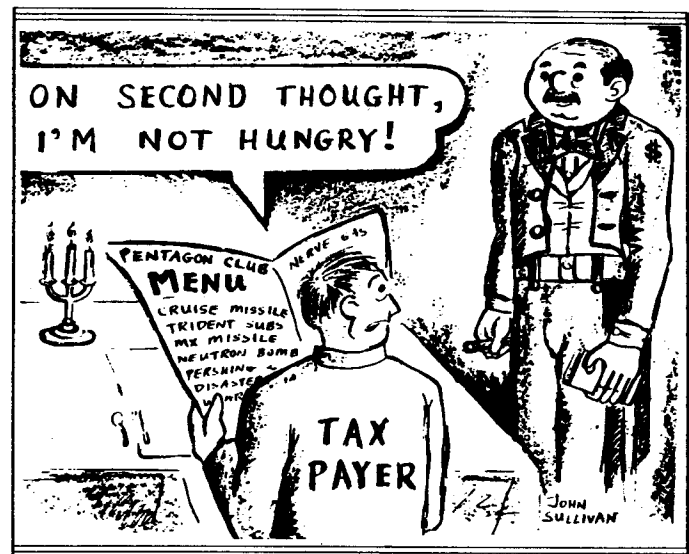
-Lisa Labeille

Material Aid Project

At the last meeting of the SPC/MADRE Material Aid Campaign, we decided to focus first on sending medical supplies to Nicaragua and later to include school supplies. MADRE recently received a list of specific supplies needed by units in a Nicaraguan women's hospital. Our first job is to price them, then to actually get them. All money collected in the campaign will go towards purchasing supplies.

We see this project as both providing much-needed supplies and also educating people here. New people are always welcome to join -- to find out when our next meeting is, call Carol at SPC.

-Carol Baum



Clarifying Finances

The 1986 Financial Report printed on page 6 in the February Peace Newsletter seems to have caused a bit of confusion. Two important pieces of information were omitted from the commentary. First, we entered 1986 with a debt of some \$3,000. Second, the newly raised staff salaries (to \$150/week) necessitate that the Peace Council raise more money than it has in any year other than the 50th anniversary year. So, we are currently in good financial shape, but further funds will enable us to expand our current work for a world of peace and justice.

-Andy Mager



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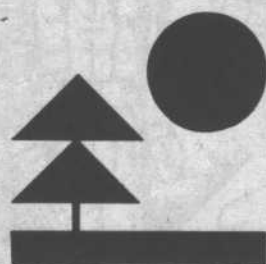


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People's History

by Howard Zinn

My viewpoint, in telling the history of the United States, is different: that we must not accept the memory of states as our own. Nations are not communities and never have been. The history of any country, presented as the history of a family, conceals fierce conflicts of interest (sometimes exploding, most often repressed) between conquerors and conquered, masters and slaves, capitalists and workers, dominators and dominated in race and sex. And in such a world of conflict, a world of victims and executioners, it is the job of thinking people, as Albert Camus suggested, not to be on the side of the executioners.

Thus, in that inevitable taking of sides which comes from selection and emphasis in history, I prefer to try to tell the story of the discovery of America from the viewpoint of the Arawaks, of the Constitution from the standpoint of the slaves, of Andrew Jackson as seen by the Cherokees, of the Civil War as seen by the New York Irish, of the Mexican war as seen by the deserting soldiers of Scott's army, of the rise of industrialism as seen by the young women in the Lowell textile mills, of the Spanish-American war as seen by the Cubans, the conquest of the Philippines as seen by black soldiers on Luzon, the Gilded Age as seen by southern farmers, the First World War as seen by socialists, the Second World War as seen by pacifists, the New Deal as seen by blacks in Harlem, the postwar American empire as seen by peons in Latin America. And so on, to the limited extent that any one person, however he or she

The following passage is excerpted from A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn. The book is available from The Front Room Bookstore.

strains, can "see" history from the standpoint of others.

My point is not to grieve for the victims and denounce the executioners. Those tears, that anger, cast into the past, deplete our moral energy for the present. And the lines are not always clear. In the long run, the oppressor is also a victim. In the short run (and so far, human history has consisted only of short runs), the victims, themselves desperate and tainted with the culture that oppresses them, turn on other victims.

Still, understanding the complexities, this book will be skeptical of governments and their attempts, through politics and culture, to ensnare ordinary people in a giant web of nationhood pretending to a common interest. I will try not to overlook the cruelties that victims inflict on one another as they are jammed together in the boxcars of the system. I don't want to romanticize them. But I do remember (in rough paraphrase) a statement I once read: "The cry of the poor is not always just, but if you don't listen to it, you will never know what justice is."

I don't want to invent victories for people's movements. But to think that history-writing must aim simply to recapitulate the failures that dominate the past is to make historians collaborators in an endless cycle of defeat. If history is to be creative, to anticipate a possible future without denying the past, it should, I believe, emphasize new possibilities by disclosing those hidden episodes of the past when, even if in brief flashes, people showed their ability to resist, to join together, occasionally to win. I am supposing, or perhaps only hoping, that our future may be found in the past's fugitive moments of compassion rather than in its solid centuries of warfare.

That, being as blunt as I can, is my approach to the history of the United States. The reader may as well know that before going on.



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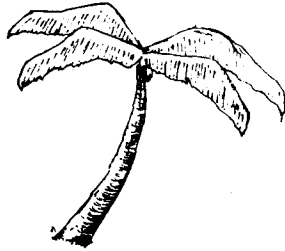
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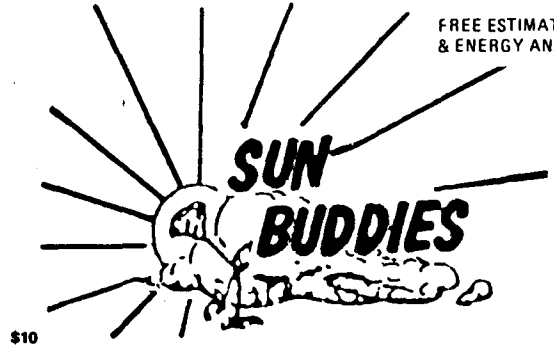
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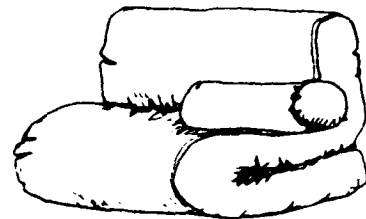
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Andy Mager

Making a Model Shelter

The Community for Creative Non-Violence, a national and local advocate for the homeless in Washington, DC; has offered shelter to over 1,000 men and women since 1984 in the old Federal City College Building in downtown Washington. For years, CCNV has struggled to raise funds to renovate the decrepit building. And, after almost 2 years of a difficult struggle to keep the building open and to hold President Reagan to his promise of financial aid, Phase I of building renovation is nearly completed and Phase II will begin this spring. Upon completion, the shelter will serve as a model for the nation. It will contain mental, dental, and medical clinics, an infirmary, and a drug and alcohol detoxification unit. The Shelter will also provide counseling, legal aid, literacy training, and employment advocacy. Right now, CCNV desperately needs volunteers and donations to help them through this transitional period. For info, call or write CCNV, 1345 Euclid St., NW, Washington, DC, 20009... (202) 332-4332.

Betsy Swart

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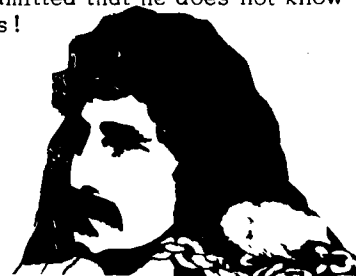
There's a stuffer enclosed in this issue of your PNL. It's from the Citizen's Network and it's about audio-cassettes that can help prevent nuclear war. These tapes expose the forces behind the arms race in frank and effective language. So please read the stuffer about this very special resource for peace.

Betsy Swart

"Our" Political Prisoner

On September 11, 1986 the 8th US Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of Leonard Peltier. While admitting that crucial evidence used against Leonard was not valid, the three judges deemed that this would not have changed the outcome of Peltier's case. In the words of Leonard's attorney, William Kunstler, "It is impossible for any judge to honestly reach this conclusion... In denying Peltier a new trial, the 8th Circuit has replaced the 7th Cavalry as the enemy of the Indian people."

Legal briefs seeking a new trial for Peltier have been filed by more than 50 members of the US House of Representatives; by the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and by diverse religious groups. Even the US Prosecutor has admitted that he does not know who killed the FBI agents!



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Yet the judges involved continue to ignore the evidence and the requests from respected members of society, choosing instead to protect the FBI from any admission of wrong-doing in this travesty of justice. Just as Sitting Bull was murdered unarmed; just as Crazy Horse was stabbed in the back; just as Chief Joseph's trust was betrayed; the modern US judicial system is involved in a continued conspiracy of deceit to deny justice to our brother Leonard Peltier.

We will soon be applying for a re-hearing of Leonard's case before all eleven judges of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. If this fails, we will try to reach the US Supreme Court with our pleas for a new and fair trial.

For further information, or to contribute money, contact: Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, PO Box 6455, Kansas City, KS 66106, (816) 531-5774.

Leonard Peltier Defense Committee

Peace Professionals Organize

The United States' first union for peace activists has been formed. It's called the Union of Peace Professionals. Union President Chris Brown says that people in the peace movement are in it for the "long haul" and to avoid burn-out they "deserve to earn a living wage and work a 50 (not a 60 or 80) hour week." The union will also implement a members' group healthcare plan which employers will be expected to compensate. The union hopes to bring unity to the peace movement and to call collective attention to the situation of peaceworkers. Members' dues are \$25 or 6 hours pay per year. Dues or comments can be sent to Ruth Landahl, Box 121072, Nashville, TN 37212.

Union of Peace Professionals



Deepening the Roots

A day-long workshop in Nonviolence will be held on Saturday, March 21. The event which is sponsored by the Peace Council, AFSC, the Fellowship of Reconciliation and other local groups will run from 1 pm to 9 pm at First Presbyterian Church Parish Hall, 620 West Genesee Street in Syracuse.

Dorothy Cotton, a veteran of the civil rights movement will give the keynote address on "The Challenge of Nonviolence." Workshops include: Spiritual Roots of Nonviolence, Conflict Resolution Skills, Ending Domestic Violence, Children and Nonviolence, Violence in Our Community: Some Causes and Cures, Transforming the Culture of Militarism, Nonviolent methods of Social Change, Confronting Institutional Violence: Racism, Sexism, and Classism, Jewish-Palestinian Dialog for Middle East Peace and Nonviolence and Liberation Struggles: Central America, South Africa, the Philippines.

Attendees will be able to choose two of the ten workshops. The cost of the workshop is \$6 to \$15 sliding scale and includes dinner. Please register by March 13 (c/o Fred Ruhe, 208 Grant Blvd., Syracuse, NY 13206. For further information, or a registration brochure contact Andy Mager at SPC.

-Andy Mager

Examining the Holocaust

A major national conference entitled "Power and Powerlessness in Light of the Holocaust" will bring together Christians and Jews in Syracuse on March 30-31. The conference will focus on the use and abuse of power during the time of the Nazis. Participants will assess the images, ethics and uses of power in these religious traditions particularly during the Holocaust, and point up the lessons that might teach us as a society to avoid the "destructive violence of power and powerlessness" in the future.

Dr. Irving Greenberg of the National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership, Rev. Edward H. Flannery of the Catholic Diocese of Providence, RI, and Dr. Paul M. van Buren of Temple University will lead the two-day conference. The conference, which is co-sponsored by the Syracuse Area Interreligious Council and the Jewish-Christian Dialogue Project of the United Church of Christ will include speeches and question and answer sessions.

Workshop topics are: "Guilt, Forgiveness and Remembrance within Jewish and Christian Traditions: Responses to the Holocaust," "Theology, Images of God, and the Uses of Power," "Israel and the Church: Exploring Our Stories," and one specifically designed for educators in public schools and in religious education programs.

For reservations contact SAIC, 910 Madison St., Syracuse, NY 13210, (315) 476-2001.

-Dale Hindmarsh

Sanctuary Caravan Visits

The Syracuse area will be visited in March by the second National Caravan of Salvadoreans for Peace and Justice. The purpose of the twelve person Caravan is to give Salvadoreans who have been victims of injustice in their country opportunities to describe their experiences directly to the North American people. They will be with us on Sunday, March 15 and will spend the morning visiting local churches and synagogues, and speaking to their congregations. Later, at 5:30 pm, a dinner honoring our visitors will be held at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church (100 Jamesville Rd.). The public is welcome.

In the meantime, Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary, which includes May Memorial Unitarian Society, Plymouth Congregational Church, Syracuse Jewish Sanctuary Committee, Pax Christi and the Friends' Society has been informed by the Chicago Religious Task Force that we are now fifth in line for a Guatemalan or Salvadorean family. This means that the arrival of a family is not far off and an effort is now in progress through a pledge/contribution campaign to secure two hundred and fifty \$5 per month pledges to support the family. Contact Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary (c/o MMUS, 3800 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13224) and make your pledge today.

-Phil Klein



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This welcome sign appears outside the Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona. It reads: "This is the sanctuary for the oppressed of Central America."

Give Peace a Dance

Looking for some fun? Spend a night with the Central New York Nuclear Freeze at their fundraiser, "Give Peace a Dance." This sixth birthday party for the Freeze will be held on Saturday, March 7 at May Memorial Unitarian Society, 3800 East Genesee St. The evening begins at 8pm and includes dancing to tapes and live music by Shelly Skloff and Jamie Notarthomas. The cost is \$10 (less will be accepted from low income people). Put on your dancing shoes.

-Virginia Parker

International Women's Day

March is Women's History Month and March 7 is International Women's Day. Among the events scheduled around the area to celebrate women's achievements and to plan for a feminist future:

- ▶ The Women's Information Center is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 7, from 9-1, at ECOH, 826 Euclid Ave., as well as a Symposium on International Women's Issues and an Open House in the evening. Call 478-4636 for times.
- ▶ Planned Parenthood is sponsoring a conference on "Single Women in the '80's", Saturday, March 7, at the Ramada Inn in North Syracuse. Call 475-5525 for info.
- ▶ Women's Week at LeMoyne College (March 2-9) will feature Castleberry and Dupree on March 5 and June Jordan on March 7. Call 445-4919 for info on other events.
- ▶ State University College at Cortland celebrates the month with lectures, films and concerts featuring Jan Phillips, Rachael deVries, Rosemary Pooler, Judy Gorman Gorman-Jacobs, and Bernice Reagon. Call (607)753-4312
- ▶ "Acts of Courage"--a multi-cultural performance featuring song, dance, poetry, art, comedy, and international food--will be held on March 14 at the Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 E. Onondaga St., at 7 pm. For more info call 474-1795.
- ▶ SUNY Oswego is presenting an exhibition of art works panels, films, and workshops on rape from February 15 to March 5. Call 341-2133 for details.
- ▶ The Herland III Festival of Women in the Arts will open March 28 at the Oswego Art Guild. Call the Guild at 342-3579 for details.

-Betsy Swart

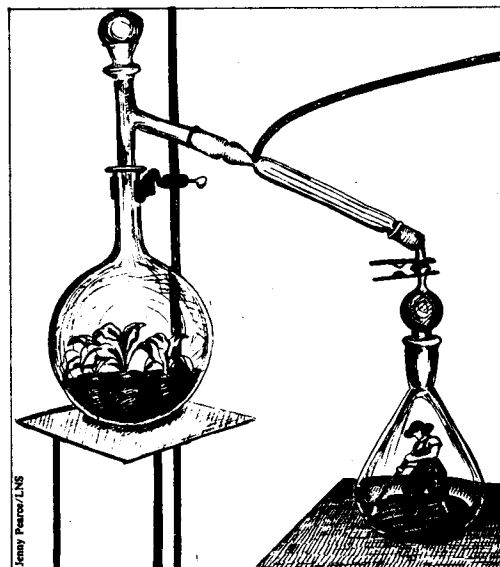
Discounting Foreigners

The Central New York Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union is sponsoring the second Julian Friedman Memorial Lecture, featuring Dr. Henry Shue, former Director of the Center for Philosophy and Public Policy at the University of Maryland. Dr. Shue writes on human rights, American foreign policy, and nuclear deterrence. Dr. Shue has testified before Congress on both immigration reform and human rights in the Soviet Union. He visited the Philippines and Indonesia during the late 1970's as an envoy of the USIA to investigate human rights violations. His current interest in the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), evolved from an attempt to understand political reasoning: human rights violations are important, but national defense comes first.

Julian Friedman was a leading American voice for international human rights. He co-founded the Central New York Chapter of the ACLU, served as its first president; and was a board member until his death in 1983.

The topic, "Discounting Foreigners," will focus on American attitudes towards human rights in other countries. It will take place on Wednesday, March 18 at Maxwell Auditorium at SU. The public is invited without charge.

-Marcy Landauer



New Directions in Ecological Education

A weekend conference on ecological education in the classroom, in the media, in community forums and political initiatives will be held on March 27-29, at Boynton Middle School in Ithaca. Entitled "New Directions in Ecological Education European and North American Contributions" it will focus on political and social ecology, and on European-US connections. Keynote by French social ecologist Claude-Marie Vadrot, theater performance by Ithaca group Dinosaur, three workshop sessions (20 offerings), and informational resources. Topics include hunger education and food gardening in Vermont public schools, the cold war and the ecological crisis, women's occupational and environmental health, and the ecological crisis on the Akwesasne Mohawk reservation. Pre-register by March 5. Sliding scale, suggested fee \$35 (meals included). Contact the Western Societies Program (sponsors), 117 Stimson Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853, (607) 255-7592. Promotional brochures are also available at SPC.

-Matt Lyons

Liteky to Speak

Charlie Liteky, the initiator of the Veteran's Fast for Life, will be speaking in Syracuse on March 15 and 16. He will speak about the Fast and his feelings about U.S. policy in relationship to Nicaragua. You can hear him at the Central America Dinner on Sunday, March 15 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, 1000 Jamesville Rd. at 5:30 pm (\$6-\$15), or on Monday, March 16 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Valley Drive at 7:30 pm (free).

-Andy Mager

Tamil and Sinhalese—Women Work for Peace

Condensed from Connexions

The following article was condensed from an article in the Fall 1986/Winter 1987 issue of Connexions, An International Women's Quarterly, available for \$12/year from Connexions, 4228 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland, CA 94609.

Ethnic Tension in Sri Lanka

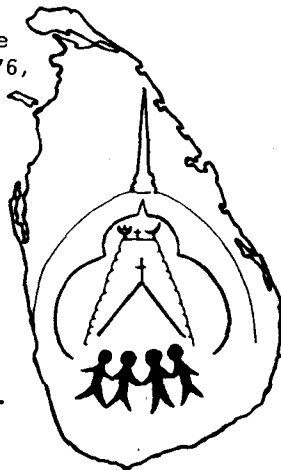
Sri Lanka is an island nation located south of India. About 70% of the population is Buddhist Sinhalese. The largest minority, the Tamils, consist of both the Ceylon Tamils who have lived there for centuries (about 12% of the population) and the hill-country Tamils (about 6% of the population) who were brought from India by British colonialists to work the tea plantations. Sri Lanka suffers from ethnic tension that has been aggravated by governmental discriminatory policies toward the Tamil population. The Sinhalese-controlled government, in power since Sri Lanka gained its independence from Britain in 1948, stripped nearly one million hill-country Tamils of their citizenship for 20 years until agreements between the Sri Lankan and Indian governments resulted in the repatriation of 60% of this Tamil population to India. The remaining group received Sri Lankan citizenship.

Violence against Tamils and riots generated by Sinhalese civilians, police and military have spanned the last 30 years. In 1976, the Tamils, having found no effective political voice within the government, formed the Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), which called for regional autonomy for the Tamils. As the party gained political strength, the Sinhalese reaction intensified, culminating in a spate of rioting directed against Tamils in 1983 which left an estimated 1,000 dead and about 100,000 homeless.

Today, Tamil organizations range in focus and tactics from parliamentary, legislative action to armed conflict.

Since the riots of 1983, the guerilla movement, whose goal is the creation of a separate state, has increased in size and now claims Jaffna, the northern peninsula of Sri Lanka, as a liberated zone. The military conflict between the Sri Lankan government and the Tamil guerillas has escalated. Human rights violations abound and this year Amnesty International is focusing on Sri Lanka in order to determine the extent of the imprisonment and torture of the Tamil population.

The women's movement in Sri Lanka has responded to this conflict on several fronts. The following is a description of two women's groups, written for Connexions by Serena Tonnekoon, a member of the Sri Lankan group Women for Peace.



Women in the South Organize for Peace

In response to the current situation in my country, a group of women from different ethnic, economic, social and political backgrounds in the South formed Women for Peace. The group initially got off the ground with a massive pro-peace signature campaign which called for an end to violence and appealed for a peaceful and just political solution to the ethnic problem. The enthusiastic response to this campaign led to a public meeting in Colombo [the capital] to decide the future course of Women for Peace. Soon committees were set up to organize and coordinate a number of activities ranging from a public-education drive to fundraising.

Of these, the most active was the Public Education sub-committee which produced a series of pamphlets written in Sinhala, Tamil and English. Our first pamphlet included stories of two mothers - one Sinhalese, one Tamil - who had lost their sons in the war. Both mothers ended their accounts with an appeal for an end to the violence. We distributed this pamphlet on International Women's Day in 1985 and subsequently made it available as widely as possible through the island-wide network of women's organisations. The Story of Two Mothers proved so popular that a second batch of several thousand pamphlets was printed for Women's Day 86.

Other pamphlets included a series of cartoons on the myths and realities of Sinhalese-Tamil relations. We distributed these primarily at the high schools where members of Women for Peace conducted discussions among students on the ethnic issue. In May 1986, we brought out our newest pamphlet which links militarism with violence against women.

In late 1985, together with a number of other non-governmental women's organisations which cut across ethnic and economic lines, Women for Peace organised the very successful Creativity Workshop for Women. The idea was to explore creatively alternative media for expressing our experiences as women. We learned how to visualise and arrange our ideas through posters and compose our feelings into songs. We also discussed each other's creations and our experiences of oppression. On the last day of this three-day workshop, we had a free discussion of the ethnic problem where Sinhalese and Tamil women were able to listen to the "other side of the story." For the Sinhalese women in particular, this was a difficult and enlightening experience since we in the South have little access to reports of life in the North that are not filtered through the state-controlled media.

Among the posters we produced, some dealt with the theme of women and militarization. One of our songs, which Sinhalese and Tamil women sang together, was an anti-war song. Thus, in spite of the barriers of language (which were circumvented by simultaneous translations that sometimes became collective efforts), we learned to sing each other's songs and communicate not only our differences, but the problems we share as women.

International Women's Day

Inspired by this success, we at Women for Peace organised our own workshop which was specifically intended to explore the theme of women and peace. This time we concentrated on visual expression and generated many extraordinary posters, a few of which were later printed while others were modified and printed as cards.

When it began, Women for Peace was mostly middle-class women in the South protesting against a war that was quite far removed. At the beginning we were reluctant to become "political" and decided we should remain "neutral" if we were to attract women from all shades of the political spectrum. However, as the ethnic conflict threatened to explode into civil war and as our society grew increasingly militarized, it became clear that any anti-war stance is a political one. We do not have a consensus on what sort of activism we should engage in. Our collective responses to each new development are often compromises arrived at through intense arguments and seemingly endless discussions. Yet, no matter how different our opinions are sometimes, we have forged a group committed to an anti-racist, pro-peace approach to the most vexing problem in our country. More importantly, we have come to recognize that it is not enough to join the existing anti-war citizens' groups, which are largely male. As women, we must provide our perspective on the ethnic problem and the destructive war which is tearing our country apart.

Women in the North and East Protest

Women in the North and East have also mobilised in autonomous organisations. The Mothers' Front in Jaffna was the first such group, followed by the Association of Mothers of Missing Youth based in Batticaloa in the Eastern Province. These women have repeatedly protested the arbitrary arrests and detentions of young Tamil males, some of whom have disappeared without a trace. In addition, both groups have provided help to refugees and protested the harassment of women by the state forces. Although under the current Emergency Law it is almost impossible to march or demonstrate, in early 1986 the Mothers' Front led a massive demonstration to protest the establishment of a Security Zone in the highly populated Jaffna urban area. Through their presence they prevented the local government offices from conducting their work. The Mothers' Front also sent a letter of protest to the president. A similar march was carried out in April 1986 by Batticaloa women who petitioned the Government Agent about their missing relations.

The new radicalism of Jaffna women has not been limited to anti-government protests. They have also criticized the sexist attitudes of militant Tamils. The Mothers' Front reprimanded one group which had put up posters in Jaffna requesting (Tamil) women to produce more children for the war effort.

Furthermore, partly stimulated by the recent upheaval of their society, Jaffna women have produced radical critiques of their position in a caste-structured, patriarchal society. Recently, there has been a flourishing of new publications in Jaffna. In addition to the appearance of the Women's journals Thaham (Thirst), Tholi (Woman Comrade), and Villaku (Lamp), 1986 has seen a

unique collection of poetry by Tamil women, titled Sollatha Seithikal (Unspoken Messages), published by the Women's Study Circle of Jaffna. In their poems, women question their male-defined status as sex-objects or inferior beings and reject their oppression by lovers, husbands and society.

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*An unrighteous elite who thrive at the top
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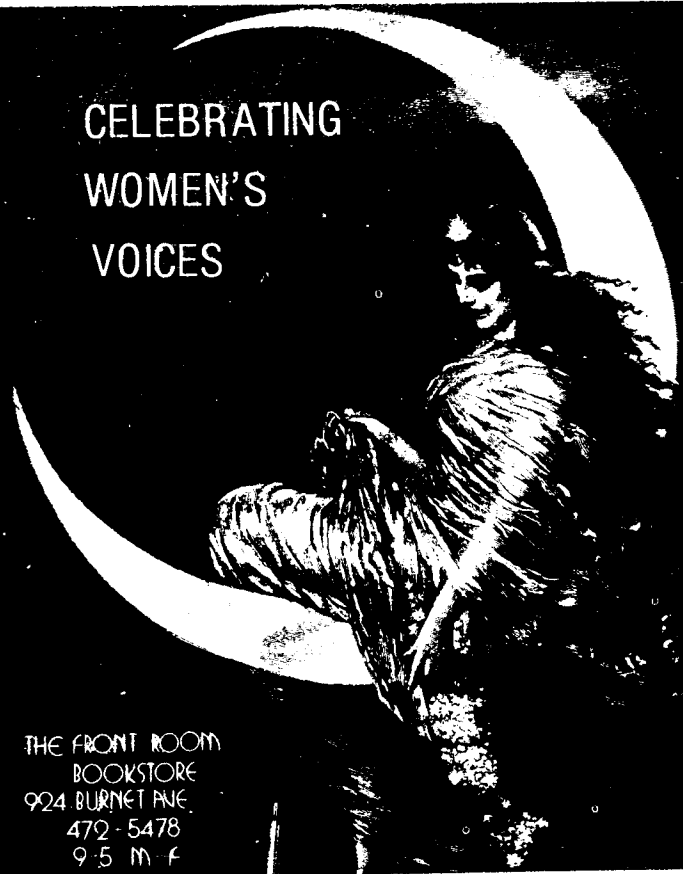
*Having nurtured sons-sent them to war
Mothers of the South are wailing
Their sons destroyed-Their daughters raped
Mothers of the North are wailing
Tears of both sides merge and flood our country
Where men are kings-where women are trampled
In such a world how can there be peace
May the sound of our voices spread-may it echo and re-echo*

*Without discrimination-without oppression
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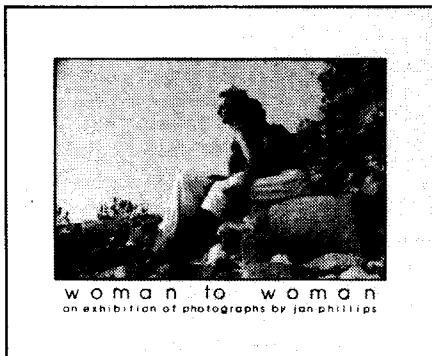
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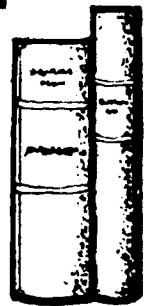
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International Women's Day Observed Through a Profile of Marjorie Banks

by Thabo Raphoto

March 8th marks International Women's Day. This day should remind us not only of Mexico City, Copenhagen or Nairobi - the sites of U.N. Conferences during its Decade of Women - but of local examples of women who have contributed to some understanding of international issues and trends. For us in Syracuse, I propose that this year we recognize local resident Marjorie Banks. Born in 1905, Marjorie is still travelling, learning about others, and learning about the world in which she lives.

At the age of 81, her life and work cover the entire period of U.N. peace efforts and planetary resources. Her connection with such efforts has been a close one, though she prefers to work mostly in local affairs in Syracuse rather than play the international role to which her talents and influence entitle her. What follows is a shortened version of an interview I conducted with Marjorie in August, 1982 and updated in December, 1986.

TR: Can I start by asking you what led to your interest in world affairs?

MB: When I was 14 years old, my great aunt took me "Down East" to see where my folks had come from in 1832 by way of the Hudson River and the Erie Canal. That made me want to see the whole world. I remember my cousin Helena showing me the china our sailor forebears had brought back from China when they were traders - sailing around the world; and how, as a result, I longed to see the whole world. In 1929, I was teaching in Rochester, but I was restless - I still wanted to see the world. The only acceptable thing that I could do was to go to New York City for a Master's Degree at Columbia University. What I really wanted was to see the world from the vantage point of living in New York City. This private conspiracy went well. For twenty dollars a semester, a student could purchase a season ticket for a major New York City cultural events at a campus auditorium at the corner of 116th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. I went often - and on weekends, I went down to the Art Museum. The world was at last opening up on a grand scale. Later on, however, I travelled to Peru, Mexico, Jamaica, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel, Egypt, Iran, India, Burma, Japan, Korea and 19 countries of Africa. The world was finally becoming (my) home.

TR: With your travels, and wanting to see the world, would you say as did Shakespeare that "the world is a stage" or would you say the "world is a sage" as did Buckminster Fuller?

MB: No! I'd say it was a sage for me. I travelled never as a tourist, and these were all private trips, privately arranged, staying in private homes whenever

Thabo is director of the Human Rights and Militarism at AFSC. He met Marjorie in 1976 and became a regular attendee at her home for rap sessions.

possible, meeting people who were in programs of the United Nations Development Programs (UNDP). Why I did this can be explained in what I am going to tell you. The First World War was going on during my early teens. I had nightmares about trench warfare in my front yard. After World War II and the founding of the U.N., the U.N. Technical Assistance programs, now called the U.N. Development Programs, had little money for public information programs. My house-mate, Lucille Smith, and I had enough experience in Third World countries to have outgrown cultural shock. So they - UNDP - gave us letters of introduction to their Resident Representatives in countries we were visiting, and this gave us the opportunity to learn what was going on and what they were doing and to go along on the field trips so we could see for ourselves.



TR: Did the UNDP headquarters give you letters of introduction as official representatives of an organization or as private individuals?

MB: Well, we were active members of the U.N. Association of Central New York, and when we came back, people invited us to talk; in fact, one winter we had thirty such invitations.

TR: Did you bring any visuals from these travels?

MB: Oh yes! We have 3000 slides. We didn't just have canned talk.

TR: How much time do you spend at individual learning efforts?

MB: Well, I've stopped - the writing project, that is - as of April this year (1982) because I've got involved with "Planetary Initiatives for the World We Choose."

Making the Connection

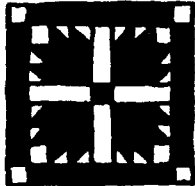
Naturally, a single individual can achieve only a limited effect, but if Marjorie is our role model, then here in our own community, we have the seeds of what makes International Women's Day have local significance. In talking with Marjorie, one easily ends up having a wonderful lesson in international peace and understanding. Since 1982, when my interview with her was initiated, Marjorie has gone on to other projects. The latest of these are networking and having the local U.N. Association take part in the discussions and actions which were held regarding the controversial ABC mini-series, "Amerika."

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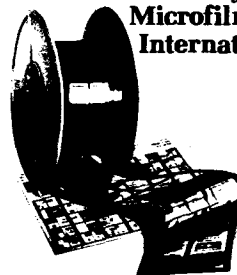
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Israel & South Africa: The Apartheid Axis

by Ed Kinane

In early February Israel reportedly agreed to begin phasing out arms sales and the transfer of military technology to South Africa. This long-resisted change results from pressure by the U.S. Congress and by Jews of conscience both here and in Israel. It undoubtedly is also linked to the announcement in mid-February that the U.S. has upgraded Israel to "non-Nato ally" status.

This status evidently means Israel now will be able to sign U.S. military contracts worth up to \$300 million annually. Israel is practiced in the art of producing and purveying arms. For over a decade it has zealously provided weapons and high tech to South Africa. Israeli know-how -- in exchange for Namibian uranium -- spurred the rapid growth of South Africa's nuclear capability.

The Israelis downplay their role in making the Apartheid regime the mightiest and militarily most self-sufficient state in Africa. Obliging, the U.S. media has done little to blow their cover. For example, until recently the partnership has been barely mentioned in the New York Times, a newspaper most attentive to Israel's welfare. Since the late 70's, according to the NY Times Index, that paper has averaged only one article a year linking Israel and South Africa.

Readers who want to know more about the close military and economic ties between these two nations can read James Adams' The Unnatural Alliance (Quartet Books Ltd, 1984). Locally, the book is available through the public library system, though not, interestingly enough, from the S.U. library.

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*Instead of saying the emperor is naked, we disparage his tailoring. But this perpetuates the cover-up just as surely as if we applauded his elegance.*

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Adams, a senior executive of the London Sunday Times, notes that Israel and South Africa have been allies since 1948, the year Israel became a nation. 1948 also brought to power the South African Nationalist Party. That party, the voice of the hitherto humiliated white Africaner, is the political arm of the Dutch Reformed Church. For the past four decades the Nationalists have led their people through the moral wilderness of Apartheid to the milk and honey of social dominance and high consumption.

Under the Nationalists, South Africa became the first country to formally recognize the new Israeli nation; its prime minister was the first foreign head of state to visit Israel. South Africa provided Israel with one of its first industries, diamond cutting, which now employs 15,000 people and is second to military sales in generating foreign exchange.

Ed has spent several months traveling in the Islamic world. He now wants to see Israel firsthand.

When Adams calls the alliance between Israel and South Africa "unnatural," he means that Israel is a child of the Holocaust and that South Africa is fascist. I use that term in its precise dictionary sense. Fascism was the policy of Hitler's National Socialist German Workers' Party. It used police state tactics to foster racist nationalism, national expansion, and state control of the economy.

This is likewise the policy of the Apartheid state. The disturbing question is: to what extent is it also that of the Zionist state? As South Africa becomes more like Nazi Germany, is Israel becoming more like South Africa? The two nations are not only closely linked, but have much in common.

In my 2/87 PNL review of Noam Chomsky's The Fateful Triangle I compared the two countries:

Both derive divine sanction from the Old Testament. Both are garrisoned settler states relying on cheap, disenfranchised labor and motivated by a master race mentality. Both are U.S. proxies, nuclear wildcards, regional superpowers almost universally condemned (outside the U.S.) for multiple breaches of international law.

And I referred to

the parallel ways these two warring tribes evict, exploit, and terrorize their indigenous neighbors.

But I deleted from my final draft the phrase, "Nazi-like," to describe the pogrom at Sabra and Shatila, the Palestinian refugee camps where in 1982 hundreds of unarmed women and children were systematically slaughtered. I censored myself, not because the phrase wasn't apt, but because I feared that readers, confronted with it, would close their minds to the entire article.

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Gandhi observed that tyranny succeeds only with the cooperation of the tyrannized. Similarly, lies and disinformation prevail only through the silence of those who know better. Cover-ups work because well-intentioned people judge that others aren't "ready" to face reality. Often activists writing or speaking in public stop short of saying what we know. By a kind of internalized red-baiting we calibrate our words so as not to depart too far from what we assume our audience thinks. Instead of saying the emperor is naked, we disparage his tailoring. But this perpetuates the cover-up just as surely as if we applauded his elegance.

Because the mainstream press defines issues narrowly, it assists the cover-up. For example, that press says little about how our allies-in-the-imperium, Israel and South Africa, routinely do our dirty work in the Middle East, Black Africa or Central America. And that press downplays how those allies abuse the human rights of captive people within their borders and within the lands they have annexed. Since our forums are few, when we speak--if we choose not to confront the nakedness--we must at least widen the issues.



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Forgetting Martin Luther King

To the PNL Staff:

I am writing in regards to your apology for "forgetting" Martin Luther King's birthday. This day is one of the most meaningful holidays of the year for Black Americans. As a teacher in the City School District, I can say that this holiday dominates the curriculum for the month of January. The PNL has pages of articles about human rights violations, even animal rights violations, all over the globe. If the PNL staff were at all in touch with the typical population of the city they live in, there would be no way they could "forget" Martin Luther King Day!

Then to apologize by saying "oops!" further trivializes this omission! The writer, who calls herself, "a white woman fighting racism" is "heading to the southwest for fun in the sun" and to massage school. Does she realize how hypocritical she sounds? The Peace Council wonders why they are not reaching a more varied population. Here is an obvious reason!

Sincerely,
Ingrid Fischman

I Await Your Response

Dear PNL Editorial Committee:

Re: The articles by Ed Kinane in the February & March, 1987 Peace Newsletters.

The last paragraph in the first article and repeated in the second article, serve only to increase feelings of anti-semitism. The entire cruelty and horror of the Israeli-Arab "war" is laid solely at Israel's doorstep. He states they exploit, terrorize and make war motivated by their "master race mentality". To say his views are one-sided is to understate his feelings.

What disturbs me the most is the "no comment" from the Editorial Committee. I am very interested to hear from you on your position concerning Ed Kinane's statements.

I have supported the SPC in one way or another for almost 20 years. Everyone has their bottom line. This is mine. I anxiously await your response. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Paley



From the Editorial Committee

Dear Barbara:

To answer your question about our position concerning Ed's statements, we quote from our publication statement (printed in each PNL, p. 3), "The opinions expressed in the PNL reflect the diversity of opinions within SPC itself." Thus, Ed's article neither represents a "Peace Council Position", nor something with which we feel all SPC members will agree. The feedback we have received about his article makes it very clear that this is not the case.

Ed's articles, we recognize, raised particularly controversial issues among our membership. In such situations we hope in the future to more consciously establish a positive format for all sides to engage the issue. We appreciate those who have taken the time to contact us about Ed's articles.

The Peace Council "educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist," (SPC Statement of Purpose). It has been several years since we have released an "organizational statement" on the Middle East conflict. But to quote from earlier statements, "At the same time that the Peace Council recognizes and condemns the rising anti-Semitism around the world, so too do we recognize and condemn military intervention by one country of another," (6-21-82), and "we call on Israel and the PLO to sit down and negotiate. Mutual recognition and a homeland for both peoples are prerequisites for any steps towards peace," (9-22-82).

We see the Peace Newsletter as a forum for discussion within the Syracuse progressive community. Thus, we believe it's important to print a variety of progressive viewpoints. We do not, however, want to print material which encourages violence or oppression. We hope you will

continue to participate in our dialogue, and to challenge us when you feel we have erred.

In Peace,
The Editorial Committee

Recycle, Don't Burn!

Dear PNL,

Bravo for Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner He Williams! He is reported as warning that the state won't issue a permit for Onondaga County's proposed trash incinerator ("resource-recovery plant") unless it is coupled with an aggressive recycling program. Bravo for County Executive John Mulroy, who is reported as saying recycling won't work. What kind of vision a leadership is that?

The proposed trash incinerator would be a serious environmental health hazard and might be an economic flop. Because the plan has been to burn everything, including plastics and disposed household chemicals, poisons would be produced by the process. Looking at incinerators in other places, we know that the extremely dangerous toxin, Dioxin (of "Agent Orange" fame) is released into the air. The ash left behind by the process contains concentrated, heavy metals which are placed in landfills and seep into the groundwater.

Regarding economics, according to the Citizens' Clearinghouse for Hazardous Wastes, trash incinerators run by local governments operate at a loss, which is subsidized by taxes. CCHW tells of a "resource-recovery" plant owned Lassen Community College in California. It began in 1984 amid promises of energy delivery and financial profits. But it turned into a financial disaster; the community college defaulted and is stuck with a \$16 million debt. Further, the plant is sitting on the campus and is designated as hazardous.

Recycling is part of the answer. Glass, paper, and metals are among the materials which can be recycled. The new state Bureau of Recycling and Source Reduction will hopefully encourage local governments by providing technical know-how and financial incentives and by helping, where necessary, with the marketing of

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A section on ecology is our greeting for spring. A look from inside the Burnet Park Zoo (p. 8), a resource list (p. 11), food irradiation (p. 12), and an appeal about the nuke plants in Oswego (p. 14) round out the section. We continue our ongoing coverage of Central America with two pieces about Nicaragua (p. 17 and 20) and a commentary on US immigration "reform". Paul Weichselbaum and Brent Bleier of New Jewish Agenda respond to Ed Kinane (p. 22). And finally, we report on the progress a year after the revolutions in the Philippines and in Haiti. And, of course, there's more.

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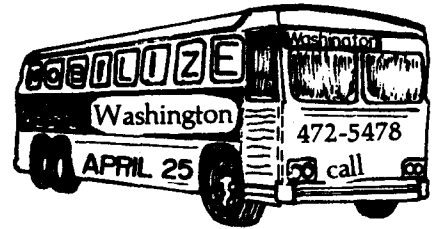
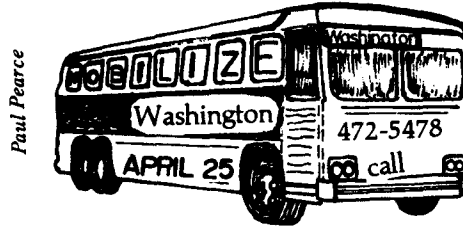
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House News

Things here seem to be going along quite well. The press has almost finished their renovations, and it looks terrific down there. All are welcome to go down and visit sometime. Carol was on vacation for a week. In her absence, Ron Shuffler came in full time. He started as part time Front Room staff, around mid-February. He added a lot of vibrant energy to the air which was refreshing. Andy Mager will be leaving us soon to go on a speaking tour. He'll be away for about a month. Plans are being made to redo the main floor a bit-keeping the foyer a bit more eye appealing, redoing the floors, and painting the walls. For those of you who've tried to make copies down here, you'll be glad to know the copier is going to be fixed!

A recent note in the message at the SPC House read: "All: I spoke with Dik Cool about NVS Films recently, at his initiation. He wanted to let us know that they wanted to change the official co-sponsorship from SPC to Syracuse Cultural Workers. I told him that the change was simply acknowledging reality, and to go ahead with it. PS: Lisa, please convey the above message to OM." Signed, Andy [Mager].

The note was met with amazement and strong opposition by the house and other Peace Council members. Carol felt that Andy M. had overstepped his decision-making bounds. Andy M. agreed. The decision has since been put on hold until there can be further discussion within SPC.

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

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

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

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the peace council page

Is 24 Hours too Long...

Just one day of your life. That's all we're asking for. Specifically April 25, 1987. Why? To put an end to all the inhumanity that is going on in South Africa and Central America.

Nationwide, people will be joining together to protest U.S. involvement in Central America, and financial support for apartheid in South Africa. Locally, we're trying to get people together to join this powerful movement. We've reserved the buses, now we just need people to fill them.

We'll be leaving Syracuse at 12:00 midnight on the 24th, and returning 24 hours later at midnight on the 25th. Tickets are priced at \$30.00 apiece. If you can't go yourself, any donations made will go to help subsidize the trip for another person. If interested, or need more information, contact SPC.

-Lisa Labeille-

Monday is Volunteer Night

Starting on April 6th, and following every Monday afterwards, will be VOLUNTEER NIGHT at the Peace Council. Volunteer night is designed to help fit the needs of the SPC volunteer with the needs of the organization.

There will be a lot of small jobs that need to be done on Monday nights, but we also want to make Monday night's a time when you can help the Peace Council with your special talents, whether it's painting and plastering, designing SPC literature, or planting geraniums in the front yard.

If you think you would like to volunteer, and have some Monday nights free, stop down and have a good time with other folks working for peace.

The Peace Council is located at 924 Burnet Street, just off Rt. 690 at Teall Avenue exit, or give us a call at 472-5478. We are open 9:30 AM-5 PM, Monday-Friday, volunteers are always welcome!

-Cletus Pinti-

Got Some Free Time?

Syracuse Peace Council is planning a couple of events for April and May, and we need all the help we can get! We're in the process of planning a dance party at the Landmark with some local bands, just set for Wednesday, May 6, look for more. Our second annual spring garage sale/auction will be coming up soon as well. So, when you do your spring cleaning, be sure you put aside anything that you don't want (clothes, furniture, knick knacks, etc.), and are willing to donate, so this year's sale will be bigger and better! Finally, for all of you who love to converse,

we will be having our phone-a-thon in either late April or early May, and will need volunteers to help with the calls. If you are interested in these events, or in helping in some other way, contact Lisa at SPC.

-Lisa Labeille-

Getting it Together

In the past month, a circle of energy has been forming. It's something that's been needed for a while now, and is finally coming together. A large support network involving Syracuse labor, community and peace groups is forming.

The format of the network was based on a similar group in Albany. It is the result of the efforts of Michael Richardson, Peter Kardas, Paul Collier and Dave Turner. Originally, there were two separate groups, which had formed in two different areas, but with the same ideas in mind. It was agreed that the two should come together to form one.

At present time, the meetings are mostly informative. Each month, we hear from two to three different people. They educate us about their issue and say how we as a network, can help them achieve their goals.

One of the more pressing issues brought up was the Coors boycott. There has been a nationwide boycott of the beer since 1977. The Coors company has made blatantly racist and sexist statements, and does not allow its workers to unionize. They've started to market their beer in local bars and grocery stores. **BOYCOTT COORS!!** For more info, please call the Syracuse Labor Council at 422-3363, or Dave Turner at 598-7405. Our next meeting is on April 28, at 7:00PM in ECOH.

-Lisa Labeille-

Just a Reminder

Our birthday dinner is just around the corner. It will be on April 3rd at Grace Episcopal Church (on Madison St. & University Ave.). The dinner itself begins at 6:00, and our guest speaker, Howard Zinn, will begin his talk, "Anti-Communism and U.S. Foreign Policy", at 8:00 PM. There is a sliding scale fee for the speaker of \$3.00-\$5.00, and for both dinner and speaker of \$5.00-\$10.00. Child care will be provided, and the church is wheelchair accessible. Please call the Peace Council for a reservation, as seating for the dinner is limited.

-Lisa Labeille-

Tax Day Events Planned

We have a lot of events planned for the next month, all revolving around Tax Day. Because we do have so many events, we will need as many volunteers as possible. Some of the activities include 1) a people's budget (as done last year with large jars and pennies) 2) people to carry pieces of a "budget pie" and dressed to represent their individual piece (for example the person carrying the military piece could dress up as RONBO); 3) an annual midnight vigil on the 15th, 4) leafletting at all of the events; 5) writing letters to the paper, and to representatives in congress, asking that the money go to programs other than the military. These are just a few of our ideas; any and all people wanting to participate, or help organize, are encouraged to call SPC.

-Lisa Labeille-

TAX DAY SALE

Sat. April 11th

11-6 pm

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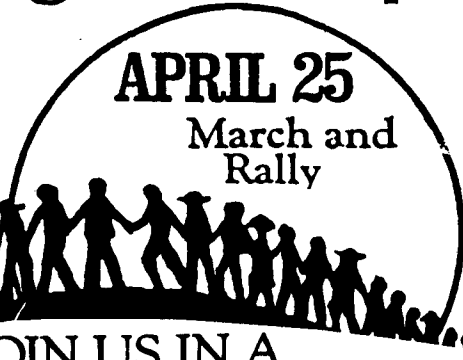
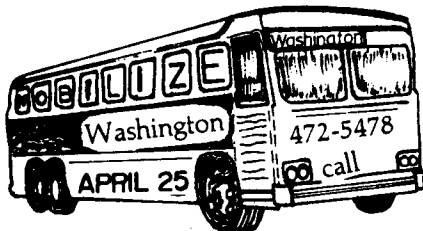
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Film : Journey

The War Game, a 1965 film by Peter Watkins, served to awaken many people to the threat of nuclear war. Despite being banned from TV, the film was widely seen and won an Academy Award. In the early '80's Watkins began work on another film about the arms race. Rather than pointing out the horrors of nuclear war, as did The War Game, Watkins chose to "focus on everyday people working to inform themselves and bring a halt to the arms race before a holocaust could occur." The Journey, 14 1/2 hours long, and filmed in 12 countries is the result of this project.



The U.S. premiere of the film will take place at the Stanley Performing Arts Center (259 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13502) from April 24-26. It will be shown in five parts: April 24 at 7pm, and the 25th and 26th at 1:00 and 7:00 pm. Reserved tickets for the entire film cost \$10. Tickets for individual segments will be available at the door for \$3. For more information, call Barb, 474-1132.

-Andy Mager

Earth Week at ESF/SU

On July 20, 1969, we successfully landed people on the moon. For the first time we saw pictures of our home--the planet Earth. People began to realize that the Earth is a small planet and the vision of the Earth united all people, because from space, we are one. The stage was set for Earth Day, first held on April 22, 1970.

The theme for Earth Week 1987 (April 6-15), at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and S.U. is "Share the Earth". The many problems that confront us in seemingly separate ways are, in fact, interwoven. Environmental issues, hunger, overpopulation, peace, feminism, politics, social inequality, nuclear power and weapons will be addressed in workshops, discussion groups, lectures, films, literature and entertainment.

Highlights of the week include: "Feminism & Ecology" with Ynestra King on April 8 at 7 pm at Maxwell Auditorium, "World Hunger & Environmental Issues" with Kevin Danaher, on April 9 at 7 pm at the Hall of Languages, Room 105, a "Celebrate the Earth" gathering and performance by Open Hand Theatre on April 15 at noon at the SU quad and a speaker from Greenpeace at 7 pm on the 15th at Marshall Auditorium (ESF). See calendar for full listings.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call John Graham, 424-0066 (eves before 9:30 pm please).

-John Graham

April Again

Are you outraged, as I am, that more than half of your federal income tax dollars support the nuclear arms race and our military misadventures? Are we once again going to hand our dollars over to support Reagan's unprecedented expansion of America's military without protest? What are our alternatives?

One alternative is to educate yourself and your family, friends, and colleagues about the military budget and the enormous sums which are being transferred from human services into such programs as MX, Trident and Cruise missiles and Star Wars research. Protest these choices to your legislators and in letters to the local newspapers. Join in tax day vigils and leafletting (see page 5 for further information about local activities).

Another alternative is to support the Peace Tax Fund Bill which will soon be introduced into the 100th Congress. It would change the Internal Revenue Code to allow those who are conscientiously opposed to war to designate that the military portion of their taxes be used for peace-enhancing projects, such as retraining workers displaced by conversion from military activity; working to stop the nuclear arms race; researching nonviolent means of solving international

conflict. The Bill had 50 cosponsors in the House last year.

Still another alternative is to refuse to pay some or all of your federal income taxes and redirect that money to peace and social justice work. Have you considered "just saying no" to taxes which feed our military addiction and threaten to ruin the lives of all people?

Noncooperation with the federal tax laws can take many forms. There are several national networks to help people think through the process, including the War Resisters League (339 Lafayette St., NY, NY 10012), the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Comm. (PO Box 2236, E. Patchogue, NY 11772) and the Conscience and Military Tax Campaign (4534 1/2 University Way, Seattle, WA 98105).

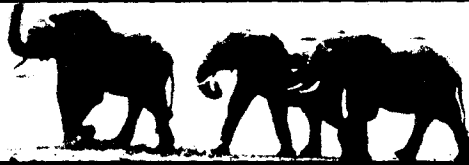
Our lives lack congruence when we work for peace

and pay for war. I am a war tax resister who has been feeling a need for a deeper exploration of these issues with local people. If you would like to participate in a study/support network on the history and philosophy of war tax resistance, please give me a call at 446-6883.

- Carol Tucker

The United States Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 1987

CURRENT MILITARY	40%	PART MILITARY	23%	PHYSICAL RESOURCES	9%	HUMAN RESOURCES	18%	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	10%
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Don't Fence Me In

A View From Inside the Burnet Park Zoo

by Betsy Smith



Our New Zoo

The St. Patrick's Day Parade took place in downtown Syracuse on Saturday, March 14. The crowd was one of the largest ever assembled in the downtown area. Practically everyone was having a wonderful time; the sounds of laughter and singing arose from out of the multitudes along the lengthy parade route. The parade included marching bands, multicolored floats, girl scouts, boy scouts, clowns, decorated buses and cars, and one of the biggest attractions in the way of entertainment--ROMANI--one of the Burnet Park Zoo's famous elephants who can perform a number of tricks on command, much to the delight of all the parade viewers.

My young nephew, Brian, attended the parade. Brian is a bright, enthusiastic, impressionable eight year old. I began to wonder what the concept of "elephant" meant to Brian. As a matter of fact, what does "elephant" mean to most of us. Close your eyes for a moment and think. What scenario do you come up with? I am willing to bet that the vast majority of readers would picture either a zoo or perhaps a circus with a large, lumbering animal, probably decorated with gold or silver chains and headdress along with a girl in a pink frilly tutu riding atop.



What's an Elephant?

Once again, let me ask for your cooperation. Close your eyes and conjure up the associated sounds and smells. The sounds may include a brass band or the music of a pipe organ at the circus and the smell--well, the smells of an elephant are well known. And so it is with my nephew, Brian. When asked "What's an elephant?," he responded, with much enthusiasm, "Oh, I've seen a lot of elephants--at the zoo, at the circus last year. They're real big and gray. They have long noses, and go to the bathroom all the time. They really smell. I saw one kneel down once and then balance himself on one foot. That was great!"

That is a description of an "elephant" from a typical eight year old. This majestic animal which has roamed the earth for thousands of years has been reduced to a freak circus performer that smells. And how is it that this young eager mind had formed such a conception of the "elephant." Could it be from what we (society) teach our youth?

Think back to last year when the Burnet Park Zoo had its grand opening. The event was a major happening in Upstate New York. This expensive grandiose new facility had been completed and was to take the place of that old horrendous institution we used to call the zoo. The new zoo was such a monumental improvement over the old that many forgot what the major purpose of a zoo is. Even the director of the zoo, David Raboy, has a hard time zeroing in on the zoo's meaning. One "purpose" of the zoo, which proponents always list, is that the zoo is an educational institution in that it affords students and adults alike the opportunity to view live animals which they might not otherwise have an opportunity to see. This statement can be challenged on several different fronts.

First of all, with advances in photography and cinematography, thousands of pictures, movies, documentaries and other audio-visual materials have been produced showing practically all the different animal species in the world. Children are exposed to exotic animals by the TV, primarily, and, I dare say, that it would be difficult to find a young person in this area who had never seen TV.

The view of animals captured on the screen is a tremendous way to study and learn about the different species. Film allows one to observe the subject animal in its natural habitat, displaying behavior which is truly unique to each organism. The observer has the opportunity to absorb the real essence of the animal. A zoo does not afford one that degree of appreciation. An animal interred at a zoo will somehow adapt to the frustration and stress of its captivity. In doing so, the animal loses what I loosely call, for lack of a better term, the "spirit" of the organism. Therefore, it is impossible for a zoo to offer the public much in the way of real education about animals. And what's worse--what is really detrimental, according to M. W. Fox of Animal Agenda, many zoos thoroughly miseducate; they exhibit unhealthy neurotic animals that in no way represent the true, full range of behavior of the species. The public learns worse than nothing. They "learn" that lions and tigers seem to sleep all the time and other animals constantly pace back and forth, and so on.

Animals are an integral part of the interrelated web of life. To put animals on exhibit as "specimens," torn from the very fabric of the ecosystems in which they evolved and which shaped their being, is a violation of

Betsy is a local biology teacher and animal rights activist.

the biological and spiritual unity of life. It is a reflection of our own warped impression of the world where we see ourselves as separate from rather than as interdependent parts of the biosphere.

Respecting Caged Beasts

Another "purpose" of the zoo expounded by proponents is that the general public will develop a deep respect for the non-human animals with which we share the world. Somehow the practice of taking animals from their natural habitat and forcing them to live in a completely foreign, contrived environment, having its natural instincts being totally stifled, does not seem the best course for instilling respect. What children do learn at the zoo is to accept the domination of animals without question, as a cultural norm. The idea that humankind is superior to all other species and that the whole of creation is at its disposal is perpetuated emphatically by zoos. This is an institution whose merits are heralded frequently by much of society and, especially, by those in education. As we know, institutions (such as zoos) are fundamental components of the established society and we often forget to examine what is taking place there, what effect it is having on the population, and if the institution should flourish or be abolished. It is well past the time for us to allow this atrocity known as the ZOO to exist.

A third position in the case for zoos is the conservation work carried on to save endangered species by breeding them in captivity. Let me suggest that the astronomical amount of money it takes to build and maintain zoos might better be spent on improving the environment and protecting the habitats of endangered species. It is estimated that at the present rate of habitat destruction that 500,000 to 2 million plant and animal species will be extinct by the year 2000. It is doubtful that the minimal amount of conservation work taking place at zoos will have much of an impact upon lowering that figure.



What's a Condor?

For further consideration, let me summarize a conversation I had with a prominent ornithologist who was working with the California Condor, an almost extinct species. He was very excited because at the time his research team was incubating two condor eggs. (There are only six condors left in the world. They lay their extremely fragile eggs on the rock cliffs of California. The egg shells have become so fragile because of the amount of DDT in the food chain.) Once the eggs hatched, the researchers planned to either raise the condors themselves or supply surrogate mother birds.

A question arose--when the newly-born condors become adults, will their behavior be atypical? Well, naturally. The condor will be imprinted by that species which raised it. The outcome--a condor with possibly human attributes, or vulture attributes, or chick-a-dee

attributes--will mimic that of the surrogate mother species. Is it then proper to call this unfortunate creature a condor? I think not. Once the last remaining six condors are dead, the world will never again have the opportunity to observe a condor in its natural habitat, displaying its natural behavior. That is a fact. There is nothing we can do about it now. Knowing that, would it not be best to let the animal--Condor--die with dignity rather than raising a species of aberrations? If an animal does not have the ability to survive in this world because of humanity's influence on the environment, let us not interfere further with the natural processes. Let the species die and work to change the environment so no others face a similar fate.

Let me conclude with some words from Gilles Ailland from a book, About Looking:

The zoo cannot but disappoint. The public purpose of zoos is to offer visitors the opportunity of looking at animals. Yet nowhere in a zoo can a stranger encounter the look of an animal. At the most, the animal's gaze flickers and passes on. They look sideways. They look blindly beyond. They scan mechanically. They have been immunized to encounter, because nothing can any more occupy a central place in their attention.

Therein lies the ultimate consequence of their marginalization. That look between animal and man (sic), which may have played a crucial role in the development of human society, and with which, in any case, all men (sic) had always lived until less than a century ago, has been extinguished. Looking at each animal, the unaccompanied zoo visitor is alone. As for the crowds, they belong to a species which a has at last been isolated. This historic loss, to which zoos are a monument, is now irredeemable for the culture of capitalism.

BURGER KING

Rain Forest Fact Sheet

If you've visited the new Burnet Park Zoo, you've no doubt noticed the Burger King outlet there. Burger King, a subsidiary of Pillsbury, is one of the corporations involved in the destruction of the tropical rainforests, parts of which are being cut down to provide grazing land for beef cattle.

The following is from World Rainforest Report, Jan. 1987, No. 8, and "Debauch in the Amazon", in Defenders, March/April 1985.

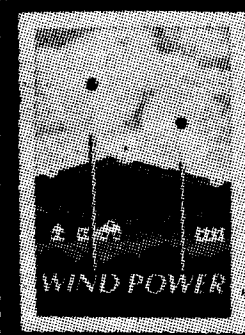
- * Rainforests are found in 56 countries spanning the equatorial belt and are estimated to be 150 million years old.
- * Since 1945, nearly half of all rainforests have been destroyed.
- * Current destruction ranges from 14-50 million acres per year.
- * If current trends persist, nearly one-fifth of the remaining rainforests will be destroyed or seriously degraded by 2000.
- * Since 1960, more than one-quarter of Central America's rainforests have been destroyed, for use as pastureland. At current rates, the rest of Central America's rainforests will be gone by 1990.
- * More than one-third of the world's oxygen is produced in rainforests.

-Jim Tu lman

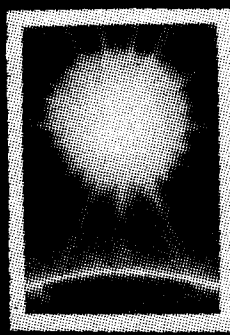
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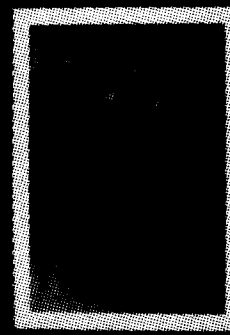
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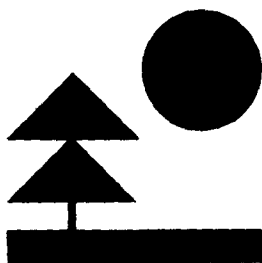
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Eco-Resources

This brief survey contains only a partial listing of the many organizations working for a clean environment. It does not include the many small, grassroots groups working in their towns and neighborhoods.

Central New York

Central New York Toxics Association
819 W. 3rd St. S., Fulton, NY 13069 592-9731
This new coalition represents 18 organizations, mostly local residents' associations. They have joined together to pool ideas and resources, work for uniformity in the responses of government agencies, and ensure adequate money to clean up pollution in Central NY.

NYPIRG (New York Public Interest Research Group)
732 S. Crouse Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210 476-8381
This local chapter of a statewide group helps organize local groups with environmental concerns. They are lobbying against proposed incinerators in Onondaga and Cayuga counties, and promoting recycling.

Sierra Club - Iroquois Group
350 Edwards Dr., Fayetteville, NY 13066 446-2230
They are investigating water pollution in Oswego County, home of 29 hazardous waste sites. They are trying to block proposed incinerators in Onondaga and Cayuga Counties and a proposed landfill in Rodman, NY.

Central New York Environment
P.O. Box 204, Jamesville, NY 13078
CNYE is a 12-year-old organization which publishes a

bi-monthly newspaper serving the Central New York region. It is a forum for education and communication and welcomes contributions of articles, photos and artwork.

New York State

Safe Energy Coalition of New York State
P.O. Box 495, Millerton, NY; (518)789-3797
This Albany-based coalition lobbies there for legislation on environmental concerns, including acid rain, nuclear power plants, citizen utility boards, nuclear materials transport, and for a safe energy future.


Toxics in Your Community Coalition
c/o EPL Institute, 196 Morton Ave., Albany, NY 12202
This group provides a forum for citizens to share resources, skills and information on how to deal with toxic contamination. Bi-monthly newsletter is \$5.00.

National

Citizen's Clearinghouse for Hazardous Wastes, Inc.
P.O. Box 926, Arlington, VA 22216
Lois Gibbs, who organized at Love Canal, now directs this group fighting improper disposal of hazardous wastes. They offer publications and a quarterly newsletter, included in \$15.00 membership.

Greenpeace
139 Main St., Cambridge, MA
The people who Save the Whales also use their well-known direct action techniques in helping seals, sea turtles, kangaroos, working for disarmament, and fighting toxic contamination of the sea. - Shelagh Clancy

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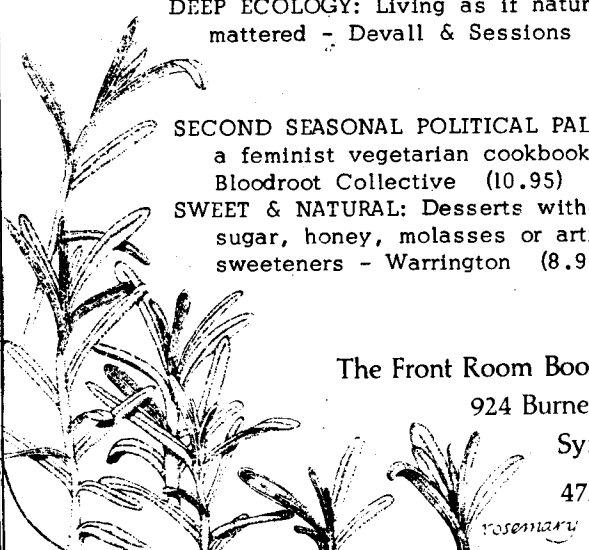
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Food Irradiation Preserving the Nuclear Industry

by Andrew Seltser

I grew up in a christian neighborhood called america where bold prophesies of the end of the world loomed mysteriously over my consciousness. That apocalyptic visions could seriously take hold in the hi tech society of the late twentieth century is interesting pot-party fodder; but it is also a terrible reality, for the means of annihilation are not only available but are constantly being manufactured and sold to an unknowing and apocalyptically-conditioned population. How else can we explain the easy acceptance of obviously deadly solutions to problems that could be solved in relatively low-tech, non-polluting common sense fashions.

Trash incineration (see Linda DeStefano's letter, page 2) and food irradiation are two such "solutions". A window of democratic opportunity is opening a bit via the force with which these issues are being pushed on an unsuspecting public: a massive education/organizing campaign (fought every step of the way by hi-tech profiteers) could conceivably turn the tide on these deadly technologies. Citizen involvement, like yours, will write that story. This story is about food irradiation, but the reader is urged to investigate all high technologies that offer quick and easy solutions, short term jobs, and long term health problems.

Background

The continuing saga of "Atoms for Peace," the government's post-war program to sell peaceful uses for nuclear energy, is finally finding a place on your grocer's shelves, in the kitchens of american consumers, and in the shortened life span of its taxpayers and tax resisters alike. Food irradiation (F.I.) refers to the process of exposing food to radioactive gamma rays, usually by exposure to Cesium. The stated reasons for this are: 1) to kill microorganisms which lead to food decay (preservation) 2) to kill insects and larvae, and 3) to kill pathogens in meats. On April 18, 1986, after 40 years of research and politics, the FDA approved irradiation for virtually all foods.

Is it Safe?

In 1982, FDA's panel of toxicologists looked at 441 studies on irradiation and threw out all but 69 for various reasons. IBT, a testing group involved in these tests, had their tests thrown out for reasons of fraud; their president and vice-president at the time are now in jail for fraud in these and other cases. Of the 69 remaining tests 37 said irradiated food was safe, 32 said otherwise. FDA narrowed the findings down to five tests that showed eating irradiated food was safe and used them as evidence supporting the safety and opening up a new industry. When FDA head Clyde Takeguchi was asked why they made such a sweeping statement based on only 5 tests, he replied that those tests had been tossed out as well.

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When asked what the FDA recommendation was based on he replied, "theoretical calculations."

In explanation, a major problem with food irradiation is that it creates unique radiolytic products (URP's) in the food. These are chemicals whose safety is unknown but shown in various tests to increase disease in mice. The FDA claims the URP's are produced in quantities too small to analyze. Nobel-prize physicist Dr. John Goffman claims that they can in fact be isolated and analyzed and until that is done, no valid claim of safety can be made.

Other problems include nutritional loss, which the FDA reminds us is the case with processed foods as well. Where once the recommendation was made to eat fresh

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fruits and vegetables to make up for the nutrients lost in processed foods, the FDA now recommends taking "supplements" to make up for nutrients that will be lost in irradiated food.

I will not bore the reader with findings from tests that have indicated the hazards of eating irradiated foods. NYPIRG can offer lists of such tests, including the much cited test in India in which children fed irradiated wheat for 6 weeks developed chromosomal damage, the control group developing no problems. Cancers, tumors, reproductive problems are a few of the benefits mice enjoyed from their irradiated meals.

Does it Work?

A study at the University of California in the 50's found "no use for irradiated food". Most fruits and vegetables cannot be effectively irradiated. It is recommended that meats be frozen and dipped in chemicals before irradiation to make them palatable. One of the touted benefits of F.I. is the elimination of preservatives and additives. However, the food industry is planning to add chemicals to make up for certain "undesirable effects" such as bad taste and discoloring.

Hidden Issues

The number one proponent of food irradiation is the Department of Energy, previously known as the Atomic Energy Commission. The D.O.E. is encumbered with the burden of disposing of nuclear waste from all military and commercial waste sites. States are not permitting waste sites, and the industry cannot clean up after itse

Yet DOE wants the nuclear industry to survive, so they have, during recent congressional testimony, stated their plans of integrating waste byproducts into the economy. One of their biggest problems is Cesium-137: half-life of 30 years, will be around for 300 years, makes up 55% of the radioactivity in the nuclear waste pool and only 3% of the volume. They developed the By-products Utilization Program (BPUP) which creates demand for their problem. Strontium 90, e.g., is being talked about as a heat-generating source for listening posts around the world. Cesium 137 goes to a network of mobile and stationary food irradiation plants across the country, and much of the problem is solved, providing they can gloss over any left wing eco-rhetoric about health concerns, increased cancer and mortality rates, etc.

But there is a more direct connection between the nuclear weapons program and F.I. The principal job of the DOE is the production of nuclear weapons. They operate facilities that produce plutonium needed to manufacture bombs. Currently, only one of their reactors is functioning (Hanford Facility, Washington State) and it will be full to capacity within a few years. So the country faces a plutonium shortage. Approximately 17,000 missiles are scheduled to be produced within the next few years. There is a lot plutonium in commercial waste sites, but a law passed in 1984, the Mitchell-Simpson-Hart Amendment, makes it illegal to use commercial nuclear waste for the production of nuclear weapons. So the DOE wants to go to commercial sites, haul out the waste to get the Cesium 137 for the food irradiation plants (that they just sold to the public via millions of dollars of propoganda) and in the process take out and stockpile the plutonium, having not

technically violated the amendment. Food irradiation is in many ways a pretext for getting at the plutonium for nuclear weapons production.

Alternatives

Freezing and processing are currently effective means of preservation. The hungry people of the world are not hungry because of inadequate preservation methods, as F.I. proponents claim. There is a new technology being developed which will process foods without nutritional losses. Australians are using Carbon Dioxide to rid of infestations in their wheat. Changing the balance of the atmospheres in storage areas is effective in preserving fruits. None of these methods will help dispose of nuclear waste, but they are all viable, non-carcinogenic alternatives.

Local organizing around the food irradiation issue is expanding. A Central New York Coalition is forming. On April 11, John Savagian, NYPIRG's expert on the subject, will conduct a workshop at Schine Center on the S.U. Campus, 4 to 6 p.m. All are welcome. For further information please call Lisa Price at 479-8385.

Wegman's Food Stores has reportedly said that they will not sell irradiated food, as have various food co-ops throughout the area. However, there is no way a consumer can know if a food has been irradiated. Check with your grocer. The food industry is not completely sold on this, and pressure from the retail outlets could make a difference.

Source: John Savagian provided much of the information in this article. ... many thanks.

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Nine Mile I & II: Tweedledum & Tweedledee

by Amy Hubbard

Will they or won't they? Should they or shouldn't they? How much will it cost and how long will it take? As the April 26 anniversary of the Chernobyl accident approaches, those were the questions Central New Yorkers were asking themselves as Niagara Mohawk (NIMO) struggled for months to avoid replacing Nine Mile Point 2's leaking main steam isolation valves. When after much testing, Niagara Mohawk decided to replace the valves to the tune of \$250 million and four months delay, ratepayers were not surprised. It was only one more of a long series of problems plaguing the 1080 megawatt nuclear reactor under construction 35 miles north of Syracuse. Nine Mile 2 is now slated to open 10 years late and cost \$6.4 billion, giving NIMO and four other New York utilities the dubious distinction of owning the most expensive reactor in the country.

But the first anniversary of Chernobyl reminds us that the constant stories in the media about cost overruns overshadow a deeper concern about Nine Mile 2 and its older, often over-looked sibling, Nine Mile 1. Just how safe are they? Can Chernobyl happen here?

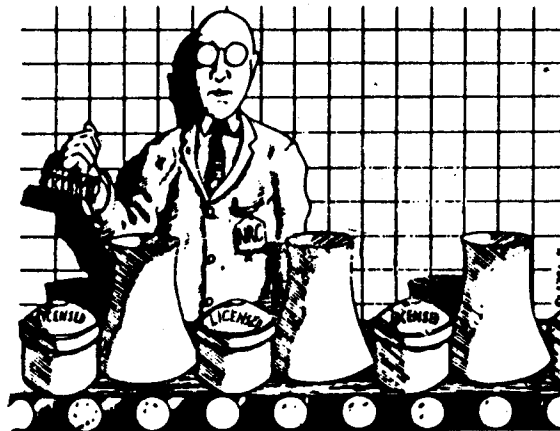
Immature Technology

The nuclear industry tells us that nuclear reactors are safe because they have backups to backups. If one backup fails another will kick in. If that backup fails, high pressure pumps will shoot thousands of gallons of water at the radioactive core. If the pumps fail, the thick concrete and steel containment enclosing the core will prevent radiation from spreading. And if that fails, evacuation planning will help the local people get out safely.

The problem is that the nuclear industry is still learning about its own technology. Over the years, the industry has been confronted with generic design problems that have caused accidents and forced shutdowns for repairs at reactors across the country. In 1982, the Ginna plant near Rochester suffered a serious nuclear accident because of steam generator problems that currently plague over thirty other plants like it. Even closer to home, the 610 megawatt Nine Mile 1 reactor is a classic example of the economic impact of design problems. Nineteen General Electric boiling water reactors like Nine Mile 1 have suffered for years from extensive cracking in safety-related piping. In 1982, NIMO shut down Unit 1 for 15 months in order to replace the piping. The shutdown cost \$65 million in repairs and \$39 million for expensive replacement electricity.

Even if we assume no design problems, backups only work as well as they have been constructed, maintained, and operated. Past experience has shown that minor malfunctions and operator error can lead to major accidents. Key elements in the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in 1979 were the failure of a critical valve to close and

an operator shutting down the emergency systems. Nine Mile 2 has a disturbing history of construction problems. Nearly 300 defective welds were discovered during 1979 and 1980, forcing \$2.4 million in repairs. In 1980, consultants severely criticized NIMO for failing to supervise plant architect Stone & Webster. In 1983, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission fined NIMO \$100,000 for falsification of safety records. In 1984, a Public Service Consultant expressed concern about quality problems and deficient welding.



And in the furor over Nine Mile 1 and 2, let's not forget their nuclear neighbor, the FitzPatrick plant owned and operated by the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY). A PASNY consultant has warned the agency repeatedly since 1980 that inadequate piping could cause a major accident at the 821 megawatt plant. Last year, environmentalists charged that the NRC allowed FitzPatrick to operate despite serious deficiencies in fire protection. FitzPatrick is no less a threat to Central New York than Nine Mile Point.

The common defense against criticisms like these is that they have been documented and therefore will be resolved. Particularly after Three Mile Island it was assumed that the NRC has implemented stringent new safety regulations. But the NRC's closeness to the industry has limited its effectiveness and many of these regulations have not been implemented. The NRC admits that it can at best audit the utility's own quality control programs. And when violations are brought directly to the NRC's attention, the agency has been reluctant to act. In 1981, the NRC was legally forced by a nuclear whistleblower to do a second investigation of construction problems at the Zimmer plant in Ohio after the first revealed no major violations. The second investigation uncovered widespread quality assurance violations and harassment of company safety inspectors. In 1984, the NRC voted to give California's Diablo Canyon plant a full-power license despite a flood of allegations at the last minute by nuclear workers and the vocal opposition of an NRC inspector.

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Several Nine Mile 1 and 2 workers have been so concerned about safety problems that they chose the lonely, courageous road of going public. In 1986, NIMO safety inspectors at Nine Mile 2 said they were harassed and reassigned to new positions for revealing construction problems at the plant. Nine Mile 1 technician Douglas Ellison went to the media when he found that NIMO officials did not take his allegations about safety violations seriously. Ellison also charged that the NRC botched their investigation of the incident.

Chernobyl Can Happen Here

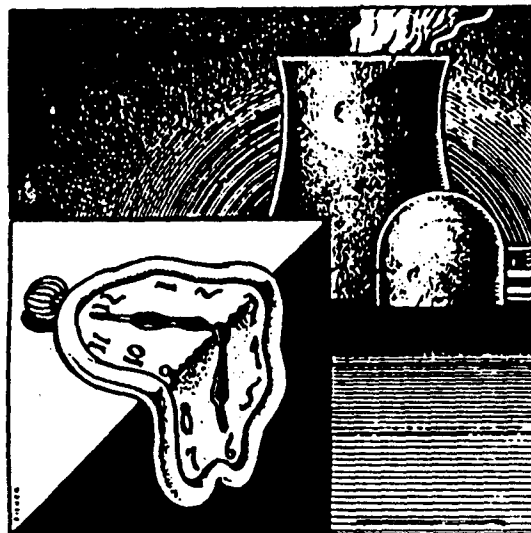
And what about these thick concrete and steel containments at U.S. plants so lauded by the nuclear industry immediately after the Chernobyl accident? Should the backups fail, should the operators err, and the fuel melt down, the General Electric Mark I containment at the Nine Mile 1 reactor could easily fail. The NRC's Director of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Harold Denton has said that the predicted failure rate of Mark I containments is 90%! In fact, the Chernobyl reactor did have a containment, one that uses a pressure suppression system similar to the General Electric Mark II containment at Nine Mile 2 plant. Furthermore, by law U.S. nuclear plant containments do not have to withstand the worst possible nuclear accident.

Thirty-one people died in the Chernobyl accident. Scientists have predicted that thousands of others will die from cancer. Soviet officials were forced to evacuate 135,000 people and 19,000 cattle living within 19 miles of the plant. People living up to 50 miles north of Chernobyl have been told that they can never return to their homes. The fallout over Scandinavia was so bad that thousands of reindeer had to be destroyed, ruining the livelihood of nomadic herders in the area.

Yet in the U.S., evacuation planning is limited to an area within ten miles of the plant, even in highly populated areas. And now the NRC and the nuclear industry want to make evacuation zones even smaller in order to bypass the opposition of state and local governments. For example, the state of Massachusetts's refusal to participate in evacuation planning for the nearby Seabrook plant has prevented the New Hampshire plant from getting its full-power license. Suffolk County has also refused to cooperate with evacuation planning for the Shoreham plant on Long Island. To counter the NRC move, several members of Congress have introduced bills that would strengthen state control over evacuation planning and maintain the 10 mile evacuation zone.

In the event that a Chernobyl did happen here, liability for the entire nuclear industry is limited by the Price-Anderson Act to only \$700,000. An NRC-sponsored study has shown that the worst possible accident at Nine Mile 1 alone could cost up to \$66.2 billion. Yet, because of Price-Anderson, victims of a major nuclear accident could only collect pennies on the dollar for damages to life and property. The Price-Anderson Act is up for renewal in Congress this summer. Environmentalists will push to remove limits on liability and for full victim compensation.

APRIL 7: "Nuclear Power: Wasteful, Expensive & Dangerous" Amy Hubbard, 1 pm, ESF campus, Moon Lib. Conference Rm. Free, 424-0066.



Cutting Butter with a Chainsaw

We continue to live with the possibility that Chernobyl can happen here. And why? The alternatives are not only viable; they're cheaper than nuclear plants and more reliable. In 1983, the Congressional Research Service found that if utilities invested in only half the cost-effective conservation measures available, new construction of central generating plants could be avoided until the year 2000. Merely upgrading energy efficiency standards for refrigerators, air conditioners, furnaces, and boilers in New York State would reduce statewide electrical demand by 750-950 megawatts by the year 2001, the equivalent of Nine Mile 1. In fact, nuclear power is now so expensive that even the Atomic Industrial Forum, a utility lobby, finally admitted this year that coal-fired electricity is cheaper than nuclear power.

What will it take to get us out of this mess? If you are tired of waiting for Niagara Mohawk to see the light and the NRC to do its job, here are two issues you can write your legislators about: *Write your Congressperson asking him/her to vote for legislation that strengthens state control over emergency planning and maintains the 10 mile evacuation zone. *Ask him/her to vote for full victim compensation and no limit on liability when the Price-Anderson Act comes up for renewal.

*Get involved in events commemorating the first anniversary of Chernobyl to be held in late April or early May. For more information, call Diana Ellis, 492-6922, or Amy S. Hubbard, 471-6447.

For more information on emergency planning: Nuclear Information and Resource Service, 1616 P St., NW, Suite 160, Washington, DC 20036. On Price-Anderson: the Price-Anderson Campaign, P.O. Box 15391, Washington, DC 20003.

Book Review—

Seeing Green: The Politics of Ecology Explained

by Jonathon Porritt. Blackwell. 1985

by Linda DeStefano

Turning it Around

What political parties unabashedly give central focus to the environment? The Greens in Europe and now in the U.S.

Jonathon Porritt tells us about these parties, especially the Ecology Party (the Greens in England). Rather than the dispassionate style of a neutral observer, Porritt's writing is personal and passionate. It is also clean and concise, pregnant with information, clarified with vivid examples, and brightened with humor.

The Greens go beyond the labels, "conservative" and "liberal" or "capitalist" and "communist" to examine society and politics in a fresh way. This freshness was symbolized by the West German Green Party members who were newly elected to the Bundestag:

After a tremendous fuss about seating arrangements in the actual chamber, the twenty-seven Green MP's had been placed, two by two, in a long thin row between the two major parties. They had decided that they would wear their ordinary clothes in the Bundestag, and that for the opening they would each take some plant or small tree to show their commitment to the politics of life. When I first heard that, my heart sank, presuming in my 'rational' way that they would look silly; jokes about 'flower-pot people' were surely the last thing we wanted to encourage. And yet, when I saw them in that drab, lifeless chamber, surrounded by hundreds of men and on either side two women all identically dressed in sombre black, they made such a splash of vibrant, living colour as to make my earlier scruples appear mean and trivial. There was nothing irrational in what they did, for as greens our primary concern is to remind people of our inseparable links between ourselves and the planet on which we depend.

Green Principles

What principles describe the Green parties? Porritt suggests the following: reverence for the Earth and for all its creatures; willingness to share the world's wealth among all its peoples; prosperity achieved through sustainable alternatives to the rat race of economic growth; lasting security achieved through non-nuclear defence strategies and considerably reduced arms spending; rejection of materialism and the destructive values of industrialism; recognition of the rights of future generations in our use of all resources; emphasis on socially useful, personally rewarding work, enhanced by human-scale technology; protection of the environment as a precondition of a healthy society; emphasis on personal growth and spiritual development; respect for the gentler side of human nature; open, participatory democracy at every level of society; recognition of the crucial importance of significant reductions in population levels; harmony between people of every race, colour and creed; non-nuclear, low-energy strategy, based on conservation, greater efficiency and renewable sources; emphasis on self-reliance and decentralized communities.

Linda is taking Porritt's philosophy to her (green) heart by fighting the proposed Onondaga Co. garbage incinerator (which will produce toxins).



"Seeing Green" means looking at the world with different eyes--so that the world view tacitly, unconsciously adhered to by most people in government, corporations, and the media is exposed in its irrationality and tragic inadequacy. One way to inject reality into the industrial "growth is always good" mentality is to turn around the corporate tactic of balance sheets and cost-benefit analyses. Corporations manipulate these devices when they "externalize"

environmental costs so that society as a whole pays for them rather than the business which is making the profit. If Greens demanded that the balance sheet include all the hidden costs, a realistic, comprehensive cost-benefit analysis could be made. Example: Agri-business promotes a short-sighted philosophy which ignores the long-term consequences of capital-intensive, poison-intensive farming. The use of agri-business techniques depletes the soil, poisons the produce and the environment and thus destroys the basics upon which a livelihood (for family farmers) or increased profit or tax breaks (for corporate owners of farms) depend.

In its Sept./Oct. 1984 issue, AGENDA magazine reprinted a plank of the platform of the West German Green Party; I found it surprising for a political party (especially one that actually has members elected to the government): "Animals should no longer legally be considered 'things' but should receive a special legal status. Cruelty to animals must be severely punished."

Porritt expands on this Green position by pointing out the fundamental connection between humans and other beings. For Greens, "It isn't enough to protect animals for practical, self-interested reasons alone; there is also a profoundly moral concern, rooted in our philosophy of respect for all that dwells on this planet." He then lists the short-term and long-term changes needed to end human abuse of other animals. It is clear that profound institutional and personal change must occur if we are to save our beautiful planet.

There are many Green groups in NYS. Closest to Syracuse is Mohawk Valley Greens, c/o Roger Chambers, 1209 Warren St., Utica 13502, 1-797-7657. For news of the Green movement, subscribe to SYNTHESIS, P.O. Box 1858, San Pedro, CA. 90733. Free sample copy.

SEEING GREEN is available at The Front Room and at the Onondaga County Public Library.

Supporting Women's Health in Nicaragua

by Mary Leahy

While every day brings more revelations about the Reagan administration's illegal activities in Nicaragua, the U.S. sponsored Contra war continues. An average of 100 people a month are killed by the Contras, significant in a country with a population of 3 million. Many more are raped, maimed, or kidnapped. The war is creating tremendous pressure on the Nicaraguan economy, as 50% of scarce revenue is spent on defence. This impacts greatly on health care and social programs. Syracuse Friends of Madre and the Syracuse Peace Council have launched a material aid campaign, responding to the critical emergency in health care in Nicaragua.

We are currently focusing on raising money and supplies for the Bertha Calderón Women's Hospital in Managua, Nicaragua. Last summer, Syracuse Madre sent \$14,000 worth of medical supplies to the Bertha Calderón Hospital. The Peace Council and Madre working together hope to double that amount, raising \$28,000 worth of life-giving aid. This is a very ambitious goal, and we will need your support to meet it.



Bertha Calderon Women's Hospital

Bertha Calderón is the first women's hospital for gynecological and obstetric treatment in Nicaragua. The hospital has 245 beds, provides emergency services 24 hours a day, and consultations in 14 outpatient clinics. In addition, Bertha Calderón has a maternal milk bank that promotes nursing. Hospital service is greatest in the area of birth assistance, with an average of 45 births a day.

AMNLAE, the Nicaraguan women's association, wants Bertha Calderón Hospital to become a model health facility, but they are constantly struggling with shortages of medical supplies and supplies for the electrical plant.

I recently spoke with Sandra García, a staff member from Madre in New York City. She had just returned from Nicaragua where she visited the Bertha Calderón Women's Hospital. Sandra told me that they desperately needed cloth diapers and dried milk.

Vivian Stromberg and Zala Chandler, Madre members from New York City, visited Nicaragua in early 1987 and also went to the hospital. They saw two women in labor sharing a bed, and an infant wearing an adult-sized oxygen mask because there weren't any infant-sized masks available. Vivian and Zala shared these stories with 25 people who attended a brunch in Syracuse in late February.

The U.S. is sending \$40 million worth of weapons to continue the destruction perpetrated by the Contras in Nicaragua. We can say "no" to that destruction by supporting the women of Nicaragua as they work to survive and to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Mary is a member of Syracuse Madre.



Humanization of Health

In September of 1985, at the National Assembly of Women from throughout Nicaragua, AMNLAE re-affirmed a high-priority commitment to the specific needs of women, and especially to the health needs of women and children.

They initiated, with government health officials, the "humanization of health" campaign. This involves health care and also education for women on all issues relating to their health, including family planning. The humanization of health campaign in Nicaragua reflects the need for women everywhere in the world to have access to health care and health education, to enable women to take better care of themselves and their children.

The World Health Organization has given an award to Nicaragua for its health programs every year for the past five years. The infant mortality rate has dropped by 30% in five years and is now the lowest in Central America. There is a nation-wide free hospital system, with numerous rural clinics, and vaccination campaigns have almost eliminated polio, whooping cough, and diphtheria.

Child care centers and health care facilities are special targets of the Contras. Numerous rural clinics have been destroyed and health care workers are often victimized by the Contras.

How You Can Help

We ask you to support the women and children of Nicaragua:

\$1.35 will buy a feeding tube--2,500 are needed in the Neonatology Department of Bertha Calderón;

\$6.00 will buy a dozen cloth diapers;

\$20.00 will buy 60 quarts of dried milk.

Send checks to "Material Aid Campaign":

Syracuse Peace Council

924 Burnet Avenue

Syracuse, N.Y. 13203

For further information, or to volunteer, call Carol Baum at SPC, or write to the above address.

We have a detailed list of needed medical supplies which was given to Madre by AMNLAE and hospital personnel. If you have access to any medical supplies please contact Carol Baum.

Madre has access to warehousing and shipping facilities through Church World Services and the Quixote Center. Madre representatives meet every shipment and ensure that the materials reach their destination.

The Syracuse Campaign is part of a National Madre campaign to raise 1 million dollars worth of material aid. Madre has sent over \$400,000 in aid to health care and children's facilities in Nicaragua.

New Immigration Law Hits Home

by Steve Rosenberg

A crisis for refugees hit the Plattsburgh area recently as a result of immigration law changes in the United States and Canada. This crisis has eased for now, but both because the immediate resolution exemplified good community cooperation and because similar problems may recur by June, it is worth recounting the recent developments.

Last November, President Reagan signed into law an immigration "reform" bill. A key provision makes it illegal for unregistered aliens who have entered the United States since 1982 to be employed in this country. Penalties may be levied against employers for violation of this provision. This Simpson-Rodino bill, a supposedly moderate successor to the Simpson-Mazzoli bill to which Latino groups and progressive activists objected very strongly, is politically consistent with California's voters making English that state's "official language." It is part of the current trend to "regain control of our borders" from hordes of non-white foreigners. As with



its policies toward Nicaragua and toward El Salvador--and even its relaxation of civil rights law enforcement--what we are seeing are various attempts by our government to use stringent measures to "protect us" from people who are different, especially non-whites. This circle-the-wagons approach, whether implemented bureaucratically or militarily, is manifested in this law as yet another attempt to deal with the world's complexity and diversity in a way which is not realistic, much less humane.

Although enforcement of the law is not to begin until June 1, 1987, unregistered refugees who have entered this country since 1982--or who cannot prove that they registered before that time--have been understandably concerned about their own prospective situations. Many refugees have responded by attempting to move to Canada as soon as possible, which makes that country's legal changes relevant.

For years, Canada has been willing to take in up to 17,000 political refugees per year. The procedure has been for people wanting asylum in Canada to register with the Canadian government and then to have to leave

Canada--for approximately 45 days--while awaiting a hearing. It is this waiting period which has occasioned the recent problems. In May, 1986, Canada implemented an expedited registration procedure which waived the waiting period for people from 18 selected nations. These countries, including a number in Central America or South America, were places for which the need for political refugee status was deemed particularly great.

After the new US immigration law was signed last November, up to a thousand people per week began applying for entry into Canada. Many people were from Cen-

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tral America and did not want to face the prospect of return to the death squads in El Salvador or Guatemala following deportation. This straining of its immigration bureaucracy's capacities caused Canada to eliminate the expedited procedure, effective February 20, 1987. This meant that people from those countries, like everyone else, had to spend the waiting period outside of Canada.

This change in the Canadian regulations, on top of the exodus from this country which had already begun in reaction to the new US immigration law, meant that crowding problems became serious on the US side of the two countries' border. For Syracuseans, the closest connections to these developments were in the Plattsburgh and Buffalo areas.

The Plattsburgh Story

An interview with Tom Schmitz, Director of Human Services for the Empire State Division of the Salvation

"The situation provides yet another illustration of how our government's actions...affect us here in Central New York."

Army, disclosed that on the first day after Canada's change in regulations went into effect, 68 people needed a place to stay in the Plattsburgh area while awaiting a hearing in Canada. On the second day, there were 86 more people, and an additional 100 appeared on the third day. This influx sorely tested the energies and resources of the Plattsburgh community--but the test has been met for the moment.

On February 20, when the need for housing began, the Red Cross's initial response was to send people to motels. As the numbers increased, the Red Cross contacted the Plattsburgh Salvation Army. A shelter was quickly opened, and on the fourth day of the crisis, a second shelter was opened. On March 8, the two shel-

Steve is a longtime PNL reader who's finally meeting all the people he's been reading about all these years.



by Martha Swan

Letters From Nicaragua



Martha Swan is a lay Syracusan commissioned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse to work with the Nicaraguan people for a period of two years, until the end of August, 1987. The following are excerpts from one of her newsletters.
--Angus MacDonald

October 1, 1986

Dear family and friends,

Greetings from Nicaragua. I hope this letter finds you happy and in good health....

I was especially busy during the summer months, which is actually the Nicaraguan winter and the rainy season. Campesinos (peasants), farmers, and ranchers awaited the "agua de mayo", the May rains, to revitalize their fields. Finally the rains came. Milk and eggs appeared again in the cities. Corn and beans were planted on the hillsides, cotton on the Pacific plains of Leon and Chinandega. Rivers flowed and Nicaragua blossomed in all her glory.

Ironically, the rainy season brought an increase in contra activity. It enabled contra soldiers to travel and take cover under the dense vegetation, replenish their water supplies, and plant land mines on public roads and hover in the brush, automatic weapons ready in case anyone survived the mine blast.

On July 2, only days after the US Senate approved \$100 million for Ronald Reagan's "freedom fighters," contras planted an anti-tank mine on a public road in mountainous Jinotega. 36 unarmed people, mostly women and children, were killed when the mine exploded underneath the public transport vehicle in which they were traveling. The testimony of the only survivor, an evangelical pastor, and the newspaper photographs of families carrying caskets and plastic bags with the victims' remains, echoed the agony and horror of that single act to every corner of the country.

Winter here also brings an increase in the number of international visitors to Nicaragua. My work could be divided into moments of accompanying and being accompanied by Nicaraguans as well as North American visitors. I worked 3 delegations--2 Witness for Peace groups and STEP, the high school students from the Syracuse area.

"Accompanying" North Americans means learning right alongside them and introducing them to the language, people and places, and information I've become familiar with living in the provinces of Leon and Chinandega. "Accompanying" Nicaraguans requires more sweat, waiting, worship, and reflection on death and the value of life than most gringos are accustomed to: carting and laying bricks at a housing project in north-

ern Chinandega; simple meals with families and exchanges with students in Leon; hauling water on our heads and cleaning outhouses; worship on the porch at Los Hornos; attending the dedication of the school in El Lagartillo, rebuilt after contras destroyed it nearly 2 years ago; walking 22 kilometers and praying with Nicaraguans and Europeans in Achuapa on the one-year anniversary of the contra massacre of 14 campesinos; placing crosses outside of Somotillo for 6 victims of a contra ambush.

But, truly, I am being accompanied by people whose faith in God is resilient to many blows and relevant to the everyday struggles in their families, communities and country.

Many of you in Syracuse may have heard or read the testimonies of Chantal Bianchi and Florentina Perez who are presently touring 21 US cities. For nearly 4 years, Chantal and her husband, Mauricio Demierre, both Swiss citizens, lived and worked among the poor in the areas named above. 7 months ago Mauricio and 5 Nicaraguan women, including a 15-year-old girl, were killed outside of Somotillo by a contra mine explosion and machine gun fire. Florentina's husband, José Angel, and teen-age daughter Zunilda, were among 6 civilians killed when contras attacked their rural community, El Lagartillo, on New Year's Eve 1984....

Last Saturday, Chantal and I went to a Mass at Santa Teresa, a cattle and basic grains cooperative of 28 families located 6 kilometers from Somotillo. Nearly everyone was there, even Jorge who was granted overnight leave from military reserve duty so that he could be present with the others to commission Florentina and Chantal....

(I recalled my own commissioning at Aquinas House last August. So many of you were there. Like Chantal and Florentina, I need the prayers and love of family and friends.)

As I watched them deliver letters and murals drawn by the children and listened to the intensity of their prayers, I realized that these campesinos, many of whom have never even been to Managua, need Chantal and Florentina to go to the States. They authentically voice Nicaragua's suffering, having felt the war "en su carne propia", in their own flesh. Yet their testimonies also reflect their hope for peace in Nicaragua, a hope that lies in God, in prayer, and in speaking the truth to you, their North American brothers and sisters....

I hope that when I return to Managua your letters will be waiting! My new mailing address is: Martha Swan, PO Box 567, Durham, NC 27702-0567. Mail (packages included!!!) received at this address will be hand-delivered. I look forward to hearing from you.

Love,
Muffy
(Martha Swan)

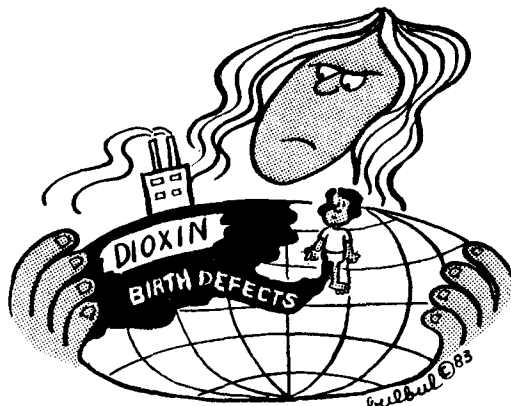
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recycled materials. A study by the Environmental Defense Fund indicates, even in strictly economic terms, large-scale recycling would be better than the planned five new incinerators for New York City.

Another part of the answer is source reduction. Industries can be encouraged or mandated to use, sell or trade (with other industries) by-products of their manufacturing processes. Thought should be given to banning some materials, such as styrofoam, which is not biodegradable and is used only once and then discarded. Some plastics will biodegrade, and perhaps these are the only kind which should be allowed to be manufactured.

Changes are also needed in individual thinking. Each person needs to think about buying materials which are recycled or re-useable and discard the "Use it once; throw it out" mentality. Onondaga County's proposed trash incinerator encourages just the opposite. In order to make the huge facility economically feasible, a huge volume of trash is needed and will be encouraged and

solicited. This goes against the environmental, health and financial sense of less trash burned, not more.



Let's learn from Europe and Japan, which (*New Roots*, 1982 article) recycle almost 55% of their trash. Mr. Mulroy's reluctant, feeble gesture of a 10-15% recycling goal is woefully inadequate.

Sincerely,
Linda DeStefano

PS: I urge people from Onondaga

County to contact their County Legislator **BEFORE APRIL 6**. That is the probable date of a vote on a bond resolution to help fund "construction of solid waste management resource recovery facilities." Ask your legislator to amend the language to explicitly include "creation of a solid waste management program with maximum feasible source separation and recycling." To find out who your County Legislator is, call the Public Library, Board of Elections, or League of Women Voters.

Greetings From Cuba

Dear friends:

With the closing of 1986 "International Year of Peace" we would like to convey our greetings and ask that you continue to strive with ever going zeal so that peace and disarmament overcome imperialism's war-mongering policies and the people of the world may march onward toward development.

Sincerely,
Orlando Fundora Lopez
Cuban Movement for Peace & the Development of People

South African Resister to Speak

On April 9, Syracusans will have an opportunity to hear about an inspiring aspect of the opposition to apartheid within South Africa. Laurie Nathan, national coordinator for the End Conscription Campaign will be speaking at 8 pm in Room 010 of the Crouse Hinds Management Building at S.U. (corner of Waverly and Crouse).

The End Conscription Campaign is a primarily white group which seeks a just peace in South Africa through opposing the conscription of whites to fight in the South African Defense Force. Their work is a powerful model of the possibilities open to those of us seeking to ally ourselves with people struggling for liberation.

Laurie will also be speaking in Albany on April 8 (call 518-477-4004 for info.) and on April 10 at Cornell (call 607-272-0180 for info.). For further information in Syracuse call Andy, 472-5478.

-Andy Mager



Last Month's Cover

The cover of the March *Peace Newsletter* celebrated the struggles of women for a better world. Unfortunately, no credit was given to Andrew Seltser and Paul Pearce of SPC Press, who designed and produced the artwork. I apologize for the omission.

-Andy Mager



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Peace in the Middle East: Solutions Without Stereotypes

by Paul Weichselbaum with Brent Bleier

Over the years the Peace Newsletter has consistently supported many people's struggles for self-determination, despite the frequent and unfortunate violence of wars of national liberation. In recent years the PNL has come to recognize the legitimate national aspirations of the Palestinian people, and yet sometimes in doing so the right of Jews to the state of Israel as our homeland has been ignored or trampled upon.

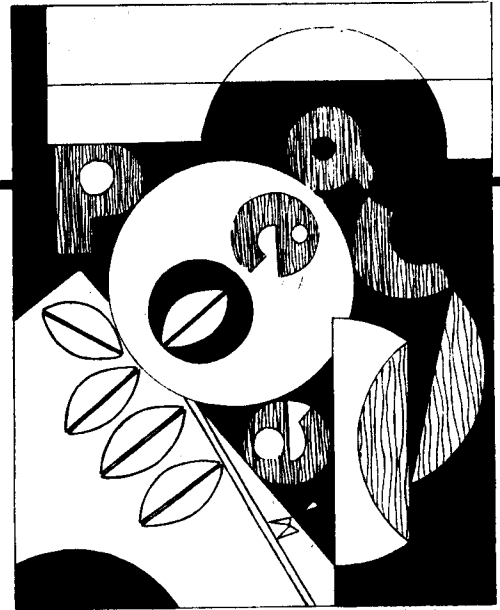
The authors of this article are members of the Syracuse chapter of New Jewish Agenda, which supports the establishment of a homeland for the Palestinian people, as well as the continued vitality of Israel. In solidarity with progressive forces in Israel, who work effectively for peace and against racism within Israel and the West Bank, New Jewish Agenda works to influence the American Jewish community and other concerned Americans, to support efforts to establish peace and justice for Jews and Arabs in the Middle East. Often we must criticize Israeli actions or policies which are unjust and oppressive, in the hope of producing positive change in the lives of Israeli Jews, Israeli Arabs, and West Bank Palestinians.

Israel and South Africa?

We are motivated to write this article, moreover, out of a concern that a fair and balanced portrait of Israel be presented in the PNL. We are writing to express our own views, and are not expressing an official position of New Jewish Agenda - Syracuse, except our group's genuine dismay at Ed Kinane's articles in the February and March PNL's. He has carried on a polemic of vilification against Israel because of its links to South Africa and because of presumed parallels between the two nations. He cites five links:

- 1) Military and nuclear: Jews on the left, including New Jewish Agenda, have consistently attacked Israeli sales of arms and nuclear technology to South Africa (as well as to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua under Somoza), as both immoral and self-defeating. As Mr. Kinane notes, Israel has moved away, under U.S. pressure, from trading with South Africa, and we continue to press for a total cessation of economic ties.
- 2) Israel achieved nationhood in 1948. The South African Nationalist Party, the party of apartheid, came to power in 1948. Harry Truman was elected president in 1948. Someone won the pennant in 1948. Conspiracy, anyone?

Paul Weichselbaum and Brent Bleier are original members of the Syracuse chapter of New Jewish Agenda.



- 3) South Africa was the first nation to recognize Israel in 1948. The same day or week the Soviet Union, United States and about fifty other nations recognized Israel. What is the connection?
- 4) South Africa's prime minister was the first foreign head of state to visit Israel. What did they discuss? In what way did Israel become a significant partner of South Africa?
- 5) It is alleged South Africa provided Israel with its diamond cutting industry. Jews had a diamond cutting industry before the first Boer usurped an inch of land in southern Africa.

Historical Tradition, Not Divine Sanction

The alleged parallels are exercises in false, often pernicious logic. Do both Israel and South Africa "derive divine sanction from the (Bible)"? Numbers of Jews have lived continuously in what is now Israel for 3500 years. Since the 19th Century, Jews have been returning from a nearly two millenia exile in which we had no homeland and our lives were often subject to the whims of kings, despots and pogroms. Jews returned home, to what we call Zion, for a variety of reasons: to realize national self-determination; to escape persecution; to exercise religious freedom; to live on the land that is the source of our faith; to make over the land according to various ideas of progress. Land was frequently purchased from absentee landlords, leaving Palestinian tenant farmers dispossessed by technically legal, but actually exploitative, arrangements. Those practices created a moral and an economic debt to some Palestinians, but the fundamental fact is that Jews and Arabs are both indigenous to the same land. The national aspirations expressed in the establishment of Israel must be matched by the creation of a Palestinian state, yet the achievement of Palestinians' national aspirations will not be accomplished by the destruction of the State of Israel. That Jews are native to the land of Israel is

shown in the Bible as a historical source, and divine sanction need have nothing to do with that fact.

"Cheap, disenfranchised labor." South Africa's apartheid is a legal and comprehensive system which defines whites as persons and non-whites as non-persons in every area of life. There is no such system within Israel, but we recognize that one would develop if Israel were to annex the West Bank, and for that reason we actively support mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestinians and the implementation of a two-state solution.

Within Israel, various groups are working to prevent the hatred and distrust generated by 39 years of war from being further institutionalized. Israel's human rights record is imperfect but not deteriorating, and Israel is consistently held to a higher standard than other countries in the region and perhaps than any other nation on this earth.

Blaming the Victim: Misusing the Holocaust

"Nazi-like; racist nationalism; master race mentality." These are loaded phrases which ought only to be used to condemn the worst butchers in history. To toss these words around so easily is a form of backlash against Jews for having been victims of the Holocaust. The Nazi system was organized for more than a decade to carry out the extermination of entire groups of people, Jews being the largest single group. The massacres at Sabra and Shatila were specific events which sectors of

the Israeli military permitted to happen. Those who mourn the dead of Buchenwald and Bergen-Belsen or Sabra and Shatila cannot measure their pain against each other, but as historical occurrences, the Holocaust and the massacres at the Palestinian refugee camps do not equate.

Charges of "racist nationalism" and "master race mentality" appear to us to be further examples of penalizing Jews for having successfully realized our national aspirations. It had been an unfortunate trait for many on the left to prefer their Jews to be the downtrodden sort, but once we escaped the marginalization of ghettos and dependence on non-Jewish protection, through the existence and persistence of Israel, it became less fashionable to support Jewish rights.

We are not here placing Jewish rights over Arab rights, but are simply reminding readers of the PNL that the central issues are peace and justice. As those issues are considered in South Africa, we can see no other solution but to establish some form of black majority rule, and that will effectively mean the end not only of apartheid but of the political and economic bases of the South African state. In the Middle East, Israel will one day soon have to live side by side with a Palestinian state, but Israel will still have its own integrity and the morality of being the expression of Jewish self-determination. Mutual recognition and mutual respect are both starting-points and end-points in the process of shedding stereotypes and presuppositions about the nature of each other and of the conflicts in the Middle East.

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New Hope in the Philippines

by Sally Brulé

We recently returned from the Philippines, our fifth trip in 20 years, our first under the Aquino government. It was apparent that, in spite of the many problems and unemployment, a feeling of great hope abides in the hearts of the people. Filipinos have gained strength from the great "people power" crusade that fuels a faith that somehow the ills of the land will be cured. It's as if they are on a roll and won't be stopped now despite the legacy of poverty and corruption left to them after 20 years under Ferdinand Marcos. We heard a young friend remark, "I just paid my taxes and I'm not too keen about that, but maybe now the tax money will be used for some good."

Other reforms are in the making. Feb. 2 was plebiscite day for the vote on the new constitution. It turned out to be a real vote of confidence for Cory Aquino, winning with about 80% of the vote. This was probably the cleanest election ever held in the Philippines, especially when compared with what went on under Marcos. During the snap election of 1986, called at Reagan's behest, one voting district in a small city near us recorded 58,000 votes - the entire population of the city, including new babies! The city was under control of a war lord who was a Marcos crony.

During the recent plebiscite, the same district reported 32,000 registered voters. The war lord has control of the ballot box, at least for now. Voting around the country was peaceful, totally unlike the fraud surrounding the Marcos snap election, witnessed worldwide a year earlier.

Singlaub Strikes Again

The military is an area of major concern. If Cory Aquino can pull off reforms there, she will indeed be on the road to victory. This will not be easy. Twenty years of Marcos has left a military heavily dominated by officers who seek to use military methods to solve problems, and who identify the Communists as the source of the difficulties facing the country.

The tone of the times is indicated by the presence in Manila (during each recent coup attempt) of Ret. US General Singlaub of Nicaragua-Contra fame. Another US export to the Philippines is "LIC" or Low Intensity Conflict, a CIA tool being tried out in developing countries, the Philippines among them.

Unemployment is a big problem. About 35% of the people don't have jobs, and 45% of those who do are underemployed. The official minimum wage is 53 pesos a day and very few people earn even that. Even if workers received that much, it would not provide enough food, shelter, and clothing.

As a result, many professionals leave home and family to seek employment elsewhere. It is not at all odd to find a family with father or mother off in another country

Sally is a longtime SPC activist who is looking forward with hope to permanent substantive changes in the Philippines.

Mr. & Ms. Library (Eddie M. Eguerra) from Ning Letters



sending home the better part of a paycheck. The brain drain of doctors, nurses and engineers is depriving the country of needed professionals. The Philippines is the world's largest exporter of nurses.

Land reform will be hard to achieve. There are 7000 islands and many different problems in individual areas. For example, Cebu (where we were located) is arid and steep, thus not good agricultural land like Negros and Mindanao. Cebu's problems are unique to Cebu.

The new constitution calls for just payment for the land. What funds will there be for new farmers? Will it be advantageous to split up huge plantations into individual farms? These types of questions point out the many problems that will have to be faced in this region.

Good Riddance, Imelda & Ferdinand

With all the problems that must be faced, this is a country filled with pride and determination. Ferdinand and Imelda are gone! (The hatred for Imelda seems much deeper than for Ferdinand.) The Philippines is a great nation, rich in raw materials, with abundant soil and long growing seasons. Now these resources must be prudently developed, and a measure of self-sufficiency achieved. Already, lumber is shipped from the Philippines to Japan, with the plywood being sold back to the Filipinos.

Above all, the US should heed the plea of the Filipinos to define and solve their own problems without outside intervention. Most of the aid to the country seems to be military aid aimed at maintaining the bases, not helping the Filipinos. They are a beautiful people who need our support but NOT our weaponry!

The Brulé's brought home 2 videotapes on the Philippines. "People Power" depicts the snap elections and the rise to power of Cory Aquino. "Death of a Patriot" tells the story of the assassination of Benigno (Ninoy) Aquino. Both are available for discussions.

A New Constitution and Some Old Bases

by Steve Shalom & John Miller



On February 2, the Philippine people ratified a new constitution. To many Filipinos, a yes vote indicated an endorsement of the popular presidency of Corazon Aquino, against the rightwing pressures and coup attempts of former Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile and his allies.

The constitution is a relatively conservative document. Some on the left, particularly in the labor movement, opposed ratification because it failed to address the mammoth problems of urban and rural poverty--yet the United States government is unhappy about one particular aspect of the new charter: the provisions dealing with foreign military bases.

Over the years, the United States has used these bases, chief among them Subic Naval Base and Clark Air Base, to project military power into Asia. During the Viet Nam War, the bases served as the crucial logistic hub for the U.S. intervention. They have also served as jumping off points for interventions and shows of force as far back as 1900 (in China), and as far away as the Persian Gulf. U.S. bases in the Philippines play a key role as well in U.S. nuclear strategy: they house command, control, communications, and intelligence (C3I) facilities essential for waging nuclear war, and they host anti-submarine warfare aircraft, necessary components for nuclear war-fighting.

The Pentagon claims that the bases in the Philippines are necessary to counter the Soviet military presence in Viet Nam. This argument is extremely misleading. U.S. bases in the Philippines were established long before Soviet ships sailed in Southeast Asian waters or before

they had access to facilities in Viet Nam.

In the past, the military bases agreement between the United States and the Philippines was signed as an executive agreement; no approval was required by the U.S. Senate, and there was little public debate. Between 1972 and 1985, the Philippine side of the executive agreement was approved by a single individual, the dictator Ferdinand Marcos (a situation not unwelcome to U.S. policy makers who worried about opposition from a nationalist Congress). Now all this is changed. Under the terms of the new constitution, any new military bases agreement (the current one expires in 1991) must have the status of a treaty, approved by two-thirds vote in both the U.S. and the Philippine Senates, and, if the Philippine legislature so decides, approved by the Filipino people in a plebiscite.

Defining the National Interest

Another provision of the new charter states that the Philippines shall be nuclear-free "consistent with the national interest." This is an extremely ambiguous formulation; the Pentagon successfully operates military bases in countries with similarly gaping loopholes in their anti-nuclear legislation. Nevertheless, the anti-bases movement in the Philippines has taken the view that, as unsatisfactory as this clause is, it allows them to argue that a strong nuclear ban is in fact the "national interest" of the Philippines.

There are six good reasons to remove the U.S. bases from the Philippines: the bases make the Philippines a target for superpower attack (Soviet military planners surely include the U.S. facilities in the Philippines among their prime targets). They promote serious social ills near the bases, including prostitution and drug smuggling; while inducing U.S. intervention into Philippine affairs (the bases were a key reason Washington backed Marcos for so many years). More generally, the bases make nuclear war more likely, by supporting a first strike posture and wars of foreign intervention, because of their role as a "permanent aircraft carrier" in the western Pacific. At the same time they obstruct efforts to neutralize, denuclearize, and demilitarize Southeast Asia and the Pacific.

While the bases provide much needed employment, alternative peaceful use of the bases, perhaps as ship repair yards and an airport, would also create jobs.

In the United States, a new coalition of organizations and individuals opposing the U.S. bases has formed, bringing together the Alliance for Philippine Concerns, the Church Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, Friends of the Filipino People, Mobilization for Survival, and the War Resisters League, among others. The Campaign Against U.S. Bases in the Philippines--or CAB, for short--will try to influence the coming debate in this country on the bases issue.

Steve Shalom is staff director of the Campaign Against U.S. Bases in the Philippines. John Miller is on the staff of National Mobilization for Survival.

For more information or to join the campaign, contact CAB, 135 Hadden Place, Upper Montclair, NJ 07043, (201) 783-4778

Post-Duvalier Haiti: The Struggle Continues

by James Parker Talman

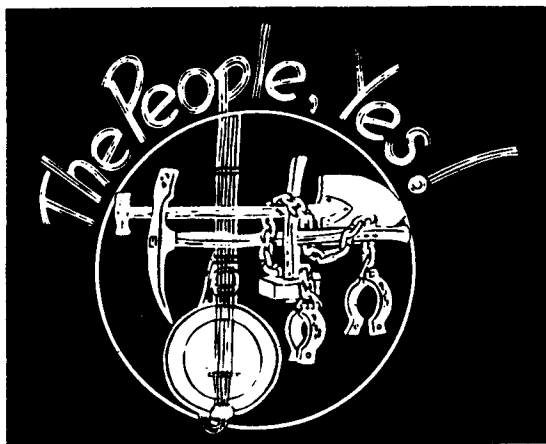
Background

The Republic of Haiti is a Caribbean nation making up the western 1/3 of the island of Hispaniola which it shares with the Dominican Republic. Although Haiti is one of the smallest nations in the world at 11,000 square miles, it, nevertheless, is one of the most densely populated with over six million inhabitants. Most of the population, 90%, are of African ancestry and are direct descendants of slaves. The remaining 10% are primarily mulatto, a mixture of African and European. They are Haiti's elite.

This class structure results from Haiti's history of colonialism and slavery. The schism is pervasive today and represents one of the many challenges Haitians must overcome in their struggle for a more egalitarian society.

In the wake of Jean-Claude Duvalier's flight from Haiti, much change has occurred and there remains the need for much more. The following outlines what has taken place and what still threatens the Haitian people. It is imperative that one understands the relationship of present-day Haiti to its historical roots. This is because Haiti possesses one of the most turbulent histories of any western nation, a history consisting of a continuum of foreign intervention that began in 1492 with the arrival of Columbus, and the establishment of the first permanent European settlement in the New World, La Navidad, shortly thereafter.

The banishment of Jean-Claude Duvalier after his family's thirty-year dynasty represents an immense opportunity. The Haitian people hope to overcome their violent and exploitive past and reconstruct their society into one which values and offers dignity to human life. The opposing forces are great, but the passion to overcome is stronger.



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The Political Struggle Has Begun

Jean-Claude Duvalier's flight from Haiti on February 7, 1986 reintroduced the potential for radical change within Haitian society. Not since 1804, when the slaves rebelled against the forces of Napoleon and created an independent black nation, has such an offering been granted to the consciousness of Haiti's strongly nationalistic character.

It is important to note that neither a revolution nor a coup d'etat has occurred. Even though a brutal dictatorship has been overthrown, what took place in late 1985 and early 1986 was more of an outburst. It was the youth rising up and saying NO!; it was the Church, the workers, destitute women and men saying, "No more of this. Haiti is ours!. Now that they have Haiti back, the question remains: who will manage its affairs?"

When Duvalier realized his time was running short, he and ambassadors from France and the United States created a junta to run the country in his place. Because of this, the establishment of the National Government Council (CNG) has been quite controversial. Though it does not maintain power via the use of systematic violence, it has, nevertheless, failed to live up to the expectations of the popular movement.

During the past year there has been a tremendous flowering of previously banned organizations. As a result, the CNG is under close scrutiny. Peasant associations, labor organizations, women's groups, student federations, Christian groups, political committees, revolutionary embryos, professional associations, and neighborhood and regional committees all attest to the organization within the movement. This, on the other hand, when coupled with the return of many political exiles, has caused some confusion as it has cluttered the field of potential leaders. Furthermore, the CNG, having been slow in its scheduling of elections and calling for a constitutional convention, has heightened the anxieties of a variety of politicians and has exasperated the Haitian people.

In the middle of all this, some front-runners have emerged with sizable followings. Sylvio Claude, the leader of the Christian Democratic Party, is a declared candidate for the elections tentatively scheduled for November 1987. He is quite popular as he symbolizes the resistance and opposition to Duvalier. Marc Bazin, though undeclared, is also emerging as a viable candidate. A former World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF) bureaucrat, Bazin represents the status quo and is touted as the U.S. choice. He has considerable opposition since his critics associate him with the IMF and Haiti's estimated billion dollar debt. Another candidate, Gerard Gourgue, resigned his post as Minister of Justice under the CNG. He did so citing its Duvalierist influence and what he considered their reluctance to aid progress in Haiti. Gourgue is the representative choice

Jim is a recent addition to the PNL Editorial Committee who knows the price of a Whopper.

of the Committee for Democratic Unity. Also, a new generation of union leaders from the Autonomous Central Workers' Association (CATH) are organizing workers in all sectors of the economy and various strikes have been undertaken to contest governmental and military policies and behavior.

The diversity of the movement, in terms of political groupings, may weaken the power base of potential leaders, hampering their longevity and creativity. But the fact that this is even a consideration is a tremendous improvement.

The Struggle Will be Long

Even though the country is in the process of building its political foundation through mass organization, the aforementioned schism persists. It involves both political as well as economic factors. It is a schism between conservative and democratic forces where those in power hope to maintain the status quo while the progressives desire to confront the enormous difficulties facing their society.

These difficulties include an extreme disparity of wealth, a lack of infrastructure to help educate the people and facilitate economic development, extremely high illiteracy (about 75%), oppression of women, high malnutrition and a horrible infant mortality rate. It is estimated that one of every five children will die before the age of five.

Haiti's ability to deal with these problems will be its litmus test. The political changes are certainly welcome, but it is the above problems which caused the "dechoukage" (uprooting) of Duvalier. The nation must move beyond its history of colonialism and slavery to liberate the 75-85% of Haitians subjected to the torments of such realities. It is in the cities where the time bomb is ticking, where the frustrations of the majority are festering. The current social conditions contain the seeds of civil war, and subsequent U.S. intervention and occupation.

It is not enough that individuals are forced to bathe in gutters, to eat garbage or to export themselves into slavery in the Dominican Republic. They must also constantly fear once again being victimized by U.S. intervention or occupation as happened from 1915 to 1934, when U.S. Marines went to the country to "restore order." Ominously, the U.S. gave \$10 million in aid to the CNG last year in the form of arms and ammunition. This was done so the military can repress the masses during peaceful demonstrations, and clearly indicates the imperialistic nature of U.S.-Haitian relations.

The aid is also being used to keep the border with the Dominican Republic open so that a virtual slave trade may continue to insure the cheap labor required on Dominican sugar plantations. It is well documented that Haitians are brought into the Dominican Republic and work for sub-human wages and become embroiled in debt peonage. Their labor is exploited to benefit the Dominican government, U.S. corporations such as Gulf + Western which owns 10% of the arable land there, and of course is used to satiate the sweet tooth of U.S. consumers. Clearly, closing the border would affect U.S. interests and could result in intervention.

Unfortunately, the realities are not as sweet as the sugar. But the hope is there; the passion is there: Haiti is moving! As summarized in a calendar published by Daring Women which celebrates the Haitian peoples will to determine their own destiny:

The difficulties are many and the obstacles enormous before the daughters and sons of Haiti can do away with all their oppressors. The year 1986 was so rich in hope however, that we are confident these struggles could not just die. The country is ours. We hold the solutions in our hands. It's a struggle that has just begun; it's a struggle that will be long. But victory is certain.

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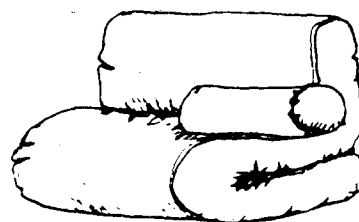
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Harvard Arts: A Community Space

Harvard Arts, a community facility at 111 Harvard Pl. in Syracuse, opened its doors to provide a forum for traditional and folk music, a coffeehouse, and a space for use by community groups such as the Community Choir, Salt City Miners and the Morris Dancers.

"We are trying to maintain a sense of community," said Lee Spinks of Harvard Arts. "There's a thread that runs from the old Savoy coffeehouse through Cafe Zapata and Sunny's Cafe to Harvard Arts."

Recently, it has become clear that an investment of time, energy and money is needed from a variety of people to enable Harvard Arts to continue paying its bills and operating as a community space.

There has been support from people who helped with a March 21 raffle and from a pledge campaign conducted by the Westcott Neighborhood Cultural Fund, a group which does fundraising to support alternative cultural activities.

However, there's still a need for donations, volunteers and programming ideas. People interested in helping out or in using Harvard Arts' space should call Lee Spinks at 478-6229.

-Carl Mellor

Anti-Nuke Civil Disobedience

Last year there were more than 160 actions, over 3,200 arrests, at least 65 people serving sentences from a month up to 18 years in the United States and Canada.

The practice of civil disobedience remains widespread, and the number of activists imprisoned for significant terms has not diminished. In fact, many new people are involved in this movement, while many veteran nuclear resisters have been among those arrested opposing U.S. intervention in Central America (an estimated 4,500 arrests nationwide in 1986), seeking divestment in South Africa (an estimated 2,500 arrests in 1986) and for other causes. The Nuclear Resister, P.O. Box 43383, Tucson, AZ 85733.

The Nuclear Resister is a chronicle of anti-nuclear civil disobedience in the United States and Canada. Each issue lists the prison addresses of activists behind bars. \$15/10 issues. Free sample on request.

-Nuclear Resister

St. Joe's Miners' Strike

The miners of St. Joe's Talc have been on strike for one and a half years. The mine managers, unlike the miners, have not made a move toward compromise. As one miner put it, "No sooner do we accept an offer than Fluor-St. Joe has second thoughts and feels that it should have offered even less. That's exactly what

it does at the next negotiation."

Some 300 miners have stuck to the union's contract demands and remain on strike. About 40 have returned to work. In February 1986 the miner's wives organized Local 3701 Women's Support Group. Membership has doubled. They are reaching out to the community, gaining support among religious groups, organizing drives, increasing their own capacities for leadership and initiative.

The miners at St. Joe's are not just surviving for a better day. They are holding a line. If they fail to hold that line, sooner or later it will fall back on us.

For further information, or to send contributions:

Local Union #3701, USWA
Post Office Box 478
Governor, NY 13642

-Shelagh Clancy

Albany Social Action Center

In the heart of downtown Albany, in a block of historic rowhouses and storefronts, stands a modest three story building. It stands empty now, but by the summer of 1987, 33 Central Ave. will be completely renovated and teeming with political activity as the new home of the Social Action Center.



The Social Action Center is an umbrella organization for roughly 18 peace and social justice groups. These groups work on a range of progressive issues and share office space, equipment, and resources in a first floor storefront.

The search for a new home began in late 1985. Many internal meetings and an open forum were held before the decision was made to buy a building. Although the \$65,000 price tag seemed overwhelming to an activist organization, the response from the community was tremendous, and we bought the building outright using private loans and contributions from supporters.

The Social Action Center will use the first floor for reception area, display and literature space, meeting room, and library. The second floor will house group desks. The third floor will be rented to one or more progressive organizations, possibly SAC member groups.

-Denise Woodin

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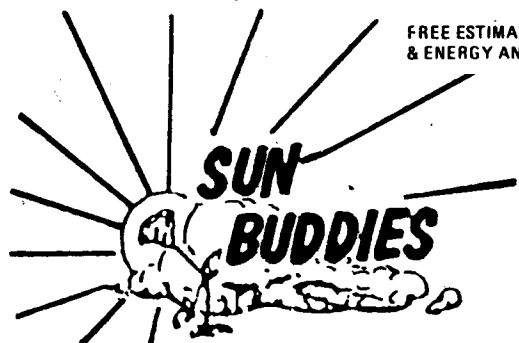
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HERLAND III, an annual festival of women in the arts, will open with a reception at the Oswego Art Guild from 3:00 to 6:00pm on Saturday, March 28. Events planned for the reception include the opening of a juried art exhibition, poetry readings by Olga Broumas and Rita Speicher of Freehand, and a performance art work by Ross Rose Imhoff in collaboration with Charles Dennis of New York's Performance Space 122.

Poets in the Upstate New York Area are invited to submit to the second annual poet poetry contest sponsored by LAKE EFFECT magazine. Deadline is

"Build the New Alternative Economics." Learn what you can do to help get it started. Write for free info. to Little Free Press, 2714 1st Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55408

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"Women & Militarism" will be the theme of a conference sponsored by the War Resisters International, July 26, to August 2, at Glencree Reconciliation Center, north of Dublin, Ireland. For additional info. contact Carol Jahnkow (War Resisters League) at (619) 753-7518 or (619) 265-0730.

A Jewish vegetarian conference will be held on Sunday, May 24th at Anshe Chesed Synagogue in New York city. Featured will be cooking demos, speakers, discussions and food sampling. Babysitting will be available. For more info, write to Jewish Vegetarians of North America, PO Box 1463, Baltimore, MD. 21203 or call (301) 752-VEGV.

The Community Choir which sings songs of Peace and Social Justice is looking for new voices. Anyone interested should come to rehearsal Wed. from 7:30 to 9:00pm at Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Place, Syracuse, NY. Childcare will be provided. For more info. contact Susan at 445-9232.

The Impeach Reagan Campaign has petitions to be circulated. If you'd like one they can be obtained for 50¢ from Eugene V. Debs Cooperative, 909 E. Unniversity, Ann Arbor, Mich, 48104.

Man seeking pen pal. Thomas Hairston 86-A-1441 E712, Great Meadow Correctional Facility, Box 51, Comstock, NY 12821-0051.

Public ignorance and fear of the Soviet Union have blocked progress on disarmament and anti-intervention agendas for years. This 10 page fact sheet addresses issues that confound the peace movement. A valuable resource for use with local media, the public, peace groups, religious and professional organizations.

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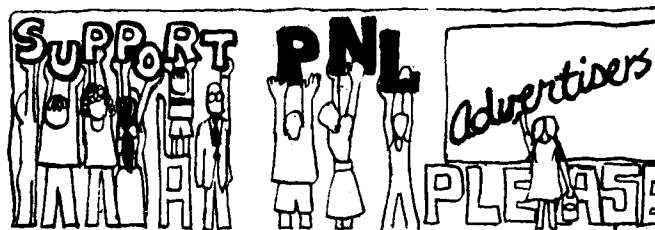
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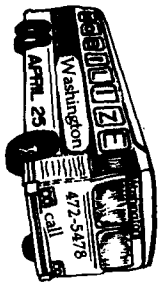
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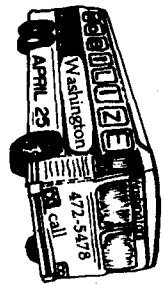
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BENJAMIN SPOCK - "The Fear of Nuclear War in Young Children" 8PM SU Hendrick's Chapel</p>	<p>6 Nuclear Freeze Mtg. 7:30PM May Memorial 445-1714 Beth</p> <p>"Nuclear Power: Wasteful Expensive, Dangerous" 1PM ESF Moon Library</p> <p>Film: "Taking Our Bodies Back" 7PM SU Hendrick's Chapel Noble Room</p>	<p>7 Women's Info Support Group/Living Rm Player 7-9PM 478-4636</p> <p>"Feminism an Ecology" w/ Yvonna King 7PM SU Maxwell Hall Aud.</p> <p>Ceasarman Prevention Movement 7PM 960 Salt Springs Rd. 475-7101</p> <p>Police of Women's Health 7PM SU Gilford Aud</p>	<p>8 Conference on AIDS Policy Issues \$30 8:30PM Washington Mills 797-797-6800</p> <p>NYS Council for Children War" 7:30PM SU Noble Room Hendrick's Chapel. FHE.</p> <p>Film: "Nicaragua: The Dirty War"</p>	<p>9 Gay/Lesbian Cont. covered debate mtg 6:30PM Church Center 422-5732</p> <p>"World Hunger & Environmental Issues" 7PM SU Hall of Lang. Rm 105</p> <p>South African Resister at 9pm at Crouse-Hinds Mgmt Bldg, Rm 010, SU, see p. 21 for info.</p>	<p>10 Solid Waste Recycling 12 ESF Campus, Moon Library</p> <p>"Teaching Gender & Profession" 12:30PM SU Bird Library</p> <p>"One Fine Day" w/ Whoopie Goldberg Alive" 7:45PM Women's Info</p>	<p>11 In-1-Tenor Symposium, 9AM-4:30PM SU Law College 424-6892</p> <p>Sweet Honey in the Rock at Cornell University, Ithaca</p> <p>Saturday Nite Dance w/ George Wilson & Selma Kaplan 8:30PM Grace Episcopal Church</p>	<p>12 Vintage Vogue, Rags to Riches Vintage Clothing show & sale 11AM-5PM/ 32 Landmark Theater 472-0058 Diane</p> <p>Women Harvest Mtg. at Info 7PM</p>	<p>13 Yoga Classes Begin 471-9464</p> <p>Center for Holistic Living Disabled in Action Mtg. 7PM ECOH 446-6602</p> <p>EARTH FAIR 10AM-3PM ESF Quad</p>	<p>14 Thorden Park Assoc. Mtg 7:30PM 478-5164</p> <p>"What is a Land Trust" 1PM ESF Moon Library</p> <p>Film: "Broken Rainbow" 7PM SU Hendrick's Chapel Noble Rm. followed by discussion</p>	<p>15 Panel Discussion 2:30PM-4PM 423-2463</p> <p>CELEBRATE THE EARTH Open Hand Theater w/ Greenpeace 7PM SU QUAT</p> <p>Women's Group: Talk 7-9PM Women's Info GREENPEACE: The Individual Can Make A Difference w/ Peter Banoun 7PM Marshall Hall Aud.</p>	<p>16 NYS Council of Negro Women 7PM Dunbar Center</p> <p>"Language & Gender, the Scandinavian Connection" 12:30PM SU Bird Library</p> <p>NYS Films: 7:59PM Friday, Saturday SU Watson Aud. \$2</p>	<p>17 Tax Day Sale, Front Room Book-store 11-6PM 20% off everything see ad on page 6</p> <p>ALICE CLEMENTS, renowned fiddler Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Place</p>	<p>18 Path of Glory NYS Films: 7:59PM Friday, Saturday SU Watson Aud. \$2</p> <p>Koyanisqatsi 24 NYS Films: 7:59PM Friday, Saturday SU Watson Aud. \$2</p> <p>"Health Forum" 8:30AM-4:15PM Watskotten Hall, SUNY Health Center 473-4304 535</p> <p>"Women Filmmakers" 12:30PM SU Bird Library FREE</p> <p>Lesbian Support Group Disc: Healthy Fighting 7-9PM</p>	<p>19 EVERY SUNDAY: Metro. 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Goodbye SPC

To the Editorial Committee:

It is with deep regret I will not support the Syracuse Peace Council any longer. I have searched my innermost being and cannot in good conscience do anything else.

Ed Kinane's statements (2/87 and 3/87 PNLs) are anti-semitic. I had hoped the Editorial Committee would have recognized this and stated so publicly. You see his views as one progressive viewpoint. I see them as hateful and inciteful. Everything I thought the Syracuse Peace Council was against. "Never Again".

-Barbara Paley

Ed Kinane Responds

To Barbara Paley:

In your letter printed in the April PNL, you said that a paragraph appearing in my 2/87 and 3/87 PNL articles served "only to increase feelings of anti-semitism." While I disagree, I do understand how you might think that. And I understand--given the Holocaust of just a few decades ago--the need to combat anti-semitism.

The Holocaust was the evil flower of centuries of treating the disempowered as "other," as suspect, as scapegoat, as less than human, as less than citizen. The Holocaust occurred when this vile legacy met the militarized might of an extremely "civilized," efficient and chauvinist nation--a nation, like Israel, circled by enemies and rising belligerent from the ashes of a previous war.

The lesson of the Holocaust is not that we must forever guard one people only, but all peoples. There is risk of genocide whenever militarism combines with human rights abuse... regardless of which groups are involved, regardless of how humane their traditions.

It is Israeli policy that fosters criticism mistakenly--or cynically--labeled anti-semitic. The world sees the empire's new clothes; an Israeli government bankrolled by a superpower long cozy with Pretoria and with contras and other death squads. Despite the profound misgivings of many Israelis, their government and its booming arms industry have joined in promoting state terrorism not only in the Mideast, but in Southern Africa and Central America.

LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

Example: "Israel funnels arms to the contras through the Honduran army. Israeli intelligence experts have helped the CIA train the contras and retired or reserve Israeli army commandos have been hired by shadowy private firms to assist the rebels." (Time Magazine, 5/7/84, p. 75)

Example: In 1977 the Carter administration suspended U.S. arms sales to Guatemala due to wholesale human rights violation. Since then, Guatemala has relied almost entirely on Israeli weapons and anti-insurgency tactics. Since 1977, thousands of Guatemalan Indians have been killed by Israeli-trained soldiers using Israeli guns. (Jane Hunter, No Simple Proxy: Israel in Central America, Washington, DC, 1987)

Such are the policies which have led many nations to shun Israel and to lump her with her unsavory allies. By forever exempting Israel from criticism we undermine Israelis of conscience who oppose those policies. By exempting Israel from human accountability, we support those allies who, nazi-like, trample all conscience.

-Ed Kinane

I Learned From Auschwitz

To: Internal Revenue Service:

The guards at Auschwitz herded my father to the left and me to the right. I was a child. I never saw him again.

He was a good man. He was loyal obedient, law-abiding. He paid his taxes. He was a Jew. He paid his taxes. He died in the concentration camp. He had paid his taxes.

My father didn't know he was paying for barbed wire. For tattoo equipment. For concrete. For whips. For dogs. For cattle cars. For Zyklon B gas. For gas ovens. For his destruction. For the destruction of 6,000,000 Jews. For the destruction, ultimately, of 50,000,000 people in World War II.

In Auschwitz I was tattoo #B-7815. In the United States I am an American citizen, taxpayer #370-32-6858. Unlike my father, I know what I am

being asked to pay for. I am paying for a nuclear arms race. A nuclear arms race that is both homicidal and suicidal. It could end life for 5,000,000,000 people, five billion Jews. For now the whole world is Jewish and nuclear devices are the gas ovens for the planet. There is no longer a selection process such as I experienced at Auschwitz.

We are now one.

I am an American. I am loyal, obedient, law-abiding. I am afraid of the IRS. Who knows what power they have to charge me penalties and interest? To seize my property? To imprison me? After soul-searching and God-wrestling for several years, I have concluded that I am more afraid of what my government may do to me, mine, and the world with the money if I pay it... if I pay it.

We have enough nuclear devices to destroy the world many times over. More nuclear bombs are not the answer. They do not create security; they have the opposite effect.



I HAVE QUITE A FEW DEDUCTIONS THIS YEAR!

I do believe in taxes for health, education, and the welfare of the public. While I do not agree with all the actions of my government, to go along with the nuclear arms race is suicidal. It threatens my life. It threatens the life of my family. It threatens the world.

I remember my father. I have learned from Auschwitz. I will not willingly contribute to the production of nuclear devices. They are more lethal than the gas Zyklon B, the gas that killed my father and countless others.

I am withholding 25% of my tax and forwarding it to a peace tax fund.

-Bernard Offen
Petaluma, CA

the peace council page

Auction/Garage Sale

Bigger and better?! Let's hope our second annual Auction and Garage Sale will be just that! The auction will be Friday, June 12th; doors will open at 6 pm, and the auction will begin at 7 and end at 9. The garage sale will be Sat., June 13th, from 12 noon-4 pm. Both events will be at ECOH, corner of Westcott and Euclid. We're looking for all types of donations--furniture, appliances, bikes, etc. What doesn't sell at the auction will go in the garage sale. Besides donations, we need garages or cellars for temporary storage, trucks, and volunteers. If you can offer any of these, please call Mary at 472-2406 or the Peace Council at 472-5478. Remember the "bigger and better" will only happen with YOUR help!

-Mary Van De Weert

Come Check Them Out

THE FRONT ROOM BOOKSTORE is setting up a lending library of cassette tapes. Titles include: Contragate--The Men Behind the Guns; Inside the CIA (Stockwell); Terrorism and What to do about it! (Chomsky); A History of U.S. Intervention (Zinn); Human Rights in Nicaragua (Reding & Goff).

-Ron Shuffler

Tax Days '87

April 15th has come and gone, which is a relief for those of us who got our taxes in on time. Here at the Peace Council, tax week was pretty exciting. We had beautiful weather while passing out our leaflets in Columbus Circle, and as a result we were able to get the word out to some 4,500 people, as to where their tax monies are being spent. The people's budget went much better than expected. For those of you not familiar with this event, I will give a brief explanation. We labeled five glass jars with the appropriate label (current and past military, human resources, etc.). We then gave passersby five pennies each, which they were to place in the jars as they saw fit. For example, placing one penny in each jar, or all pennies in one jar. This was done to represent how the people wanted their tax dollars spent. The results would make most military and government officials ill. Rather than spending 18% of every dollar on human resources, 40% on current military, 23% on past military, 10% on general government, and 9% on physical resources, the people (250 participants) decided they'd like to see 51% go to human resources, 8% to current military, 10% to past military, 11% to general government, and 20% to physical resources. Quite a turn around!

We were also lucky to have some good weather and a good turnout for the midnight vigil. Media coverage at both Columbus Circle and the vigil was great. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out. Think ahead to next spring and let us know if you'd like to participate in planning this annual event.

-Lisa Labeille

Come Help Out

Do you find yourself with lots of free time? Are you saying, "I've got to get out more, meet more people"? Can you talk, staple, seal envelopes, file alphabetically, paint... Do you enjoy dancing, listening to music, socializing, meeting people, working for a cause? If so, give us a call. We are constantly looking for volunteers to help with mailings, PNL, events and everyday work around the house.

On Monday nights from 7-9, we're holding a volunteer night and anyone is welcome to stop in. If you can't make Mondays, just stop in sometime or call the house at 472-5478.

-Lisa Labeille

Party for Peace

On Wednesday May 6th, the Peace Council will be holding a benefit dance party at the Landmark Theatre. It will last from 5-10 pm, and there is a sliding scale fee of \$4-\$6. Advance tickets are available at SPC, the Landmark, Syracuse Cultural Workers, Seven Rays Bookstore, and On the Rise Bakery. The bands that will be playing are Homel-Alaniz, The Stroke, and the Cold Shot Blues Band. So put on your dancing shoes, and some comfortable clothes, and let's show Syracuse how to really dance. If you would like some tickets to sell to your friends, call Pam at 474-1132.

-Lisa Labeille



Zinn Din' A Success!

Our 51st birthday has come and gone, and we want to thank all of you who helped make it a real celebration. The dinner went off quite well. We had about 125 people, and plenty of food to go around for second helpings.

Professor Zinn pulled in an additional 80 or so people which was a pleasant surprise. His speech was informative and refreshing. For anyone who missed the lecture, we will have tapes available in the near future. We netted \$630.00 for the Peace Council treasury as well as celebrated and learned.

-Lisa Labeille

The Great Impersonator

Please join us in an evening of culture and comedy, on Friday, May 29th at 8:15, as we will be holding a benefit performance of Joel Shatsky's newest musical, The Great Impersonator. The play will be performed at the Salt City Center for the Performing Arts, in the Second Theater. Tickets run \$6.50, \$7.50, and \$8.50 and they are available at the Salt City box office (474-1122).

The play takes place in the mythical kingdom of Euphonia in which, by royal decree, "everything will be perfect in 48 hours." The Gilbert and Sullivan plot of the play involves such characters as General Warberger, Lady MacPat and various types of villains, RYPIes (Rising Young Professionals) and heroes.

As you know, Syracuse Peace Council is funded by subscriptions, pledges and contributions, but this is not always enough. It is for this reason that we occasionally hold fundraisers such as The Great Impersonator and our Landmark dance party. We therefore encourage you to bring friends and family to help support us in our efforts to continue working for peace.

-Lisa Labeille



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Experiment in Non Violence at Griffiss

Plans are now underway for a summer experiment in non violence at Griffiss Air Force Base. There are two components to this experiment; a campaign of resistance focussed at Griffiss, and the formation of an intentional household community in Rome, New York. We envision the work at Griffiss to include:

- * weekly evening discussions on non violence, peace and justice topics;
- * preparation of a newspaper, similar to the 1984 Mohawk Peace Flyer, for local door-to-door distribution
- * weekly leafletting at the base and periodic leafletting at other public places;
- * commemorative vigils;
- * non violent civil disobedience; and
- * development of projects which are more long term including conversion economics, military counselling services, and military workers' support systems.

In essence, we are looking at something which could be a self-contained campaign for the summer or the beginning of something more long-term. Our hope is that this sort of experiment can offer an opening for anyone to participate, and at whatever level they are able. We welcome your ideas, responses and participation.

The direction of the household community will be arrived at through sharing among those involved. For anyone interested in this component of the experiment we feel the need for substantial time together to clarify common visions of community. For more information, contact Tom Joyce, Carrie Stearns, 198 Hastings Ave., Toronto, Ontario M4L 2L7.

-Carrie Stearns and Tom Joyce

Christian Base Communities

Kip Hargrave, Maryknoll Lay Missioner, will speak on Base Christian Communities at the Central America Dinner at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, 125 Alden St., on May 3 at 5:30 pm. The dinner, fourth in a series of Central America dinners and events, is sponsored by The Syracuse Central America Coalition.

Kip Hargrave has been involved in Maryknoll since the 1970s. Born and raised in the Midwest, his life turned to missionary work a few years after his experience in Viet Nam. As part of his Maryknoll training, he spent January 1979 to August 1980 in El Salvador doing leadership training and support for the numerous base christian communities and working with the national church. Hargrave and his wife were later assigned to Bolivia, Terri working as a rural missionary doctor and Kip as "the pastoral presence in that corner of an enormous parish." After three years, they decided to return to the U.S. for the educational sake of their two children.

For dinner reservations call AFSC, (315) 475-4822. Cost is \$6-\$15 for the dinner and program; \$3-\$10 for the program only.

-Dik Cool

Mother's Day at Seneca

Few people recall the true origins of Mother's Day. It has become, like almost every other holiday in the U.S., packaged and commercialized: "show your mother you love her--BUY her something."

This practice is not what Julia Ward Howe, the Mother of Mother's Day had in mind when she called for a day to be set aside for women and mothers in 1870. Her "Mother's Day Proclamation" is in essence a proclamation for peace, a call for women to "Arise (on) this day!" as mothers and women in opposition to militarism and war.

The Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice will be again holding a weekend celebration of Mother's Day. The theme of the weekend will be "Welfare-Not Warfare." There will be meetings and events throughout the weekend, culminating in a march to the main gate of the Seneca Army Depot and demonstration at 4 pm on Sunday, May 10. For more information, call (607) 869-5825.

-Robin Foster

Test Ban Caravan

A major event will take place in Washington this June, and the people of Central New York are invited to be part of it. Five years after the historic New York City rally for nuclear disarmament, the Test Ban Caravan is designed to remind the President and Congress that they are our employees. And that the American people want a stop to nuclear testing.

The events are being jointly sponsored by the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, SANE, and the American Peace Test (APT). They include:

Monday, June 8 - Workshops and Issue briefings
Evening Rally

Tuesday, June 9 - Lobby visits to our Sens. & Reps.
APT sponsored civil disobedience

Buses will depart from Syracuse on Sunday, June 7 at 11 pm and will leave Washington at 5 pm Tuesday evening. We will make a pick-up in Binghamton. Cost for the bus is \$35.00, payable to NWF-CNY.

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-Beth Broadway

The Human Race

It's not too late, as long as you run, to participate in the Second Annual Human Race. This benefit for the Central New York Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign is happening on May 2 at 10 am at Onondaga Lake Park in Liverpool. There will be a 10 kilometer Free-Form Relay (this means anything goes), and an 8 kilometer Road Race for more serious runners. For further information, call 474-0241.

-Mary Ann Zepetello

Even Impeachment Might Be Worth a Try

by Gary Weinstein

Impeachment: the strongest medicine for a sick President. It is prescribed by only courageous Congress-people but almost never administered by a malpracticing, negligent Congress. It's the radical surgery few agree with and which many deny is needed.

That leaves us, the people. If Congress is too spineless, then a principled, activist citizenry must take charge of agitating for impeachment. Is it worth our time, as progressives? What would we gain? What are the pitfalls? Where would it lead? Following the facts of the impeachment case below, this article concludes with some brief thoughts.

Congressman Henry Gonzalez is worried that Ronald Reagan is intent on invading Nicaragua before his term is out. He is also outraged at the level of White House corruption and criminality in the Contragate scandal.

On March 4, 1987, Congressman Gonzalez, a thirteen term representative from San Antonio, Texas, took the floor of the House of Representatives to introduce six articles of impeachment of President Ronald Reagan. In introducing the Articles, Mr. Gonzalez stated:

The President has clearly demonstrated his intention to conduct war in Central America, to the greatest detriment of the national interest. The Chief Executive is headed for war and is not about to relent from his fatal course of invasion in Nicaragua.

Congressman Gonzalez placed before the Congress a Resolution calling for the impeachment of the President for "high crimes and misdemeanors." To date there has been no White House reaction, according to Nick Bourne, Mr. Gonzalez's press secretary.

The resolution then went before the House Judiciary Committee, where it patiently waits--without other Congressional sponsors.

According to Mr. Bourne, the Articles were conservatively drafted and based primarily on the Tower Commission's findings. Each Article cites the specific dates and circumstances involved in each violation of law. The result is equivalent to a six-count indictment accusing the President of having violated his oath of office in which he swears that he will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States, which includes fulfilling his duty to faithfully execute the laws passed by Congress.

An Impeachable President

Days after introducing the Articles, Mr. Gonzalez took the House floor for an hour of extended remarks, during which time he said,

Of all the six Presidents with whom I have had the privilege to serve as a member of this House, this

Gary Weinstein is a local social worker and a long-standing member of the Peace Council.

is the most corrupt administration I have seen.... I am in dead earnest when I say that if ever there was an impeachable President, it is President Ronald Reagan.... The President has literally been permitted to get away with violations of the Constitution that no prior President would have been able to.

Articles of Impeachment

The first five articles accuse Reagan of violating the Arms Export Control Act, the Foreign Assistance Act, the National Security Act, the Boland Amendment, and Public Law 99-399.

Finally, Article VI accuses Ronald Reagan of presiding over a "pattern of Executive actions" in disregard of the laws of the United States, including the abuse of the U.S. press in perpetrating a disinformation campaign against Col. Qaddafi of Libya during the summer of 1986. (For a complete copy of the Articles, write SPC, 924 Burnet Avenue, Syracuse, N.Y. 13203.)

The Articles contain the core of Reagan's official misconduct in the Iran-Contra scandal. In Gonzalez's words, his actions are "subversive of constitutional government...and to the great manifest injury of the people of the United States."

The text of Gonzalez's March 9th House speech is rich with the emotional eloquence of a man who, after 25 years in Congress, has never been more afraid or more outraged at

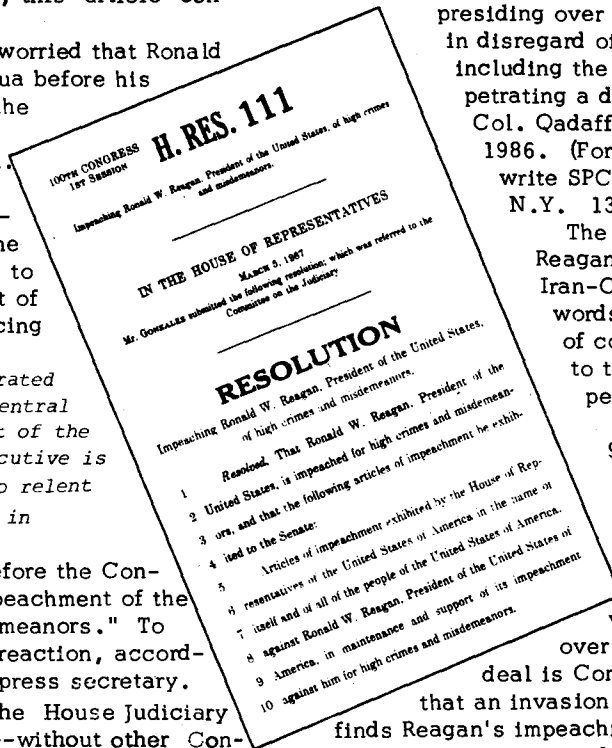
Presidential excess and adventurism. Equal to his concern over the illegalities of the Iran arms deal is Congressman Gonzalez's belief that an invasion of Nicaragua is imminent. He finds Reagan's impeachment and removal from office the only remaining means for stopping the approaching war:

I am convinced that President Reagan is embarked on an inexorable course that will be catastrophic to our best interests in Central America. He (has gotten) his political generals to tell him...that an invasion of Nicaragua would be like a two-day maneuver for our soldiers.

The mountain of media coverage devoted to the Iran-Contra scandal has given little or no attention to the Articles. The New York Times of March 5 mentioned Resolution 111 in a microscopic, one-column-inch dispatch. Otherwise, Gonzalez's bold attempt to hold Ronald Reagan legally and constitutionally accountable is a national secret.

It's enough to make one dizzy. Some would ask, "Shouldn't we just leave him alone to complete his term?" This is lazy-minded and dangerous thinking. "Leaving Reagan alone to complete his term" would give every succeeding President permission to subvert the Constitution, misapply government funds, lie continuously to the people of the United States, and work against their

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Why Boycott Coors?

In recent weeks, the Syracuse New Times and the Post Standard have expressed opposition to the nationwide boycott of Coors beer, which recently began to be sold in Central New York. The question seems to be whether Coors has done enough in recent years to overcome such past behavior as an executive's statement that blacks "lack the intellectual capacity to succeed" and inquiries to prospective employees about their sex lives (both examples are from the March 31, 1987 Village Voice, page 46). More information on Coors' recent conduct is provided in the Voice article and in letters the Syracuse Peace Council recently received from officials of the Greater Syracuse Labor Council.

According to Thomas Warzecha, President of the Greater Syracuse Labor Council, "Coors vigorously opposed the Equal Rights Amendment"; in 1984, "the National Organization for Women (NOW) and the National Education Association (NEA) both voted to support the boycott"; and "[i]n 1986, Coors was challenged in federal court for the use of polygraph tests in denying employment to two Colorado residents."

Leslie Savan reports in the Village Voice that the Gay Men's Health Crisis refused Coors' offer of \$25,000 for the May 1 AIDS Walk. Noted in discussing the refusal was the fact that a Coors heir, Jeffrey Coors, is "a member of the Free Congress Foundation, which Papa Joe helped found, and which recently held a conference on 'Hope and Homosexuality' to consider how religious conversion might straighten out gays."

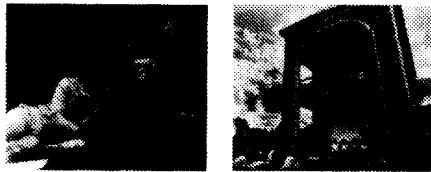
Thus, one could say that Coors' recent expenditures of millions of dollars in socially acceptable ways (\$625 million was given to minority groups following the reaction of blacks to William Coors' racist comments) fully mitigates the corporation's--and/or its officials'--socially harmful conduct. However, it is not so easy to overlook Coors'--or its executives'--support for right wing institutions, such as the Free Congress Foundation and the Heritage Foundation (also reportedly funded by Coors' money). For socially conscious people, the decision may not even be very difficult. As Warzecha of the Labor Council points out, "If we purchase Coors beer, our money indirectly supports anti-human rights organizations." If we think of ourselves as knowledgeable socially minded consumers, we should be able to go beyond seeing the public relations activities to a consideration of all of the uses of the company's profits. Doing so should make the decision to boycott Coors not very difficult at all.

-Steve Rosenberg



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deepest desire -- peace. Impeachment is not a solution, but it is essential to preserving our Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

A Worthwhile Tactic?

A campaign organizing support for impeachment risks misleading people about the nature of our political system which chronically generates massive abuses of power and war crimes against the Third World. Reagan and Bush are players that change, but ideological and economic forces would remain intact even following simultaneous impeachment of both.

Any serious consideration of impeachment would have to include George Bush for his role in the private aid network of support to the Contras. It constitutes equivalent high crimes, although no effort has been made to build a similar case against him.

The crimes of Iran-Contra are currently at intermission as legal cases are built and Congress readies for testimony. Impeachment may seem far fetched today, yet next month may be the talk of the nation. The role of progressives is to stimulate the development of the people's consciousness. We are often the first to advocate ideas, with society following months, years or decades later.

Does the movement have the person-power to wage this short-lived campaign? Probably not. Although as people arrive home from the April 25 Washington demonstration, perhaps new motivation and mileage will be found in organizing for Reagan's impeachment.

Soviets in Syracuse

On March 1st, four visitors from the Soviet Union spoke at Grace Episcopal Church in Syracuse. They are part of an ever expanding new form of foreign relations, "Citizen Summitry". Organized by United Campuses Against Nuclear War (UCAM), and other area activists, the exchange was a way to bypass governments, and talk person-to-person.

The students from the Soviet Union were:

Alexander Kovalev,
Student Council of USSR and National Union of Students;
Olga Darcheva,
Moscow Financial Institute;
Svedlana Grishina,
College of Commerce and Business Administration;
Victor Balis,
Moscow State University, Post-Graduate Student of
Philosophy.

We've come to the United States at a very interesting moment of history, a moment that is known in the Soviet Union now as revolutionary turn up. We are becoming more tolerant, we are becoming more open, we are reconsidering ourselves, our experiences now.

The number of closed issues for discussions are becoming fewer and fewer. We are considering our historical experiences and we are very eager to reconstruct our economic, political, and social structures.

OLGA

The world now-a-days is very unstable, and that's why we are here. We see our main task is to share opinions with the American people about the many problems we are interested in. I think the only way out of the present dangerous situation is to unite our steps, our activities in order to preserve peace, and destruct all the nuclear weapons.

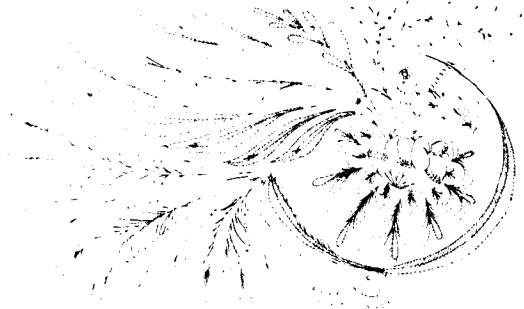
ALEXANDER

We are reconsidering the way we get involved politically, because the certain amount of people lose interest toward political life, they are kind of lazy. So that is the impact of all the imports of our leader to make regular people understand, if not everything, there are many things that depend upon them.

There are today reconstructions of decision-making process doesn't go from the top, it is to come from other fractions of population. To make goal of trips within our country, he (Gorbachev) makes alot of trips now-a-days, to the far east city of Vadolstok, to the northwest of our country, the Baltic Republic: he visits and he speaks to the people. He explains to them the time has gone when they say "some body will speak & makes decisions for me", now you are to take full responsibility for your activities.

We had an historical January event of maybe the last 10-15 years, a main planning meeting of the Soviet Communist party, it's main aftermath, as I see it is, the changes can not be turned back. All the general characteristics of our economic and social development were going down, the productivity, the investment in new branches; everything showed there had to be a change.

Edited by Cletus Pinti



SVEDLANA

We have women director of plants, and I think this (sexism) is the problem of all women, because usually women devote more time to the family.

OLGA

The matter is the same in your country, a women has to devote much time for her housework, time to take care of children and her man. In our country there is real equality and rights, for example, one of the Secretariat of the Party in the USSR is a woman, a very high-ranking post. She took very active part in the activity of the party. There are alot of women who are directors of plants, directors of schools, very active leaders of these organizations.

Also, in our country a women has the right to stay at home with her children til it is 1 1/2 years old, her job is granted to her at any time she can return to work. While staying at home she can get her wages/salary and additional sum of money for her child.

Better Standard of Living?

OLGA

The economical system of our country, we are having revolutionary changes. These changes are to increase the productivity of labor by double by 1990. We must double our national income by 1990, we want to live better and that's why we take this program.

Jews and Dissidents

VICTOR

First of all in our country, as you know there are over 100 nationalities. Our constitution has declared fight against racism and discrimination, too my mind, the question of nationality is a reflection of the national operations our country is decided. The problems between nationalities will exist as long as nationalities exist;

the relations between nations and nationalities is not irreconcilable.

There are many mixed marriage, as for me, my father is from the Laverain Republic near the Baltic Sea, my mother is a Jew. I have not many problems between everyone, and I had no problems to get an education, nor problem to get the job.

ALEXANDER

Me personally I have always thought about religion and the role the orthodox religion in the creation of our state. I know alot of examples of clergy people who were participants in World War II, in the great patriotic war for which they were decorated, with a cross and a decoration. This was very interesting, where the country went through revolutionary changes to unify. The point is that religion has great potential in the party, because it is dealing with the internal things.

For me it is better to believe then not to believe, believing in nothing? You believe in something is rather constructive. It is very strange I'm a communist, yet I believe in something. It is dangerous in human nature to believe in nothing.

SVEDLANA

Religions are free, we have the free right to meet. To have religion or not to have religion, to believe or not to believe. I know in my class there was a boy which lectured and studied in church school. We have in our state church school, religious colleges, and to the freedom question, in our state, free.

VICTOR

To my mind, the problem of dissidents, if they continue real anti-Soviet activity, there will be penalties. Nevertheless, now we have to look at a new series of exit laws that Gorbachev just released. Over 70 new exit laws, and 140 people have been released since January. (date of talk was March 1st)

Us and Them

OLGA

On the whole we were prepared for the situation in our country, but you see it's a proverb in our country, "It is better to see something one time, then hear about it one hundred times". We enjoy staying in the US because the people in your country are the same as in our country, the habits, the interests are the same. We were in New York City, it has the same architecture and is just as crowded as Moscow. During the meetings with the people it was warm atmosphere, and I suppose the same impression if you have any American person that visits the Soviet Union

I want to add that your nation, your men & women is a very beautiful nation.

SVEDLANA

We are the first time in the USA and the impression is very good. I like New York City, your people are very interesting people, nice people.

I think that Russians and Americans are very alike!

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More Upcoming Events

Stop Chernobyl in Upstate New York N.Y.

On Tuesday, May 5, a group of Syracusans will hold a demonstration and leaflet "Shares in Catastrophe" in downtown Syracuse (corner of Fayette & Salina). The 4:30 pm action is to protest the Niagara Mohawk Shareholders' Meeting being held earlier that day. It will focus on the outrage of Nine Mile II, and the possibility of a Chernobyl in Upstate New York. For more information, call Diana Ellis, 492-6922 or Amy Hubbard, 471-6447.

-Andy Mager

Freedom Fund Dinner

On Thursday, May 21, the NAACP will be hosting its Eighth Annual Freedom Fund Dinner in Syracuse. The guest speaker will be Melvin Van Peebles, the author of Bold Money, which is based on his experiences on the floor of the American Stock Exchange. Prior to his talk, the NAACP will announce the winners of its Freedom Awards. The dinner, which will take place at the Hotel Syracuse, will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 7 pm. Tickets are \$35 for NAACP members, and \$40 for non-members (reservation deadline is May 13 to PO Box 1837, Syracuse, NY 13201). The Dinner is the primary source of income for the NAACP's operating budget.

-Van Robinson and Judith Semo

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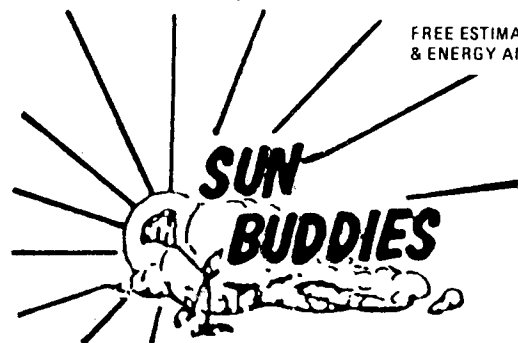
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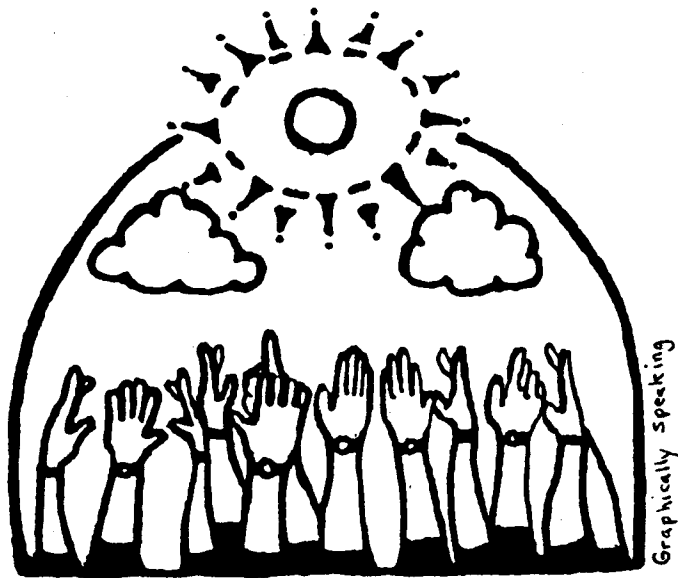
by Tom Wall

"Where do we go from here?" is a question being asked throughout the peace movement. Midway through Ronald Reagan's second term, the world finds itself still going backwards, overturning concrete progress which had been won with so much suffering and pain, and with our nation's sense of compassion, justice and fairness seemingly nonexistent.

And the peace movement has been powerless to stop this juggernaut of mean-spirited and macho-posing conservatism. We have had symbolic wins, perhaps, and campaigns which had educational value, and we can find satisfaction in slowing down the speed of U.S. intervention in Central America and the recent questioning of the size and use of the military budget. But we have yet to seriously challenge the power structure.

The peace movement is not dead, nor has it been inactive, merely unsuccessful in the life and death struggle we have chosen. We must study the past to understand the mistakes we have made and also to understand why, in other cases, we could not have done any better even if we had done it differently.

There are no correct answers to the question being posed. Moral, ideological, radical and religious directions are being pointed to. No doubt there is that of "rightness" about them all. The search itself may be the most important aspect of all. If we are able to stick together through this process, we may find that we are taking ourselves more seriously and that we are developing a true sense of community, two prerequisites for becoming successful.



Tom Wall works with the Nashua Peace Center in Nashua, N.H. This article was originally printed in their newsletter.

Who Are We?

The Grassroots Peace Movement is for the most part composed of those local and regional peace groups (1) whose geographical focus is typically limited to the area surrounding a city or town, a state or some large portion of a state; (2) whose activities may be educational, legislative, and/or action oriented; (3) whose membership is typically non-dues paying and is loosely defined by an ill-maintained mailing list; (4) whose leadership is dependent on one, or at best two, strongly dedicated individuals; (5) whose active core is less than six, though many others may be mobilized as required; (6) whose planning for events does not extend more than six to eight weeks into the future; and (7) whose literature/flyers/handouts are not self-produced but copied or modified from existing documents.

The long-term goal of the peace movement is to transform American policy and society from its current focus on militarism to one which understands and emphasizes human needs and development.

The short-term objectives are (1) to eliminate the risk of nuclear war; (2) to reduce the risk of conventional war; (3) to recognize the connections between nuclear weapons, conventional forces, warfare, and military spending; (4) to focus on the growing danger of counterforce weapons; (5) to focus on the nuclearization of U.S. and Soviet combat forces; (6) to focus on the erosion of the economy by exorbitant military spending; and (7) to focus on the threat to democracy posed by increased emphasis on military power.

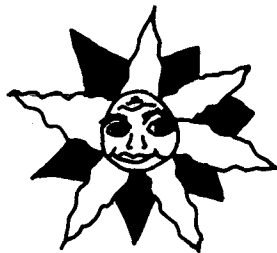
The peace movement's classical strategy has worked something like this: (a) our public vigils, demonstrations, civil disobedience, educational events, electoral campaigns, etc., are designed to educate and sway the general populace to accept our position on a particular issue; (b) so that public opinion polls, letters to Congress and the Administration, letters to the editor, talk show phone-ins, general conversation and feelings show overwhelming support for our position; (c) thereby convincing the Legislative and/or Administrative branches to enact legislative action in our favor.

If this is essentially correct, then our tactics will involve only (a) above, since it is the only one that we can directly affect. This type of activity has four basic purposes: (1) to gain people's attention, (2) to show one's commitment, (3) to make a public witness of conscience, or (4) to directly educate. The first three of these are intended to make people open to the fourth.

It is true, of course, that people's opinions do not always come about through instruction, reflection, and understanding. However, to attempt to convince through sloganeering, the Big Lie, repeated falsehoods, and simplistic speech is antithetical to the democratic process of dialogue and compromise. Thus, we must avoid such approaches.

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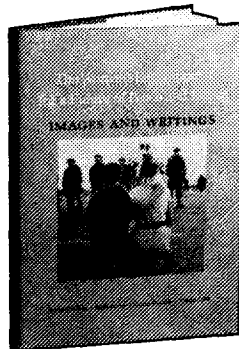


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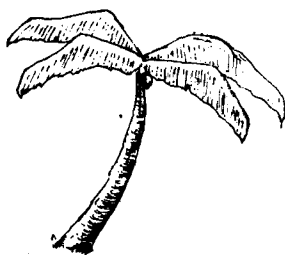
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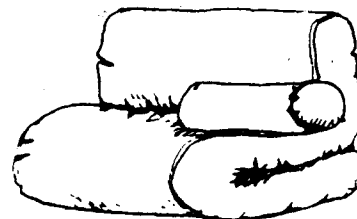
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Audience

Who will see or hear us? Most often, we say it is the "General Public" and therefore we need not do anything special with our actions or literature. Unfortunately, there is no such thing as the General Public. Will welfare mothers and businessmen see us in the same way? Or are we also our own audience? I believe we suffer too much from an "arrogance of truth," assuming that we need only present the "facts" as we see them, and in our own way, and everyone of conscience will understand and be accepting. Certainly our message cannot change from one audience to another, but our presentation should be focused on how that message affects the specific concerns of our audience.

Message

What are we trying to tell people? What is the main point of our message understood to be: will it be opposition to the government or support for our government's enemies or, perhaps, an intellectual exercise of blinding complexity? Does it truly speak to one's condition, perhaps show new ways of thinking about a previously accepted idea? We have spent too much time stimulating fear of nuclear war and not enough on solutions which people can accept. Sharing our fears without any hope can only lead to apathy on the part of those whose help we seek.

Where we do go from here is up to us.

To help us... we should know why we are going and how we'll get there.

Should we focus only on the most obvious and visible part of our concern or work our way down to the roots to show the real cause and not merely the symptom? Do we focus only on our issue or make connections among many others? The more we relate issues or expose underlying causes, the more complicated our arguments become. Yet, to pick only the fruit we can reach, leaving the roots untouched, allows the tree to continue blooming.

It is generally agreed that there are commonly-held beliefs, almost myths, which we must counter if we are to succeed in gaining adherents to our side. These are: (1) that the Soviet threat is real, (2) that deterrence is both moral and practical, and (3) that "defense" spend-

ing is good for the economy. Is it true that these beliefs must be overcome and, if so, must it be done directly? Or is there a more widespread obstacle to our work: the ultimate apathetic answer, "Leave it to the experts"?

Media

How do we present our message to our audience? The primary method of communicating is by the written word. This is not surprising; much of what we need to know is wrapped up in facts and figures which require study. The problem with this is that while it is the easiest and cheapest form of presentation, only a small proportion of the population learns through reading and study. It is by seeing and doing that most people learn. Thus we should be using more film, art and theater in our educational work. This is not to say that we should stop writing; only that we must understand who it is we expect to read what we write, and then to use the material accordingly.

Organization

Unfortunately, there is too little respect within the peace movement for each other's concerns. Each wants their own issue to be paramount, and the "laundry list" of demands seen at many rallies is not helpful for educating the public. There must be room for focused issue activity, but there must also be coordination and acceptance among all concerns in a multi-issue approach. We must be able to plan campaigns that may stretch over a year or more and that have clearly defined objectives which can be recognized as victories; that is, we have convinced the people and, therefore, the power structure of the rightness of our position. We must also be able to respond to crisis situations, whether they be military or legislative. Finally, we need to be able to present ourselves as part of a mass movement. To do this means to organize within states and on a national level. A National Alliance for Peace & Justice could provide resources needed by the states, do the necessary strategic planning, and give us the required prominence so desired by the media.

Where we do go from here is up to us. To help us know where, we should also be very clear on why we are going and have decided how we'll get there. I suggest that we need facts and figures to educate; and we need to build a sense of community within the peace movement and with the wider society. But above all we must imbue our work with a high moral imperative.

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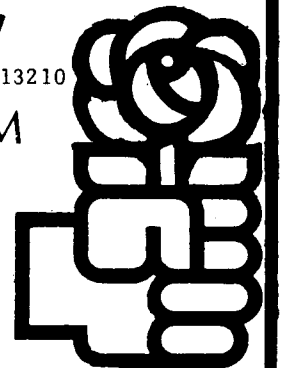
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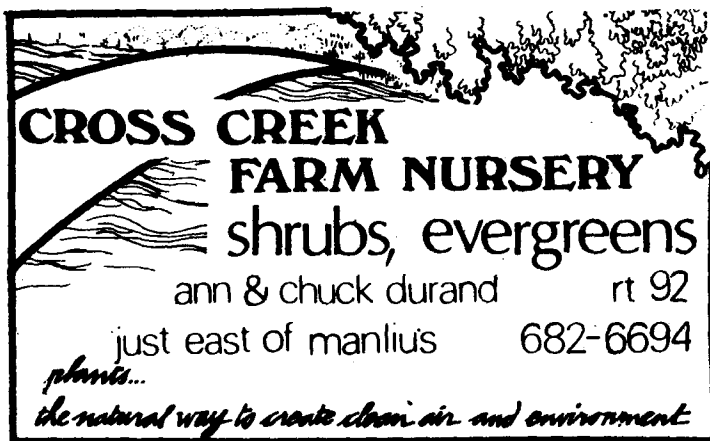
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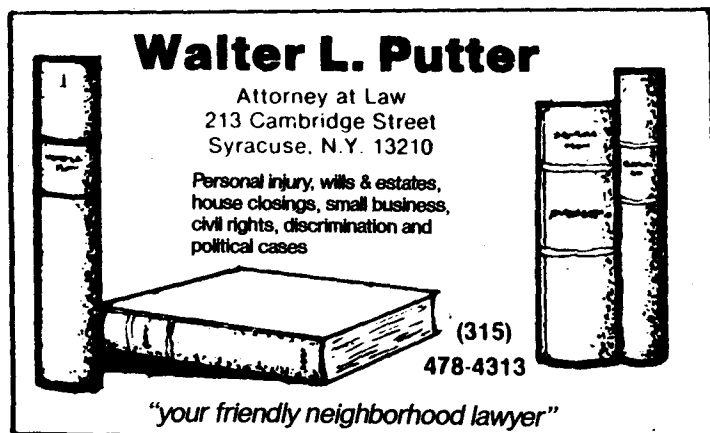





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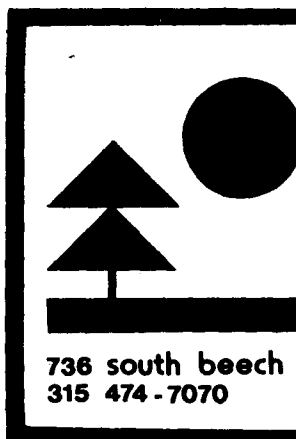
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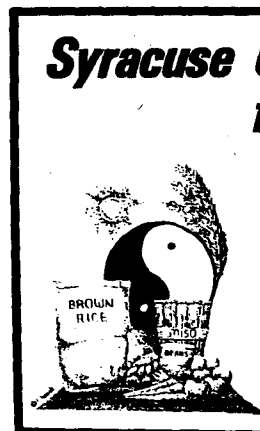
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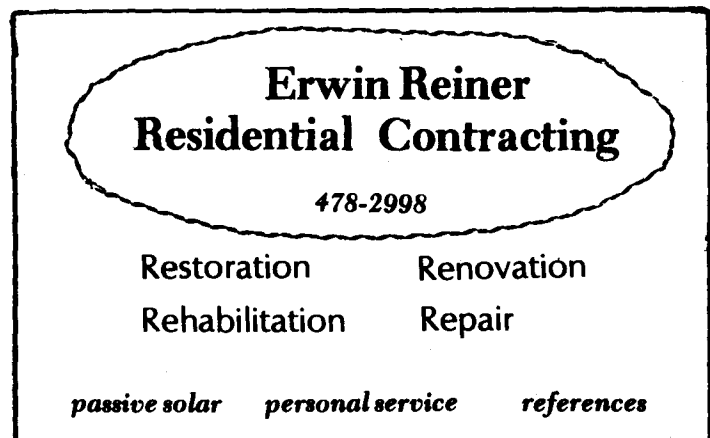
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-Andy Mager

Army Hushes Resistance

On Wednesday, February 25, 1987, Sergeant Mark A. Lane of the U.S. Army Pershing Unit in Heilbronn, W. Germany, reported for duty in civilian clothes carrying a statement which read in part: "After a long time of prayer and talking...I have come to the decision that I cannot continue to wear the uniform of the U.S. Army." Mark filed an application for separation as a conscientious objector on January 23, 1986. The Army persistently delayed action on his application. Meanwhile, he was required to report for duty daily and faced harassment. As a result of appearing for duty without his uniform, Mark was sent home. Following about a week of threats of court martial, or other bad discharge, Mark was informed that he would be released with an honorable discharge. He and his family have decided to remain in Germany where Mark hopes to share his experiences with others and to offer military counseling.

Mark was aided in his situation by the Military Counseling Project Mutlangen, Forststr. 3, 7075 Mutlangen, W. Germany.

-Bill Boston

Global War Tax Resistance

It was a special thrill for me to attend the first international conference of peace tax campaigns and war tax resisters in Tübingen, West Germany, last fall. One hundred participants from 13 countries attended. The purpose of this first conference was not only to provide first-time, first-hand contact, but also to establish a structure to insure continuing information exchange and international cooperation.

While the political, ethical, and religious backgrounds of the participants varied, there was little diversity in our resolve to address the untenable situation in which we find ourselves: having to make wars possible through the taxes we pay.

The decisions made at the Tübingen conference were: (1) to communicate with each other through the pages of the War Resisters International newsletter (available at SPC), (2) to designate September 1 as a day of focus for

peace, (3) to meet again with participants from eastern European countries, and (4) to send in opinions of member bodies on the advisability of an International Peace Tax Fund, as proposed by the Peace Tax Campaign of the Netherlands.

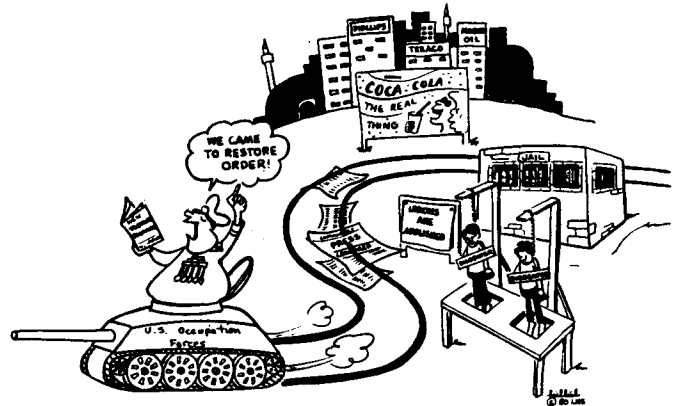
-Marian Franz

The U.S. Occupation of Britain

In December Kim Besly, a WW II Women's Royal Navy radar engineer from England, spoke in Utica. She shared disturbing news, photos, videotapes, research, and personal stories of the British peace movement.

Some high [low] points of her presentation:

- * There are now 160 U.S. military installations in England, Scotland, and Wales, including cruise missile bases and several nuclear bomber bases.
- * The 1983 secret "U.S.-U.K. Lines of Communication Agreement" and the "Joint Logistics Plan" hand over British military and civilian resources to the U.S. military in 'time of crisis.'



At various stages of the 'crisis' special laws take effect. Some examples: (1) Residents (of private homes) may be expelled or forced to move according to U.S. or British defense requirements; (2) 'Subversive' protestors and others... can be detained without charge or trial; (3) Food and agricultural supplies, gasoline... and other goods are requisitioned for government use; (4) Adults and children alike can be directed to work in labor gangs (including military or police duty); (5) Thirty large hospitals would be ordered to discharge their patients in order to receive U.S. military casualties; (6) Regarding U.S. military personnel: "Should the U.S. military commander consider that the [U.K.] Government does not possess the capability of quelling [disorders] effectively or in time, the U.S. forces may take such action as the U.S. military commander deems necessary..."

Neither the British nor the American people have been made aware of the extent of the present and planned military "occupation" of Britain. Other NATO nations are entering into similar agreements with the U.S.--without the knowledge and/or consent of their citizens.

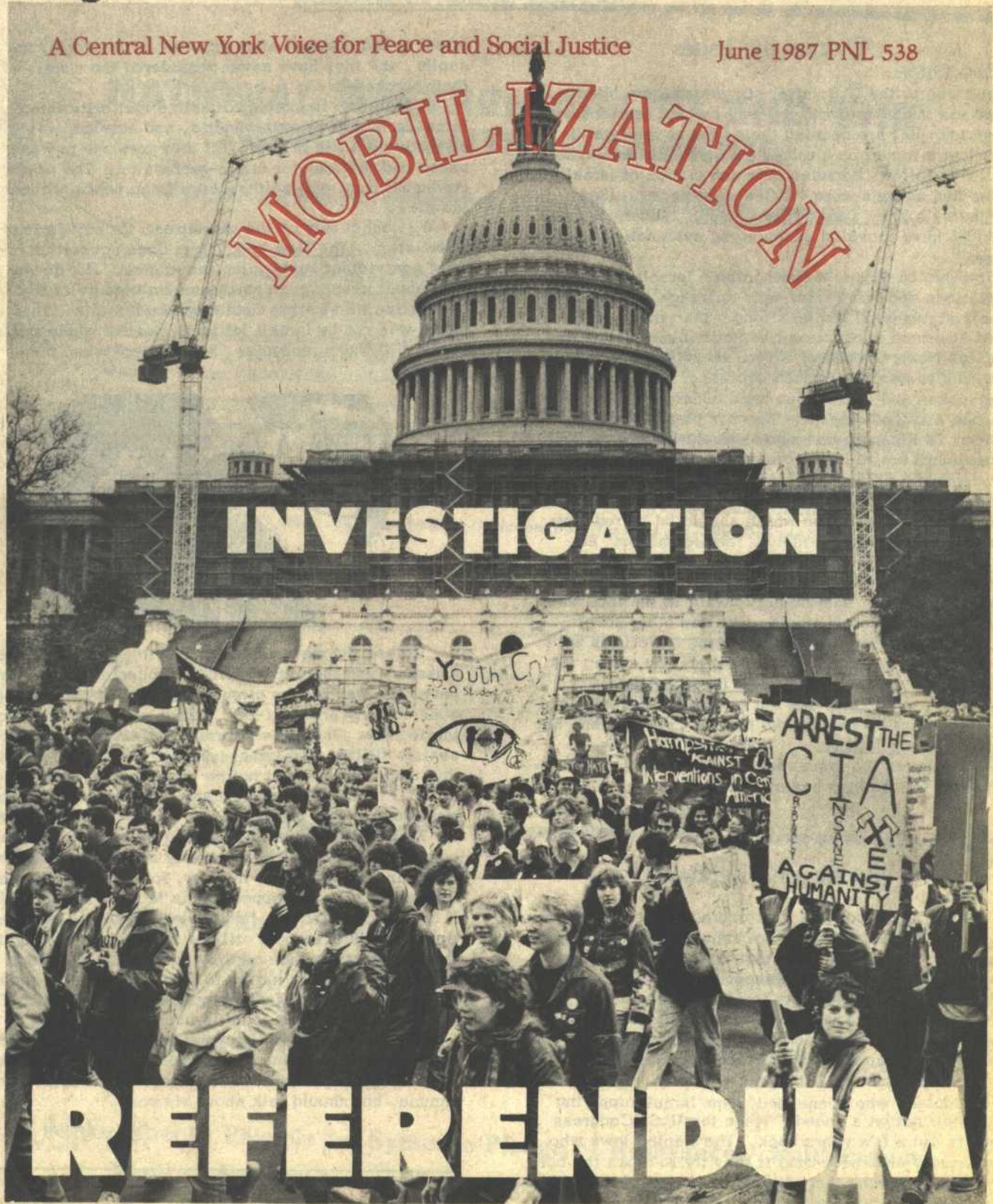
Would we consent to such "friendly" occupation of the United States?

-Joan Olsson

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To The Peace Newsletter

Discuss the Issues

Dear SPC Editors:

Returning to the U.S. after six years in the Middle East we are impressed with the way certain sections of the American left are opening their eyes to the Israeli government's record on human rights and military involvement. This follows decades in which critics of Israel's policies and actions were vilified or silenced. (See Paul Findley's They Dare to Speak Out.) Recent issues of the PNL have provided encouraging evidence of this trend.

Actually, Ed Kinane's comments on Israeli-South African relations and the master-race approach (see Meir Kahane's statements) are no stronger than those of established American spokesmen like Rabbi Elmer Berger and Professors Noam Chomsky, Norton Mezvinsky and Don Peretz, not to mention Israel's Professor Israel Shahak, the outspoken and courageous head of Israel's Council for Human and Civil Rights. There is plenty of evidence to support Ed Kinane's comments. Brent Bleier and Paul Weichselbaum are to be congratulated on their rejoinder which combined disagreement with sympathy. It is to be hoped that they will explore the issues further.

But there is one phrase which should be barred from any intelligent dialogue--that is "anti-semitism" as used in a letter of protest to the SPC. In the Fifties the distinguished journalist (and SU graduate) Dorothy Thompson wrote that she looked forward to the time when the government of Israel would, like any other government, accept criticism without charging the critics with "anti-semitism." Criticism of Israel may be strong (as in Jane Hunter's newsletter Israeli Foreign Affairs) or modulated (as in Tikkun) but the critics are opposing policies carried out by people who happen to be Jewish, not because they are Jewish.

Let's discuss the issues as issues without the name-calling that for too long has stifled discussion.

-Dorothea Seelye Franck
Syracuse, New York

Not Beyond Reproach

Dear Editors:

I am writing to applaud your courage which is personified in Ed Kinane. Anyone who cannot now support you, because you accurately know that Israel is not beyond reproach, was never really a supporter in the struggle in solidarity with all movements for self-determination.

The 40,000 Guatemalans, who have joined the ranks of the disappeared since Israel became that repressive regime's sole weapons systems' supplier, would also echo their appreciation if they were able to. As would the Salvadorans who "benefited" from Israel supplying 85% of their nation's "needs" when the U.S. Congress cut off its aid a few years back. The Iranian Jews who are reportedly shot with Uzis if they try to cross the border, would also echo their "thanks", as would the South Africans who struggle for justice. The facts are that

Israel is the greatest arms exporter in the world, per capita, and they have never considered the morals of their purchasers.

Anyone who is unable to realize that criticizing Israel is in no way anti-semitic, and acts accordingly, either lives a life of denial (if they presume to want peace and justice), or is pro-repression. The peace movement must realize that there is no peace without justice.

We cannot rely on the mainstream for any serious information. The New York Times does not tell us of the vital non violent Palestinian resistance. Nor do we hear about events such as the recent closure of the Alternative Information Center by the Israelis. This office was run by Israeli leftists, most of whom are Jewish, all of whom recognize "Big Brother" when they see him.



Unless the movements against intervention in Central America, and the anti-apartheid groups see that Israel paves the way for the circumvention of any trade embargoes and any arms cut-off, then those groups remain ineffective. The same network that assists the contras, assists UNITA, and Israel is key. If we can recognize this truth then we will not be far from also seeing that the PLO is no different from any other national liberation movement of this century.

Mordechai Vanunu revealed to the world, last September, that Israel has been secretly making nuclear weapons, including thermo-nuclear, for over two decades. For this he was kidnapped by the Mossad (Israeli CIA). If his friend, a priest, had not persistently asked questions then Israel would still be denying any connection to his abduction, just as they continue to state that they will not be the first nation to introduce nuclear arms to the region. Vanunu faces a possible death penalty for his revelations about Israel's nuclear capability.

Anyone concerned about the end of the world, about truth, whistle-blowing and the reality of paying a heavy price for what you believe in, should not only remember Vanunu, but should talk about his case.

-Paul Gregory
Albany, New York

Your letters to the Peace Newsletter are welcomed and encouraged. We reserve the right to edit for space.

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Now we are being led down the same dangerous & deceitful path in **Central America**.

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I support the National Referendum to End the War in Central America:

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The Reagan Administration portrays the Contras in Nicaragua as "freedom fighters" when, in fact, they are responsible for killing and torturing innocent civilians. The U.S. also supports the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala, which are responsible for over 100,000 civilian deaths since 1980.

In the spirit of democratic ideals, we should support freedom, justice and human rights in Central America. Therefore, I call on the Administration and my members of Congress to:

- *End all aid to the Contras.*
- *End all military and war-related economic assistance to the governments of El Salvador and Guatemala.*
- *Remove all U.S. bases, troops, and National Guardsmen from Honduras and end military aid to that country.*
- *Promote peaceful solutions to conflicts by supporting the Contadora process, establishing cooperative relations between the governments of the U.S. and Nicaragua, and promoting negotiations within El Salvador and Guatemala.*

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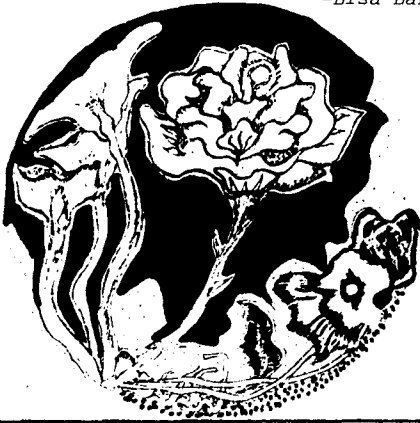
House News

Spring has come! And along with it, some beautiful garden work furnished by Gary Weinstein, Toni Tavarone Mairread Connor, and a reseeded lawn by Steve Halock. Thanks to all of you!!

The house will soon be showing its true colors as the ground work has been laid for the floors to be sanded and refinished. We'll need some help moving bookcases, tables, desks etc. around, so feel free to give us a call. Plans are also being tossed around for re-decorating/organizing the main office, meeting room, and back office areas.

Andy Mager is back from a month long, exhausting Northeast speaking tour. In exchange for his welcomed return, we had to say a sad good-bye to Corinne Kinane who had taken over in his stead. I'm sure she'll still be around, but it won't be the same!

-Lisa Labeille



Statement of Purpose

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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

Note:

From Friday June 5-Tuesday June 9, the Syracuse Peace Council will be closed. We are having the floors refinished. Volunteers are welcome to show up to help with moving!!

Mother's Day Campaign A Success!

Madre and the Syracuse Peace Council sponsored a Mother's Day Campaign to initiate their combined fundraising for material aid to Nicaragua. Approximately 70 people responded, donating to honor mothers here and mothers in Nicaragua. Their donations brought in approximately \$1100.00. \$187.00 was slated for dried milk, enough for 560 quarts. \$39.00 was donated to purchase 29 naso-gastric feeding tubes. And, \$223.00 was for cloth diapers, which will buy 37 dozen. In addition, \$500.00 was given for "whatever is needed most". Cards were sent to the mothers in whose names the donations were made.

We would like to send a thank-you to each person who donated, but believe the contributors would want all the money to be used for aid. Thanks and congratulations to everyone who participated. *-Elinor Cramer*

Plowshare Again

Even though Plowshares is seven months away, organizing for the Peace Council's crafts fair is getting underway in June.

What we are looking for is a few folks who can commit 2 or 3 hours a month over the next few months to help get the planning for Plowshare underway.

If you or one of your friends would like to get involved in the one and only progressive local crafts fair, call the Peace Council at 472-5478 and leave a message for Cletus Pinti. And Thank You For Your Support!

-Cletus Pinti

Dance for Peace — It did make money!

We want to thank everyone who showed up at our recent Dance for Peace benefit at the Landmark. Approximately 200 people came, and, after paying the bands and sound crew, we made \$180.00. We were very pleased!

In addition, we want to thank the Landmark for lending us the space, Decker Audio for its sound equipment, and of course, Homel-Alaniz, Stroke, and Cold Shot Blues Band. Most people seemed to be having a terrific time, however there were some complaints about the volume of the music.

Finally, I want to thank all the people who volunteered their time before, during, and after the event. This includes ticket takers, door watchers, floaters, and of course those wonderful individuals who helped with the set-up and clean-up of the sound equipment (a heavy load, especially up and down stairs!!).

Hopefully we'll have the opportunity to do something similar in the future. We'd love to see you all there again!

-Lisa Labeille

Garage Sale/Auction —

Only 1 Week Away!

Just a brief reminder— for those of you interested in helping out with the garage sale/auction, there's only one week left. If you'd like to volunteer time (and/or effort), lend some garage space, or donate items to sell, please give SPC a call at 472-5478. Items to be auctioned off include a stereo (AM/FM radio, turntable, cassette, and 8-track player), furniture, appliances, bikes, a van, toys, clothes, books, and so much more!

-Lisa Labeille



Vote YES to Peace

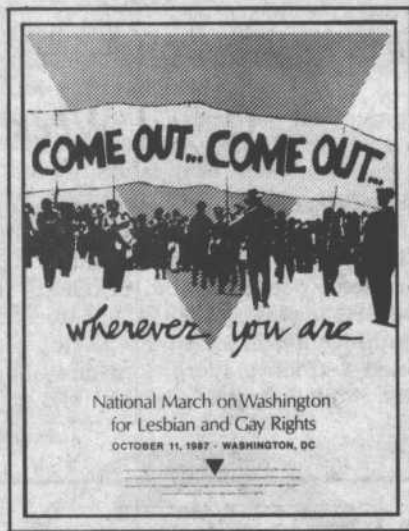
Syracuse has joined more than a hundred cities nationwide in the National Referendum to End the War in Central America. From May 22 to June 16, local volunteers will be collecting ballots at shopping malls, downtown sites, churches, and public events as part of an effort to gather more than a million signatures and present them en masse to Congress during this summer's critical debate on Central America policy.

PLEASE fill out the enclosed ballot and mail it in (feel free to make copies for your friends). Also, be sure to call the Peace Council and volunteer a few hours to ensure the success of the campaign.

-Ron Shuffler

Gay Pride Month

Syracuse Cultural Workers is Coming Out for Gay and Lesbian Pride!



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Wherever you are . . . come out for Gay and Lesbian Rights at the October 11, 1987 March on Washington D.C. New poster designed by SCW Design, \$6 each plus \$2.50 shipping. (10 or more \$3.60 ea.) Pink triangle on black and white. 17x22. Full color catalog, \$1. Syracuse Cultural Workers, Box 6367P, Syracuse, NY 13217. (315) 474-1132. Visa/MC. Wholesale welcome.

Magic Yellow Button

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I march between police barricades
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racks that will hold bright colored
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another morning

So many buttons I have worn
in so many marches,
...U.S. out of Vietnam...No more Nukes
...Free Huey Newton
receiving jeers, thrown eggs,
my motherly concern growing
over your safety, as I pushed
you along the march route
in your baby stroller
Startled now by the spectators'
cheers on this Gay Freedom Day,
thinking perhaps I should smile
and wave, like a hero in a ticker tape
parade, I walk under the applause drawing
banner, whose words match
my yellow button

"Parents of Lesbians and Gays"
Parent, for the simple act of
birthing you, who then
grew to make your own choice

-Shirley Powers

(From *Different Daughters*, edited by Louise Rafkin,
Cleis Press, 1987)

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A Letter to My Lesbian Daughter

Syracuse, New York
May 10, 1987

Dear L,

It's been over three years since you sat your father and me down to announce your Lesbianism. Since then I have been half-consciously mulling and sorting and find myself a walking bundle of contradictions.

What I THINK is that homosexuality is just another variation in nature, like height and eye or skin color. But what I FEEL is afraid for you -- of the cruelty, both unthinking and calculated, that you have no doubt had to face already and will continue to face. In one way, everything is still as clear as it was on the evening of your announcement: you are my beloved daughter, forever and ever.... But my expectations for you, unacknowledged until now, creep in: that you would grow up and marry Prince Charming and provide me with cherubic grandchildren to take to the zoo and grace my holiday table. Somehow validate my life with yours. I know it's not fair, that I haven't the right, to saddle you with such expectations. But there they are, and they die hard!

Looking far back, it seems to me that you and your siblings came complete with a personality of your own, that I was the caretaker but certainly not the creator of who each of you is now. So, why, then, the flashes of guilt -- that I somehow twisted your psyche -- that I've been a bad mother? With such a lot of me invested in being a good mother, that really hurts!



Cidne Hart/LNS



Cheri Strong/LNS

I find myself angry, at unexpected times over the chance remarks of friend and stranger alike about "queers." Does it count for nothing that homosexuals are our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, even our parents? That homosexuals are sensitive and loving, or small and mean, depending on a lot of other variables besides their sexual orientation? I've found that rational statements on the subject count for little. Making them feels like shoveling against the tide. So your courage astounds me! I know the world does not move forward one inch without people like you, who are willing to risk rejection on a daily basis, simply by being open about who you are. But I want to protect you from all the hurts and harm that courageous people attract, even while admiring you and knowing that I can't shelter you from any of it. And your bravery mocks that streak in me that wants so badly to conform, to "fit in."

When I think about you -- your honesty and compassion, your beauty, your fine mind -- I am filled with fury at our hypocritical, intolerant culture that can dismiss out of hand or destroy anyone perceived as "different." It NEEDS CHANGING! I want for you the same things parents everywhere want for their kids: that you can live your life honestly and without fear, that you can develop your human capabilities to the utmost without having to struggle against stupid and artificial barriers. That day is not here yet, but I know it's closer because of people like you.

I didn't mean to go on so. All this has just been on my mind. I can't leave without a few customary mother clichés: keep your doors locked, take your vitamins, and try to get a good night's sleep once in a while. And most of all, keep on being you. I love you. You're a gift!

The writer has four grown children and a social work job.

-Mother



The Mobe Was Worthwhile

by Angus MacDonald

Five buses! It felt good to see them lined up in the parking lot at Bishop Harrison Center on Lancaster Avenue, Syracuse, at midnight April 24-25. These buses to the Mobilization for Justice and Peace in Central America and Southern Africa were organized by the Central American Peace Project from Canton, AFSC, Students Traveling to Encourage Peace (STEP), Central America Coalition, Pledge of Resistance, New Jewish Agenda, SPC Press, and of course, the Syracuse Peace Council.

At the Ellipse

After a cold, drafty ride and a stop for breakfast we arrived at Washington and took the Metro subway to the stop nearest the Ellipse, which swarmed with people. There was a long banner which said, "Divest Texas State!" Saffron-robed young Americans with shaved heads beat single-head drums, looks of joyful mischief on their faces. Mohawk haircuts of the Punk New Wave Contingency group stood defiantly erect.

Labor Leads the March

A little after noon the march to the Capitol began. There was very strong and significant labor leadership and participation in the Mobilization. According to the April 26 New York Times, twenty-four labor leaders were listed on the steering committee for the rally. These leaders brushed aside the calls of Lane Kirkland, AFL-CIO president, and leaders of conservative unions, to boycott the Mobilization. Labor was given the lead position, to be followed by Religious, International, Latino, Central America/Southern Africa, Students, Cultural Workers, Women, Anti-Racist, Veterans, Lesbian/Gay Rights, Environmental, Regional Peace and Disarmament, Middle East and Senior Groups.... A woman with two aluminum canes walked beside me; the cuff of one of the canes had a sign: "Hands Off Central America!"

Note to People Who Took One of the Buses:

On behalf of the committee that organized for the trip to the Washington demonstration, we express our great appreciation that you joined us. We acknowledge that there were problems with the buses for which we apologize, and we wanted you to know that we have communicated with the charter bus company about these problems. Blue Bird Coach Lines has replied with a cordial and concerned response.

We hope that you will participate with us in other activities--including local ones--aimed at influencing our government's policies toward Central America and South Africa.

Thanks again for joining with us!

While as many as 19 speakers were scheduled, I missed Rev. Jesse Jackson and heard only a rousing speech by AFGE president Kenneth Blaylock and a crisp and funny talk by Ed Asner, former president of the Screen Actors Guild. Holly Near came out and rallied the troops of peace and justice and got them to sing "We are gentle, angry people, and we are singing, singing for our lives." Then it was time for a hot dog and a drink and the return to the bus home.

Since I was not present at the CIA protest April 27, I had to depend on the April 28 New York Times report. Police arrested a total of 557 protesters, and the main entrance to the CIA facility was blocked for four hours. The 557 were charged with several minor offenses and

will be appearing in court over the next few weeks.

There was a variety of opinions concerning the value of the Mobilization. Paul Pearce thought that the Mobilization, intended to be a demonstration of strength of the forces opposing Reagan's policies, might have turned out instead to reveal the weakness of those forces; later he said that more optimistic

reactions of his friends had somewhat reassured him.

Carol Baum, while she was glad she went, did not think the rally was special. And Hank Strunk, though he hopes that the Mobe will energize people, did not think it influenced Congress much. Hank felt, however, that the Mobe was a necessary part of the continuing pressure needed to bring about change.

My viewpoint is based on the "numbers game" that is always played in the reporting of such demonstrations. According to official police reports, 150,000 people attended the Mobe. The media cut that neatly in half, to 75,000. (It is interesting that the civil disobedience action at the CIA, which involved 1500 people, got much more media coverage than the march and rally, which brought out ten times that many people.)

But while the media divides these numbers by 2, I believe the decision-makers are multiplying the numbers by 10 -- figuring that for everyone who comes to Washington to march, 10 more are with the marcher in spirit. This is a damper on those who want to make war. I think the Mobilization was worth while!

Angus MacDonald

Angus works on the editorial committee and has been marching for peace & justice for many years.

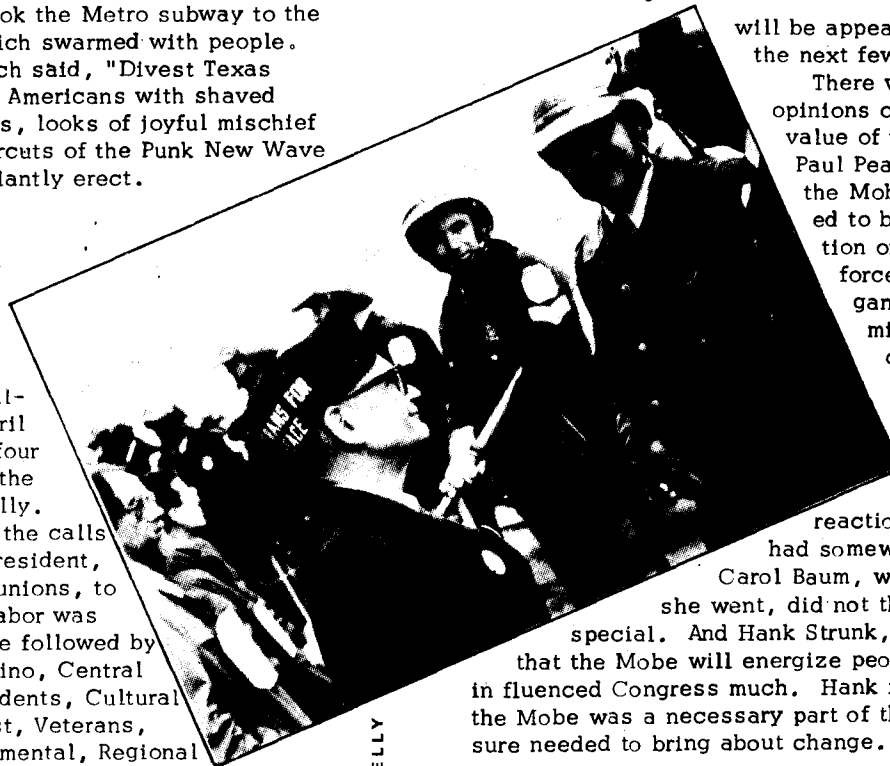


PHOTO BY KATE DONNELLY

A View from Guatemala

by Liam Mahony

A Letter Home

Dear friends and family:

I've been here in Guatemala for a month and a half now. I've been "escorting" with Peace Brigades International for five weeks. The basic *raison d'etre* for PBI's escort program is fairly straightforward: much of the violence here is political; Guatemala is trying to give at least an outward appearance of being a peaceful democracy. Thus assassinations and disappearances are far less likely to happen in the presence of the Press or other international observers. So far it has worked. Since the program's inception a few years ago, no one has been attacked in the presence of an escort. We keep our fingers crossed.

To escort is simply to be there. Our job is to be simultaneously conspicuous to outsiders and unobtrusive in the life of the escorted. Being white and a head taller than most Guatemalans, conspicuous doesn't raise a problem. But unobtrusive? I can't imagine what it must be like to have a different unintelligible gringo follow you around every day. Seems like torture to me.

One of our escortedees is a family which has recently suffered the loss of a mother and daughter. They are Indians who fled the highlands and now live in a poor neighborhood in Guatemala City where they run a tortilla business. With father, mother and oldest sister dead, the business manager is now a twelve-year-old girl. Their native Indian language is not Spanish, so communication can be quite an experience.

The police visit this family frequently, looking for the oldest brother, who had denounced the military after the death of his sister and mother. Not finding him, they hang out and have some coffee, chat about the weather, try to find out when escorts are not around, ask you how much TVs cost in the U.S., while the younger sister disappears to the other side of the yard to cry.



In Honor of Those Killed in Panzós

Liam has been in Guatemala for two months working with Peace Brigades International as an escort for individuals threatened with political violence. All opinions are the author's own, not those of PBI or SPC. For further background information, please see "Alive You Took Them..." by Karen Beetle, PNL 8/86.

Journal entry, 31 Jan.: Spent last night at a wake over the bodies of a mother and daughter. They disappeared after inquiring about the daughter's missing husband, and turned up in a ditch a few days later. This morning four army soldiers - just boys - were hovering outside the house. A journalist began taking their pictures and they approached him - we all thought he would lose his camera. Nineth de Garcia (leader of Guatemala's only human rights group) storms across the street: "Give me my camera," grabs the camera and goes back in the house, leaving the soldiers and the rest of us dumbfounded. The soldiers enter the house, machine guns and all, and politely pay their respects over the coffins before leaving.

Journal entry, 22 Feb.: Spent the day hearing/discussing stories of violence in the highlands. A boy is being accused of being a guerrilla when he goes in to market, ostensibly because he was away from his village during a two-month period while it was being massacred. How can we help him? We ask will our involvement increase the danger, casting him as a troublemaker? His friend pipes in, joking, that his real danger is a U.S. invasion of Nicaragua.

Journal entry, 7 March: Last night I escorted a woman and five children to their home. The father had been kidnapped in front of the house a few weeks earlier. A miracle happened in front of me: he came home. Rushes in from the bus and slams the door. Everyone in tears, retires to the bedroom to talk, leaving me with the TV. An hour later they assure me that everything is fine; the danger is past; please don't publicize anything. I leave politely, knowing a new danger has just begun for them.

The trip has been incredibly exhilarating, and I have learned even more than I expected, about hope and courage and cooking black beans. Like everything, one can never be exactly sure just what good it's doing. We're not changing U.S. policy here. At best we're limiting the damage in a small way. But that too is important. We may someday turn U.S. Central America policy around, but I'm not sure the people here have the luxury to wait for us. And while a fire out of control must be put out, we also have to take time to get people out of the way.

Hope all is well with all of you. -Liam

Peace Brigades in Guatemala

Peace Brigades International is committed to creating spaces for the development of non-violent alternatives in Guatemala. PBI provides escorts for endangered individuals based on the belief/hope that political violence is less likely in the presence of foreigners. PBI staff work on many other projects as well. If you'd be interested in going to Guatemala with other Central New Yorkers to work with PBI, contact Liam Mahony at (315)425-0629. Donations can be sent to PBI, 175 Carlton St. Toronto, Can. M5A2K3.

Sanctuary Celebration: A Welcoming Ceremony

For the first time since the Civil War, Sanctuary has been declared! Under the protection of Covenant Sanctuary, (an extensive coalition of religious organizations and churches in the Syracuse area) we welcome with open arms and warm hearts, a refugee family from El Salvador. Three adults and three children ages four, five and six have recently joined our community and are living at Slocum House upon the invitation of Pax Christi. This family has fled their native country because of the



terror and violence which threatened their lives and took away their home. Entering the United States through Mexico, they have volunteered to become Syracuse's first family to live in permanent Sanctuary since the days of the underground railroad when upstate New York communities gave shelter to slaves fleeing from the South.

As friends of Sanctuary and supporters of this family, you are invited to join in celebrating their arrival.

Come and honor the struggle of this family.

Come and remember the suffering of all displaced families living in exile in this country.

Come and affirm our solidarity, our strength and our love.

Come to offer this family your protection.

Come and offer witness to the world that Sanctuary is a living and powerful reality.

If Sanctuary is to have meaning in the eyes of those who would like us to believe that refugees are here to find jobs and, therefore, should be deported for possible persecution, torture and death, then it is imperative that they see that in our community many people are here to say "NO!"

Please join us!

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(downtown Syracuse)

-Phil Klein

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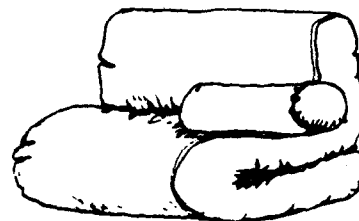
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Guatemala: Low Intensity Warfare in Practice

by Larry Jordan

The reality of Guatemala is hard to grasp from a U.S. perspective. The complexities of international economics and cultural differences create confusion, a confusion that our policymakers are counting on. How does one convince people that elections do not imply democracy? That U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) money for highways does not help the rural Guatemalan? That charitable CARE donations can be used to strengthen the military's control over the population?

Land

The first leap is to grasp the importance of LAND. Few of us are farmers and we take food for granted. Guatemala is an agrarian society where 1% own 34% of the land, much of which is left idle. A subsistence plot is 7 acres; the average farmer owns 4 acres. It is the richest country in the region, with the most lopsided income distribution. The best land is used for coffee and other export crops, while corn and beans are imported.

These inequalities are the root of Guatemala's turmoil. Land and tax reform would be a step in the right direction, but U.S. policy is geared in the opposite direction: increase export crops, strengthen the army and use development aid to buy off popular resistance.



Beans and Guns

The goal of Low Intensity Warfare is to use every means available (economic, psychological, military, etc.) to dominate a people without getting into battlefield combat. In Central America economic aid is targeted not according to need, but to the degree of stability of the government. (Thus aid to El Salvador is highest.) Guatemala receives less than others, since the repression of the past decade has essentially succeeded in controlling resistance. Within Guatemala, most aid goes to the highland areas where guerrilla activity has been strongest.

International food aid becomes another instrument of military control. That is, hungry peasants must pledge allegiance to the government, work on government projects and obey military commands in order to obtain food... The situation provides the military with one more form of coercion, one more weapon in its campaign to consolidate control and domination of civilian life in the highlands.

-Americas Watch

Democracy in Guatemala

Since the CIA overthrew the democratic govt in 1954 Guatemala has been ruled by the generals. Generals who had themselves elected, or forced elected presidents to sign debilitating agreements, or simply brazenly over-

Most of the historical and statistical data stated here is from the booklet "Guatemala: The Politics of Counter-Insurgency" by Tom Barry and Deb Preusch of the InterHemispheric Education Resource Center, unless otherwise noted.

ruled the results of elections. Violence and disappearances have been the order of the day, and U.S. AID funds have kept pace with increasing human rights violations.

The statistics and documentation on the carnage in Guatemala since 1978, under generals Lucas Garcia, Rios Montt and Mejia Victores, are irrefutable and horrifyingly lengthy. The massacres of Indians in the highlands took on genocidal proportions. The government itself admits there are over 100,000 orphans of violence. Most estimates place the "missing" at around 40,000, the dead at 100,000 and the displaced at over a million. There are only 8 million people in Guatemala, about the same as Upstate New York.

By 1983 international pressure was mounting to quell the violence, and the U.S. was pressing for at least the appearance of democracy, as part of its regional campaign to pressure Nicaragua. Under military guidance, an assembly was elected in 1984 to draft a constitution and in 1985 Vinicio Cerezo was elected president.

The military had reason to be confident that it could allow a civilian like Cerezo to take office without losing control. They remembered the example of the 1966-1970 Mendez presidency, characterized by a civilian in office but an autonomous, reorganized military in power. They looked at the example of Jose Napoleon Duarte in El Salvador, characterized by a civilian president who was not allowed to build a strong base of support to push for reforms and whose main importance was as a legitimator and conduit for U.S. assistance. As Cerezo explained during the election: "They need a President who can obtain money for the country." And finally...if serious opposition were to recur, the military was willing (and thanks to renewed assistance, more able) to again resort to more active repression. (p. 43 Confronting Revolution, Security Through Diplomacy in Central America, Pantheon Books, 1986)



Democracy in 1987

The constitution was written in such a way as to leave the military in control of the highlands. Civilian males are forced into weekly "patrols", providing the army with free labor, a buffer in the front lines with guerrillas, forced assistance with atrocities, and an information network for controlling and monitoring people's movements. (Americas Watch: Civil Patrols in Guat., 8/86). Time badly needed for farming is spent building roads for military vehicles (Indian farmers seldom own cars!).

In 8 different highland regions displaced Indians are organized into model villages:

...people from several villages and sometimes from different Indian language groups are gathered in towns they had no say in designing, guarded over by soldiers who destroyed their former homes...asked what the army would do if a resident left the village without permission or refused to join the local civil patrol, one of the men in Tzabal said matter-of-factly, 'They'd kill you'. (James LeMoyné, "For Mayans of Guatemala, Calamity Strikes Again", New York Times, 1/10/85)

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Disarming Apartheid:

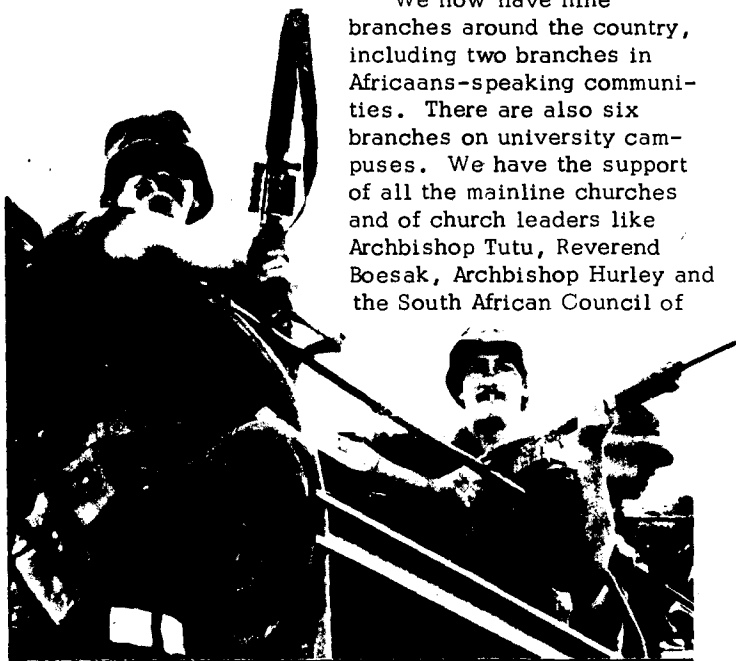
A Talk by South African Draft Resister Laurie Nathan

The following is condensed from a talk by Laurie Nathan of the End Conscription Campaign given on April 9, in Syracuse. The ECC is a primarily white organization which works for a just peace in South Africa by opposing the military draft. Ed Kinane transcribed and edited the talk.

Recently in South Africa a young white man appeared in court. He was charged with failing to enter military service. In his statement to the court, Philip said: "This comes at a time when thousands of my country people are laying down their lives for freedom. In this situation it's just not good enough for white South Africans to leave the country. For those who call ourselves white democrats, the time for theorizing is over. We have to act."

The resistance that Philip represents has been spearheaded since 1983 by the End Conscription Campaign (ECC), a national coalition of womens', human rights, religious and student organizations formed to oppose conscription, the militarization of our society and the Apartheid army both inside and outside South Africa. When the ECC was formed we were regarded by even liberal white people as communist and criminal and subversive. But over the last three years we've been able to build a tremendous degree of support in the white community.

We now have nine branches around the country, including two branches in Afrikaans-speaking communities. There are also six branches on university campuses. We have the support of all the mainline churches and of church leaders like Archbishop Tutu, Reverend Boesak, Archbishop Hurley and the South African Council of



Churches. We have the support of members of Parliament in the official opposition party; we have close working re-

lationships with black progressive organizations and trade unions, chiefly the United Democratic Front (UDF), which is the largest progressive organization functioning legally in South Africa.

To explain how the ECC has achieved such success I need to tell you something of the role the army plays in South Africa and something about the way in which we work. The South African army has historically been used to maintain the system of Apartheid. Under South African law all white men have to serve four years in the army. That four years is broken up into a two-year continuous period which one is expected to do straight after school. This service is followed by annual army camps of 30 and 90 days alternately. The South African army boasts of its ability to mobilize at any moment up to 800,000 people out of a white population of only 4,000,000.

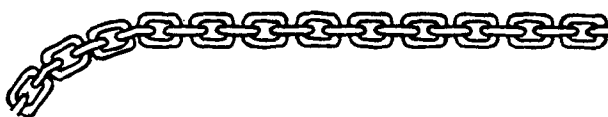
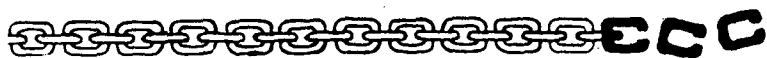
In 1984, according to the Minister of Defense, 42,000 soldiers were used in what he calls ordinary police work. That means staffing road blocks, arresting African people on pass law and influx control offenses, forcibly removing African communities from one place to another. But things changed dramatically in 1984 when the army was sent in for the first time since the Sixties to attempt to crush black resistance. Since 1984, under the current state of emergency, this has happened on an extensive and continuous basis.

With the formation of the UDF in 1983 the growing militancy and resistance from black communities reached the stage that many parts of our country are now effectively ungovernable. The central government as well as local authorities aren't able to perform basic civic functions in the black areas. They aren't able to go into black areas except with police and soldiers. Since 1984 rents in many parts of the Transvaal haven't been collected. At the same time the people have begun to govern their communities themselves. They've set up street committees, area committees, zone and regional committees to take responsibility for resolving their disputes, for maintaining their health and sanitation systems, for developing alternatives to Bantu education.

The government declared the third state of emergency in our history in June 1986. Effectively, a state of emergency gives security forces license to kill. Soldiers and police have conducted a reign of terror throughout the country. They enjoy immunity from civil and criminal prosecution for anything they do "in good faith." They've placed many townships under military occupation.

Americans often ask: when will the revolution begin? If you went into a black area you would know the revolution has begun. The soldiers try to crush a whole range of nonviolent forms of resistance, as well as contain the spontaneous violence now developing. They're supposed





to break the school boycotts, the consumer boycotts, the rent boycotts, the strikes, the protests at funerals. This is done with brutality. The security forces beat people for walking in the road, for wearing political t-shirts. Soldiers abduct children, taking them to detention barracks where they tie their fingers to electric field telephones and shock them.

The reaction of the white community to such activities has been twofold: Most white men are saying, "It's my patriotic duty -- I have to go in the army." Some even say they're happy to beat up black people and they talk openly about going kaffir-bashing, nigger-bashing, where "kaffir" is the most derogatory word one can use in South Africa. But at the same time increasingly young men are saying, "This is intolerable. We are not prepared to defend Apartheid. We are not prepared to take up arms against people who aren't communists or agitators or terrorists as the government claims, but who are ordinary South African people struggling for their freedom."

The End Conscription Campaign has given direction to that resistance. We have big public rallies; we organize seminars and educational focus weeks. We also organize cultural projects like rock and folk concerts; we organize anti-war film festivals and exhibits of popular art -- from both the black community and the middle class white community. We do sidewalk art; we build sand castles which are invariably broken up by police, giving us the publicity we seek. We do these things to make the End Conscription Campaign as accessible to as many groupings of people as possible.

In 1985 we were invited into black communities to work on community projects. We helped rebuild daycare centers, we laid water pipes, we planted trees that could be used as windbreaks. What we were saying through these actions was, "We go into black areas, not carrying a gun, not in uniform. We go in to rebuild communities and not destroy them. We go in volunteering and not because we are forced by law to go in. But above all we go in having consulted the community and found out what its needs are and if it wants us there. We don't go in against its will." These projects helped us build alliances with the black community at the grassroots.

We place as much emphasis on a call for a just peace as we do on our call to end conscription. I want to spell out what we mean by a just peace. To devise a solution for South Africa's problems we need to look at what the people of South Africa are demanding. These demands -- and they are minimum, non-negotiable demands -- are: first, that Apartheid be dismantled completely...not reformed, not transformed, but dismantled; second, that security legislation be scrapped; third, that outlaw organizations which enjoy majority support, like the African National Congress, be unbanned; fourth, that detainees and political prisoners, like Nelson Mandela, be released; fifth, and I think most important, that one person, one

vote be introduced so the people will determine exactly in what way South Africa will be transformed into a more just society.

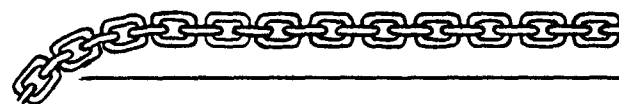
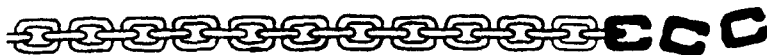
The government responds to the threat that the ECC poses by directing at us the repression that historically it's directed at black organizations. Since last June over 250,000 have been detained including 60 of our members. Now, detention in South Africa is not quite like incarceration here. Under detention laws any police officer or soldier above a certain rank can put anyone in jail indefinitely for any reason, without that person having to be charged for any offense, without the person needing to be taken into court.

The security police come to ECC homes at 5 o'clock in the morning, sometimes armed with submachine guns. They trash our homes as a form of intimidation. We receive death threats and bomb threats at our meetings. But the repression we experience as white activists doesn't come within miles of the repression that black activists and organizations experience. As a white activist who has been hiding for seven or eight months I still enjoy more freedom and more privilege than a black person who is not in hiding. When I get caught -- if I get caught -- what I fear is going into detention. A black activist who is caught fears being killed on the spot.

Nonetheless black activists remain enormously strong and courageous. There's now an unprecedented feeling of hope and confidence. There's a sense of victory is within our grasp; power is within our reach. Within this context the South African people increasingly look to the international community for support. Not that the international community will liberate the people of South Africa: they will liberate themselves. But international pressure will erode the moral support Reagan, Thatcher and other West European leaders have long given Botha. Such support allows Botha to tamper with Apartheid at his own pace. International pressure heartens people engaged in struggle.

The last thing I want to say is that it isn't enough for you to oppose racism and militarism in South Africa if you ignore the racism and militarism in this country and don't connect the two. As you know, you too are living in a highly militarized society. And I've been shocked at the extent to which racism pervades your society, the extent to which people of color are economically disadvantaged, are harassed by police, are subjected to legislation that discriminates against them.

And while, as an outsider, I'm obviously not in a position to tell you what to do about it, I do urge you to avoid falling into the trap of solely focusing on the struggle one step removed in other countries while ignoring the situation here. With that in mind, I want to end by quoting a black South African minister who recently toured this country: "You are worthy of my prayers for the work that you do against Apartheid. But you cannot be taken seriously until racism in this country is taken seriously." ❊



Central America and South Africa

Guatemala/continued from page 11

The Grupo de Apoyo Mutuo (GAM: support group for families of the disappeared) documented 31 disappearances and 167 assassinations during Nov.'86 thru Jan.'87. More recently, local papers are reporting steadily increasing violence in 1987.

We may wish to think that this is not our problem, but the U.S. trained the Guatemalan military, and still trains them. U.S. AID funds every branch of the gov't, and focuses on the highlands, where all control and distribution are in military hands. AID also directs private assistance (eg. CARE) into military hands, the U.S. pressures the Int'l Monetary Fund and other lending institutions to send money through the same channels. The end goal: inhibit, buy-off or kill-off popular organizing. So far, in Guatemala, the system is working.

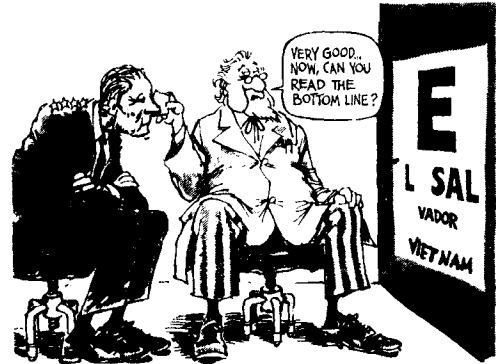
What Next?

President Cerezo done little to address Guatemala's internal problems, though he has done a smooth public relations job with its international image. The terror continues - as I write, today's headlines are of another union worker killed. Landless farmers are organizing, but Cerezo resists land reform. Guerrilla activity continues. The economy worsens, and columnists speculate on coups.

Whether President Cerezo has the power or inclination to press for real changes is doubted by many. Whether popular movements can overcome the fear and terror... whether the army can keep supplying just the right balance of beans and bullets...

As always, the questions outnumber the answers. ☸

El Salvador



Another Viet Nam

investigates El Salvador's repressive security forces, and its guerrillas; its military-civilian leadership and the domestic opposition; US government policy and human rights spokespersons, the mounting repression of the Church, tens of thousands of refugees, and the 10,000 people—mostly poor peasants—who were killed in 1980.

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National Service: An Idea Whose Time Might Be Coming

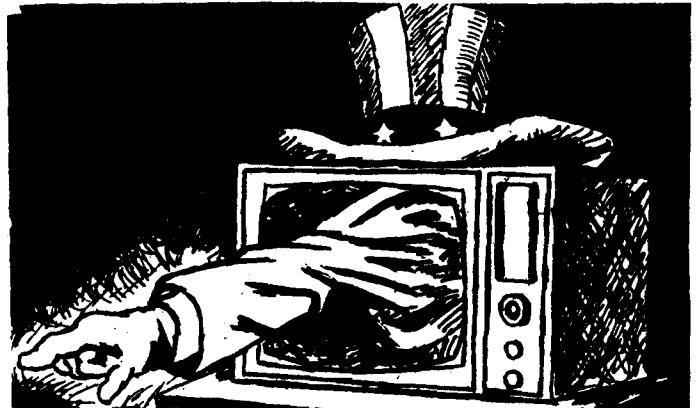
Imagine a time when every young person in the U.S. would devote one to two years toward service to our country. Imagine the many constructive projects that could be undertaken and the sense of goodwill created. This could lead to an increased civic pride, a renewed commitment to preserving our country and avoiding war.

This imagined time might be coming. Compulsory national service is not just a fantasy, but a serious proposal being drafted by many political leaders. Democrats, both presidential hopefuls and congressional leaders, are promoting national service as evidence of their commitment to national security. Peace and justice activists must consider the merits of such a proposal and prepare to respond to the aspects that may consider attractive.

There are attractive aspects to such a proposal. National service could provide an alternative to the military for youth seeking to break out of oppressive economic situations, as well as providing on-the-job training. Youth of all economic and ethnic backgrounds, men and women, could work hand-in-hand, breaking down racism, classism and sexism. Contributions could be made in ridding our country of social problems by working to better services for the elderly, poor, disabled and oppressed.

National service has the potential of building a peaceful patriotism as opposed to the patriotism established on hatred and prejudice toward other nations and peoples.

Yet, while there are attractive aspects to a national service program, there are also serious drawbacks. Compulsory service seems to be a contradiction in terms, implying an involuntary servitude. It is one thing to ask what you can do for your country, and another thing to be told what you must do. One also has to wonder whether middle and upper class youth would gain exemptions, resulting in an increased poverty draft. And, national service has the potential of displacing many adults now employed in service industries.



Compulsory national service might lead the U.S. down a path toward a readiness for war. After all, it would function as a military draft without seeming so politically unpopular. The military would benefit immediately from such a program since youth could choose the military as an option for their service. Furthermore, even if national service is a worthwhile concept, would government administration create militaristic and coercive structures that reinforce conformity and obedience? Some fear that legislation initiated as national service might result in a military draft as a compromise.

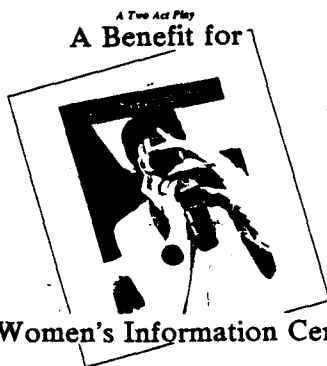
Peace and justice activists around the country are seeking a position on this important issue. We would like to know what your thoughts are on this issue. What is the response among youth? Contact Mark Chupp, AFSC, 821 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210, (315) 475-4822 with feedback. A future PNL article will take an in-depth view of this issue, so please respond soon. National service--an idea whose time may be coming.

-Mark Chupp

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The Pen Is Mightier Than The Sword

Lillian Reiner Writes Again

Lillian Reiner has been active in working for peace and justice for many years. In recognizing the power of the pen, Lillian has written literally hundreds of letters to the editor. Below are a sampling.

Shocked by Death Sentence

April 10, 1951

Press and radio seemed to break out in chortles of glee at the death sentence meted out to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenberg, found guilty of being spies. As a Jewish mother, I am sure that that attitude is not shared by most thoughtful Americans. I must believe that my own sense of shock is echoed in other hearts.

Are these two young parents, accused under the most shameful circumstances, tried in an atmosphere of hysteria, sentenced by a judge who seemed, to me, to be himself unsound in his hysterical denunciation, to die in the electric chair?

Can we sit back and let these two die when concurrently the murderers, Malmedy Krupp, Ilsa Koch and dozens of other Nazi criminals found guilty of wanton torture and the killing of thousands of people by an international tribunal, are set free by American authorities?

Can these phenomena plus the witch hunts, the attacks on all who act for peace, the legal lynching of the Martinsville Seven, the intensification of Jim Crow and anti-semitism, the drive to militarism and war, be the expression of the desires of the American people? It cannot be so.

Let the people speak.

Liberty for Bigotry

May 3, 1984

Thank you for the cartoon of April 23, which depicts the KKK of Greensboro, NC gloating over the not-guilty verdict, saying, "Free at last." One wonders what the children of Greensboro think as they repeat the pledge of allegiance, "...with liberty and justice for all." Certainly not in Greensboro, where there appears to be liberty for bigotry and no justice at all.

Take All of Us

February 12, 1985

What mean-spirited, pinched souls have those who are unwilling or unable to see beauty of Andy Mager's courage. He dared to challenge those whose dictum required the male cream of our crop to register.

The assumption of these military bureaucrats is that only young men aged 18 to 23 are needed to die on some unspecified battlefield. Whose necessity? If our beloved country needs defense, tell us how. And then why not take all of us?

Which Course

June 4, 1985

How now, George Wortley and your colleagues in Congress? You have the opportunity to vote for more money for food stamps, health care and other human

needs. Will that be your choice, or will you align yourself with those inhuman forces who wish to create death and destruction through nerve gas and MX monstrosities? One would hope that all caring people will let you know which course to take.

Better Ways

August 8, 1985

Come now, Niagara Mohawk. Surely there are better ways of judging employee performance than by urine analysis.

Again I withhold \$5 on my bill to protest inefficient, uncaring NiMo management.

Lillian at a vigil about Iran, 5/11/80



photo by Jeff Schwartz

Nonviolent Meet

February 6, 1986

In a world where violence seems to become more and more prevalent, it behooves caring thinking people to hold fast to the principles of nonviolence.

To that end, "People Against the Death Penalty" hold a vigil at noon at Columbus Circle on the last Thursday of the month.

We welcome all who oppose the institutionalized violence of capital punishment to join us.

Anything Goes

March 17, 1987

How clever of the Sandinistas! Apparently they are trying to lure the Nicaraguan people into acceptance of Soviet or (Leninist-Marxist philosophy) domination by reappropriating land (one labor agriculture person was assassinated a few years ago); by establishing health clinics (regrettably bombed by contras); and by making schools more available.

Of course, there are restrictions that we deem necessary. So we mine a harbor and covertly raise funds for the "freedom fighters"--the contras.

When you are fighting an ideology repugnant to us, anything goes. Or does it?

PEACES

Hung Jury for Plowshares

On May 18, following seven hours of deliberation, a Federal Jury in Philadelphia returned to the courtroom and said they could not reach a decision to convict the Epi-phany Plowshares. These four activists, Greg Boertje, Lin Romano, Dexter Lanctot and Thomas McGann, participated in the 17th Plowshares action at Willow Grove Naval Air Station on January 6, 1987. With their blood and hammers the group disarmed a P-3 Orion Anti-Submarine Warfare Plane and two CH-53A Sea Stallion Assault Helicopters (the type used in Central America). This was the second hung jury in their case. Of the 16 U.S. Plowshares actions this is the first to win such a victory in the court system. For further information, contact Agnes Bauerlein, 115 Stout Rd., Amblar, PA 19007.

-Andy Mager

Homeporting in NYC

Plans to base a battleship surface action group (SAG) armed with nuclear weapons in New York Harbor continue to lurch forward, shifting from full-steam-ahead to dead-in-the-water. Community opposition to the Navy's plan remains the major obstacle.

During the summer of 1986, Representative Guy V. Molinari (R-NY) had proudly proclaimed, "Nothing can stop us now!" One day later, Congress voted to delete all funding for the plan to put 700 nuclear warheads in the nation's largest city. By year's end, \$56.1 million of the \$87 million the Navy had requested was restored to the budget for Fiscal Year 1987.

Initial bids for dredging and building a seawall came in more than \$5 million over the budget. The Navy then opened a new round of bids, and said that groundbreaking would be held at the end of March.

Opponents of the nukeport pointed out that New York State environmental law requires all permits to be issued

before construction can begin. This will allow some time for court review of two lawsuits concerning adverse impact of the nukeport on the environment. But no one in New York expects that the Navy will at this point decide not to put the nuclear armed SAG on Staten Island, less than ten miles from the United Nations.

-Tom Hamilton

More Plowshares in Europe

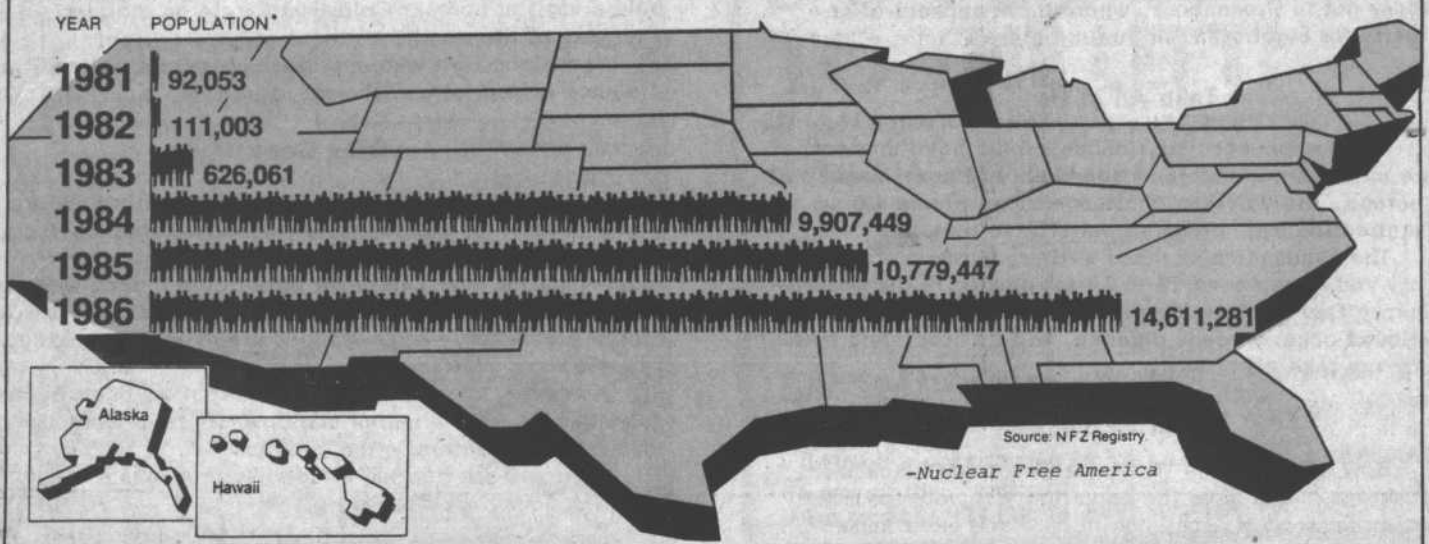
The movement of non-violent direct action and civil disobedience is growing in Sweden and Europe. In Sweden where the peacemovement doesn't have a tradition of direct action, there has been an increased awareness about non-violent civil disobedience as a tactic and lifestyle. One of the latest additions to the discussion is Per Hergren's book "Plowshares number 8" that was recently published. Per was an intern at the Syracuse Peace Council in 1984 and participated in the Pershing Plowshares action. After serving his 15 months in prison, he was deported to Sweden where he now is continuing to work with people building a European Plowshares movement.

In his book, Per describes the preparation for the Pershing Plowshares action, the trial and his jailtime. It is all interspersed with his motives for the action and thoughts and feelings about what happened. Per also remembers his year at the Syracuse Peace Council as follows: "My year in the Peacegroup in Syracuse meant much to me. They taught me to make decisions by consensus rather than by voting. Never before had I felt that my opinions were as valued. They also taught me the importance of support when one does political work... "Community is as important as the goal we work for," they explained. "It's only through community we can improve society."

The book is, as of now, only available in Swedish.

-Christa Pranter

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Test Ban Caravan

A major event will take place in Washington this June, and the people of Central New York are invited to be part of it. Five years after the historic New York City rally for nuclear disarmament, the Test Ban Caravan is designed to remind the President and Congress that they are our employees. And that the American people want a stop to nuclear testing.

The events are being jointly sponsored by the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, SANE, and the American Peace Test (APT). They include:

Monday, June 8 - Workshops and Issue briefings
Evening Rally

Tuesday, June 9 - Lobby visits to our Sens. & Reps.
APT-sponsored civil disobedience

Buses will depart from Syracuse on Sunday, June 7 at 11 pm and will leave Washington at 5 pm Tuesday evening. We will make a pick-up in Binghamton. Cost for the bus is \$35.00, payable to NWF-CNY.

If you are interested in participating in the non-violent civil disobedience action, there are separate registration materials and training sessions. For more information: 457-2640, or write to the Freeze, PO Box 394, Syr. 13214.

-Beth Broadway

Youth Conference

Young people throughout Central New York will be gathering soon to come to grips with what life will hold in store for them in the next decade. Two youth from South Africa will be on hand to discuss racism in South Africa and ways in which change is coming to those who live under apartheid. Young people will join together to get to know one another, eat pizza, discuss youth organizing and share in workshops led by local activists.

On June 13 Youth for Peace and Social Action is holding a conference entitled "Justice: Youth Working for Life." The conference will be held at Nottingham High School from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and will include workshops on South Africa, Central America, local poverty and youth employment, black and white styles of conflict, and masculinity/feminism as related to war and peace. Youth from around Central New York plan to attend the event, which will be free to all Central New York youth. For more information and to register, contact Mark Chupp at American Friends Service Committee, 821 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, New York 13210, or phone (315) 475-4822.

-Mark Chupp

Walk for Peace

On August 6, Hiroshima Day, people will gather at the Peace Pagoda in Leverett, Massachusetts, for the start of a 32 day WALK FOR ALL LIFE. The walk will go through Worcester, Boston, Plymouth, New Bedford, and Providence, arriving in Groton, Connecticut on Labor

Day, September 7. Branch walks from New Hampshire and Vermont are also being planned.

Nuclear weapons are directly related to many forms of injustice and suffering, and thus walkers and supporters will witness at military, academic and industrial locations along the way. Through personal contact and public meetings, we will reach out as listeners to others who focus on different problems in their work for justice. We want to create new opportunities for friendship, understanding, and mutual support.

For more information about walking with us or helping to organize, please contact Paula Green or Jim Perkins, 49 Richardson Rd., Leverett, MA 01054, (413)367-9520.

-Paula Green

Lesbian and Gay Pride Month.

Gay and Lesbian Pride Week is June 15-21. Events for Pride Week include:

Saturday, June 13: "Mass Appeal" (a play about two priests), 8pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 819 S. Madison St., \$6. See ad, p. 15.

Monday, June 15: Four films --
"Together and Apart" (a gay male musical comedy);
"Home Movie" (the autobiographical evolution of an American "girl" from cheerleader to lesbian);
"Comedy in Six Unnatural Acts" (satirical stereotypes of lesbian lifestyles);
"Susanas" (coming-out story of an Argentine lesbian).
7 & 9pm, S.U.'s Watson Auditorium, corner of Waverly & Comstock, \$2.50.

Thursday, June 18: Volleyball in the evening. Call the Gay-Line or the Gay-Phone for more info.*

Saturday, June 20: Workshop Day and Dance. Register for workshop between 10 & 11 am. \$5 includes workshop & lunch. Dance - 9pm till 1am, \$4-7. Both at Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison St..Call the Gay-Phone or Gay-Line for more info.*

Sunday, June 21: Lesbian Gay Pride Rally & Picnic. 2pm rally at Columbus Circle in downtown Syracuse; picnic afterwards at secluded spot in Jamesville Grove, 3:30pm till dark. Please bring your own food to supplement hamburgers, hotdogs, vegetarian fish and beverages. \$3.50 donation.

Events after Pride Week include:

Tuesday, June 23 & Wednesday, June 24: "The Times of Harvey Milk" (film), 7 & 9pm, S.U.'s Watson Auditorium, corner of Waverly & Comstock, \$2. See ad, p. 15.

Sunday, June 28: Busses to New York City's Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade, \$25 round trip. Please try to make reservation by June 15 by sending check to GLCS, PO Box 92, Syracuse 13201. After June 15 you can check for space by calling 472-5027

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Book Review —

Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice:**IMAGES AND WRITINGS** by Mima Cataldo, Ruth Putter, Bryna Fireside and Elaine Lytel.

by Irene Baros-Johnson

Temple Univ. Press. 1987 \$19.95

photo by Catherine Allport



crowd gathered, I recall the official opening on July 4th, 1983. I remember our sense of mutual respect and I remember hearing Audrey Shenandoah, clan mother of the Onondaga Nation, bless the land. With journal and article excerpts, the book conveys the evolving and cooperative character of that and subsequent experiences. It also gives us a sense of foundation. It honors the energies that went into establishing this site, and shows the thought and action of foremothers that made the camp possible. Elizabeth Cady Stanton at Seneca Falls is cited as well as Harriet Tubman of Auburn from the 19th century and the heritage of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom from early this century.

We see the contrast. The contrast between a long line of men in jungle gear with riot helmets and the two women. Side-by-side, they look at on-duty faces and gloved hands holding billy clubs. The women are on their knees, held by a hug. We see in this cover picture an image of strength and vulnerability. These are qualities of each person in this scene, as well as in the contrast. Shown as lower down (as women are less commanding and less important in our society), they are nonetheless in the foreground, and the solidarity of the women is a focused strength. Strength of one arm around a shoulder, one arm around a waist. The men, who have the responsibility of official authority and the power of might on their side, are oddly made a background of responsiveness: What will the women do (from the spontaneity of their inner authority)? How will I have to respond?

Acknowledging the sense of fear that pervades our dreams and waking hopes, the authors show the women's creative focus on dispelling the nuclear horizon. The spirit of sensitivity, problem-solving, and song which pervades the encampment indicates what can be done. Singing can carry participants from thoughtfulness to expression in a range of witnessing activities. Workshops explore the energy-sapping conventions of sex, class, race, and religion that separate us all. Weaving on the fence or that day when clothes were washed and dried to make the fence a humanly useful thing are clarifying actions. "We are the flow/We are the ebb/We are the weavers/We are the web." Civil disobedience actions are a choice some participants make.

This cover photo is a powerful icon. It presents the fulcrum of power inherent in the Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice. Here are David and Goliath, Judith and Holofernes. In this book of images and writings, it is the faces of women--intent on bringing the danger of our nuclear present our attention--that enables us most clearly to feel the spirit and doings of the encampment. The facilities are a "work-in-progress" built by women. Cooking and cleaning needs are provided--the essentials. For our time, it is as primitive as Valley Forge and as important.

Critics will say that the book does not answer a crucial question: "What does one do in the face of annihilating threat from an outside enemy?" It does, however, show what to do to assure that members of our own military are reminded of the values of free speech and religious expression they are employed to defend, as well as they protect the nuclear weapons. Most of all, as one peace activist said, "I see this encampment of women...as a demonstration that we will not be frightened by fences or publicity...We must realize our power and responsibility as women and recognize that decision making is within our grasp. We are the life-givers. If we understand our power, we can help preserve that life."

The encampment is right down the road from the Seneca Army Depot (SEAD), one of several facilities which seem to be a storage and transshipment point for nuclear weapons for the Department of Defense. It began in support of demonstrations against the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe such as that which drew 30,000 women to Greenham Common, England on December 12, 1982.

It is hard to present the work-in-progress feel of being at the encampment in the formality of a glossy-paged book. Since so many thousands have been involved there, the authors had to gather a few evocative passages to express the whole--to help readers remember or identify with the camp. With the picture of a

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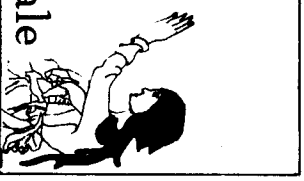
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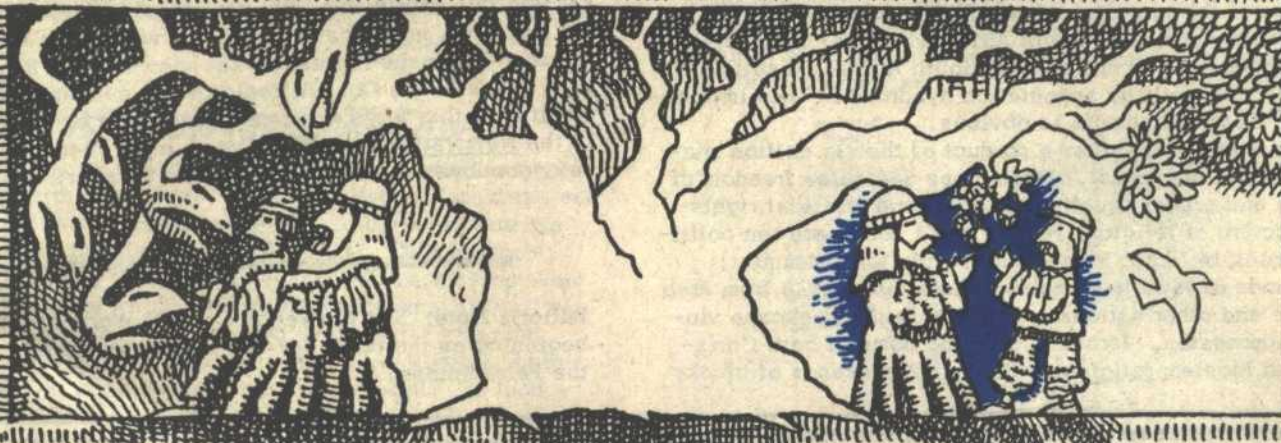
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A Peace Council Working Statement on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

This statement grows out of controversy within SPC triggered by two articles by Ed Kinane printed in the February and March Peace Newsletters. Some people have expressed anger about the content and tone of the articles; others have expressed support for them and congratulated SPC for printing such forthright opinions on this emotion touching and often avoided issue.

At this point, a statement of the Peace Council's position on Israel and the Palestinians seems more productive than further reference to Ed's articles. This working statement results from a process involving nearly 20 Peace Council activists. We hope it fairly reflects the diversity of opinion within SPC. We look forward to your response.

The Peace Council is an anti-war/social justice organization which "educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist." (SPC Statement of Purpose) Our concern with peace in the Mideast goes far back into SPC history. Our most recent organizational statements on the region were written in 1982 in response to the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the Sabra and Shatila Massacres. This working statement is consistent with and updates these prior statements.

Mutual recognition between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is prerequisite to peace. A solution to the current violence must necessarily involve separate nations in the region which is now Israel and the Occupied Territories (Gaza and the West Bank). We prefer democratic, non-aligned nations, but know that each country must retain the right to determine its own form of government and foreign policy. To be effective, guarantees of mutual security must emerge from the negotiations.

Both Israelis and Palestinians have a right to a homeland. Both have historical roots in Palestine. Arguing about whose roots are stronger, or about who should leave the area, ignores the reality that both groups exist and must find a way to make coexistence possible.

The role played by the United States in the region has been extremely destructive. The U.S. government has supported Israel in its refusal to negotiate with the Palestinians (through their clearly chosen representative, the PLO). As U.S. citizens, we must demand that our government play a productive role in seeking peace in the Mideast.

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LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

Kinane's Article Malicious

Ed Kinane's malicious article, "Israel and South Africa: The Apartheid Axis," (March 1987 PNL) reeks with anti-semitism and bias. For instance: he mentions the New York Times as a "paper most attentive to Israel's welfare." Why? Is it because it is Jewish owned? And of the source of his misinformation, "The Unnatural Alliance," he says this book is available through the public library, but not from the Syracuse University library. Why not? Is it because of the large Jewish student population?

He aptly compares South Africa with Nazi Germany; but then proceeds to liken Israel to South Africa: Result: Nazi Israel--"The guilt by association syndrome." His implication in these statements is obvious.

The State of Israel is a product of the six million murdered in the Holocaust. Israel does guarantee freedom of speech and press; equality of social and political rights irrespective of religion, race or sex. There are ten political parties in Israel from Conservative to Communist. Thousands of Jews have settled there since 1948 from Arab nations and other nations around the world to escape violent suppression. Israel is also the home of both Christian and Moslem religions. Recently thousands of blacks

were brought in from Ethiopia to escape starvation.

Mr. Kinane, does this sound like South Africa? Unlike the Botha government, Israel is surrounded by countries dedicated to the elimination of the State. Israel's desire for recognition has been foiled by the PLO. Israel's negotiation for recognition is exemplified by giving up valuable territory to Egypt, only in return for its recognition.

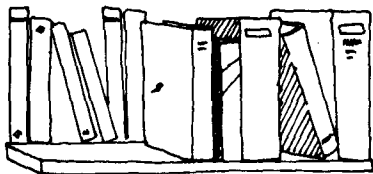
I could go on and on, pointing out the misinformation in his article, but suffice it to say, that the majority of the United States Jewish population support the State of Israel, though we feel free to point out certain tactical errors the State has made. But to compare Israel to South Africa is an abomination. Locally, those Jews who have read this Newsletter are appalled at this article.

After 30 years of our support both financially and otherwise to the Peace Council, my first inclination after reading the article was to sever all relations. Now that my anger has somewhat subsided, I would like to know whether Ed Kinane represents the views of the Peace Council. If the Peace Council feels that it cannot dissociate itself from this vicious attack, preferably by a statement in the Newsletter, we will have no other recourse but to say "goodbye" to our old friend, the Syracuse Peace Council.

-Leon Cohn

Editor's Note: See the Peace Council Working Statement beginning on the cover for SPC's position on Israel and the Palestinians.

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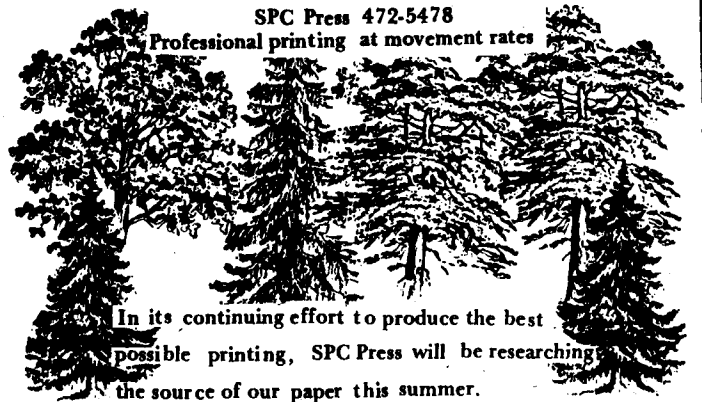
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Yes! We have many, many tasks to be done. We've set aside Tuesday, July 7 at 7:00 pm as a Volunteer Orientation Night. Join us for dessert and coffee (or tea), and we'll get to know one another. We want to know your interests and abilities. Work to be done includes: phone answering, filing, computer work, typing, construction/painting, phone calling, mailing parties, on-going committees and much more. It is the perfect opportunity to begin getting involved, or to become more active. If you can, call ahead, 472-5478, so we have an estimate of how many people are coming.

-Lisa Labeille

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days

From August 6-August 9, the Peace Council in conjunction with the Freeze, the NASW Peace Committee and others will be coordinating events to commemorate the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. On Hiroshima Day, August 6, Open Hand Theater will be staging their mid-day parade which will lead into the annual vigil at Columbus Circle. We are also in the early planning stages of events for later that week. As always, help is needed to make these events successful. To lend a hand, call Lisa or Andy at 472-5478.

-Lisa Labeille

SPC Potlucks Return

An SPC tradition which has definitely had its ups and downs may be staging a comeback: The Potluck Discussion! Come share some good food and good ideas with good people. Whether there are ten of us or 50, we always go home full, from head to stomach.

On July 14, Liam Mahony will be showing slides and speaking about his recent work with Peace Brigades International in Guatemala. Then on July 28, we will host an open discussion on the Iran-Contra scandal: Is it the end for Contra aid? How should we respond? Bring your ideas and a dish to pass!

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE: Tuesdays at Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Pl. (just off Westcott). Potluck dinner at 6:00 P.M. Discussion starts at 7:00. See you there!

-Liam Mahony

Bowling Anyone?

We're planning to have a fundraising bowlathon in the early fall, and want to know if there are any bowlers out there? We will be recruiting and organizing teams of bowlers who will go out and get sponsors, all to make money for SPC. If you would like to help organize this event, please call Lisa at 472-5478.

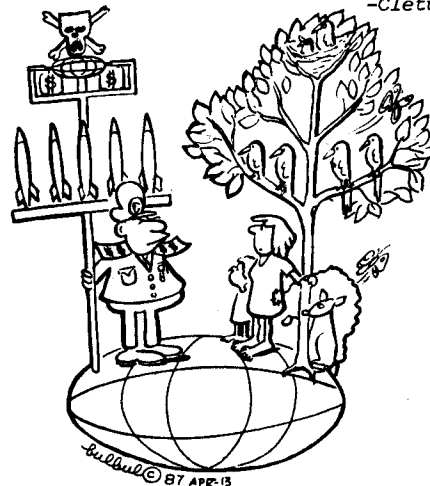
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Out on the Streets

The National Referendum to End the War in Central America came to an end on June 18, with over a half million ballots cast to end the war. But the work of the referendum is far from over.

Locally, here in Syracuse, we talked to thousands of people about Central America, while collecting over 1,100 ballots. The fresh ground broken in this campaign was tremendous. Returning from Washington, referendum organizers will be talking to local activists about the strategies being used in other parts of the country for the unified effort to our work in the fall. Look for further information in the PNL and other newsletters about a Central New York strategy to stop contra aid, and all military adventurism.

-Cletus Pinti



Successful Recycling

Thanks to many of you, the Peace Council's 2nd Annual Auction and Garage Sale was a successful fundraiser once again. On Friday, June 12, Bernie Brzostek enthralled us with his skill and wit and helped us draw in close to \$600. Thanks to Bernie for again donating his services as an auctioneer.

The following day we opened the doors to a large crowd for the garage sale; within four hours we had taken in another \$600. Our refreshments, generously donated by Cafe Margeaux and the Westcott Bakery, were delicious and helped add to our pot of money. A special thanks to Margeaux Chenney and Dick Ford for the food.

We would like to thank ALL of you who helped by either buying items, by calling people, or by donating items, your time and energy, and/or trucks. Your generosity is what made it all a success!

After two years, the auction has proven its worth. It could potentially be our biggest fundraiser of the year, with the right energy and planning. Next year we need more people to help with the advance work, so we can get more and better donations, and thus more bidders. If you want to help, even now is not too soon to give us a call.

-Mary Van der Weert

SPC Working Statement/continued from cover

Israel, the Peace Movement and American Jews

We support the Israeli peace movement and all Israelis and Palestinians seeking cultural understanding and a just peace. We recognize that the decades-old animosity between Israelis and Palestinians will not disappear through a political settlement, but must be eradicated through education and personal contact. We oppose the rising tides of both anti-Jewish and anti-Arab sentiment in the U.S. and around the world. We are also acutely aware of the history of oppression which the Jewish people have suffered, and why the state of Israel is so important to them.

However, there has come to be an unfortunate equating of all criticism of the state of Israel with anti-semitism. It is also worth noting that there has been a concerted campaign by some groups within the U.S. Jewish community to isolate and condemn all those who criticize the policies of Israel. Such actions are the antithesis of the open discussion which is needed for peace in the Mideast. As supporters of peace and social justice, we have a responsibility to protest Israeli repression and violence. We recognize that this will offend some people, but we will not use a double standard. We seek only the same latitude to criticize Israel as is already exercised by Israelis, and to use the same critical standard applied to the PLO or other nations.

However, the violations of human rights suffered by Israelis pale compared to the treatment of Palestinians. Amnesty International (AI) reports cite many cases of torture of Palestinian prisoners. AI is also concerned about the policy of administrative detention, which allows the Israeli government to detain Palestinians for up to six months with no charges placed against them. It is estimated that nearly 20% of the Palestinian population in the Occupied Territories have passed through Israeli prisons during the Occupation. These are just some of the many facts and instances of severe repression suffered by the Palestinians.

Too often, the diverse Arab countries of the Middle East have been lumped together as a single unit that is presumed to think alike and act in unity. Cultural, ethnic, religious and political differences within the Arab countries are too often ignored when considering the Middle East as a whole. Arab history in the Post-1948 period has represented several decades of shifting alliances and political antagonism. Despite public pronouncements, there is not unanimity in the Arab countries regarding the Palestinians and Israel. Any analysis of the Middle East that ignores this aspect leaves out a crucial variable.

Terrorism

Usually when people talk about "terrorism" they refer to acts of violence by small groups which have little political power. Violent acts committed by governments are called "wars," "pre-emptive strikes," or "retaliation." While we recognize the roots of this violence, we do not condone it, regardless of its label. In the case of the Palestinians, violence will persist until they have achieved self-determination. It must be understood that for a generation of Palestinians born and raised in the refugee camps, there seems no alternative to violence. Any attempt at resolution that politically ignores or attempts to manipulate this generation of people will only perpetuate continued violence. In analysing violence we must look at its scale, while at the same time refusing to condone even "lower" levels of it.

The U.S. Role

The U.S. government, while promoting itself as a peacemaker, has in fact continually blocked efforts for peace in the Mideast. Many U.S. corporations profit by accelerating the Mideast arms race. Israel plays an important role as an outpost of Western capitalism in the oil-laden Arab world. Israel also plays the role of U.S. proxy elsewhere: Israel supplied weapons to Somoza (in Nicaragua) and to Guatemala after it was no longer feasible for the U.S. to do so publicly. These are only two of the many examples of Israel's doing U.S. "dirty" work throughout the world.

Is There Hope?

Since the Mideast is perhaps the most likely site of a nuclear war, it is clearly in the best interests of the entire world for peace to come to the region. There is a growing international consensus that a conference under U.N. auspices could help bring peace to the Mideast. We support such a conference as long as all parties to the conflict participate. In addition to the members of the U.N. Security Council, Israel, the PLO and the



Israel's Role

Israel has occupied the West Bank and Gaza for the past 20 years. During this time the occupation has greatly decreased civil liberties in Israel and the Occupied Territories for Jews and Arabs alike. On February 17 of this year the Alternative Information Center in Jerusalem was shut down, and its six staff were arrested. This is the first instance of an independent media group being shut down in Israel proper. Laws have made it illegal for Israelis to meet with members of the PLO, and several have been arrested for doing so. Many Israelis now believe the Occupation threatens the moral fibre of Israeli society.

neighboring Arab states must be directly involved. Negotiations that exclude the PLO are meaningless or worse. Neither Israel nor the Palestinians will ever have true security until the fundamental problems of land and self-determination for both peoples have been resolved.

Despite polarization and deep-seated animosity, seeds of peace are being planted. On the Palestinian side there is growing interest in active nonviolence (See 8/86 PNL, p. 19, "Peacemaker in the Middle East: Mubarak Awad"). Within Israel, reconciliation projects, peace groups and work against racism are appearing in new places. With our support, and that of others around the world, perhaps the Mideast will become a place where, "Everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree will live in peace and unafraid."

Recommended Resources:

- "My Friend, the Enemy" by Uri Avnery, Lawrence Hill, 1986.
- "Pirates and Emperors: International Terrorism in the Real World" by Noam Chomsky, Claremont, 1986.
- "The Fateful Triangle: The United States, Israel and the Palestinians" by Noam Chomsky, South End Press, 1983.
- "They Dare to Speak Out: People and Institutions Confront Israel's Lobby" by Findley, Lawrence Hill, 1985.
- "Undercutting Sanctions: Israel, the U.S. and South Africa", Washington Middle East Associates, 1987.
- "After the Last Sky: Palestinian Lives" by Edward Said, Pantheon Books, 1986.



City of Syracuse Divests!

On June 15, Mayor Thomas Young of Syracuse issued a directive requiring banks in which City funds are deposited to stop extending lines of credit with any U.S. corporation that is doing business in South Africa or Namibia. In my view as a South African, there are grounds for celebration, even though I am acutely aware that the remedy prescribed is less than the disease that is apartheid.

The cooperative, rather than confrontational, approach taken by the Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid was successful in adding Syracuse to the list of some 75 U.S. cities which have adopted similar positions. A celebration of the victory attracted some 100 people on June 16 at City Hall.

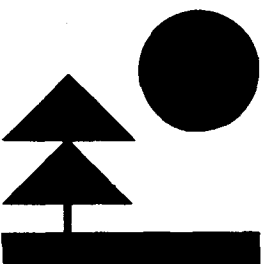
-Thabo Raphoto, AFSC

Remembering Ruth Sabine-Hanks

We mourn the loss and celebrate the life of Ruth Sabine-Hanks. We remember her exuberance as an artist and activist. As a guiding force behind Oswego's activist community, she maintained a symbiotic relationship with the Syracuse Peace Council, enriching us all.

From cheery, supportive notes to eloquent statements of conscience, her voice was heard wherever an issue needed addressing. Her clear vision was apparent in her photographs and acclaimed paintings and drawings. Her presence at meetings, study groups, forums and actions insured a welcome and perceptive contribution. Assertive, yet sensitive, immovable, challenging and willing to explore, learn, change and grow, her life is an example for us all.

-Paul Pearce



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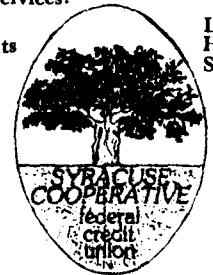
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LOCAL FOOD EMERGENCY

Supermarkets are changing the way discarded foods will be given to pantries.

Instead of continuing the practice of giving discarded foods directly to local pantries, major supermarkets are transporting food from a locality to respective recovery centers to be sorted and redistributed to regional food banks.

The local impact on Syracuse is 12 pantries have lost approximately 60,000 pounds of usable food as of June 17, 1987.

Additionally, the potential shutdown of three or more pantries will be imminent within the next sixty days.

Please send your food donations to:
P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Food Bank
202 South Beech Street (Downstairs)

Salvation Army Food Pantry
749 South Warren Street.

-Linda Boyd

Draft Resister Imprisoned

Draft resister Gillam Kerley of Madison, Wisconsin, was sentenced to three years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for his refusal to register. At his sentencing on May 29, the judge emphasized Gillam's role as an active anti-draft organizer who encourages others not to register. His sentence is the harshest received by any non-registrant since the Viet Nam War. Letters of support and contributions to an appeal fund can be sent to the Madison Draft Resistance Coalition, 731 State Street, Madison, WI 53703, (608) 257-7562.

-Andy Mager

The Wrath of Grapes

Once again Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers are calling for a boycott of all California table grapes. This is the UFW's third boycott in the last 20 years. The first two gave the farmworkers rights that had been available to other workers in this country since the 1930's and led to contracts that banned DDT, DDE and Dieldrin. The current boycott has three major goals: (1) free and fair elections of collective bargaining representatives and good-faith bargaining by the growers; (2) a ban on five of the most dangerous pesticides now being used--parathion, Phosdrin, Captan, Dinoseb, and Methyl Bromide; and (3) joint UFW-grower testing for poisonous residues on grapes sold in stores with the results made public.

This UFW campaign is focussing on the dangers of pesticides, a problem that affects us all. "The Wrath of Grapes," a film/videotape, tells us of some of the victims: children of farmworkers exposed to pesticides who are born without arms or legs or with parts of their spines missing, the children of residents of farming towns dying

Bus to Michigan Womyn's Fest

A group of local women are taking reservations for a charter bus to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival in August. The bus will leave Syracuse at 10 pm on Wednesday, August 12 and arrive back in Syracuse by noon on Monday, August 17. The roundtrip cost is \$75. We will only secure a bus if 47 wimmin are interested. Please pay in full by July 24. Send your check to Siobhan Hinckley, 416 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210, or call (315) 425-1438 or 478-2875. There is a possibility of picking up women in Rochester or Buffalo.

-Kathy Belge

Films in Skaneateles

The Skaneateles Nuclear Awareness Group announces its first annual Summer Film Fest. It will be held on Thursday nights: July 16, 23, 30 and August 6 at 7:30 pm at United Methodist Church (Jordan Street, Skaneateles). There will be films followed by a coffeehouse with live music. A children's matinee is scheduled for August 6. Watch the paper for a definite schedule. For more information, call 685-5061 or 673-1083.

-Joan Goldberg

Phil Who?

In the June Peace Newsletter we printed an announcement about the welcoming gathering for the Sanctuary Family in Syracuse. Unfortunately, we mixed up the last name of the author. It was Phil Rose, not Phil Klein. Sorry Phil.

-Andy Mager

of leukemia and bone cancer that may be due to fertilizers and pesticides leaching into the water supply, and the 300,000 farmworkers who become ill each year from pesticide exposure.

The Environmental Protection Agency has belatedly recognized that these pesticides are transported into all our homes on produce like grapes. According to Cesar Chavez, "The same pesticides which cause deaths and deformities among farm workers and their children are used on grapes to make grape growers' 'natural snack' artificially plump, unblemished, and appealing to the consumers' eyes."

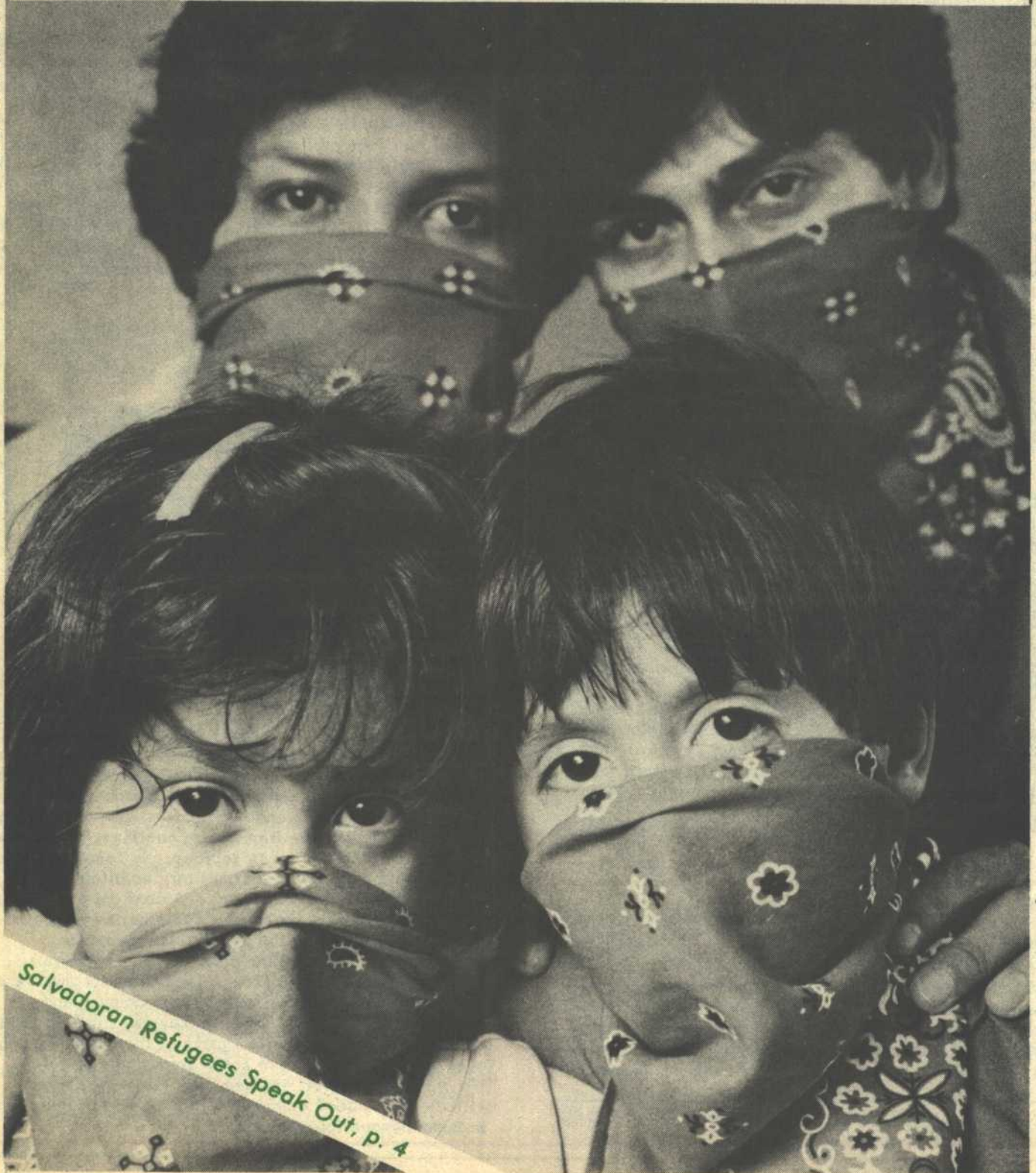
To support the farm workers don't purchase California fresh table grapes. (Since appearance is not significant, raisins and wine grapes aren't treated.) Then spread the word by telling your family, friends, neighbors and fellow workers. For a copy of "The Wrath of Grapes" contact Art Rodriguez, UFW, c/o District Council 1707, AFSCME, 75 Varick St., 14th Floor, New York, NY 10013, (212) 219-0022. If you're a member of an AFL-CIO affiliated union, your local may already have the videotape and boycott pledges.

-Jim Doherty

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Reflagging: More U.S. Intervention

by Steve Rosenberg

The question of placing Kuwaiti oil shipping vessels under the flag of the United States--"reflagging"--is not a simple one. The facts are complicated and confusing. The first task is determining the facts, and the second is judging if those facts make it in the 'interest' of the United States to reflag Kuwaiti vessels.

According to George Ball (Under Secretary of State in the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations), writing in the June 18, 1987 New York Times,

...tiny Kuwait...caught in the middle of the Iran-Iraq 'tanker war,' approached the United States Coast Guard in January with a request to transfer its tankers to American registry.

Then, a month later--after, and only after, our Coast Guard had ignored that request with bureaucratic indifference--Kuwait asked Moscow to place the Soviet flag on Kuwaiti tankers. Although the Soviet Union professed unfamiliarity with the practice of reflagging, it did lease three tankers to Kuwait and agreed to provide them with small armed escorts.

Oddly enough, the White House took little notice of these events until after an Iraqi plane attacked the United States frigate Stark on May 17. Immediately the President, without prior consultation with Congress or any adequate military planning, abruptly announced that the United States would transfer its flag to all Kuwaiti tankers and provide them with armed escorts.

Justifying the Risks

This straightforward recitation of the facts provides a basis for judging what U.S. "interest" is at stake in this admittedly risky venture thousands of miles from our shores. Two justifications have been offered for reflagging: protecting oil shipments to our allies and containing the Soviet "threat" to Persian Gulf oil shipping.

As to the first justification, the purported objects of U. S. concern seem to be less worried than U. S. administration officials. Although "[m]ost of the oil goes to West Germany, Italy, and Japan, [t]hese countries maintain generally workable relationships with both Iran and Iraq.... They are unwilling to go beyond symbolic statements of public support." (Village Voice, 6/30/87)

What about the Soviet "threat"? That concern was expressed in the usual Reaganesque alarm on May 29th:

...the endless, demoralizing gas lines, the shortages, the rationing, the escalating energy prices, double-digit inflation and the enormous dislocation that shook our economy to its foundations during the 1970's could happen again if Iran and the Soviet Union were able to impose their will upon the friendly Arab states of the Persian Gulf, and Iran was allowed to block the free passage of neutral shipping. (Guardian, June 24, 1987)

The realities, of course, are much more complicated. George Ball points out that "the Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister states reassuringly that, regardless of Washington's announced plan to build up its fleet in the Gulf, the Kremlin had no intention of augmenting its tiny

three-ship flotilla... as well as assuring that the presence of the vessels of the superpowers would not provoke incidents." Indeed, the Arab News of July 5, 1987 noted "the Soviets call for removal of all foreign warships from the Gulf unless the vessels are from that region."

The unpersuasiveness of the justifications offered do not mean, however, that concern with the Soviet Union is irrelevant to the reflagging initiative. In the Village Voice of June 30, 1987, James Ridgeway cites Brown University Middle East expert William Beeman in stating that "the real game here is to lay the groundwork for gaining a land base in the Gulf region and eventually counter Soviet influence. The immediate danger lies in the possibility that Washington may actually be trying to draw Iranian fire in order to convince the Arabs to let the U.S. move in on a permanent basis...the U.S. is establishing an arena for superpower confrontation where no such arena existed before."



**"Iranians to the right of me... Iraqis to the left of me.
— Thank God the American people are behind me."**

When Will They Ever Learn...

Thus, President Reagan's twin preoccupations with the Soviet Union as an "evil empire" and with employing military solutions to his perception of global geopolitics raise their ugly heads once again. As with the machinations disclosed by the Iran-contra hearings, the further ingredient in the picture is secrecy. In Lebanon, the U.S. should have found that military solutions in volatile regions do not always work. A confrontational attitude with the Soviet Union only fuels military expenditures without bringing the world closer to peace.

One is left with the conclusion that the Reagan Administration seems unable to learn from its own experiences. Unfortunately, people in this country and abroad--U.S. soldiers, U.S. taxpayers, civilian victims of U.S. firepower in various parts of the world--are the ones who will continue to suffer from these policies. We only have to wait and see how many people get killed--for no good reason--in this latest misadventure in Reaganesque foreign policy.

Steve is a long-term activist (still angry about Vietnam, who likes to write articles and letters to the editor.

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Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days

In the past, Syracuse Peace Council has participated in and helped to put together a variety of events to commemorate the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year is the 42nd anniversary of the bombings, and in conjunction with a variety of other groups, we are sponsoring two events in the first week of August.

Join us on August 6th at Columbus Circle at 12:00 noon for a ceremony to commemorate the lives of those who died as a result of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. From 12:00-12:30, there will be poetry readings, music and a brief commentary from veteran John Brule. At 12:30, we will begin a half hour silent vigil for reflection. At 1:00, we will have a balloon launch to symbolize our hope for the future.

On Sunday, August 9th, we will be having a community Interfaith Peace Commemoration, at United Universalist Methodist Church (1085 East Genesee St., Syracuse) at 7:30 pm. The four themes of the service, which will bring together a diverse group of Central New Yorkers, are commemoration, concern, compassion, and commitment.

As a final effort to reach out to the religious community, we recently sent a letter to approximately 800 churches in the county and surrounding areas. We've asked if they would support our efforts by giving a sermon to their congregation and putting something in their weekly bulletins. Please ask your priest, rabbi, reverend, etc. if they plan on joining other area religious leaders in their efforts to achieve peace.

-Lisa Labeille

Going to the Fair?

Last year the Peace Council sponsored a successful booth at the New York State Fair. A combination of the lack of people to coordinate the project, and questions about its effectiveness resulted in SPC's decision not to have a booth this year. However, not having a booth doesn't mean that we can't have some presence at the fair. Several ideas have been tossed around, including street theater at the military exhibits and mobile human billboards. The possibilities are endless. If you would like to be involved, or simply have ideas to pass on, call me at SPC, 472-5478.

-Andy Mager

Volunteer Night Returns

We wish to thank those of you who were able to make our volunteer orientation night on Tuesday July 7th. It was great seeing so many enthusiastic people. For those of you who don't know, we've set up a regular volunteer night every Thursday at 7:00 pm. If you can't make it at this time we invite you to come in whenever you're free and have energy to help out.

-Lisa Labeille

Educational Supplies Campaign

The MADRE-SPC project is planning a school supplies campaign to start in late August and run into the Fall. Nicaraguan schools are in great need of basic materials such as pencils, paper, scissors, paste, notebooks and the like. Friends who have visited Nicaragua report continual shortages of these "taken for granted" school supplies throughout the country. Our government exports death to the Nicaraguan people, we can counter that and take part in a nationwide grass roots movement to send genuine aid to the people of Nicaragua.

The school supplies campaign is currently in the planning stages and we would welcome input and help. We are planning a cultural-information event about Nicaragua for September which will be a highlight of the campaign and will help meet our goal of educating and politicizing Central New Yorkers about the issues underlying U.S. intervention in Central America.

We wish to extend a heartfelt thanks to the many people who generously participated in the Mother's Day Campaign. The money raised for milk and diapers will make a positive difference.

The MADRE-SPC project meets regularly and always accepts donations. Want more details? Call the SPC house (472-5478) and a project member will call you back

-Peter Scheibe



Is This the War Memorial?

During an after dinner walk through downtown one evening, a friend and I found ourselves in front of the War Memorial. One of its marquees displayed the Volunteer Center's name and phone. I wondered whether other non profit organizations--in fact, whether SPC--could have a message there also.

I wrote to the manager of the War Memorial. He asked me to put a request in writing, which I did. They consented.

Note: While the Volunteer Center's message was up for six weeks, our's lasted barely a week.

-Gary Weinstein

Combining Personal & Political Change

An Interview with Juana and Carlos

Interview by Kip Hargrave

The following interview with Juana and Carlos was conducted by Kip Hargrave, a lay missionary in the Syracuse Catholic Diocese. Juana and Carlos came to Syracuse in June as part of the nationwide Sanctuary Movement. They are living here with their three children and Juana's sister Jesus. You can contact Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary through Ann Tiffany, 471-4672 or Paul Weichselbaum, 478-1592.



Why did you leave El Salvador?

Juana: Although we didn't leave the country until 1984, the problems began much earlier. In 1979, my brother disappeared. He was a member of the popular political movement. Before that the priest in our parish was accused of being a communist and expelled from the country. The priest who took his place was assassinated in 1979. He was killed along with four students on a retreat at the parish house.

Carlos: Our parish was very well organized, not only as a church community, but also as a community very involved in the popular political movement. This also caused us to be afraid. For example, one evening at about 6:00, soldiers came into our neighborhood looking for eight young men. Evidently someone had squealed on them. The soldiers ripped them out of their houses, tied them up and shot them in the head. They did it at the main intersection of the area. We all heard the shots but no one, not even their folks, left their houses until the next morning.

Were the men armed?
No.

Why did they do this to them?

The eight were members of the popular political movement and the parish based Christian communities.

What did they do as members of the church communities?

They led Bible study. Some of them sang in the choir. They visited the sick and helped one another when one of them didn't have any money. That is what we all did in a Christian community.

What was their work in the popular political organization?

They painted signs on walls, gave out pamphlets...By that time, anyone active in the popular organizations was given military training. I don't know whether they had actually done any fighting.

Why do people in the popular political organizations feel they have to use violence?

Because the government sends troops to attack us. The young people in these groups must defend themselves and their people. I can remember participating in peaceful strikes and demonstrations when the soldiers attacked us for no good reason. In 1975 they attacked a group of university students and killed hundreds. It was at that point that the popular organizations began to arm themselves.

Did Archbishop Romero criticize the popular movement for using violence?

Carlos: No! He said that we had to defend ourselves.

Juana: But at times he did criticize the movement for using excessive violence.

He told the rich people that they came to mass and prayed, but did not live like Christians... They lied. But worst of all they cheated the poor.

What do you think of the current Archbishop, Mons. Rivera y Damas?

At first he didn't agree with the people. But then he began to change. They said he went to Morazan Province once, where there is so much fighting. The people showed him bodies of those who had been hacked to death by the soldiers. Now he criticizes the government in much stronger terms. Still he is between yes and no. I think that he would like to be neutral, talking one day to the government and the next day to the left.

Let's talk again about base Christian communities. How did yours function?

Our parish was divided into communities according to streets. There were weekly meetings for adults, young men, young women, and for the children.

Juana: In our young women's group, there were ten of us. We always began with a reading from the Bible. Then we would try to draw something out of the reading which would give direction to our lives. For example, when the Gospel says that the followers of Jesus pooled all of their money and shared everything evenly, we asked ourselves if we shouldn't do the same.

Carlos: Or when Jesus spoke of the Pharisees, who were part of the ruling class of his day, we speak with the same criticism of our government. It does not protect the poor. It perpetrates injustice.

Has the church always worked this way?

Juana: No, just since 1971. Before the priest was the owner of the Bible. He read it all by himself and shared only what he wanted us to know. He would tell us don't steal, don't commit adultery, keep your mouth shut and give your money to the church. Our role was to sit in the pews, listen to him and bless ourselves.

Carlos: Not all of us sat in the pews. Rich people who had contributed to the construction of the church building put their names on the pews. Only they got to sit in them while we had to stand.

What happened in 1971?

A new priest came. He told the rich people that they came to mass and prayed, but did not live like Christians. They fought among themselves. They lied. But worst of all they cheated the poor.

The other thing that they didn't like was that the priest celebrated mass in our homes; in the homes of the poor. He began to teach us that the Gospel asked us to transform our reality not just suffer with it until we died.

He was part of the community, not above the community like so many others. When there was a difference of opinion between one of the communities and the priest, he would sit down and talk about it.

Carlos: For me the biggest difference was that he would eat with the little people. I remember one time when we invited him to our house. Everybody was served Kool-aid in plastic cups, but for him we bought a bottle of Coke and found a real glass. He said, "No. I am just like you folks. I'll take Kool-aid."



Despite the continued repression, the people of El Salvador continue to organize. On May Day, 1986, thousands rallied in San Salvador. (photo: Impact Visuals)

Would you say that the work of the church, the church of the base Christian communities, is the same as the work of the popular political organizations?

They are very similar. Both recognize the importance of changing unjust structures. But there is a difference. The church used to tell us that personal change was the only goal of a Christian. Now we also know that Jesus was asking us to give our lives so that all people, especially the poor, could live better, could have enough to eat, enough land, a house. That means structural change.

The difference between ourselves in the Christian communities and those that are just in the political movements is that they do not consider personal conversion important. They think that if the structure changes things will automatically get better. I think that individuals must change or we will make the same mess of the old structures.

After leaving El Salvador in 1984, you lived for two years in Mexico where some of your family still live today. Why did you choose to come to the United States as part of the Sanctuary movement?

In Mexico we were working with other Salvadorans to raise the consciousness of the Mexican people to the conditions in El Salvador. But they are very poor people, just like ourselves. They don't have the time or the energy to be worried about our problems.

The bigger the obstacle, though, was the church. It was like the conservative church back home. All it wanted to do was to put us to sleep; to talk about how it was in the time of Jesus.

When we heard about Sanctuary, through a friend, we got in touch.

But in order to have that they need Americans who can go to El Salvador and accompany them. The government won't kill you but it will us.

In speaking to the people of Central New York, what are you asking of us?

We want protection for our people. I don't mean just for those of us who make it to the United States. We especially would like you to help in the protection of those who are leaving the refugee camps in Honduras. They are returning to their homes in El Salvador where all they want is a piece of land, a little house, a school and to live in peace. But in order to have that they need Americans who can form commissions to go to El Salvador and accompany them. The government won't kill you but it will kill us.

Is there anything we, who can't go to El Salvador or Honduras, can do?

Write President Duarte. Although he is no more than a puppet, putting pressure on him will say to those behind him that the world has not forgotten.

Does the FMLN-FDR, the group that encompasses the popular political organizations, still have support among the people?

They still did when we left. And from what we have heard from our friends, they still do today.

How do most Salvadorans feel about the people of the United States?

Sometimes we get angry with the people of your country. Then we think of our own government. It doesn't represent what we want so why should we think that yours represents what you want.

One thing that helps the relationship between our people and yours are groups like Sanctuary. Salvadorans send letters home that tell how people here are trying to stop the injustice there. It is appreciated.

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Hunger in Onondaga County

"Stores' new policy threatens food pantries for poor." This headline appeared over a story by Adelle M. Banks in the July 9 Syracuse Herald-Journal.

From the article it appeared that the major source of food for the food pantries run by PEACE Inc and by the Salvation Army was damaged food from Wegmans stores. Since the stores could not sell the damaged food, a way of disposing of it was to allow PEACE Inc and the Salvation Army to pick up the damaged items and redistribute it as emergency food to the poor.

On June 29 Wegmans set up a single reclamation center in Rochester, NY where the corporation's headquarters are located. The new system "helps us to take advantage of the manufacturers' damage policies more so than we were under the older program," said Mary Ellen Burris, Wegman's director of consumer affairs. Now the goods which formerly went to PEACE and the Salvation Army in Syracuse will go to a food bank in Rochester.

The article quoted Roberta Schofield, executive director for professional and community services at the Salvation Army in Syracuse:

"What it means to us is we've lost a tremendous resource for salvaged goods that we used in our pantry." (Her agency was receiving 30 cardboard cartons of products a week from Wegman's stores.) "We're trying to find other stores that will allow us to come and pick up

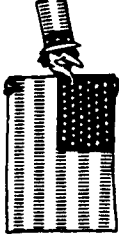
(their damaged) merchandise. ... Reclamation centers are indeed the most cost-effective way for them to work. It's just unfortunate for us."

The article quoted Linda Boyd, coordinator of community food and nutrition for PEACE Inc as saying that her organization will decide between now and the end of summer if as many as three pantries will close.

The agency has nine pantries, eight in community centers in Onondaga County and one in its main office at 100 New Street, which have served people needing emergency food. Said Ms. Boyd, "Without Wegmans what we don't have is a major source of food. What we are left with is two small purchasing grants." The only other donations come from bakeries, which donate bread products, she said. I asked Ms. Boyd what groups of people come to PEACE for emergency food, and how many. As examples, she cited young low-income families which just can't make ends meet; public assistance recipients whose food dollars stretch to only about 26 days of each month, leaving them without food for 4-5 days per month; elderly people whose food dollars go for rent, transportation and \$200-per-month medical costs. She estimated that about 22,000 people come to PEACE for food from three to twelve times a year.

-Angus MacDonald


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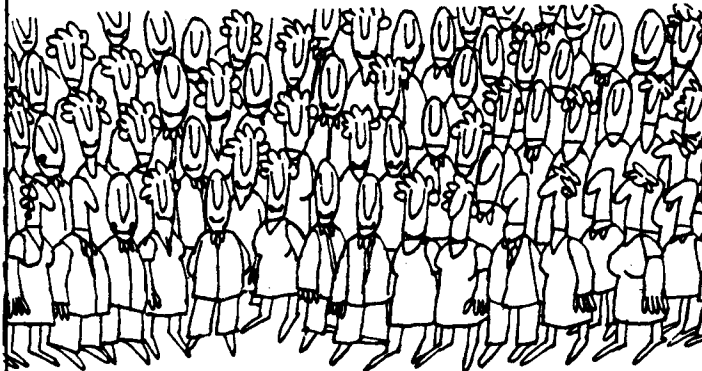
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Hiroshima Now We Know

by Corinne Kinane

On August 6, 1945, at 8:14 a.m., Hiroshima, Japan was a city of 245,000 people and 90,000 buildings. One minute later, at least 100,000 of those people were dead or would die shortly because of the atomic bomb the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima. Also because of our dropping the bomb, 62,000 buildings collapsed, caught fire or would catch fire in the next couple days.

We Didn't Know Then

It can be said that at 8:14 a.m. on August 6, 1945, we did not know what the dropping of one atomic bomb could cause. Even the U.S. project director did not know if the bomb would explode and what it would do. Although, we did not know, this in no way lessens our responsibility

We did not know it would cause the death of 95% of the people within one-half mile of where the bomb was dropped. We did not know it would cause the deaths of approximately twice the number of people as U.S. soldiers killed in our Vietnam war. We did not know that approximately one-half of the population of Hiroshima would be killed. We did not know that many thousands of people would continue to suffer from the debilitating effects of radiation sickness and would die from them months and years later.

We did not know it would cause 10,000 of those hurt to come to Hiroshima's largest hospital, which had only 8 doctors left to care for them and 600 beds. We did not know it would cause people to exclaim when they saw someone who wasn't hurt "Look, there is one who is not wounded!"

We did not know it would cause a 30-room hospital to topple into the river. We did not know it would cause all the X-ray plates in hospitals to be exposed.

We did not know it would cause trees to topple. We did not know it would cause 70,000 leaks in plumbing lines.

We did not know that the heat from the bomb would be 6,000 degrees. We did not know that people, buildings, trees and gas storage tanks would ignite.

We did not know that people, parts of buildings and flying debris would fall on hot stoves and live wires. We did not know that fires would start all over the city.

We did not know that our dropping the bomb would cause the electrical power to be knocked out. We did not know that it would cause a dust cloud that would make the day grow darker and darker. We did not know

Corinne is a former staff person. She encourages everyone to read or re-read John Hersey's Hiroshima.

that nurses and doctors would have to work by the light of the city's fires.

We Do Know Now

Now we do know what can be caused by one atomic bomb. And the U.S. has over 10,000 bombs that each has much more explosive power than the one we dropped on Hiroshima.

We may not know the exact capabilities of these bombs, but we do know that each one will wreak even more death and damage than the Hiroshima bomb. We do know.

Part of our knowing is letting the reality of this bombing "hit home". Before I read John Hersey's Hiroshima, I was sure that "Something like that couldn't happen.", "Our leaders wouldn't let something like that happen." and "Surely, the people would be warned if something of that magnitude were going to happen."

I was wrong on all three counts. Obviously, something like that could happen and it did. And our leaders gave the orders for it to happen.

In one sense, the people of Hiroshima did have warning. They did think, since theirs was one of the few cities that had not yet been bombed, that "something special" was being planned for them by the U.S. They assumed it would be the standard B-52 bombings and were preparing for them by tearing down buildings to clear paths for air-raid defense fire lanes. On the morning of August 6, the people of Hiroshima received the same one-minute air alert blast that they received every morning when the U.S. weather plane flew over.

I do not have confidence that we have learned from the bombing of Hiroshima. Our leaders today have the benefit of the knowledge of that horrible and valuable lesson, yet they continue to talk about using bombs and even direct the production of more of them.

If the lessons of Hiroshima are not real to our leaders, we need to make them real to them. We can't say, and we can't let our leaders say "We don't know." We do know.

Central New York Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration Activities Include:

- * An Open Hand Theatre Parade and Vigil at Columbus Circle at noon on Thursday, August 6,
- * A Candle-light Vigil at the Q-Zone at Seneca Army Depot from 8 pm to midnight on Saturday, August 8,
- * A Community Interfaith Peace Commemoration at University Methodist Church, 1085 E. Genesee St. at 7:30 pm on Sunday, August 9.

For further information, see page 13.



Getting Involved in Electoral Politics

by Andrew Seltzer

Long before I had a bumper to put it on, I proudly displayed the sticker, "Don't Vote--it only encourages them." Of course, this is logical in a system which so effectively filters candidates so as to yield such similar opponents. Still, there are benefits to members of peace organizations taking stands in the game of electoral politics.

What is Effective?

Activists are often accused of overestimating what can be gained from involvement in the electoral game. Their valuable time and energy is eaten up, their more important work on the outside which really shapes a politician's opinion and that of the society is cut back, etc. To be honest with this, we need to ask the often unasked question: how valuably do we spend our time and energy doing what we do "outside" the electoral game? How much effect do we really have with our ritualistic media events? Did the marches end the Viet Nam conflict, or did Nixon pull the troops out when he wanted to? Are we effectively altering what is really going on in Central America with our strategy of peaceful educating and occasional organizing in the streets? If it was clear that an effective movement was underway swaying public and politician's opinions and that every drop of energy was vital to the success of the campaign, then by all means Presidential politicking would be a foolish sideline. I'm not sure, however, that this can be claimed to be our current situation.

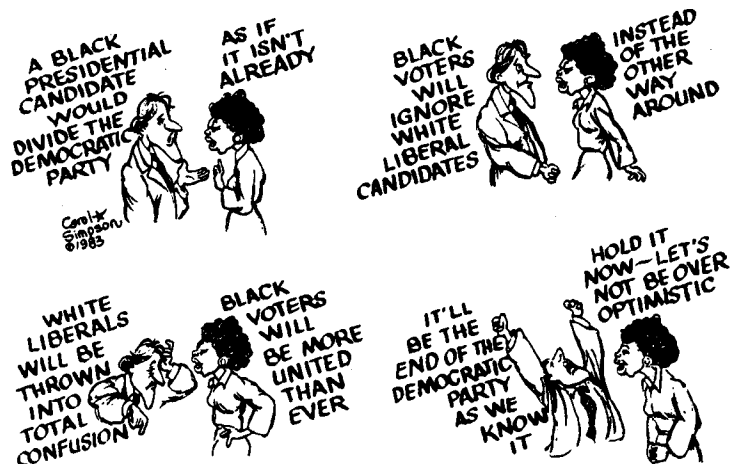
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By not getting involved in the game we diminish our own voice greatly. We have become so conscious of the media...we rush around with press releases and stage media events all because we have to get our message to the people. Once every four years the people and the media gear up to focus on politics, and the Peace Council has nothing to say about this, we've got nothing to say about that. So the people and the press turn to another channel. The war in Central America, for the

Andrew is currently on a leave of absence from SPC Press.

most part, has no personality, no face to look at... Jesse Jackson, for example, is against Contra Aid and U.S. intervention in Central America. To support him because of his position brings this out and furthers our goals. (To say nothing of the potential coalition building between ourselves and progressive black groups which could also result from such an effort.) The game of electoral politics attracts attention and generates excitement that a million events at Columbus Circle, unfortunately, could not yield.

When Jackson showed 17% in a recent CBS News/ New York Times poll, the other candidates all received 5% or less. CBS reported that there was no frontrunner and showed face shots of all the candidates, with interviews, except Jackson. His name was mentioned once in passing. It is our duty to balance out, in whatever feeble way we can, this propaganda.



The Template Theory

It is unlikely that the Peace Council could agree on one candidate to support. We could however drop a template around the candidates and see how they shape up around issues of peace and justice, and by disseminating that information we will in essence, be taking stands in the game. In this case we cannot be silent along the two year trail to the White House. Nor do we need to be so "excessively fair" that we publish George Wortley's views alongside Rosemary Pooler's; Bush's next to Jackson's. The networks of information distribution are keeping the reality of the situation from the public with their slanted reports, and thus shaping their own political reality. All we can do is get deeply involved in exposing that and supporting candidates, if there are any, who are out there trying to do what we're trying to do.



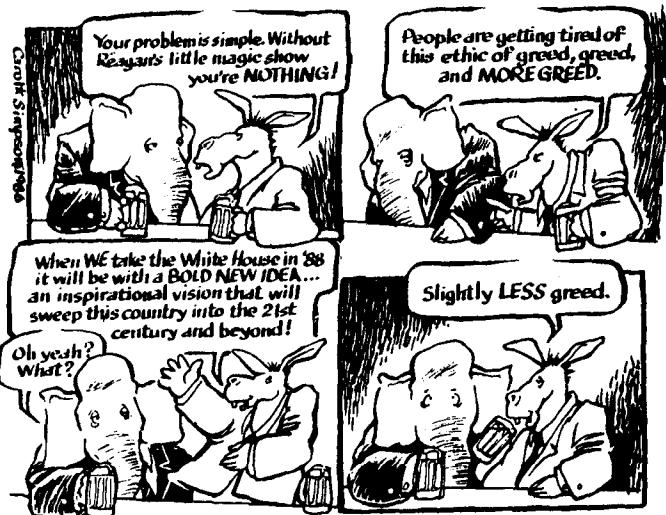
Electoral Politics: Progress or Pitfall ?

by Rick Jahnkow

The dilemma we face as peace and social justice activists is one of deciding whether it is best at times to abandon our role as agents of change and work within the mainstream institutions we are trying to influence, or continue to pull from the outside to counter any tendency towards stagnation or backsliding.

When it comes to devoting resources to electoral politics, my own view is that activists far too often overestimate what can be gained by it, especially in the area of campaigns for national office. When asked to aid a candidate who happens to have taken a progressive stand on a few issues, they drop their other activities and jump in to work on the campaign, forgetting that the dynamics which are responsible for leading that person to take those stands in the first place necessitate people willing to make demands from the outside.

Holder of political office, whether Democrat or Republican, do not lead us in the direction of change, but are instead led by movements which create a power base that makes it "safe" for them to institute changes. If the social change activists who are crucial to building and sustaining such movements divert themselves to work for politicians, the power base will wither or shift in another direction and threaten any gains. It is a continuous process which demands the perpetual attention of those seeking progress.



Past Mistakes

It was their failure to recognize these dynamics of social change and take seriously their role as change agents which led many progressives to support Lyndon Johnson as a "peace" candidate in 1964. Out of fear that Goldwater would start a war, the left jumped into the pocket of the Democratic Party and helped create a temporary consensus which facilitated Johnson's escalation

Rick works with the Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft in San Diego. This article is reprinted from the Non-Violent Activist, available for \$15/year from War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St., NY, NY 10012.

of the Vietnam war. His eventual support for civil rights reforms had to be won through the struggle led by agitators outside the electoral process.

In 1968, had Eugene McCarthy not siphoned off energy from the student antiwar movement, Nixon probably would not have been able to lengthen the war as he did. McGovern's campaign siphoned away even more of the vitality of the grassroots antiwar movement -- people who could have organized the mass actions we needed when Nixon was reluctant to sign a peace treaty were too busy doing precinct work.

With regard to the peace movement's love affair with the Democratic Party, it is important to remember that there was relatively little dissent from the left during the Carter years, and he eventually brought us the rapid deployment force, the neutron bomb and draft registration (an act ostensibly intended as a threat to the Soviets). More recently, it was Democrats in Congress who helped make possible contra aid, and who backed down (prior to Reykjavik) on a resolution urging a nuclear testing moratorium.

The mire that the Reagan Administration is now caught in could have some of the same effects on national politics that Watergate had in the 70's. As Reagan's teflon skin begins to crack and shed, expectations will develop that future elections will produce a windfall for the Democrats, including the presidency in 1988. As this anticipation grows, an interest in electoral politics that is much more intense than it otherwise would have been will develop within the peace and social justice movements. Many on the left, not wanting to lose out on this opportunity to help swing the pendulum back the other way, will want to shift their resources to assist Democratic campaigns.

With this development on the horizon, there should be some serious discussion on the question of how electoral politics relate to our goals of peace and social justice. It seems particularly appropriate to raise this issue now ahead of the next elections.

First, I should say that my own perspective comes in part from having been personally involved in several political campaigns, including Gene McCarthy's in '68 and George McGovern's in '72.

How to Relate to Elections?

There are lots of views on the question of how peace activists should relate to electoral politics: work within the Democratic Party to move it leftwards; work for moderate candidates who can win and hope we can influence their appointments or that they'll modify their politics in return for our support; support progressive candidates so we can bring some of our issues into the public's eye; don't work directly for officeholders, but support them on specific issues or legislation when there are common objectives; work only for radical candidates or third party efforts; only become involved in local elections or referenda, where the degree of responsiveness by the system

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is greater; work on the "outside" and make casting a vote our only contribution to electoral politics; "don't vote, it only encourages them"; etc.

Regardless of where one's views fit in, it's important to realize that, ultimately, the result of most political action is expressed through the political system, i.e., it is designed to produce legislative action of some sort.

The important question I think members of the peace and social justice movements should ask themselves is how is it that change occurs in this society, and therefore how should members of progressive causes put their limited resources to use?

Change From the Bottom

In a society such as ours, where political power and policy-making is concentrated in large, well-established institutions, change has historically come in response to pressure from movements which began outside the mainstream and were usually considered "radical."

As Frederick Douglass once said, "Power concedes nothing without a demand; it never has and it never will." Initially, however, the full demand is rarely granted, and what occurs is gradual compromise brought about by pressures from the more extreme position held by those who are the agents of change. As the process of demand, education and negotiation takes place, a shifting of viewpoints occurs among those who are concerned. Often some of the positions previously perceived as radical become adopted by the mainstream, and as the character of the power base shifts, institutions are compelled to change.

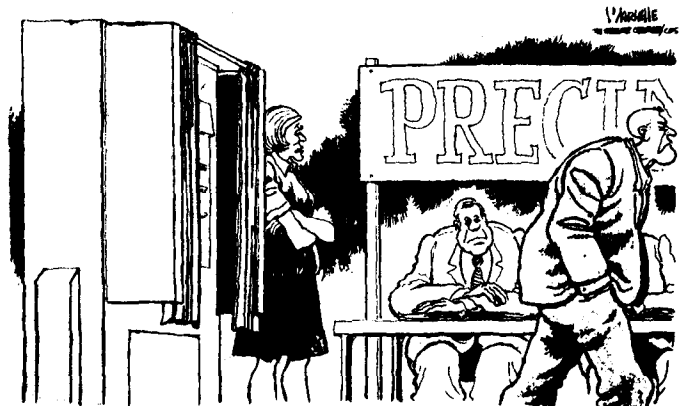
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Involvement in local Congressional campaigns has also been a problem for the peace movement. For example in San Diego, numerous peace activists diverted their energy in 1984 to work for Democrat Bob Simmons, who wanted to challenge Rep. Bill Lowery. The temptation to give him support arose because Simmons was strongly in favor of a nuclear freeze, which led people to overlook his other weaknesses, including a questionable position on Central America. Then a major controversy erupted among some of his supporters when it was learned that he supported draft registration. (In fact, after he lost the election, which was expected, Simmons argued in favor of an actual draft!) Still, some people who should have recognized the danger of supporting such an individual opted to waste valuable time and money on his campaign.

There are those who would say that in order to get people into office who will be responsive to our demands for peace and social justice we must be willing to direct some of our energy and other resources into their campaigns. In some cases, they would say, the margin of

victory would be so slim that our support could be the key factor in determining an election outcome.

The problem is that in such a close election there would be tremendous pressure on the candidate to move to the right in order to win and stay in office. The power base has to be shifted to allow him or her to move to the left, and that is best accomplished through the process of demands, education and negotiation, i.e. non-electoral movement building.



"FUNNY, WHEN THEY'RE THROUGH THEY KEEP ASKING HOW TO FLUSH IT!"

Getting Sucked In

The belief many activists have that they must do electoral work is answered well in an essay by Michael Albert in the booklet Where Do We Go From Here-- Tactics and Strategies for the Peace Movement (A.J. Muste Memorial Institute, NY, 1984):

"...[E]lectoral politics has a dynamic that sucks up activists willy nilly, till they become very good at elections and no longer particularly good or disposed toward any other kinds of political activism and organizing....[I]t has always seemed to me that there is never any want of people to run for office, work for candidates, etc. I therefore wonder why people with the most political experience should step rightwards to seek office when so many others are available to move leftwards toward the same electoral stances?

Moreover, whether candidates will...accomplish good once in office has always seemed to me to depend on extra-electoral movements forcing them to do so. It follows that electoral gains can be promoted most effectively as by-products of more general consciousness raising, demonstrating, direct actions, organization building, etc. rather than by making them our primary focus."

I personally would not rule out some types of electoral activity as an effective way to promote change in our present system, like citizen-initiated referenda or some local elections. And I do believe in casting votes for national offices. But if given the choice between donating time and resources on behalf of a candidate for national office, or handing out leaflets to the public on the arms buildup, I believe peace activists should do the leafletting and leave the electoral politics for those who don't understand the essential role of agitation and movement building in bringing about change.



International Cesarean Convention

The Third International Convention of the Cesarean Prevention Movement will be held at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, August 21-23.

The convention will feature internationally prominent professionals and activists in the field of birth and pregnancy, with lectures and workshops for members and the public. Costs vary depending on how much of the convention you will attend. Founded in 1982 under the leadership of Syracuse resident Esther Booth Zorn, CPM, Inc., claims over 48 chapters in the U.S. alone, with members in a dozen countries as well.

CPM/CNY meets on second Wednesdays at 960 Salt Springs Road in the YWCA Administration Bldg. at 7 P.M. to provide information and support on cesarean prevention, vaginal birth after cesarean, and other birth-related topics. Meetings are free and open to the public. For information call 479-6076 or 424-1942.

-Ardean Orr

Women Harvest Time

Women Harvest, a weekend of workshops and celebration, will be held for the 12th time at Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake, September 18-20. The gathering is sponsored by the Women's Information in Syracuse. Space is limited this year, so please register soon (the deadline is September 4). The cost is \$50-\$75 for the weekend. Contact INFO for full information, or to register, 601 Allen Street, Syracuse, NY 13210, (315) 478-4636.

-INFC

Another Whole Grain Uprising

On Friday August 21, On The Rise Bakery (109 Water St.) will host the 10th ANNUAL COLLECTIVE WHOLE GRAIN BAKER'S BAKE OFF and SALE. Bakers from across the country will be gathering in Syracuse for our annual conference. The BAKE OFF is an opportunity for us to share recipes and techniques as well as promote our politics along with our products! Proceeds from this SALE will go towards the work of our Cooperative Whole Grain Educational Association. CWGEA was organized to provide a network of support and education to cooperatively run whole grain bakeries across North and South America, Canada and Europe. Our food system now functions globally. We feel it's especially important to share across national boundaries -- increasing our knowledge of techniques and of grains other than wheat, and bringing to all people the consciousness of whole foods, self reliance and working cooperatively. The SALE starts at noon.

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-Karen Kerney

Commemorating Hiroshima & Nagasaki

In the past, Syracuse Peace Council has participated in and helped to put together a variety of events to commemorate the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year is the 42nd anniversary of the bombings, and in conjunction with a variety of other groups, we are sponsoring two events in the first week of August.

Join us on August 6th at Columbus Circle at 12:00 noon for a ceremony to commemorate the lives of those who died as a result of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. From 12:00-12:30, there will be poetry readings, music, and a brief commentary from veteran John Brule. At 12:30, we will begin a half hour silent vigil for reflection. At 1:00, we will have a balloon launch to symbolize our hope for the future.

On Sunday, August 9th, we will be having a Community Interfaith Peace Commemoration, at United Universalist Methodist Church (1085 East Genesee St., Syracuse) at 7:30 pm. The four themes of the service, which will bring together a diverse group of Central New Yorkers, are commemoration, concern, compassion, and commitment.

As a final effort to reach out to the religious community, we recently sent a letter to approximately 800 churches in the county and surrounding areas. We've asked if they would support our efforts by giving a sermon to their congregations and putting something in their weekly bulletins. Please ask your priest, rabbi, reverend, etc. if they plan on joining other area religious leaders in their efforts to achieve peace.

Also on Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9, Finger Lakes Peace Alliance (FLPA) will hold a commemoration of Hiroshima/Nagasaki at Seneca Army Depot. On Saturday there will be an 8 pm to midnight candlelight vigil at the Q-zone, followed at midnight by a short ceremony. People may stay throughout the night and end the commemoration with a sunrise service on Sunday.

-Lisa Labeille

Bike Tour for Peace

The second annual Leatherstocking Bike Tour for World Peace will be held on Saturday, September 19. The Bikathon, which includes rides of 25, 50, or 100 miles, begins in Norwich, NY. Cyclists will enjoy scenic landscapes, while raising money to benefit the "Chenango County United Effort for Peace." Riders are encouraged to sign up sponsors and ride for pledges per mile. The \$10 registration will be refunded to every rider who raises more than \$25. The three organizations which make up the "United Effort" are The Citizen's Exchange Fund of Central New York, the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign of Chenango County, and Peace Associates, Inc. For further information, contact Bike Tour, 70 West St., New Berlin, NY 13411, (607) 847-6228.

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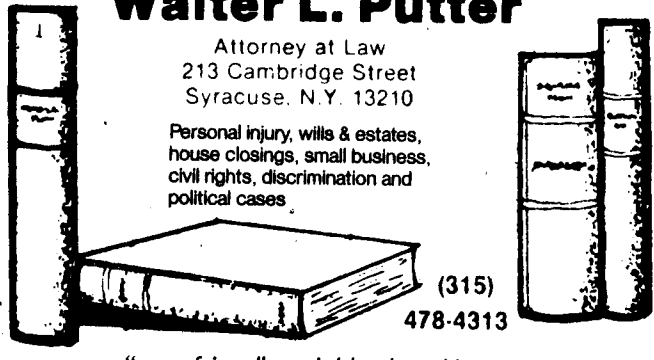
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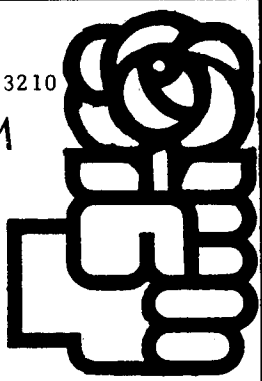
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Vigils similar to ours are being held every Thursday throughout the nation. They are held in support of the people of Nicaragua, in support of the weekly vigil every Thursday morning in Managua, Nicaragua, by Northamericans, and in protest of our government's policies in Central America.

When the front entrance (Clinton St.) was closed several weeks for repairs, we moved to the Franklin Street entrance. Now the main entrance is open again. Why not cover both, or let's dream a little, surround the building!

Even if you can only give one Thursday a month, or just a few weeks left in the summer, join us. The vigil begins at 7:30 A.M. and ends at 8. But if there are those who can only make it at 7 or 8 for a half-hour, let me know (662-7080 day, 662-7180 eve.). Others will stand with you. See you Thursday mornings. Bring your own sign or cross or not, but stand and be counted.

-Win Skeele

A Penny for our Safety

Federal legislation severely limiting nuclear accident insurance is up for renewal this summer. Environmentalists are pressuring Congress to remove the \$700 million liability cap on the Price-Anderson Act. They argue that government reports show damages from a nuclear accident could actually cost tens of billions of dollars.

Congress is considering a compromise bill that would raise this cap to only \$6.8 billion. However, a government report has shown that the worst possible accident at Nine Mile Point 2 near Syracuse could cost up to \$134 billion. Since no insurance company will sell nuclear accident insurance to the public, this means that individuals would receive only pennies for every dollar of damage.

Send a penny to your federal legislators and urge them to vote against any liability limit in Price-Anderson. For more information, contact the Price-Anderson Campaign, Box 15391, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 546-3972. In Syracuse, call Amy Hubbard at 471-6447.

-Amy Hubbard

Irradiation Equals Adulteration

Over a year ago, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved irradiation of food as a legal method of preservation. This decision has been opposed by environmental activists, consumers, some in the scientific community, and others.

We in New York State now have an opportunity to prevent irradiated foods from being sold here. Bills in both the State Assembly and State Senate would declare

irradiated foods to be "adulterated," thus making them ineligible for sale. Assembly bill #5442 (sponsored by Assemblywoman Weinstein) and Senate bill #5433 (sponsored by Tarky Lombardi) are both stuck in their respective Consumer Protection Committees. Please contact your state representatives asking their support to pass this legislation. For further information, contact your local NYPIRG chapter, or the Environmental Planning Lobby, 196 Morton Ave., Albany, NY 12202, (518) 462-5526.

-Andy Mager



Oppose Bork

Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell's resignation in June has given the Reagan administration an unequalled opportunity in its last years to push through its repressive social agenda. The confirmation of Robert Bork to the highest court would set back rights for women, blacks, the poor, gays and lesbians, and trade unionists well beyond the term of the Reagan presidency.

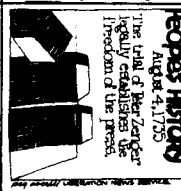
Bork's view on sexual harassment in the workplace is only one reason why the National Organization for Women has targeted his defeat as one of their main priorities. In 1985, Bork was willing to admit evidence that a woman harassed on the job by her supervisor wore "provocative clothing" or acted in a suggestive manner. As a declared opponent of abortion, Bork held that a chemical company's policy of refusing to allow women of child-bearing age to work where they would be exposed to lead was permissible. He also struck a blow against gay rights by upholding the Navy's automatic discharge for gay conduct.

Bork's views on civil rights for blacks and other people of color are equally abhorrent. In 1963, in response to the proposed Civil Rights Act, Bork wrote an article calling the act "a departure from freedom of the individual to decide with whom he will deal."

In short, Bork's reactionary views should cause all of us to join with Benjamin Hooks, Executive Director of the NAACP, to "ask the Senate to reject Judge Bork's nomination...until hell freezes over."

-Mairead Connor

August '87

<p>2 Peace Run arrives at Columbus Circle at 6am, 478-1004</p> <p>Tr & Salt: Arabic Festival, 1-9pm, St. Elias Orthodox Ch, 4988 Onondaga rd, free</p> <p>Renaissance Faire, Sterling NY Sat & Sun through Aug. 16</p>	<p>3 PEOPLES HISTORY August 4-17/87 The Trail of Peter Dinkwater by David Shields Illustrated by the Press</p> 	<p>4 No Nukes NVS Films, Tues & Wed 7 & 9pm, SU Watson Aud., 474-1132</p> <p>Nuclear Freeze Mtg, 7:30 pm, May Memorial Ch Beth, 445-1714</p> <p>Women's Political Caucus mtg, 7:30pm, Grace Episcopal Ch, 422-3426</p>	<p>5 "Is everyone part of a complex discussion, noon Planned Parenthood, free</p> <p>6 Hiroshima Vigil noon, Columbus Circle, Come one, come all, 472-5478</p> <p>1,000 Cranes (film) 1pm, No Nukes (film) and Tom Skelting, 7:30 pm, all at Skaneateles Methodist Church, 32</p> <p>The Refusal (film) & discussion, 7:30pm, Unity Kitchen, 395 W. Onondaga St., Ann 475-6761</p>	<p>7 8/6-8/9 Nevada Desert Experience (withness at Nuclear Test site), Mike (716) 223-3262</p> <p>Diana "Four-Four" Trifoso, Harvard 475, 9pm, \$3</p> <p>8/13-8/17 War Resisters League (Natl Conf, N. Carolina, (212) 228-0450 for info)</p> <p>Lesbian Support Grp, 7-9pm, INFO, 601 Allen St.</p>	<p>8 Seneca Demo Evening vigil at this nuclear weapons storage facility, (716) 544-6954 for info</p> <p>SEUNA Summerfest at Perry Pk, 12-5, Katie, 475-4039</p> <p>Bread & Puppet Theatre peace festival, Bennington, VT, (716) 244-9727</p>	<p>9 Inter-Faith Peace Services 7:30pm, University Methodist Church, 1035 E. Genesee St, 472-5478</p> <p>Women Harvest Mtg, 7:30pm, Women's INFO, 601 Allen St.</p> <p>To Die Dreaming: Photographs of Nicaragua 'tel 8/30 Everson Museum</p>	<p>10 Disabled in Action, 7pm ECCOH, 446-6602</p> <p>Every Man: Visual Disability Support Grp, 501 E. Fayette, 10-11:30, 472-3171</p> <p>Socialist Forum: "Meet Vice-Presidential Candidate Ron Ehrenreich" Harvard Arts, 7pm</p> <p>People for Animal Rights Mtg, Linda, 475-0062</p> <p>Thornden Park Assoc Mtg 7:30pm, 478-5164</p>	<p>11 8/12-8/13 Michigan Whomp's Music Fest 425-1438 or 478-2875</p> <p>"Is sexually always a part of us" discussion, noon, Planned Parenthood 1120 E. Genesee St.</p> <p>Cesarean Prevention Meeting mtg, 7pm, Elmcrest Children's Ctr, 475-7101</p>	<p>12 Cordovan Green (bluegrass), 9pm, Harvard Arts, \$2.50, 478-6229</p> <p>Cordovan Green (bluegrass) Harvard Arts, 9pm \$2.50, 478-6229</p>	<p>13 8/13-8/17 War Resisters League (Natl Conf, N. Carolina, (212) 228-0450 for info)</p> <p>Lesbian Support Grp, 7-9pm, INFO, 601 Allen St.</p> <p>8/21 & 22 Regional Sanctuary Mtg, Albany, Ann 471-4672</p> <p>8/21-23 Intri!1 Cesarean Conf. LaMoynre, 479-6076, see p. 13</p>	<p>14 Sat. & Sun. Women's INFO Garage Sale, 10-5, 601 Allen</p> <p>Annual Summer Gathering at Common Place Land Coop, Truhton, NY, noon to noon text, Andy, 472-5478 for info</p>	<p>15 Sat. & Sun. Women's INFO Garage Sale, 10-5, 601 Allen</p> <p>Urban League Family Day, 12:30-6, Thornden Park, 472-6935</p> <p>"Adults Going Back to School with Free Childcare" 11am, INFO, 601 Allen St., free</p>	<p>16 Every Sun: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S. Beech St.</p> <p>Every Sun: Metropolitan Community Ch, worship, 5pm, Grace Episcopal Ch, 471-6618</p>	<p>17 Every Mon: Syracuse Birth Grp, 7pm, 471-6399</p> <p>Sanctuary Mtg 7:30pm May Memorial Ch, Ann 471-4672</p> <p>Gr. Syracuse NOW, 8pm May Memorial Ch, 446-2229</p>	<p>18 Every Wed: Open Women's Support Grp, 7-9pm, INFO 478-6536, 601 Allen St.</p> <p>Every Wed: Mothers' Support Grp, 1-2:30, Womens INFO, 601 Allen St.</p>	<p>19 Nat'l Council of Negro Women mtg, 7pm, Dunbar Cr.</p> <p>Cordovan Green (bluegrass) Harvard Arts, 9pm \$2.50, 478-6229</p>	<p>20 Whole Grain Bake-Off & Sale, On the Rise, 109 Walton St., Amory Square, see p. 13</p> <p>8/21 & 22 Regional Sanctuary Mtg, Albany, Ann 471-4672</p> <p>8/21-23 Intri!1 Cesarean Conf. LaMoynre, 479-6076, see p. 13</p>	<p>21 Urban League Family Day, 12:30-6, Thornden Park, 472-6935</p> <p>"Adults Going Back to School with Free Childcare" 11am, INFO, 601 Allen St., free</p>	<p>22 Every Sun: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S. 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Please save us 30- and let us know ahead of time</p>	<p>28 PNL Mailing Party 10am-4pm, SPC, 924 Burnet Ave, Come join the Fun, 472-5478</p> <p>Benefit Dance for Metropolitan Community Ch & CNY AIDS Task Force, 9pm, Grace Episc Ch, 471-6618</p>	<p>29 PNL Mailing Party 10am-4pm, SPC, 924 Burnet Ave, Come join the Fun, 472-5478</p> <p>Benefit Dance for Metropolitan Community Ch & CNY AIDS Task Force, 9pm, Grace Episc Ch, 471-6618</p>	<p>29 Modern Times NVS Films, 7 & 9pm, SU Watson Aud., \$2.00</p> <p>"Does every woman have a Secret Garden" discussion, noon, Planned Parenthood, 475-5525</p>	<p>30 SPC Volunteer Nite Every Thurs, 7pm, Please come and do your bit, 472-5478</p> <p>Death Penalty Vigil, noon Every Thurs: Central Am. Vigil, 7:30am, Federal Bldg, see p. 15</p>	<p>31 Every Fri: Country Dancing, 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal Ch, \$2</p> <p>Barb Dunn, Harvard Arts, 9pm, \$3, 478-6229 Lee</p> <p>Lesbian Support Grp, 7-9pm, Women's INFO, 601 Allen St, 478-4636</p>	<p>1 Barb Dunn (children's show) 3:30pm, Harvard Arts, \$1</p> <p>Cathy George Art Show Closing: music & refreshments, 9pm, Harvard Arts, free</p>
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A Contra Story

Dear Family and Friends,

... I want to tell you about the quiet arrest of a counter-revolutionary soldier or contra just a few blocks from my house.

Nestor Meza Rueda, a 36-year-old native of Somotillo, had been with the Nicaraguan Democratic Force or FDN since May 1985. (The FDN is the major contra group and has freely operated in southern Honduras since its creation by the CIA in 1981.) He claims to have originally gone to Honduras for personal reasons, not because of any gripes against the Nicaraguan government or loyalty to the counterrevolution. In his own words, he describes how he became involved with the contra and the role of the Honduran military in recruiting for them: "I lived drunk, and drunk I joined the contra." He said he was captured by the Honduran immigration forces and given three choices: "join the contra, become a refugee, or be deported to Nicaragua."...

Nestor recounts that on February 16, 1986, he and two fellow contras were drinking in Honduras when they were sent on a mission in Nicaragua by low-level contra leaders. A group of six, Nestor included, crossed the river into Nicaragua at about 6 pm. Dressed like Nicaraguan soldiers and armed with rifles, a hand grenade and two U.S.-made Claymore mines, they walked to the edge of Somotillo. A contra nicknamed Zopilote (Buzzard) planted a Claymore mine in the road then joined the others in the brush [and]...waited for passing vehicles. They let a truck full of Nicaraguan soldiers pass, fearful that their fire would be returned.... As a Toyota pick-up truck full of women and children neared, Zopilote detonated one of the mines (anti-personnel, designed to release 700 sharp shrapnel pieces) and the others began firing. Nestor tells, "We heard the screams of the women. We continued firing. We fired for 3 or 4 minutes (The driver's side of the truck bore about 150 bullet holes) Then we ran because we were afraid of the guard dogs that the Nicaraguan border troops have.... We went back to Honduras." He complained that they were offered money for the job but never received a cent. "Only the big guys get money. The people on the bottom, we don't get anything."

Nestor and the others were told to keep their mouths shut about the ambush because killing mothers and a Swiss volunteer could "hurt the organization (FDN) a lot because they (US Congress) were about to approve the \$100 million."

On New Year's Day, Nestor crossed the river, nearly dry in January, to visit his mother in Somotillo. Resting in a hammock in the house where he grew up, he was arrested at about 4:30 pm. He will be tried in the courts specifically created to judge the loathed Somoza National Guardsmen and the contras. Talking to people from Somotillo who knew Nestor and pouring over the interview for

hours, I began to pity him, both as an instrument, fighting without knowing why, and a victim of U.S. policy. It became clear that under normal circumstances, Nestor would never have amounted to much worse than a Somotillo drunk. But U.S. policy has given him (and doubtless thousands others) the 'opportunity' to become assassins of unarmed men, women, and children....

-Martha Swan
Somotillo, Nicaragua

The Three R's and the Elections

To the Editor,

The September 15 primary and November 3 general elections for local office provide an opportunity for us to impress on candidates that we want environmentally sound methods of dealing with the trash glut.

The three R's -- reduction of trash, re-use and recycling seem to me the environmentally sound focus. Onondaga County is planning to build a large-scale incinerator ("trash-to-energy plant") and landfill to deal with trash. But burning or landfilling materials which could be recycled is a waste of natural resources and energy. For example, recycling aluminum requires only 5% as much energy as producing it from bauxite.

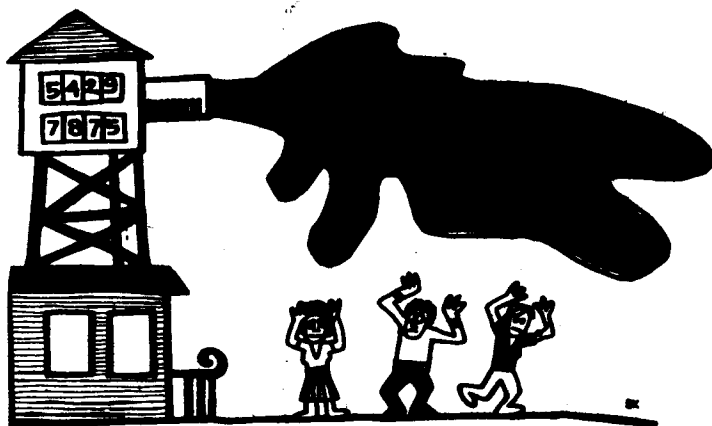
Under pressure from the state, county officials now talk about a significant recycling program to supplement the burning and landfilling. But encouragement from their constituents is needed to convert a plan into reality.

Please contact the candidates for County Executive as well as the people from your area running for County Legislature and Common Council. (If you don't know who they are, phone the Board of Elections at 425-3312.) Ask them what they would do about the trash glut. Ask them what percentage of the trash they think can be dealt with by the three R's (The state aims for 50% by 1997.) Ask if they would hire a consultant with expertise in recycling to do a feasibility study for Onondaga County.

I'd be interested in any feedback you receive.

Thanks.

-Linda DeStefano
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We focus on "Our Community" in this PNL putting more emphasis on the Act Locally, along with Thinking Globally. Learn about Blacks, Native Americans and Latinos in Central New York. Seth Moranz tells us why the peace and labor movements ought to join forces. And, of course, there is our old favorite--militarism. We hear from a Navy vet about his experiences, about the horror of the Iran-Iraq War, and the renewed campaign to halt contra funding.

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The Syracuse Peace Council

House News

The summer has been busy here at the Peace Council house. Renovation work, Hiroshima/Nagasaki activities, responding to media questions about the Fairness Doctrine and organizing on Central America have kept us buzzing. Some of the house folks have gotten away though: Andrew Seltser has been away for much of the summer, Paul Pearce has taken some time for camping, and Lisa Labeille took a working vacation at the War Resisters League's Organizer Training Workshop.

As we gear up for a busy fall, we are hoping to complete at least some of the uncompleted work projects here at the office. (People with carpentry skills are still needed.) We've also been working on finding ways to make the Peace Council's work more accessible for volunteers. Cletus Pinti has worked on creating a new Volunteer Night--every Thursday--come down and give it a try. We're also in need of some help answering phones. Some of our summer volunteers will be returning to school in the fall. Remember, there is always a place for you here at the Syracuse Peace Council.

-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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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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We Will Not Forget

Continuing a long Peace Council tradition, we were instrumental in organizing events to commemorate the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This year's activities were planned and carried out by a coalition including SPC, the Freeze and seven other groups. In addition to the traditional parade and vigil, we focused outreach on the religious community.

A letter describing the events and asking for participation, as well as a commitment to sermonize about nuclear issues, was sent to some 800 area clergy.. Follow-up phoning was coordinated by our summer intern, David Ehrlich. Twenty-five area clergy gave sermons and another twenty announced the vigil and inter-faith peace commemoration. The effort seemed extremely successful in bringing our concerns to a much more diverse constituency than in the past. Of course, there were some problems: we needed more people for the parade, and the attendance for the service was below what we had hoped.

As a whole we were happy at the result, and were reminded of the importance of getting beyond our "progressive ghetto" and reaching out to new communities. Perhaps you would like to be a part of that work for next year. If so, please call the office, 472-5478, and speak with Andy or Lisa.

-Andy Mager

Bowl for Peace!

We don't care if you've never bowled or if you put us all to shame with endless strikes, we want you to come have fun with us. We will be bowling for dollars for SPC and the SPC/Madre Nicagaguan School Supply campaign on Sunday, October 25th at the Erie Blvd. Bowling Center. So start talking it up to your friends! Pull together a team of four people, give us a call, and we'll send you your registration materials. Even if you can't pull together a team, we want you to bowl for us, so call today: 472-5478.

-Liam Mahony

Is it Fair?

Back in 1982 the Peace Council began a campaign to counteract the advertising lies of the nuclear power industry. In the past month we have received national publicity for our case. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruled in early August that the Fairness Doctrine should be abolished, and cited our case as the example. With the help of the Media Access Project, we have appealed that decision to the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in New York. While it is difficult to find anyone who is willing to say that Nine Mile 2 is still a good investment for New York State, we have continued to follow through on the case to press the issue of the role of media in a free society. Keep your eyes out for further news.

-Andy Mager

Paxton's Back

That's right folks, Tom Paxton is coming back to Syracuse. On Saturday September 12 at 8:00 pm at Syracuse Stage, Tom will be performing another benefit concert for Syracuse Peace Council. Paxton's songs have been sung and recorded by other artists such as Peter, Paul, and Mary, The Kingston Trio, Neil Diamond, and The Rovers. Paxton's songs have inspired us to continue in our work on peace and social justice issues. Tickets for the concert are available at On the Rise, 109 Walton Street, Syracuse Real Food Co-op, Kensington Road, Syracuse Stage, 820 East Genesee Street, and Syracuse Peace Council. Advance tickets are \$8-\$10 sliding scale, and tickets bought at the door will sell for \$10-\$12 sliding scale. Child care will be provided, and Syracuse Stage is wheelchair accessible. It's best to buy your tickets in advance because they sold out last year.

-Lisa Labeille

NVS Films

Presented any good films lately? SPC is taking a more active role in the NVS film series and could use your help.

Tell us about that film that everyone should see and help us to show it. For selection or projection and everything in between, call Paul at 472-5478 and we'll save you an aisle seat.

-Paul Pearce

Potlucks: Food, Facts & Fun

Two very successful potlucks in July have created some energy to revive SPC Potlucks in an ongoing way. One volunteer has come forward to help coordinate twice monthly potlucks. Won't you join him in creating a committee? Call Lisa or Andy at the office, 472-5478 to offer your help.

German Peace Women

On Tuesday, September 15, our guest speakers will be Claudia Rast and Tina Utermark from the West German peace movement. They will share their experiences of resisting the presence of U.S. weapons on German soil.

Gay/Lesbian March on Washington

On Tuesday, September 29, organizers for the National March for Gay/Lesbian Rights in DC will speak about the march, civil disobedience action, and how Syracuseans can participate. The film, "Greetings from Washington, DC," which is about the last such march will also be shown.

Both potlucks will be held at Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Place (near corner of Westcott), with dinner beginning at 6:00 pm, and the program at 7:00pm.

-Andy Mager

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"This Isn't What They Told Me"

Interview with Navy Veteran Benny Wilkerson

Interview by Lou Ann Merkle

Merkle: Why did you enlist?

Wilkerson: I was taking after my father. He was in the Army for 35 years. I never really got to know him--he traveled a lot. I guess I wanted to see what he saw. So I did it for travel. But after I got in there it was more involved than that. I saw a lot of ugly things, things they don't advertise, things they don't tell you in the brochures. They tell you things like: "Sure, we can guarantee you this. We can give you any duty station you want. You can get guaranteed schooling. You can get a 9-5 job--come home, wash up, go to bed." You know they make it sound so simple. You get in there, it's do this, do that. Go to places you never dreamed about. I ain't talkin' about Hawaii and Guam and places like that. I'm talkin' about Lebanon, Grenada, Iran, Iraq. You know, places with violence. You see a lot of military abuse. People jumping off of boats because they can't take the stress. Just a lot of things you weren't really prepared for.

Merkle: What kinds of things would drive somebody to jump off a boat?

Wilkerson: There was this one incident at the Air Force Base in Athens, Greece. They were protestin' something about the military. And a lot of people off of our boat got hurt. People went back to the boat thinkin' about it, saying, "This isn't what I came in here for, you know." And that wasn't the first incident. And after so many times of that happening--you know, people taking it out on you just because you are a symbol of the United States--you get to thinking: "Is this a good cause, what I'm doin'?"

War Games

Merkle: What about taking part in war games?

Wilkerson: You go out there. You put in your eight hours I was launchin' planes, fixin' planes. You go out there and play war games. For instance, we just go out there to mess with the Russians. Every time we cross the Indian Ocean we have a Russian submarine right under us. So we sit there and play games with this boat. More or less aggravating them. They come over and aggravate us, we go over and do them one better. It's just gonna keep goin' back and forth and back and forth until somebody seriously drops a bomb or whatever happens.

Merkle: Did you ever see a plane shot down?

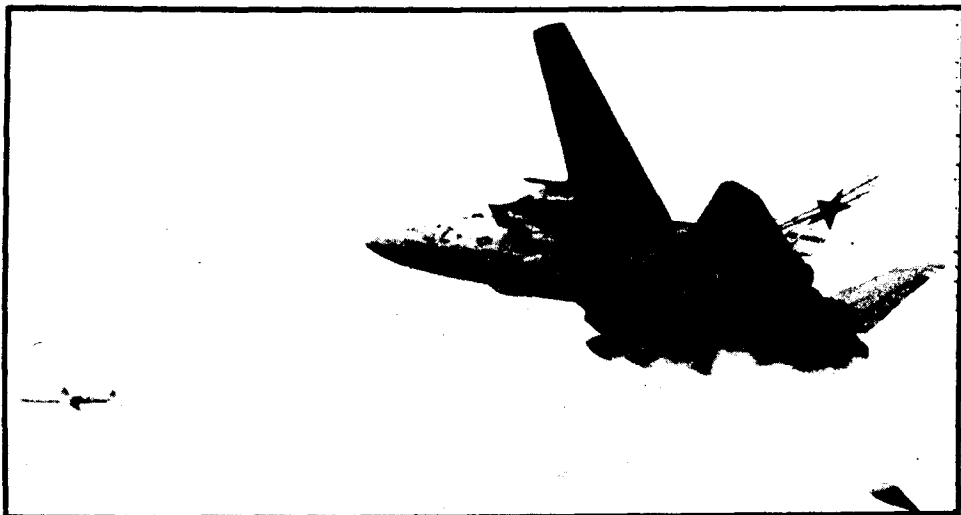
Wilkerson: Yes I did. I saw two of them. We shot

down two Libyan planes with our F-14s. I actually saw it too. They flew over the boat. We lost planes off the boat. They sat there and they played air games--dog fights and things. First thing I thought of when I saw the explosion: there were human beings in there. Many, they were people like us. All you see now is metal falling down, fire in the water and stuff. I mean they had family. It's not right, it wasn't right. They didn't do nothing wrong. They were flying. I guess they said they were out of air space. You know, it doesn't make sense. Air space, I don't know. I just wish everybody felt like I did.

Grenada & Getting Out

Merkle: What finally gave you the determination to get out?

Wilkerson: Oh, I wanted to get out when I got in boot camp. Not because of the physical training and everything, but even there, you got a sense of the politics that was going on. But as far as actually making up my mind to get out, I'd say it happened when I got stationed



in Virginia Beach on the U.S.S. America. I was there for about three months when we got our first assignment--Grenada. Now your first place on a boat in the military, you want to see something exciting, with some flowers and some beaches and things. No, we went over there, put the Marines there on land and started shooting up everything we saw, lost some planes on the boat, like we were in World War III. Right then, I thought, "Wait a minute, this isn't what they told me."

For more information about working with young people who are considering military enlistment, contact Andy Mager, SPC, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203, (315) 472-5478 or CCCO, 2208 South St., Philadelphia, PA 19146 (215) 545-4626.



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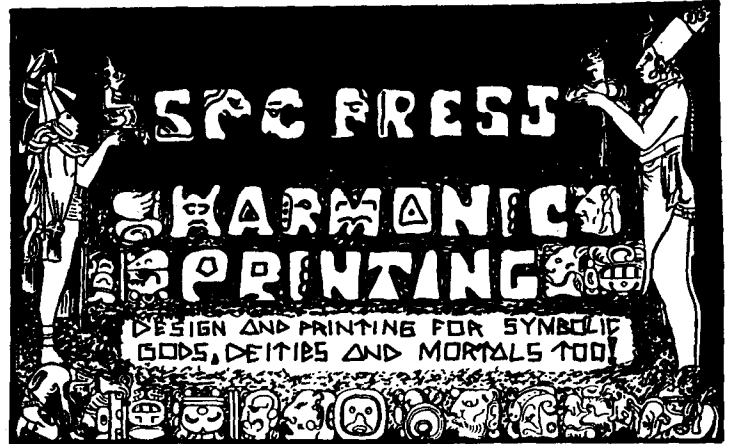
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-Andy Mager

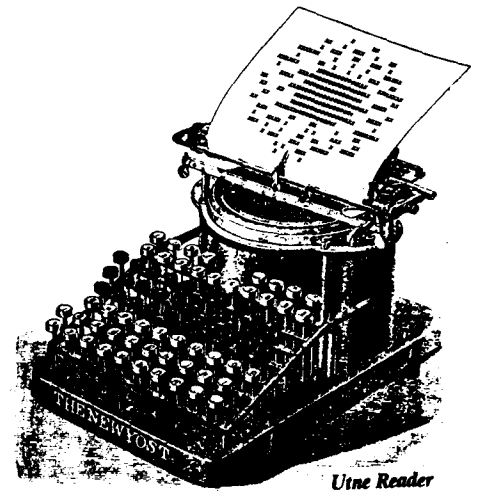
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Iran-Iraq War: Fueling the Fighting

by **Vahid Tehrani**

News concerning the Iran-Iraq War is chilling. In January, Iran launched another assault against Iraqi defense lines surrounding Basra, Iraq's second largest city and major port. Estimates for this single offensive: Iranian casualties between 40,000 and 50,000 with about half killed, and Iraqi casualties at 10,000-20,000 with less than half killed. As the Tower Commission was busy investigating Irangate, foreign military commentators in Teheran quietly noted that Iran was making effective use of its U.S. supplied anti-tank and anti-aircraft missiles. Both populations are now bracing for more carnage, dislocation and destruction.

Lethal Mix

The Iran-Iraq war officially began in September 1980, when Iraqi troops invaded Iran. At that time, a lethal mix of circumstances provided both the will and the means for the respective regimes to set in motion a horrific cycle of death and destruction, maintained to this day. That mix included the belligerents' compelling desires for war, U.S. and Soviet ambivalence, and the opening a rich new market for conventional weapons.

The ruling mullahs in Iran led by Ayatollah Khomeini, and the Iraqi regime under Saddam Hussein, each had their own reasons to welcome a war in 1980. Both leaders had recently come to power in 1979: Khomeini in February, following the Iranian revolution, and Hussein in July, after an in-house putsch. They represented significantly different forms of government but each faced critical tests of legitimacy in the eyes of his own people and those of the world. Both states, murderously repressive and lacking meaningful economic and social agendas, saw in the war an opportunity to create national unity and solidify political power. Convinced of ultimate victory, each also envisioned that the war would bring it international stature and recognition.

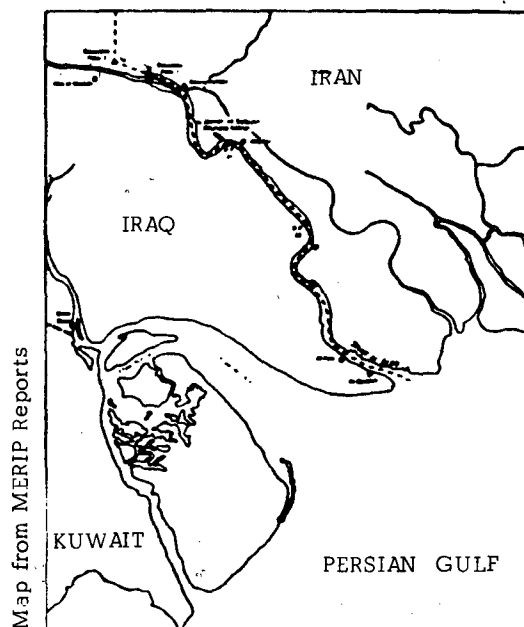
A long-standing territorial dispute over borders, particularly in the Shatt-al-Arab waterway reaching back to the times of the Ottoman empire, clashing ideologies (Baathist pan-Arabism and Iran's brand of Islamic fundamentalism), the oppression of the Shiite population in Iraq, and reciprocal political intrigue and hostile propaganda provided both states with sufficient grounds for war mobilization.

Iraq's initial war aims were the recovery of rights to the Shatt-al-Arab waterway and other "usurped" Iraqi

territories, the return of three small islands in the Gulf to the United Arab Emirates, and the end to Iranian interference in Iraq's internal affairs. At the outset of the war, Iran demanded that Iraqi troops quit Iranian soil, the payment of war reparations and the removal of Hussein from power. Today, Iraq states that it is ready to negotiate while Iran refuses to sit down at the table until Saddam Hussein is removed.

International Support

Iran received immediate public support from Syria, South Yemen and Libya. While Iraq's most vocal supporter has been Jordan, the other countries in the region have shown their support materially. The number of countries professing neutrality but involved in supplying arms to the two sides is staggering: Countries shipping to Iran include Israel, South Korea, Argentina, Algeria, Libya and Syria. Spain, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia, Austria, Chile and Jordan have sent major weapons to Iraq. Sending arms to both combatants have been the U.S., USSR, China, France, Italy, East Germany, Switzerland, North Korea and Brazil.



Since the war began, the U.S. and the Soviet Union have been indifferent, if not receptive, to the prospect of Iran and Iraq tearing away at each other. Despite proclamations of neutrality and lip service to peace efforts, the effect of their policies has been to fuel the flames of war. Whatever the motives behind promoting and prolonging the war--an inability to control events, a gruesome desire to see these "problem" regimes self-destruct or at least remain preoccupied, the need to keep political options and alliance open--Soviet and American policy as it has unfolded since 1980 raises at least the question of tacit collusion. What is not in

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Vahid Tehrani is a researcher on Middle East issues. An Iranian, she visited her native country last September. This article is reprinted from the Spring 1987 Mobilizer, available for \$10/year from Mobilization for Survival, 853 Broadway #418, New York, NY 10003.

Militarism

Iran-Iraq War/continued from previous page

doubt is that this policy has contributed significantly to the estimated one million fatalities in the war.

The U.S. has taken an unambiguous stand, however, in exploiting the war to expand its militarization of the region. Under the Reagan administration, the U.S. has transformed its presence in the region to one of considerable force. With the creation of the Rapid Deployment Force, now known as the Central Command, the U.S. can draw upon a reservoir of some 300,000 personnel from units in all four services to project forces into the Gulf.

During the Islamic summit in Kuwait at the end of February, American warships were sent to the northern end of the Gulf for the first time during the war, while additional U.S. vessels maintained positions at the mouth of the Gulf. The threat of superpower intervention hangs over this scenario like the final curtain, ready to fall at any misstep.

Peace Attempts

Efforts toward ending the war through negotiations between Iran and Iraq have been meager and ill-fated. Notable attempts at mediation since 1981 include those of Egypt, Algeria, the Islamic Conference and the United Nations. Ceasefires and restriction on bombing civilian targets have been short-lived. The brief respites from the fighting have been primarily a result of stalemates during which both sides took time to recoup.

It is difficult to judge public support for the war on

either side. On the one hand, Iran continues to find volunteers for its "human wave attacks" but hundreds of thousands of young men have fled to Turkey rather than be sent to the front. Likewise, the uprising of Iraq's large Shiite population never materialized, but there are reports that the Iraqis have been forced to recruit members of the elite Palace Guard for recent battles.

Within Iraq and Iran, opposition to the war does exist but has been largely ineffective and labors under extraordinarily dangerous conditions. The opposition rightly emphasizes that casualty figures alone do not adequately represent the terrifying social trauma that the war has brought for the Iranian and Iraqi peoples. Millions have been dislocated as they have fled the war efforts. The staggering costs of reconstruction will have to be paid for decades to come.

Peace and justice forces here in the U.S. have been regrettably unmoved by the astounding human costs of this war. The pernicious war-profiteering of governments and international death merchants has not attracted the attention it deserves. Finally, there has been frighteningly little concern over the threat of possible direct U.S. intervention as a result of the primary American response to the war--future militarization of the Gulf. With the opening provided by the covert action scandal, we can begin to effectively inform the U.S. public about the war. Further, we can explore ways of integrating the immediate demands for no arms or aid to the belligerents and resistance to the further militarization of the Gulf in our continuing programs and work.

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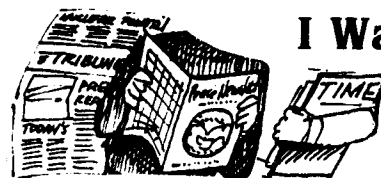
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-- Christian Science Monitor, 6/19/87:

interview, "Salvadoran Says US hasn't Learned Lessons of Vietnam." "US conservatives think that it is the false promises of Marxism-Leninism which ensnare ignorant peasants. This is largely false. More liberal Americans blame it on social injustice and poverty; this is certainly the root of the problem, but it is not what ensures US defeat. The most important weapon the communists have in the Third World, and what makes their victory inevitable, is corruption and the Americans' arrogance and ignorance of third world societies, which make them not only tolerate corruption but often indirectly encourage it."

-- USA Today, 6/15/87:

interview with Joan Baez. "The pacifism also has endured, but Baez admits it's now more difficult to focus. 'At times it has been very clear, with Martin Luther King, civil rights and Vietnam, my work was defined every morning when I got up. Now it's so diffuse and so crazy. The violence and hunger is scattered in so many places.'"

Democracy or Olliegarchy?

by Will Ravenscroft

Definition of Olliegarchy--rule by or through lieutenant colonels.

The Peace Plans

The Central American Peace Plan caught Reagan off guard. He was working on his own plan designed to be unacceptable to Managua and hence gain the Congressional votes he needs for more contra aid. The following is a brief outline of the Peace Plan Reagan is going to try to sabotage:

1. **DIALOG** - The five governments must begin talks with all unarmed internal opposition groups.
2. **AMNESTY** - for surrendered insurgents. Insurgents must release prisoners as well.
3. **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION COMMISSIONS** - To include four persons: one from the government, one from opposition parties, one Catholic Bishop and one notable citizen not of the government. These commissions will be set up in each country to continue to work out the details of the peace process.
4. **CEASEFIRE** - By Nov. 7, but details must be worked out.
5. **DEMOCRATIZATION** - Full media freedom without censorship. Freedom to organize and speak out, and an end to states of emergency.
6. **FREE ELECTIONS** - Simultaneous region-wide elections in the first half of next year, with international observers, to establish a Central American Parliament.
7. **END TO OUTSIDE AID TO INSURRECTIONAL MOVEMENTS.**
8. **NO SANCTUARY FOR INSURGENTS** - The Central American countries are committed to stop the use of their territory for aggression or destabilization against other nations.
9. **ARMS CONTROL** - Negotiations are to continue under auspices of the Contadora group.
10. **REFUGEES** - Urgent attention is to be paid to their problems.
11. **INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AID** will be requested jointly by the five nations.

Contra Aid Local Actions

How often must contra aid be defeated? Well, if you feel exhausted, that fits right in with the strategy of those well-paid government officials appointed to carry out U.S. terrorism abroad. We are volunteers, or at best low-paid workers, and at present there is not a lot of energy in Syracuse.

But do we have a choice? September is going to be stop contra aid month, and this time the Central American Peace Plan hangs in the balance. This is the plan by Central Americans for Central Americans. Reagan would

Will Ravenscroft has recently joined the Peace News-letter editorial committee. Thanks to The Guardian for much of the information about the Peace Plan.

love to squash this plan and substitute his own plan to once again make Central America safe for U.S. business.



So first turn your calendar to September and in a bright color write STOP CONTRA AID across the whole page. We will not be alone. The four veterans that fasted last fall will start again on September 1. Charlie Liteky and George Mizo will be on the capitol steps until November 7, the date of the Central American ceasefire. Their fast is called a Fast for Lives. Brian Wilson and Duncan Murphy are starting a 40 day fast on the railroad tracks outside the Concorde Naval Weapons Station in California. As part of the Nuremburg Actions protesters have been there since June 10, but are now planning to move onto the tracks.

Is your calendar marked? Here is what you can do locally:

- ***Rep. Houghton, NY Dist. 34, the Corning area, has been designated a "swing" voter. Help is needed encouraging area residents to remind him that the majority still oppose contra aid.
- ***Our own Representatives and Senators are always in need of moral reminders. Hint: establish a working relationship with the staff persons who advise your elected official. They are more responsive.
- ***Raise funds for a billboard against contra aid. Send checks to Pledge of Resistance, c/o SPC, 924 Burnet Av., Syr., N.Y. 13203.
- ***More letters. Make copies of every letter you write and send them to everyone -- representatives, newspapers, Central American presidents and even to Reagan praising him for the "support" he is giving the Central America Peace Plan.
- ***Speakers are available. Arrange with your church, friends, clubs, etc. to listen to someone who has been there. Call SPC, 472-5478 to line-up a speaker.
- ***Keep informed -- call the Central America Hotline, 445-8118, for updates. Informative cassettes are also available from a lending library at SPC, 924 Burnet Ave.
- ***Leaflet the upcoming Tom Paxton concert (September 12 at Syracuse Stage) or the event of your choice.

INTRODUCTION

At the Peace Council we always want to work with a broad spectrum of the Syracuse community. This seems to rarely occur. This special section is a step in that direction. It is also a greater focus on local issues than is usually found in the Peace Newsletter. We dedicate the section to Lillian Reiner, who lived out these connections more fully than anyone else we know. Let us know what you think. -Andy Mager

by Wendy Thomas

Nestled in a valley just a few miles south of Syracuse live some 1,500 Native American people who are steadfastly clinging to ancient traditions, and yet have adapted to the modern, ever-changing white society. The Onondaga Nation, or the Onondaga Indian Reservation as some call it, is a nation within a nation. About seven miles long and five miles wide, it is the stronghold of a sovereign people who are the firekeepers of the Iroquois Confederacy. It is home to long established generations of Onondaga families and others from the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora Nations. A few families from other western reservations have also settled at Onondaga.

Historically, the Onondaga Nation has remained a separate entity, carrying on its own government, language and traditions from preceding generations. This still holds true today. The present Onondaga Council of Chiefs may be called upon for decision-making of any consequence. They meet with officials of state government, or send delegates to an international gathering in Geneva, Switzerland, or, they may be called upon to settle a domestic dispute or to be on hand at the scene of an accident. As the only government at Onondaga, they deal with situations at all levels and are available when needed.

The sovereignty of an American Indian Nation is a rare occurrence in the United States. Most Native Americans live on reservation lands governed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Schools, law enforcement, housing, social programs, etc are all federally funded. At Onondaga, there are no federal funds, nor are they desired. Some nations claim sovereignty, but internally struggle with dissenting factions. At Onondaga, there is strong unity, disharmony at times, perhaps, but in the end, the Council uniquely prevails.

Wendy Thomas, Onondaga, Beaver Clan, Mother of four, "retired" from teaching to be at home with children. Thanks to Ginny Doctor, Executive Director of the North American Indian Club.

The Onondaga: A Sovereign Nation

For those who might need material proof, treaties in 1784 and 1794 between the Iroquois Confederacy and the newly formed colonial government of the United States were negotiated, Nation to Nation. For the Onondaga, proof isn't necessary, it's the way of life.

The Council is supported by Clan Mothers. The Clan Mothers at Onondaga have a strong voice...and they are heard. They select the men who will become Chiefs, and they carry out special duties. Children inherit the clan of their mother.

The Traditional Way

Onondaga Families tend to live in clusters with sons and daughters building their homes, or setting up trailers, near their parents' home. Thus, a child grows up surrounded by family--grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins--the contemporary extended family, its roots in the traditional longhouse.

Children are probably the most important area of concern to the Onondaga people. Elders teach that one must think seven generations into the future when any issue arises. This solid advice can apply to any situation.

Preserving the traditional way of life and finding ways to integrate it into the curriculum of modern education is an enormous challenge at the Onondaga Indian School. Many activities center around the school (Grades K-8), with innovative teachers striving to meet special programming needs desired by parents and council as well as concepts prescribed in the New York State syllabus. All grades learn Onondaga language and culture. The school often hosts dinners as fundraising events. A special traditional foods dinner is held in the fall and spring for students' families. Children help in the gathering and preparation of the meals which include turkey, corn soup, mush, leeks, milk weeds, cow slips, strawberries, sassafras tea and much more.

Some native foods are available at a popular store along Route 11A in the center of the Reservation. Crafts and beadwork are also sold there, and at a trading post just a short distance further on 11A.

The usually quiet, rather peaceful existence has been tremendously altered in a section of the Reservation along the Route 81 exit. Restaurants, gasoline stations, drive-through cigarette stands and stores have turned this area into what resembles a business strip. Most



businesses have expanded to accommodate a steady stream of customers.

Some stores had featured gambling and the sale of fireworks. The resulting internal controversy over the popular businesses led the Onondaga Council of Chiefs to decide to eliminate gambling this past May. Their statement reads:

Recognizing that commercial gambling and wagering have had a destructive influence on many societies and cultures and concerned over the impact that commercial gambling and wagering may have on the well-being of our children and the harmony of our Nation: 'The Onondaga Council of Chiefs hereby enacts an anti-gambling law for the Onondaga Nation Resident Territory.

In July the sale of fireworks on Onondaga land was also banned. All businesses cooperated.

Focus on the Young

Another area of concern for some parents and community members is the misery that accompanies the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. Onondaga youth are not immune to the dangers presented by these substances. Devastating car accidents, high school drop-out rates, bright minds pharmaceutically dulled are evidences of their destruction. As parent groups everywhere struggle with the hows and whys of drug and alcohol abuse among the young, so do Onondaga parents. As a prevention program, before summer vacation, speakers were brought into the school to discuss a wide range of topics aimed at keeping the mind and body in a healthy state.

Last year an athletic league was formed providing young people the opportunity to participate in team sports. The Onondaga Minor Athletic League organized children from ages 5 and up in basketball, softball, baseball and lacrosse teams.

Lacrosse, a traditional Iroquois sport, has long been a favorite game. The Onondaga Warriors have always been tough competitors in box lacrosse play. This year, however, the Warriors have been hampered by the lack of an arena in which to play their home games. There is talk of constructing a sports arena at Onondaga, but financing such a building would be difficult. Hopefully the Warriors will find a site for home games by next year.

The Onondaga hills are important...

not taking more than one can use,

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The North American Indian Club

Many of those Syracuse lacrosse fans undoubtedly include members of the North American Indian Club. Some 2,000 Native American people live within the city of Syracuse, predominantly on the west side. In 1969, a small group of Indian people looking for ways to help

each other live in the non-Indian community formed the North American Indian Club. The unity they formed has grown rapidly in spirit and in program. Whether they are Onondaga, Mohawk or Kiowa, Indian people like to be with other Indians. The NAIC serves people of 36 different tribes in Syracuse and Onondaga County.

Governed by an Indian Board of Directors, the NAIC was incorporated in 1970 as a non-profit organization. Primarily funded by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the NAIC, located at 210 Fabius St., currently operates programs with a staff of eighteen people. Last year they served over one thousand individuals in their Family Services Program--offering support to deter the breakup of Indian families, particularly in child custody hearings. Their counselors secured employment and/or training for 200 Indian individuals. Nearly 100 senior citizens were helped in the Elders Program. Counselors act as advocates to help with the maze of medicaid, medicare and other social services. Elders gather weekly in a multi-ethnic group for dinner and bingo games. The NAIC also operates a Substance Abuse Program and a Domestic Violence Program.

Assisting Indian youth in developing career goals and objectives, reducing truancy and preventing drop-outs are the purposes of the Indian on the Rise Program. Counselors in the youth program coordinate group activities, counsel individuals, work with the city's schools, parents and various city agencies depending upon each individual's situation. Already serving over 100 youths, this program is in need of additional staffing to adequately meet the future needs of the city's Indian youth.

Common Concerns

Indians in the city, as well as at Onondaga are linked by their common heritage and seem to have the same kinds of concerns--family, elders and the young. Families often have relatives in both communities and move comfortably from one setting to the other. Both groups often play on the same sports teams. They gather for any major event like the recent third annual pow wow held at Onondaga, or together they might attend ceremonies at the Onondaga Longhouse.

Ceremonies, traditional values and those treasured elders all teach the importance of the earth and all living things. As the Onondagas move into a new era, such values sometimes clash with what some might call "progress." As nation residents venture into the competitive business world, children at school master computers. Video cassette recorders sit alongside many television sets, and young people freely drive the latest craze, all-terrain vehicles. Each individual must find his/her own balance.

The hills at Onondaga are crisscrossed with age-old trails that are continually in use. People might simply enjoy the peacefulness of walking through the silent hills or they might have a spiritual or medicinal purpose. They might be hunting wild game, or preparing for those cold winter nights that are just around the corner by gathering a supply of firewood. The Onondaga hills are important. Taking care of them, preserving them is important. Respecting the fruits of the earth, not taking more than one can use, being thankful for clean water, for the cycles of the earth are important at Onondaga, and hopefully to all humanity.

Portrait of a Black Community

by Jane Rhodes

To discuss the "black community" in Syracuse is to begin with an incorrect assumption: that there is one whole, cohesive group of people who can be lumped together by one perspective based on the color of their skin. Blacks in Syracuse as elsewhere are a diverse lot, separated by class and education, religion, politics and place of birth. Non-blacks are frequently unaware of the social and cultural differences between blacks raised in the North and those in the South, or between those born on this continent and those from the Caribbean.

At the same time, African-Americans also share a rich cultural, social and political heritage, as well as the legacy of oppression. In these ways, Syracuse's black population is like most others in America.



"Just as with other black communities, we have more than our share of poor people, less than our proportional share of political representation, and the same kinds of social problems," said Randolph Hawkins, a professor of sociology in the Afro-American Studies department at Syracuse University.

Some Facts

A look at U.S. Census data from 1980 highlights these points:

- *blacks are 6.49% of Onondaga County's population and 15% of the city of Syracuse's population;

- *among blacks in Onondaga County, 27.5% have incomes below the poverty level, while 5.2% of whites have incomes below the poverty level;

- *the mean income of whites in Onondaga County was \$20,608 and the mean income for blacks was \$13,666;

- *in that year, 6.4% of the white population was reported unemployed while 13.8% of blacks were unemployed (as the employment picture in Central N.Y. worsens, you can assume that those figures have increased).

Hawkins and others argue that the central concern of the black community is the link between education and economic development, not teen pregnancy, crime and

other problems which are seen as the outcome of discrimination. Organizations that monitor the progress of black Americans, such as the NAACP and the Urban League, continually press the point that blacks have made "halt-ing progress" economically. The NAACP national magazine *The Crisis* notes "Today, discrimination continues to exist, and there is the new environment of a technologically-based workplace in which blacks are less prepared than whites to compete, and the globalization of the economy which places this nation in the position of being a net exporter of jobs."

Blacks in Syracuse also point to employment as being a primary concern. "The jobs problem is especially acute for teens and young blacks," said Charles Anderson, Syracuse's only black common councilor. "They stop by my office all the time looking for jobs and there are very few things we can direct them to. It's very frustrating. And we haven't developed minority businesses that can pick up the slack in the job market."

Anderson said another group that needs attention are blacks who have lost their jobs in the recent recession, frequently because they had less seniority in the workplace. "We need retraining programs for them, as well as job training for teens," he said. "For many of these young people there are two choices: productive work or being on the streets getting into trouble."

Education not Incarceration

"The money we spend for people incarcerated each year is outrageous when that money could help them be productive citizens," said Anderson. "There are so many blacks between 18 and 25 who have never worked and have never been trained. The emphasis has to be on education. We forget that if we don't pay now, we'll pay later."

The need for more educational and social programming for black youth is seen as crucial. "I don't think black teenagers are any more prone to having problems than white teenagers. But their situation is compounded by poverty and a lack of jobs," said Janice Speights, director of the Dunbar Center, the city's oldest black service organization. "These kids are aware of the issues. They tell me they don't want to stay on the streets because it will lead to trouble."

"But generally those in power are not meeting their needs by any means," said Speights. "We plug up the gaps the best we can with fundraising and a lot of volunteering."

It is clear that all of these issues are interrelated: education, employment, social programs, etc. But the need for work is frequently seen as a priority. "Survival is money first," said Bill Rowland, co-founder of the Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company. "These young people need to have jobs; everything flows from that. You can't just throw money at the problem without spending thought and time on it."

Rowland's group sponsors several programs in the school system that involve black children in the study

Jane Rhodes is a local writer and activist who is currently on the faculty of SUNY Cortland.

and presentation of black history and culture. But Rowland is critical of programs that do not seek to educate black youth. "You just can't throw black kids into something without giving them an orientation to proper behavior, the work ethic, etc. Otherwise the kids fail, and it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy that black kids can't make it," he said.



Ithaca, New York (photo by Bruce Horowitz)

No Place to Go

Obvious parallels are drawn to the opportunities made available to white children. "The problem is that young people have no place to go, so they hang out on the streets," said Anderson, who represents the city's 4th District in the Syracuse Common Council. "In the suburbs kids have non-alcoholic clubs, and lots of activities. Our kids need someplace to congregate that is drug and alcohol free."

David Rufus, director of the Central Village Youth Center, put it another way. "Black teenagers hanging out is their way of interacting. They don't have access to the racquet clubs, and boating, and other opportunities that suburban white kids have. So they make do with what they have." Rufus' program serves youths who live in the housing better known as "Brick City" just west of Syracuse University.

The crisis in employment and housing and government funding points to a larger issue; the lack of political clout among blacks locally. There is one black representative on the County Legislature, Clarence "Junie" Dunham, Anderson is the only black on the Common Council, and recently appointed City Court Judge Langston McKinney is the only black on the bench. Many say this scant representation adds up to limited black political power.

"We have to get black people out to participate in the political process by registering to vote," said Anderson. "People in political leadership take note of how much blacks are participating. I see my role as tying people

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A Personal Note:

Writing the article on blacks in Syracuse that appears here produced in me a nagging worry about whether this emphasis on local people of color is a sign of changing focus within the Peace Council, or merely a token gesture.

Are blacks and other groups to be singled out for some infrequent special attention, such as that lavished by daily newspapers during Black History Month? What else is the Peace Council and the Peace Newsletter doing to more wholly integrate the concerns and involvement of people of color? These questions arise out of my growing impatience with the so-called alternative media which concentrate their energies on the struggles of people in Central America and South Africa yet often fail to recognize the terrorism and de facto apartheid in their own communities.

People of color often feel alienated by the left's emphasis on foreign policy and nuclear disarmament rather than domestic concerns. Yet all we have to do is consider the recent confrontations between black youth and Syracuse police on the South Side, or the overwhelmingly black and Latino make-up of the troops stationed at Fort Drum and the Seneca Army Depot, to find that racism, as well as sexism, classism and homophobia, are all peace issues.

-Jane Rhodes

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"The Decade of the Hispanics"?

by Mayra Urrutia

The political status of Puerto Rico is an issue that dominates Puerto Rican politics on the island and on the mainland and is one that has a far reaching effect on all Puerto Ricans.

The beginning of the eighties was heralded by some as the "Decade of the Hispanics." This was to be the decade when the Latino community came into its own economically, politically, and socially. However, as we approach 1988, the Latino community in general, and the Puerto Rican community in particular, finds itself at the bottom of the socioeconomic strata of the United States. Discrimination on the basis of language and culture restrict the opportunities available to Latinos in both the public and private sectors. While Latinos are the descendants of three races -- Native Americans, Africans, and Europeans -- most Latinos in the States have been perceived as a racial minority and have been subjected to racial prejudice and discrimination.

One of the primary characteristics of the United States Latino population, and the one that has attracted the most attention in recent years, is its rapid growth. The 1980 census figure of 14.6 million Latinos living on the mainland represents an increase of 61% from 1970 when fewer than 9.1 million Latinos were counted. By comparison, the total United States population grew by 11% during the same period. This rapid growth has also occurred locally. The 1980 census figure of 5,700 Latinos in the metropolitan Syracuse area has more than doubled. Today the local Latino population is between 10,000 and 12,000 and is a diverse community comprised of Puerto Ricans, Cubans, Mexicans, Colombians, and other Latinos. Puerto Ricans constitute approximately 80% of the local Latino community. Contrary to what most people think, Puerto Ricans are United States citizens by birth. In 1917, on the eve of the United States entry into the First World War, the United States Congress passed the Jones Act. The Jones Act imposed citizenship on all Puerto Ricans with the concomitant requirement of obligatory military service. Although Puerto Ricans are United States citizens, island residents do not have the right to vote in the United States Presidential elections, are represented by a non-voting Resident Commissioner in the House of Representatives and have no representation in the United States Senate.

Mayra Urrutia is the Director of La Liga de Acción Hispana (The Spanish Action League).

La Liga

Since its incorporation in 1969, the Spanish Action League (La Liga de Acción Hispana), located at 310 Seymour Street, has been the sole Latino community-based organization in Syracuse and Onondaga County. La Liga is both an advocate and a resource for the Latino community in the areas of education, housing, employment, human services, interpretation and translation. La Liga's emphasis on education issues is consonant with the youthfulness of the Latino population. In 1980 the median age of Latinos was less than twenty-five. Puerto Ricans and Mexican-Americans, with a median age of twenty-two, constitute the youngest Latino groups. Because many Latinos are now entering their childbearing years, and because Latinos tend to bear more children at younger ages than others, the Latino population will be young for some time while the rest of the U.S. population will continue to age.

... it is important to recognize that the same United States' interests that exploit and wage war in Latin America also maintain the oppression of the Latino community in the States.

One of the many consequences of this will be in the area of public policy. For example, there has been and will continue to be growth in the Latino school-age population in places where Latinos are geographically concentrated. For this reason, Latinos will continue to be

particularly concerned with educational policies, while the attention of other population subgroups may increasingly turn to other service issues, such as those concerning the elderly. Moreover, the high dropout rate, of Latinos in general and Puerto Ricans in particular, serves to perpetuate the low income and impoverished status of Latinos in the United States. Because of the aforementioned, education will continue to be a focus of La Liga's advocacy and organizational programming.

Let's Work Together

While the local progressive community has done excellent work in organizing around and bringing to the public consciousness issues affecting Latin America and, specifically, Nicaragua and El Salvador, it is important

to recognize that the same United States' interests that exploit and wage war in Latin America also maintain the oppression of the Latino community in the States. Consequently, it is imperative that the Latino community and concerned North American community coalesce around issues of human rights, peace, political and economic exploitation as they affect us here at home. One of the most recent challenges confronted by the Latino community is the strong push by the U.S. English organization to make English the official language of the United States. The only way to counter such racially motivated legislation is by working together.

In conclusion, I invite you to join us in a dialogue with the goal of developing an agenda to address the issues affecting the local Latino community.

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together. There has been so much mistrust of politicians in the past."

"People feel they've put blacks in office who sold out," Anderson continued. "We have a terrible history of people in office not trying to use their influence to help the community."

Jan Speights, once active in the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, and other civil rights groups, agrees that the political climate has changed. "Once upon a time in Syracuse blacks had strong political power. But there was a different political perspective. Those in power needed the black vote, they cultivated the black vote, and blacks were very involved in the system. But a new breed came to Syracuse and, rather than build on that base, they dissipated it."

"The black political scene is not as strong and collective as it was in the past, but it is still there, and it does work. If not, people like Charles Anderson wouldn't be in office," Speights added.

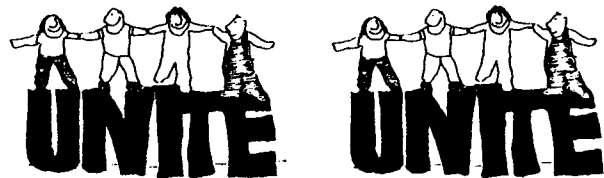
Scarcity of Political Movements

Sociologist Hawkins argues that political movements among blacks are slow to develop in Syracuse because of the community's social structure. "Traditionally so-called middle class blacks are responsible for setting the agenda for the community, and working class people carry it out. Here in Syracuse, many middle class blacks have no roots in the city. They come here as a career move and they expect to leave. On the other

hand working-class blacks do have roots and intend to stay. So there is a rather sharp division in the community."

This division is also a cause for the lack of "radical" movements among local blacks. "It's not that there are not radical ideas among blacks in Syracuse, but I don't see any movements because this is such a conservative town, and because the black community is so small. People who have radical ideas are reluctant to express them for fear they'll be immediately vulnerable and would have no protection."

Speights, however, argues that the nature of black political power in Syracuse may be more a matter of definition. "We have organized around issues and won," she said. "If we didn't have any power, how did the black community stop the construction of the steam plant ten years ago? How did black folks slow down the changes at Mulberry Square to benefit the tenants there? We see political power as being able to control our own destiny. Perhaps we don't have the same aims as others. But we're still out there fighting."



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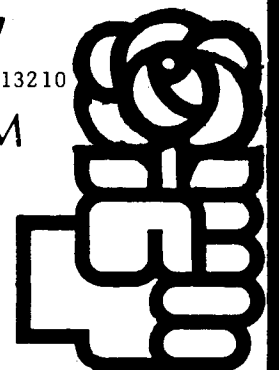
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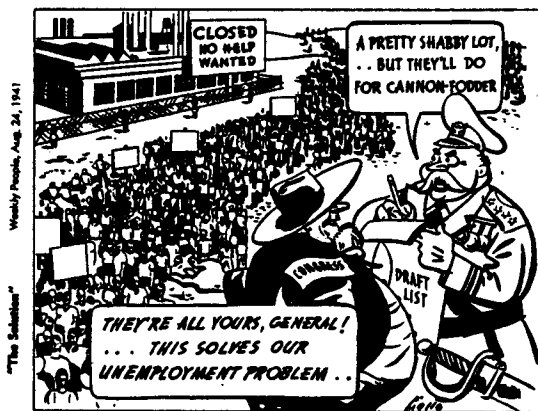
Why Labor Support of the Peace Movement is Important Why Peace Support of the Labor Movement is Important

by Seth Moranz

This article is not meant to be a historical recapitulation of labor's role, during the past two centuries, as a mass movement to improve the standard of living of America's working people, nor is it meant to be a detailed analysis of where that movement has gone astray. Rather, it will attempt to open discussion, in a general way, on building bridges between the peace and labor movements.

Most people know about labor's fight for a living wage, an eight-hour day and 40-hour week, unemployment insurance, Social Security, pension benefits, and workers' compensation. Less well known is much of labor's active participation in the civil rights and women's movements, and in occupational safety and health and environmental struggles.

Among the first victims of the cold war, along with many peace activists, were the most progressive elements in leadership of organized labor. These were the chief obstacles to the military industrial complex's control of the U.S. economy. Having succeeded in the legal expulsion of progressives from unions, these same forces promoted a number of right-wingers as replacements in these leadership positions. Generating the idea that organized labor was a conservative, even reactionary grouping, they drove a wedge between unions and many forward-thinking organizations that had once been their closest allies.



U.S. Intervention Benefits Corporations

A generation later, we can see two conflicting trends within the labor movement. Unions are increasingly confronted with negotiating with transnational corporations (TNC's). There is a direct relationship between military adventures and these TNC's. Whenever U.S. troops are dispatched or military aid is lent, these corporations are intended to be the principal beneficiaries.

While the conservative, old-line labor leaders focus on the question of foreign imports, a growing sector within labor councils is exposing the real issue --

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the export of jobs. Simultaneously, they are lending their support to the concept of jobs with peace, realizing that enormous military expenditures mean unemployment for large numbers of unionized workers. The growing number of poor, unemployed and homeless people corresponds with the decline in union membership and public support for unions.

Labor's enemies are the enemies of peace. It is no coincidence that right-wing dictatorships refuse the right of collective bargaining to their own people, while opening their doors to U.S. corporations fleeing an organized American workforce. It is no coincidence that the Reaganites hype public support for Contra aid and constructive engagement with South Africa while tens of thousands across the country rally against that support. The conservative leaders of the AFL-CIO called for a boycott of the April 25th March for Peace and Justice in Central America and South Africa. Tens of thousands of unionists, from international leadership to rank and file rejected that call and went to Washington.

It is no coincidence that the same media forces that proclaim organized labor's conservatism seek to deny a verifiable American peace majority.

Organized Workers for Peace

Just as we see progressives getting elected to public office, progressives are getting elected to union office. In the same manner peace and solidarity groups have visited Central America, unions have sent worker-to-worker delegations. As states and municipalities move toward divestment of their funds from South Africa, unions and their pension funds have led the way. Organized workers, like American workers in general, are for peace and nuclear disarmament.

Organized labor has the power to propel the peace and social justice movements to new heights. Labor and the peacemakers are natural allies, but bridges must be built. To become truly effective, the peace movement must develop the necessary mass character by solidifying the linkages among all people's organizations, including labor. For unions to rebound from the current anti-labor onslaught, they need to unite with the other mass organizations, including the peacemakers, in areas of common interest.

The purpose of this article, then, is to open discussion with our local peace movement on how and why it should build a bridge to the local labor movement. Dozens of aspects of this question have been touched upon in this short space without being fully developed. Reader response is eagerly awaited.

The Syracuse Community/Labor Network, formed in early 1987, seeks to bring together progressive people from all segments of the Syracuse community. Join us at the next meeting on Tuesday, September 29 at 7 pm at ECOH (corner of Euclid Ave. and Westcott St.). For further information, call Peter Kardas, 475-4822.

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Future of the Constitution

Frank Wilkinson, Director Emeritus of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL), will speak in Syracuse to celebrate the 200th Birthday of the Constitution. Wilkinson was sentenced to one year in jail after refusing to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1958. He has been in the forefront of work for civil liberties ever since. In 1980, NCARL sued the Justice Department and FBI for \$16 million in damages for years of illegal wiretapping, surveillance of staff members and illegal entry into the committee's Chicago office. NCARL is presently advocating legislation that would prevent the FBI and other federal criminal law enforcement agencies from undertaking investigations that threaten the exercise of First Amendment rights.

Frank Wilkinson will be speaking on "The Constitution on its 200th Birthday: What Does the Future Hold?" on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm at Nottingham High School (free and open to the public). He will also speak about the NCARL/ACLU suit against the FBI earlier that day at a luncheon meeting at the Hotels at Syracuse Square at noon (\$8 charge, RSVP to ACLU, 471-2821).

-Marcy Waldauer



Come Out for Gay/Lesbian Rights

On October 11, 1987 an estimated 500,000 lesbians and gay men will be gathering in Washington, D.C. to march demanding the rights that are continuously denied them. A civil disobedience action will take place at the Supreme Court on October 13. Other events include a Lobby Day in Congress, a gay wedding celebration, an all-gay concert and Lesbian-Gay Congress. Local organizers are calling on the activist community of Syracuse to support the march.

To help raise funds for the March, Theatre A La Carte will present "Mass Appeal" at 8pm on 9/25&26 and 10/2&3 at May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee St in Syracuse. Tickets are available at SPC for \$6.

If you cannot attend the March, you can still help, especially in support of the CD action. For information on the March events, call 425-0593 or 472-5027. For information on transportation to and from the March only, call Lisa at 472-5478.

Come and learn more about the March and Civil Disobedience Action at the SPC Potluck on Tuesday, September 29 at Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Place. (Potluck

dinner begins at 6:00 pm, and the presentation at 7:00 pm). The film "Greetings from Washington, DC" will also be shown.

-Sue Dillon

The Pen is Mightier...

This summer an effort has been launched in Syracuse to fill our local daily newspapers with more progressive and peace-oriented letters. Peacewriters Network is the organizational name for concerned citizens and activists who agree to write one letter a month to the local paper(s) on peace and social justice issues. Each day's newspaper brings with it a built-in, generally-untapped forum for expressing our views and imparting information to the larger community who might not otherwise hear our voices. Peacewriters Network provides a systematic framework for taking full advantage of this forum as part of our ongoing struggle for peace and justice. Anyone interested in participating or wanting more information should write Peacewriters Network, P. O. Box 213, Syracuse, NY 13210, or call David Goodman at 475-0338.

-David Goodman

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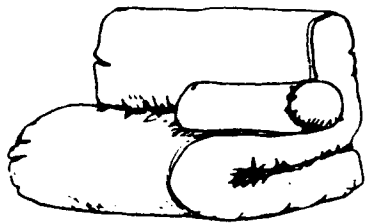
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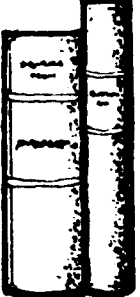
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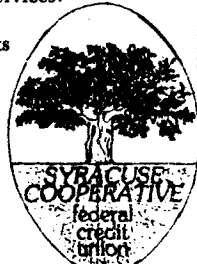
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A Journey of Connection

A Review of Judith McDaniel's SANCTUARY: A Journey

by Karen Beetle

Sanctuary: A Journey by Albany author Judith McDaniel is about walking where we are led to walk. McDaniel's journey takes her, and us, from her childhood as the daughter of an Air Force officer in the '50's to the summer heat of the Women's Encampment for Peace and Justice in Romulus, NY, to the jungles of the Rio San Juan and capture by Contras in Costa Rica, to the trials of U.S. Sanctuary workers who defied U.S. immigration law to offer shelter and hope to Central American refugees, to Big Mountain--sacred homeland of the Navajo and Hopi, and back home. Through poetry, journal entries and essays, she charts this journey of connection and shares her fears, hopes and reflections.

The barbed-wire fences and low army barracks of the Seneca Army Depot felt like home to McDaniel. But, the sign--"Pinko Dykes Go Home"--was not a word of welcome. In the summer of 1983, women from around the country came to the Women's Encampment to protest the Depot's role in deploying Cruise and Pershing missiles to Europe. McDaniel, and others that summer, challenged not only the deployment of those particular nuclear weapon systems but a world view that defined security in terms of missiles, safety in terms of fences, and protection in terms of isolation. 100 Encampment women, walking from Seneca Falls to Waterloo, were stopped by a crowd of local residents.

I can remember clearly the violence and the hysterical anger in the hot July air...I stood for three hours eyeball to eyeball with some of the angriest people I have ever seen. And I thought two things. I should try to understand why they were angry, and I should try to let them know that I wasn't really so different from them.

Fear of difference and change is often expressed as anger or hatred in our culture. But survival of our planet and justice for the world's people demand that we change. "The changes required in our human selves and human lives," reflects McDaniel, "are so basic and deep that they must at times seem life threatening."

"I have walked myself into a less safe life," explains this woman who set off for Nicaragua with a small group of Witness for Peace volunteers in August, 1985. McDaniel, twenty-eight other volunteers, and sixteen international presspeople traveled in a small boat on the Rio San Juan, the river border between Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The presence of contra forces and their use of Costa Rican territory for base camps has made life along the usually peaceful San Juan increasingly dangerous. The whole town of El Castillo, 1,000 people, turned out to meet Witness for Peace as their river journey began. School and church groups sang, and the children gave them flowers that they would give to Costa Rican soldiers at guard posts downstream.

Karen Beetle, a former SPC staffperson and PNL editor, is active with the Sanctuary Committee of Albany.

A quiet day and tranquil night, ended as dawn broke with a single gunshot announcing their capture. For twenty-nine hours, they were held, marched through the jungle, guarded by machine guns. Fearing for their lives and those of the Nicaraguan boat crew, they saw their captors' base camp and listened to their stories. For one brief day, some 30 North Americans experienced a small part of the terror that Nicaraguans have endured for most of five years.

The morning after our release I walked along the river at El Castillo looking for rocks. Several children soon joined me as I walked and took delight in my interest in these rocks that accompanied their everyday life...One of those rocks...sits on my desk and asks me to remember that...the suffering I saw in Central America is also here in the place where I live my everyday life.

Sanctuary: A Journey is about opening ourselves to the consequences of our concern. Whether we speak of Native Americans, Gays or Lesbians, Black people, or our neighbors in Central America, by opening our eyes to our connection as people, by acknowledging our responsibility to each other, a responsibility that implies action, we are moving toward change, toward sanctuary.

Sanctuary is about crossing lines, about creating connections rather than exclusions...about taking risks beyond the ordinary. Risks of class security or race security. Risks of the heart. Physical risks. I have never in my life felt as secure in myself as during those twenty-nine hours of captivity on the Rio San Juan I knew well I might be killed. But I also know more clearly than I have ever known before that I was in the right place. I was in the right place in that jungle and I was in the right place in myself. Taking the risk allowed me to be the person I have always wanted to be.

McDaniel's words offer us much needed inspiration for our troubled times. After reading this book about risks all week, I did something it has taken me 22 years to work up to. It could happen to you.



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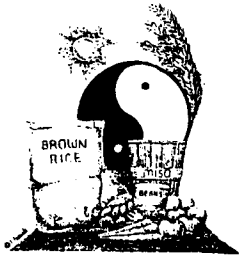
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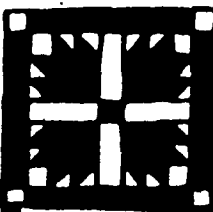
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6	EVERY MON: Visual Disability Support Grp., 10-11:30am, 501 E. Fayette 472-3171 EVERY SUN: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S. Beech St. EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church, 5pm, Grace Episcopal Church	7	EVERY MON: Visual Disability Support Grp., 10-11:30am, 501 E. Fayette 472-3171 Citizens for Peace in Labor Day Parade, Roch., 716-243-4002	8	People for Animal Rights German Arts, 6pm Thomson Park Assoc. mtg 7:30pm, 478-5164 Harvard Arts Potluck, 6pm	9	"The Wrath of Grapes" video about UFW boycott 7:30pm, Jarvis Library, Rome, NY, 733-7398 Cassara Prevention Movement mtg, 7pm, Elmcrest Children's Ctr, 424-1942 CNY NOW mtg, 7pm, Marine Midland Bank Conf. Rm, 360 S. Warren "The Trial of the AVCO Pioneers" video, 7:30 Jarvis Library, Rome	10	John Rosbach & Friends, folk music, 9pm, Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Pl. John Rosbach & Friends traditional music, 9pm, Harvard Arts, 52, 50	11	Lesbian Support Grp. potluck 6pm, discussion 7-9pm, 478-4836, Women's INFO EVERY FRI: Country Dancing, 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal, \$2 FRI & Sat: Tronquis Great Law 5 U.S. Constitution, Cornell, 607-255-6587, Caldwell Hall Baby Watson Bros. (jazz), 9pm, Harvard Arts, \$5	12	Tom Paxton Concert Benefit for SPC at Syracuse Stage, 8pm, see box below Dorothy Day House Volunteer Orientation, 11am-2pm, 451-4015 or 425-7859 (eves) Americans for Democratic Action Awards Dinner, Quality Inn, 7pm, RSVP by 9/5 to 488-6822										
13	6th Annual Vera House Auction, 3-6pm, Dunlins County Club, 468-3280 New Jewish Agenda mtg, 10:30am, dairy potluck, Paul 478-1592 AIDS Task Force Benefit Fashion Show/Branch, noon, Hotel Syr, \$25, RSVP to 682-9330 Edgar Chamorro (ex-convict) in Rochester, 716-243-4002	14	Physicians for Social Responsibility mtg, 7:30pm, Campus Activities Bldg, Dick, 475-0062 Disabled in Action mtg, 7pm, ECHO, 446-6602 EVERY MON: Syracuse Birth Grp, 7pm, 471-6399	15	SPC Potluck German Peace Women, Harvard Arts, see p. 5, 472-5478 Natl Call-In To Stop Contar Aid, 202-224-3121 May Memorial, 7:30pm, Sanctuary Mtg, 471-4672 "Our First Amendment Rts" Frank Wilkinson, noon, Frank Wilkinson, noon, Hotels at Syr. Square 200th Birthday of Constitution: Frank Wilkinson, 7:30pm, Nottingham H.S., Greater Syracuse NOW, 8pm, May Memorial	16	NACAC mtg, 7:30pm, 100 New St., 470-3300 EVERY WED: Mothers' Support Grp, 1-2:30pm, Women's INFO, 601 Allen St., 478-4636 Dave Goldman & Jackie Jackson photo exhibit opening, 7pm, Harvard Arts, 478-6229	17	Urban League Annual Dinner, Sheraton Inn, Liver- pool, 7pm, Alex Haley speaker, \$40, 472-6955 Rape Crisis Ctr Bear N Pizza Fundraiser, 5-9pm, Copper Kettle Rest., Harvard Arts, \$5, 422-7273 Harvard Arts Potluck, 6pm Natl Council of Negro Women mtg, 7pm, Dunbar Center, 1433 S. State St.	18	Fri-Sun, Women Harvest at Camp Whitman, register by 9/4, Women's INFO, 478-4636 Cathy Winter & Nan Hoffman concert, 9pm, 33-5, 74 N. Broad St., Norwich, NY FRI & Sat, Environment '87 Conference, Albany, 518-462-5526	19	Leatherstocking Bike Tour for World Peace, Norwich, NY 607-847-6228 FRI & Sat, "Feminism & Nonviolence: A Faith Response" Omaha, Neb, 402-651-1212 Thom Intordl (folk), 9pm, Harvard Arts, \$5, 478-6229	20	PNL Production Mon. & Tues., come on down to the SPC office and lend a hand, 472-5478 Soviet Union returns, 586-1936	21	200th Birthday of Constitution: Frank Wilkinson, 7:30pm, Nottingham H.S., Greater Syracuse NOW, 8pm, May Memorial	22	Harvard Arts Potluck, 6pm People for Animal Rights mtg, Linda, 475-0062	23	Dan Ward: Sideshow on folk arts, 9pm, Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Pl.	24	Death Penalty vigil, noon Columbus Circle, 475-4822 Condovan/Green (tradit- ional, musical), 9pm, Harvard Arts, \$2.50 If groups listed change regular mtg, time or place please let us know!
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Oct. 24: Benefit Concert for Bertina Calderon Hospital in Nicaragua with Marcia Taylor and Community Choir
Oct. 25: Bowlation to benefit SPC and the Material Aid Campaign, 472-5478 for info.
Oct. 30: SPC Annual Dinner with Jonathan Lindner (brother of Ben Lindner)

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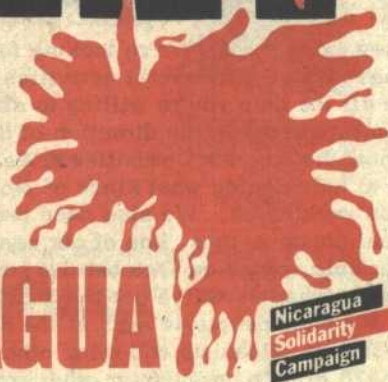
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Jonathan Linder to Speak

On Friday October 30, at the Northeast Community Center, Jonathan Linder, brother of Ben Linder, a peace-worker killed in Nicaragua, will speak at SPC's annual dinner. Dinner will begin at 6:00 and Mr. Linder will begin his talk, "Ronald Reagan Killed My Brother," at 8:00. Cost of the dinner and speaker is \$7-\$12 sliding scale, the speaker alone is \$3-\$5. The center is wheelchair accessible and child care will be provided, but please call in advance.

This is our first event at Northeast Community Center, and we are looking forward to it. The center is located close to the Peace Council (on the corner of Oak and Hawley), and we hope to sponsor other events there in the future.

Jonathan will be speaking at several other events throughout the weekend, including a discussion at Syracuse University.

-Lisa Labeille

Calling All Programmers!

The Peace Council now has an operable computer system and our mailing list runs on it smoothly, thanks to the programming of Liam Mahony. But Liam has now left town, and we really need the help of a programmer who knows the language DBASE, to help us further the advantage of this equipment. We would like to put our bookkeeping on the machine, among other things. Do you know DBASE? Can you help? Call us today.

-Lisa Labeille

Peacework can be Fun

Help us have a good time! On Sunday October 25, SPC and Madre are having a fund raiser. Join us at Erie Lanes from 12-4 pm for our first bowlathon. We need your support and participation. If you don't want to bowl, you can sponsor a team or an individual. Help is also needed the day of the event. Don't let inexperience stop you. There will be bowlers of all levels participating.

-Lisa Labeille

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Or should we say extra time? We're looking for people who have some. We've got several activities coming up, and could use all the help you're willing to offer.

For those of you interested in the direction of SPC, we're trying to renew the Program Committee. We need people who'd like to help decide what kinds of programming SPC should be working on. We also need people to help with our annual phone-a-thon, one of our best fund raisers. Lend your able voices on October 5, 6, or 7. Finally, on December 5 and 6, we've got the annual Plow Share Craftsfair. We need people to work at the SPC table, childcare, set-up, clean-up and many other tasks. Call Lisa at 472-5478 to help on these or other projects.

-Lisa Labeille

October SPC Potlucks

SPC potlucks continue with two exciting programs in October. On October 13, we'll be sponsoring a Central America Video Night, hosted by Ron Shuffler. There will be four videos on the current state of affairs in Central America. A discussion will follow the videos. Get some solid information on Central America, be ready for any argument.

On October 27, we will be sponsoring "A Report on the Status of U.S. Green Movement, and Possibilities for Local Organizing." The discussion will be lead by Randy Divinski, an SU grad student in political science, and other local people who attended the first U.S. National Green Gathering this past summer in Amherst, Mass. The Green Party is an official European Ecology/Peace Party. Both potlucks will be held at Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Place with dinner at 6 pm, and the program beginning at 7 pm.

-Lisa Labeille

Paxton a Success, But Not a Sellout

Archibold Theater holds about 500 people, and although it appeared quite full when Tom Paxton was performing, there were only about 270 people in attendance. Nonetheless, we brought in nearly \$700.

We also had almost 300 post cards from individuals asking their congresspeople and senators to "Vote No" on the upcoming contra aid vote.

-Lisa Labeille

15 Years on Burnet Avenue

In September 1972 I was leaving New Jersey en route to college; Richard Nixon was doubtless bombing something in South East Asia and SPC was moving into its newly purchased office at 924 Burnet. It was the seventh location for SPC in 36 years (see photo essay on back cover of 50th anniversary PNL #522; February 1986). The cost was right at about \$7000 and the space was plentiful.

In the ensuing years, a print shop and bookstore were set up along with phones, desks, a library and a layout room for the Peace Newsletter. The burgeoning anti-war movement had helped the Peace Council achieve a self-sufficiency and strength that would propel it into the 1980's. Hearty thanks for critical loan money was due Robert Swanson, hand in hand with years of ambitious fundraising.

Today our Iron Room Bookstore is a well-stocked progressive resource center, the offices are undergoing renovation and the SPC press has developed into a full-fledged printshop.

We're proud that 924 Burnet remains the grounding point, the center of Central New York's progressive movement. Our gratitude to all who worked over the years to help us achieve this.

-Gary Weinstein

Goodbye, Lillian

Syracuse Peace Council

Lillian Reiner. Our short friend with the tam-o-shanter and the coat spangled with big buttons demanding women's rights, and gay liberation, and an end to the arms race. I can see her face sharp with anger as she decried some injustice, then lit up with her mischievous smile.

Lillian's love was always flavored with tobasco sauce, never with vanilla.

Lillian worked in the Peace Council; fought for Dennis Collins through Citizens United Against Police Brutality; stood in the pre-dawn chill outside the Seneca Army Depot while Dr. Spock and others climbed the fence; went to demos for gay and lesbian rights; was a militant member of NOW and the NAACP.

This August 6th, for the first time in years, Lillian missed the Hiroshima Day vigil. She had a date she could not break.

Goodbye, dear, dear friend Lillian. May God make us worthy to follow in your footsteps.

-Angus MacDonald



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Citizens United Against Police Brutality

All of us who worked with Lillian in Citizens United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) will always remember her for her strength of purpose and dedication.

It is a rare and special person who can continue to struggle year in and year out. The struggle for freedom, equality, and against oppression has a way of wearing so many of us down.

Lillian stood as a constant reminder to us of the commitment that the human spirit can maintain.

The fire that burned within Lillian was fueled by a love of all people. She felt their pain, their agony, their struggle, and she celebrated their victories. In her own way, she joined in their struggles. She knew what was fair-what was just-and she took up the challenge. Those who knew her and worked with her have been touched by someone special. Her spirit will provide us with the strength to meet the challenges ahead.

-Alan Rosenthal and Wilhelmina B. Dey

NAACP

How does it go, that noble tribute to our mail carriers? "Neither rain, nor sleet, nor gloom of night shall stay these trusty couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."? I believe that's pretty close. And I believe the sentiment behind that tribute was ready made for Lillian Reiner. She was always there. Regardless.

Lillian's own "appointed rounds" were very simple. She merely believed-really believed - in the premise of "liberty and justice for all," and she did everything she could to make it a reality. She was constantly in the forefront of any significant battle for equality and justice, and throughout her years there were many. And still she made time to be actively involved with the NAACP.

Lillian was an inspiration to the NAACP, as she was to all of the organizations she served. But for us she was also an institution, being one of the oldest and longest serving active members of the organization. In spite of her increasing infirmities, Lillian insisted on being at the board meetings, and was always an active participant. When finally it came to the point where she could no longer drive herself, she called upon- and indeed oftentimes demanded - to be picked up at home and taken to the meeting, or some other kind of work session!

Lillian Reiner was the very proud possessor of the Syracuse NAACP's only Golden Heritage Life Membership, the most prestigious membership which the organization offers, and one which Lillian truly fought for.

To say that we in the NAACP will miss Lillian, although certainly true, must also surely be the most colossal understatement of the decade.

-Wayne Dunham

Lesbian and Gay Rights

With Lillian's passing, the gay and lesbian community lost not only a friend but a militant activist on its behalf. While so many gays and lesbians remain invisible, choosing not to risk persecution, she fearlessly demanded that achievement of their rights be placed squarely at the top of any "progressive" agenda. For years, Lillian worked joyfully with gays and lesbians, encouraging, leading, listening and healing. She staffed phones, lobbied, strategized and agitated for change. She knew that the fearful roots of sexism, bigotry and homophobia are the same. She also knew that the self-righteous moral bullies love to attack those who are seen to be weak and defensive, rarely having the guts to challenge those who are open and aggressive about their convictions. Thus armed with wisdom and uncommon courage, Lillian proudly pinned her large GAY RIGHTS NOW! button on her chest each day for more than a decade and carried it defiantly into all the arenas of her battle for a truly just society.

-Harry Freeman-Jones

"Some Among Us Who Want Change"

by Kate Larch

Much of this article is borrowed from the Vision Statement for the non-violent civil disobedience action at the Supreme Court on October 13.

"Some among us who want change talk much of the need to 'know your enemy.' It is of course very necessary to identify those in the society who are going to try the hardest to hold to things as they are. But it is certainly not appropriate to think of oppressed and oppressor as though the distinction between them were absolute. For the first time in history one can say that we are really all the oppressed—though some are certainly very much more thoroughly oppressed than others; we are all threatened—as long as things stay as they are." These are Barbara Deming's words, spoken in Palo Alto in 1970, in a talk titled "On the Necessity to Liberate Minds."

The challenge of liberating minds is perhaps even greater today than it was during the Nixon years. Does this mean that we who work for peace and freedom and social justice are working less effectively? Hopefully not. But as Sweet Honey in the Rock tells us - now is not the time to rest.

Lesbian and Gay Liberation

Lesbians and gay men have for years been building our communities, affirming our sexuality, claiming the validity of our own lives, uncovering how vital we are to the world we live in. To be lesbian or gay in some states today is to be labeled a criminal and risk arrest; to openly acknowledge that identity is to commit civil disobedience, which is the open breaking of unjust laws. By its actions in *Bowers vs. Hardwick*, the Supreme Court embraces a legacy of prejudice. By upholding repression against gay men and lesbians, the bigoted opinion of Justices White, Burger, Rehnquist, O'Connor and Powell extends our country's shameful failure to support human dignity.

At the same time, the struggle in this country to uphold human dignity has created a legacy of its own. In this tradition we are going to Washington to fight for our liberation and to call attention to the fact that this country's response to AIDS is shockingly inadequate—many have been content to sit by and let us die. For five days, October 8-13, hundreds of thousands of us will gather in D.C. to stand together to demand the right to love peacefully, as we choose, and in the face of bigotry and AIDS to set an example of love and healing for all.

We Are All Connected

The persecution of any group undermines the dignity and liberty of each of us, and especially puts other vulnerable groups in danger. Our liberation is intrinsically linked to the struggles against racism, sexism, and anti-semitism. Our freedom is linked to the rights of autonomy of indigenous peoples of every continent. For Native Americans, Columbus Day memorializes the beginning of almost 500 years of destruction and genocide. We demand an end to all social, economic, judicial, and legal oppression of people of every race, age, gender, transgender orientation, ability, class, ethnicity, faith, political ideology, and sexual orientation.

Lesbians and gay men have been part of all movements for justice. Now we call upon all of those fighting these injustices to join us in our struggle for life, love, and liberation. We are out and we are outraged. We are not going back. Buses leave Syracuse at 10 pm Saturday, October 10, leave Washington to return to Syracuse at 9 pm Sunday, October 11. Cost is \$35.00 before 5 pm October 5, and \$40.00 thereafter.

Kate Larch is on the National Steering Committee for the March on Washington. She has been a member for years of the Syracuse Women's affinity group.

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Marcia Taylor Sings for Nicaragua

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-Alexis De Veaux

To celebrate the spirit of the Nicaraguan people who daily struggle for peace, Madre, the Syracuse Community Choir and the S. U. Women's Center will present Marcia Taylor and the Choir in concert on Saturday, October 24, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison Street, Syracuse. Wheelchair accessible. Sliding scale \$5 - \$10. Childcare available.

Marcia Taylor, whose music ranges from jazz-ballad to Spanish folk, will be singing songs from her new album.

Proceeds will go to a National Madre project in Yulu, the center of the Autonomous Region of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua. The 4,000 people of Yulu and the nearby communities have had no access to emergency or in-patient care since Contra attacks forced their health center to close. Madre, in coordination with the Ministry of Health and leaders in the Zone, is helping to build a hospital to provide services in general medicine and maternity. Over the past three years, local Madre, in opposition to the Reagan administration's denial of basic health care at home and abroad, has raised \$20,000 in medical supplies and services for women and children in Nicaragua.

-Margot Clark

Atomic Comics

The Atomic Comics find laughter the best medicine when staring into the face of the arms race. And Fran Peavy and Charlie Varon have been making people crack-up for years.

Peavy and Varon's comic impersonations and fluid style have said to be "reminiscent of Bob and Ray or Carl Reiner and Mel Brooks, in their less manic moments..." by the Washington Post.

Usually performing before overflow crowds, The Atomic Comics will be here on October 16th at 7:30pm at Syracuse Stage-Experimental Theater in a benefit performance for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Central New York. Tickets are available on a sliding scale of \$8-to-\$14 at Syracuse Stage, Pastabilities, Seven Rays Bookstore.

For more information call Pat at 474-1153 or 479-4193.

-Cletus Pinti

New Jewish Agenda

The Syracuse chapter of New Jewish Agenda is planning a special meeting in October to welcome new and potentially new membership.

"A Jewish voice in the progressive community, a progressive voice in the Jewish community" is a phrase often used to describe New Jewish Agenda, a national organization dedicated to maintaining a Jewish presence in political activism.

The theme for the introductory meeting will be, "What You Didn't Learn in Sunday School!" as members share their knowledge of the history of Jews as political activists. The date is Sunday, October 18. The meeting will be held at the AFSC Building, 821 Euclid Ave., from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information about NJA call 478-1592. -Diana Cramer

Resistance Reunion

Viet Nam draft resisters and 1980's peace activists will be gathering Oct. 16-18 at Columbia University and Union Seminary in New York City to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the first national draft card turn-in and to affirm current antidraft and antimilitarist workers. Among those taking part will be Viet Nam era draft resisters and recent nonregistrants and military resisters to U.S. intervention. A dinner is planned for Saturday night, with a concert tentatively scheduled to follow. Rev. William Sloane Coffin will host a Sunday afternoon program at Riverside Church.

This gathering promises to be enlightening, inspiring and just plain fun. The organizers see it as a chance to "see old friends, honor what we did, share all the creative and impressive things we are continuing to do and rededicate ourselves to the ongoing quest for peace and justice." If you'd like to be a part of this bridging of activists from different eras, write:

RESISTANCE REUNION

P. O. Box 4049

Stanford, Calif. 94305

(or phone Paul Rupert at (415) 552-1000 and leave a message.)

-Dave List



Brotherpeace is an international day of awareness and actions to help end men's violence. It is a protest to honor the victims of men's violence, and a celebration of the belief that men can change. Brotherpeace was started three years ago by the ending men's violence task group of the National Organization for Changing Men. Last year there were activities in over 40 U.S. cities, as well as abroad.

The agenda for the day includes a news conference in the morning, and a gathering at Barry Park (behind the tennis courts and jungle gym) at 3:30 p.m., Saturday, October 17th. The gathering will include sending off balloons, three minutes of silence nationwide to honor victims of male violence, and a ritual called reweaving the web of life. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, or to help in the planning, call Bill at 476-6103.

-Van Hammarstedt

INTRODUCTION The following section on Central America is dedicated to S. Brian Willson. Brian is familiar to many in Central New York for his work against the Olympic prison, and more recently with the Veteran's Fast. Brian was hit by a Naval Train while participating in a blockade at Concord Naval Weapons Station in California. He survived with serious injuries. His message to us is to escalate our resistance to the U.S.-sponsored war in Central America.

Pablo Neruda described Central America as "a lean chain of sorrow." That chain may become forged links of hope if the Arias peace plan, signed by the five Central American nations in August, can be allowed to fire. That the Reagan administration wishes to destroy such a kiln and "smite the smiths" is becoming clear even to the most convinced interventionists. What is this plan that promises the faint hope that peace can suddenly break out?

"Democracy or Oligarchy," by Will Ravenscroft (9/87 PNL), outlined the substance of the plan. While vague and needing much internal and international work, the plan has the advantage of being an indigenous approach which evoked one of the most miraculous moments of Central American unity since 1828!

The plan drew support from 13 other Latin nations two weeks later at the Caracas conference of the Conadadora nations and support group. They established a commission to verify compliance and created a fund to assist the five signatory nations. This would have won a smile from that disillusioned dreamer, Simon Bolivar, who stated, "Those who attempt to sow unity in the Americas might as well plow the sea."

What caused this "miracle"? Blood? Hunger and blood? Grinding poverty, hunger and blood? Whatever the chemistry, it is yet only a "consumation devoutly to be wished." New York Times articles in early September cited rapidly expanding population, the hunger for land and land reform, and the struggle for a livelihood as problems common to each nation. Did these sufferings -- coupled with the killing and dislocation of hundreds of thousands -- in one surprising moment melt the resistance of nationalisms and even scorch through the client states of El Salvador and Honduras to at least attempt a regional accord.

Another view is that these two U.S. allies backed the plan because they recognize Reagan's waning political power after Contragate. Still another view is that they cooperated because a veto was seen as politically unfeasible -- despite the urging of the Administration that had snookered House Speaker Jim Wright into presenting an impossible imperial scheme. Thankfully, Wright lived up to his word and supported the Arias initiative and invited him to address the full Congress.

U.S. pressure on Arias is intense. Washington has already punished Costa Rica by suspending all economic aid and is maneuvering to block international loans as well as cutting its exports to the U.S. Nevertheless

Dave Pasinski recently completed five years in Venezuela with Maryknoll Missionaries. He visited Central America and now resides in Syracuse where he is active with Sanctuary.

Forging Links of Hope

by Dave Pasinski

Arias seems to be holding firm even as Reagan called for \$270 million more for the contras "at the appropriate moment." Arias noted, "You won't find one single Latin American nation...who would be in favor of a military solution in Nicaragua." In his interview with John McLaughlin on "One on One," he said, "We are for the first time trying to solve our problems with our own solutions. And we deserve this chance." If Arias is able to keep holding firm, swing voters in Congress might be impressed.



News is breaking by the moment in the critical areas of dialog, amnesty, the "reconciliation commissions," and the ending of arms and sanctuary for insurgent movements. And the example of Nicaragua is likewise heartening. Its recent announcement of release of certain captured contras, its commuting of the sentence of human rights commission protestors, and its appointment of Cardinal Obando y Bravo to the reconciliation commission have gotten media attention despite Administration claims that it is all a show. Perhaps most notably, the impending re-opening of opposition newspaper La Prensa defuses yet another Administration claim about censorship.

Contra leaders issued a weak statement supporting the plan in Guatemala City. But subsequent interviews with military commander (and ex-Somocista National Guard leader) Enrique Bermudez, indicate that the contras will not lay down arms until the Sandinistas directly negotiate a cease fire with them -- something -- that the plan does not call for and the Sandinistas have said they would not do. Sadly the most recent proposal for \$3.1 million in "humanitarian" aid to the contras between September 30 and November 7 apparently has compromised support.

Also problematic will be the manner that Duarte -- with growing unrest in El Salvador -- chooses to include the FMLN in representation since he is not obliged to do so officially. But the FMLN's widespread support and power makes its cooperation essential.

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Panama: The Worm on the Hook

by Ed Kinane

Panama is a tiny, twisted, worm-shaped land flanked on just about all sides by the Caribbean and the Pacific. It's the isthmus linking South with Central and North America. "Panama" is said to be an Indian word meaning "lots of butterflies" -- an apt name for a nation struggling to emerge from the cocoon of U.S. control.

Panama is a creature of the U.S. Theodore Roosevelt was its founding father. In 1903 when Columbia refused to let the U.S. build the Panama Canal, Roosevelt instigated -- and backed with gunboats -- Panama's secession. Five days after "independence," the first canal treaty was signed. It gave the U.S. the right to do forever what it had already been doing for decades: obtrude in Panama's internal affairs.

In 1977 Panama, impatiently coming of age, negotiated a new treaty requiring the U.S. to give up the 110 foot wide, 50 mile long Canal on December 31, 1999.... Or that's what the piece of paper says. Others may have other ideas. When he was running for president, Reagan said of the Canal: "We bought it, we paid for it, we built it, and we intend to keep it."*

Some Facts

As Panama isn't included in books on Central America (C.A.), most North Americans probably know little about this highly strategic nation. But tiny Panama, because it's teeming with U.S. military, has a profound impact on the rest of Latin America. For a quick overview see pp. 299-311 in The Central America Fact Book.

size	about that of West Virginia
1985 population	two million: smallest in C.A. (except Belize)
rural population	44%: lowest in C.A.
# of years to double population	33: slowest rate in C.A.
ethnicity	70% mestizo (Spanish-Indian), 14% black, 11% white; 3% Indian
religion	90% Catholic
language	Spanish; English generally spoken in two main cities
literacy	about 80%
economy	U.S. aid has recently been cut off; bananas main export; most food imported; banking industry highly developed; currency interchangeable with U.S. dollars.
per capita income	\$2020: by far the highest in C.A.
direct U.S. investment	\$4,519,000,000: by far the highest in C.A.
U.S. companies	531: by far the largest in C.A.
U.S. military personnel	nearly 10,000: over 90% of those stationed in C.A.
U.S. military bases	11

The Reagan administration is alarmed by Panama's growing independence. General Manuel Antonio Noriega, the de facto ruler since the death of General Omar Torrijos in 1981, has a power base of his own. He's in firm control of the Panamanian Defense Force -- an army that builds "many schools, roads, wells and other civil projects." (3/29/87 NY Times)

Noriega, an ambiguous figure, also has an agenda of his own. He has rebuffed the U.S. imperial script he formerly followed. He maintains ties with Cuba and Nicaragua, two nations Reagan strives mightily to isolate. Last year he confiscated a ship load of weapons meant for the contras (5/14/87 Miami Herald). Under Noriega, Panama was one of four Latin American nations involved in the Contadora peace process, a frustrated attempt to assert Latin American autonomy in the face of U.S. hegemony. (Contadora is the island off the coast of Panama where the peace talks began.)

On June 12, 1986 the New York Times published a frontpage story about Noriega based on leaked classified documents provided by the White House. The article, by Seymour Hersh, accused Noriega of gunrunning, money laundering and drug trafficking; the article went on to portray Noriega, former head of Panamanian intelligence operations, as a shrewd double-dealer who provides intelligence to both the U.S. and Cuba. According to a 5/14/87 Miami Herald article, unnamed U.S. officials say John Poindexter furnished the information to the Times to undermine Noriega for his refusal to support U.S. policy in Central America.

This past June Noriega was accused by the recently ousted 2nd in command of his military, Colonel Roberto Diaz Herrera, of involvement in the slaying of political opponents, electoral fraud and corruption. "According to the dissident Colonel... (Omar Torrijos') death in a plane crash in '81 was rigged by Noriega with the cooperation of U.S. officials. Diaz said that several US officials, including Vice President George Bush and ex-head of the US Southern Command, General Wallace Nutting, knew of the plot to blow up the former president's plane. After the crash Noriega inherited control of the nation's 20,000 member defense forces.... Since (then) Noriega has installed or deposed five presidents...." (Mesoamerica, July 1987. Mesoamerica is a Costa Rican newsletter.)

Diaz' accusations sparked civil unrest in Panama which resulted in Noriega calling a national State of Emergency suspending many civil rights. Taking their cue from Washington, some of our mainstream media have begun to lump Noriega with Marcos and Duvalier, and to suggest that, like them, Noriega's days are numbered.

Marcos and Duvalier lost power as a result of broad domestic opposition demanding democracy. Some U.S. media imply there is similar opposition to Noriega, but say little about what the activist church or the peasants and workers think. They downplay pro-Noriega demonstrations involving thousands of government employees.

Ed Kinane is a frequent contributor to the Peace Newsletter.

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An Open Letter to the Citizens of Philmont

by Friends of Ben Linder

On August 15, the village of Philmont, NY, celebrated Oliver North Day, to honor its native son. The following piece is excerpted from a letter passed out to the citizens of Philmont, as well as to people who came to protest the celebration.

Philmont comes out today to honor its own. To most people gathered here Ollie North is a friend, a school chum, a neighbor. He's a local boy become famous, and Philmont basks in his fame.

If today is merely a celebration of this new found renown for your community, we wish you well. Philmont is one of the thousands of small towns in America filled with good people and good values that rarely receive recognition.

But if today's festivities intend to honor Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North for what he has done to Nicaragua, then we must protest. Ollie North has publicly boasted that without him there would be no war in Nicaragua. If he is telling the truth, then he is an accomplice to murder.

Three months ago, 3000 miles away in Portland, Oregon, another community gathered to honor its own. Theirs was a tragic occasion. Benjamin Linder, age 27, had been killed by contras on April 28th.

Ben Linder and Ollie North never met. In some respects they were alike: fiercely dedicated and gifted organizers capable of attracting considerable and devoted followings. But fundamentally Ben was Ollie's opposite.

Oliver North turned 20 in 1964, the year the Gulf of Tonkin erupted. His tour of duty in Vietnam shaped his view of the world. Ollie imagines a world of intrigue and deceit, of fear and murder. He fights the often invisible and always present enemy. He is known for his martial exploits: bombing Libya, arming contras, invading Grenada. To North national security demands global armed intervention.

Benjamin Linder

Benjamin Linder was a product of the late 1970s, when OPEC threatened our economic health. Ben's flair for mathematics and love of gadgets led him to become an engineer. He specialized in alternative energy sources.

Linder turned 20 in 1979, days before the Nicaraguan dictator, Anastasio Somoza, was overthrown. In 1982 he visited Nicaragua and found a nation alive with a sense of possibilities. Like hundreds of thousands of other visitors he found a nation dramatically different from the image promoted by U.S. politicians. He found a country where freedom is not defined only as the right to vote but also as the right to eat, the right to have children free of disease, the right to read, the right to own land, the right to be free of torture.

In 1985 Nicaragua became the 30th country to sign the International Convention Against Torture, thus opening its doors to inspections by a Committee of International Experts. El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras refuse to accept these verification provisions. The U.S. won't sign the agreement.

Visitors to Nicaragua expect to find a dictatorship but find instead a government in which debate is vigorous and open. Every week President Daniel Ortega or other officials appear in town meetings televised live on De Cara al Pueblo ("Facing the People"). Every morning the Voice of Nicaragua runs a four hour live program in which citizens call in with questions and complaints about everything from food shortages to the performance of

government ministries. This year Nicaragua approved a new constitution. During its drafting 73 forums were broadcast on prime time television.

Nicaragua has reduced illiteracy from 50% to 13%, for which it received the UNESCO Literacy Prize. For its dramatic reduction in infant mortality the World Health Organization designated it a "Model Country in Health Care." It has received worldwide acclaim for its vaccination programs and for its environmental policies.

Nicaragua's agrarian reform program has redistributed more land (almost five million acres) to peasants in the past seven years than have all other Central American coun-

tries combined in the course of their entire histories. Five times as many peasants own land today as did in 1979.

Oliver North

Oliver North doesn't care about the Sandinistas'



accomplishments. He knows little about the country. To him Nicaragua is an abstraction, a piece on a global chessboard. In his national security world Nicaraguans are bit players. They don't count. He revealed his astonishing lack of information when he told NBC's Tom Brokaw that Nicaraguans do not play baseball. In fact baseball is in Nicaragua's soul. They're almost as passionate about their baseball as they are about their right to decide their own affairs.

To Ben Linder Nicaraguans were real people with very real problems. He lived and worked in a dusty rural village called El Cua, a town about the size of Philmont. He often dressed up as a clown, bringing delight to children who had known only struggle and death. When health workers wanted to get village children together for vaccinations a witness reports that "Linder put on his clown nose, the greasepaint and the funny face and rode his unicycle up and down the main dirt street, leading children to the vaccination center."

Ben preached the gospel of local self-reliance. While he carried a gun when he had to, his life was defined not by weapons but by tools, by construction not destruction. On May 1, 1986 Ben threw a switch on his hydroelectric plant and literally brought power to the people of El Cua. They hooked up a radio and danced in the streets. But to Linder this was only the first step. "Until those people from the community get so they can repeat what I do, not have someone from Managua repeat it, or a gringo like me, then the work isn't done," he said.

In the past six years 60,000 Americans have gone to Nicaragua to lend a hand to a people who, under the most trying of circumstances, are trying to help themselves. To North those who assist Nicaraguans are the enemy. A few days after the citizens of El Cua danced in the streets, a clandestine CIA radio station announced, "any foreigner who voluntarily aids in development and reconstruction projects is considered an enemy." A few days later money from the sale of missiles to Iran arrived in the form of arms to terrorists in small Nicaraguan villages.

Linder knew he was a target. But he was every bit as brave as Ollie North. When the contras killed two of his friends, Linder told a visitor, "The only thing that makes sense is to keep on working. I mean, you can't do anything directly against the sons of bitches that killed them. So you do something indirect--you keep going."

Ben planned to build four more water driven power plants. He never got the chance. On February 27th the lives of Oliver North and Benjamin Linder came together for the first and last time. The 27 year old Oregonian

was killed by a bullet through the head at close range. North's fund raising efforts had paid off. We had begun to kill our own.

Ben Linder never understood why building a hydroelectric dam made him an enemy in the eyes of his own government. He couldn't understand why people thought it better to kill and destroy than to assist and build. He couldn't understand the hatred that drives people like Bill Casey and Elliot Abrams and Oliver North.

Nicaragua is a very poor country struggling in the most exasperating circumstances to survive, trying to build a more just society when its people have never had the experience of living in a just society. It is going about the process with determination and humor.

As Mira Brown, Ben's co-worker wrote to her parents a few days before his murder, "Ben and I spent yesterday getting the jeep repaired, a small miracle considering it was Saturday of Holy Week...we've done away with welding directly to the canopy and have a system with bolts and rubber washers. Much better. I can hit potholes with relative impunity. And potholes abound."

Ben and Ollie

Ollie North is responsible for Ben Linder's murder. He is also responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Nicaraguan civilians whose crime was nothing more than their desire to control their own destiny. Our war against Nicaragua has taken its toll. Insect borne

diseases are on the rise again. Infant mortality has begun to rise as health clinics and personnel and warehouses with medicines are primary contra targets.

Nicaragua is the size of Iowa with the population of Philadelphia. It poses no threat to us. It does pose a threat to the death squads that rule Guatemala and El Salvador. Its accomplishments and programs should move us to send it aid, not bullets. Ollie North truly believes he is serving his country by destroying the dreams of another nation. His sincerity is not in doubt. But sincerity is not enough.



Ben Linder's funeral in Matagalpa, Nicaragua.

Paul Dix

To honor Ollie North is to insult the memory of the many innocent dead in Nicaragua. It denies the value of the work of Ben Linder and thousands like him, and insults the very principles of constitutional government that our nation honors this year. Celebrate Philmont. Celebrate the Constitution, and Peace, not Oliver North.

Sincerely,
Friends of Ben Linder

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(The government employs 25% of Panama's workforce.) Noriega's domestic opponents come largely from a middle and upper class closely tied to U.S. interests; Noriega calls them "BMW revolutionaries."

In sharp contrast to Marcos and Duvalier, who both enjoyed U.S. support up to very near the end, Noriega is on the White House hit list. In this one respect -- if not in others -- he might better be lumped with Castro, Ortega and Allende.

Last year, after the NY Times allegations but before those of Diaz, Mesoamerica (9/86), noted: "The central question, for Panamanians at least, is not whether or not Noriega is guilty of the charges, but why his activities suddenly merit such outrage within Washington if US policy makers have been aware of his involvement in illegal operations for years."

As the PNL goes to press, it's unclear what Noriega's fate will be. Questions abound:

- Why does Noriega risk bucking the U.S. -- a master generous to its puppets...and ruthless to its foes?
- The Chamber of Commerce in Panama has rallied much of the opposition to Noriega. Why are rich and not poor Panamanians organizing against him?
- If Noriega is a criminal or if he stifles democracy at home, but supports liberation and sovereignty among his neighbors, what stance -- if any -- should U.S. activists take toward him and toward Panama?
- Will Noriega or any independent-minded successor be able to withstand destabilization in a Panama riddled with U.S. military and intelligence operations (see box)? Will Panama reach the year 2000 with independence intact...or will it forever be just a worm on our hook?

* Source: Tom Barry & Deb Preusch, The Central America Fact Book, Grove Press, 1986.

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Guatemalan and Honduran response has not been especially encouraging. Honduras initially attempted to slow down the process by not sending the appropriate level diplomat to the Caracas meeting. It seems as though Honduras' President Azcona is waiting for further readings. A little noted rally of reportedly 100,000 in Tegucigalpa showed that it is possible to mobilize the desperate Honduran population. Azcona must take this into account as well as growing U.S. military wariness in the face of recent bombings. In Guatemala a newly announced reform promises the greatest land distribution yet. But how this will aid Guatemala's President Cerezo in creating a consensus isn't clear even for this rather independent leader.

In short, the gestating peace plan is subject to many variables before its projected delivery date of November 7. The September 19-20 Ministers Conference in Managua reached no substantial accords, but the ministers expressed "profound satisfaction" at the work which had been done, and scheduled further meetings through October. These weeks are crucial for us to urge the Reagan Administration to "give peace a chance!"

La Lucha Continua

The movement against U.S.-sponsored war in Central America is growing -- in numbers, in strength, and in commitment to the cause of peace with justice throughout the region. But more is required if we are to put an end to the killing; we need YOUR help! You could, for example:

* Arrange a meeting with friends in your home, or at your school, church or synagogue, or workplace. The Syracuse Central America Coalition will be happy to provide a videotape and speaker. Syracuse's sanctuary family would love to talk to more people, as would several local people who have travelled or lived in the region.

* Join the Central America Study/Action Group. We're growing quickly and will likely split into two or more groups, giving you a choice of time and format. At present we meet twice a month (Mon. eves), and you are welcome to attend any of our meetings. Upcoming sessions include: The War in El Salvador; Liberation Theology; The CIA: Four Decades of Covert War; Guatemala: Reign of Terror; Marxism and Christianity.

* Join the MADRE/SPC campaign to provide educational supplies to Nicaraguan schoolchildren.

For information on any of the above, contact Ron Shuffler at 472-5478 (days) or 445-9232.

-Ron Shuffler

A Mercenary No More!

Daniel Cobos grew up on military bases around the world. He and his two brothers all followed their father into the Air Force. This spring Daniel surprised his family and the Air Force by refusing military duty in Central America. From October 1984 to October 1986 Daniel flew many missions to Nicaragua intercepting radio transmissions and passing any valuable information on to the Pentagon -- which presumably passed it on to the contras.

During the past couple of years he came into contact with the Sanctuary movement in Nebraska where he has been stationed. He befriended a Salvadoran refugee. (Daniel is a Mexican-American and speaks Spanish fluently.) When he finally told his refugee friend about his "profession," his friend replied, "So you are the one who has been bombing my country."

Temporary duty in Panama left a deep impression on Daniel. "The poverty of the people was staggering and hearing my fellow airmen make light of their condition embarrassed and disgusted me," he said. "It became hard for me to look at Panamanians in the eye because I began to see myself as a mercenary." These experiences led Daniel to file for a discharge as a conscientious objector. For further information, contact Citizen Soldier, 175 Fifth Ave., NYC, NY, 10010.

-On Guard

PEACES

Say "Yes!" for Recycling

A poll of 400 Onondaga County residents conducted by the Environmental Management Council and consultants shows that 59% were "very willing" to separate their garbage into two parts: recyclable and non-recyclable. Further, 83% were "willing" to separate their trash voluntarily, and 70% say separation in households should be required by law to ensure high participation.

Don Lawless, director of the county's solid waste management program, said: "The important thing to come out of this is that there will be a source separation program (trash separation at home)... There's a greater willingness in this community to separate recyclables than I gave them credit for." (9/9/87 Post-Standard)

But county planners still envision a large incinerator and a relatively small (perhaps 13%) recycling program. Before the November 3rd election, please contact candidates for County Executive, County Legislature and Common Council to urge them to develop a more aggressive recycling program.

To help with the ongoing campaign to maximize recycling and minimize incineration, contact Linda DeStefano, 148 W. Beard Ave., Syracuse 13205, (475-0062, 8am - 10:45pm).

-Linda DeStefano

Public Resistance in South Africa

"We are a group...compelled by law to serve in the South African Defense Force (SADF). We believe our country is best served if we refuse to fight in the SADF." This is part of the statement released by 23 South African draft resisters on August 3. Theirs is the first such public, collective refusal in South Africa's history.

They continue, "...The root cause of this war is apartheid. It is indefensible...it creates poverty and inequality. We believe there is a future where all South Africans can live in peace with each other. We pledge ourselves to build that future." One of the resisters, Andrew Merrifield, lived in Syracuse and was active in the divestment movement at Syracuse University where he was a graduate student. Contact the Cape Town ECC (End Conscription Campaign), 1 Rhodesview, 435 Main Road, Observatory, Cape Town, South Africa, for further information.

-Andy Mager

Ginter Book Coming

In early October, Sister Barbara Ginter's book, The Long Haul will be off the press. The 90 page memoir consists of her missionary journal and letters from Nicaragua during 1983-1986, as well as her personal insights as she faced cancer, which ultimately caused her death last summer. The book will be available at The Front Room Bookstore for \$6.50.

-Andy Mager

Is the Coors Boycott Over?

On August 19, the AFL-CIO announced the Coors boycott was over. The Syracuse Newspapers, like others around the country, reported the story dutifully. Details were sketchy, but basically, Coors agreed to build any additional facilities with union labor, and agreed to remain "neutral" in the current union drive at its main plant in Golden, CO. Other groups which had participated in the boycott over the past ten years have been less quick to call for an ending to the boycott. Labor had certainly played a vital role in the boycott, but the support among Black, Latino, Women's and Gay/Lesbian groups was also very strong. Peace groups have also been involved, particularly recently with revelations about Joseph Coors' support of the contras. Some of the groups have decided to continue the boycott. For further information, contact the Coors Boycott Committee, 655 14th St., San Francisco, CA 94114; (415) 861-0318.

-Andy Mager



Abe Blashko/The Guardian

Victory for NOW

On May 15, Frank Lazarski, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the City of Syracuse issued a new regulation regarding permit fees for use of parks within the city. "A fee of \$10 shall be paid to the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation by all applicants seeking a permit...An applicant will no longer be required to procure either a general liability insurance policy or to execute a waiver and indemnity agreement in order to be issued a park use permit."

The Greater Syracuse Chapter of NOW successfully sued the City on their unconstitutional regulation which required a million dollar insurance policy for any group which wanted to hold a demonstration or rally. You can fight City Hall and win.

-NOW News

Gay/lesbian

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<p>Gay/Lesbian March Catch the bus to D.C., p. 5 for information</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church, 5pm, Grace Episcopal Church</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S. Beach St.</p>	<p>Disabled in action 7 pm ECHO 446-6602</p> <p>Harvard Arts Potluck 7 pm 478-6229</p> <p>Uttaly Acres Fund Raiser Symposium on Substance Abuse 7:30 pm Civic Ctr</p> <p>EVERY MON: 2-3:30 pm ARISE Men's Grp 472-3171</p> <p>EVERY MON: 7 pm Svr.-cure Birth Grp 471-6399</p>	<p>Harvard Arts Potluck 7 pm 478-6229</p> <p>Central America Videos, dinner 6pm, videos 7pm, Harvard Arts, 472-5478</p> <p>Lesbian and Gay Civil Disobedience Supreme Court Washington D.C.</p>	<p>Peace Lunch 12:30-2:30 Enclaid Ave., 472-4822</p> <p>ARISE Head Injury Support Grp 4 pm 472-3171</p> <p>Svr. Real Food Co-op Council Mtg 7:30 pm 348 Roosevelt Ave., 472-1385</p>	<p>EVERY THURS: 7 pm SVC Volunteer Night Please come! 472-5478</p> <p>Nancy Tucker Concert For info: 478-4636</p> <p>Women's Info Cindy Carlson (info) Noon Plymouth Church 232 E. Onondaga St., Free</p>	<p>EVERY THURS: 7:30 am Central American Vigil Federal Building EVERY THURS: 8:30 pm SU Gay/Lesbian Student Assn Discussion Group 423-3599</p> <p>Lenny Widdelkind 9 pm Harvard Arts 92.50</p>	<p>Women & Disability: Myth & Reality, 12:30, SU Bird Library EVERY FRI: ARISE Women's Grp 10-11:30am, 472-3171</p> <p>Lesbian Support Grp: 7-9pm, Watson's INFO, 601 Allen St., Craryberry Lake Album Release Party, 9pm, \$5, Harvard Arts</p>	<p>George & Nancy System, 9pm, \$3, Harvard Arts, 478-6229</p> <p>NVS FILMS: "Diary of Anne Frank" Fri., 6 Sat., 7 & 9:30, SU Watson Theater, \$2</p>
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Friday, October 30

Syracuse Peace Council Annual Dinner
Jonathan Linder

"Ronald Reagan Killed My Brother"

in SPC's own neighborhood
Northeast Community Center
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\$3-\$5 for talk only
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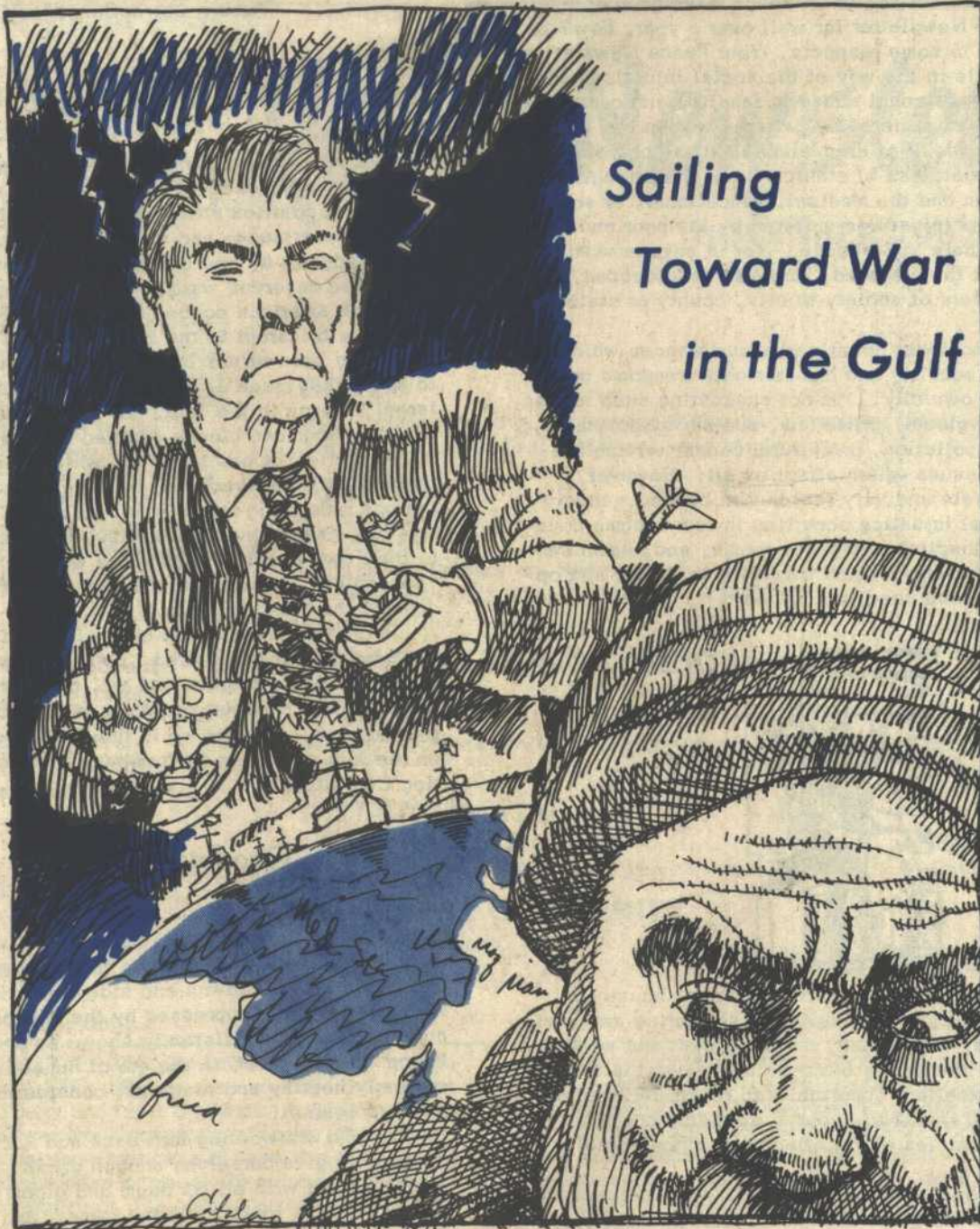
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Local Community Coverage

Dear SPC:

Warm greetings, people of peace!

I have been receiving your Peace Newsletter for over a year now. Many of your articles are well written, thought provoking, and timely. Your writers are adept and explicit with articulating their areas of interest and devoted peace-commitment. I also believe there is a genuine spirit and sense of unity in the SPC community.

I have been impressed particularly by the qualitative reporting per subject content. Yes, I have been enjoying your Peace Newsletter for well over a year, however, I am saddened in some respects. Your Peace Newsletter offers very little in the way of the social injustices perpetrated by drug/alcohol abuse in families and communities, the abuses suffered by battered women and children either as a result of drug/alcohol abuse or male chauvinism (regardless of ethnicity), or the alienation and degradation and the medical, educational, or social inequalities and injustices suffered by the poor and oppressed right there in Syracuse. Nor is anyone writing or reporting for the disabled, mentally handicapped, the indigent offenders of society in city, county or state jails.

There are no doubt countless encumbrances which impede social equality and human rights freedoms going on within your own city. I'm not suggesting such issues as national (or global) militarism, nuclear disarmament, environmental pollution, or cultural banner waving are not important issues which affect us all. However, there are concrete and very real human concerns involving grave social injustice occurring in low-income housing projects, hospital emergency rooms, and human services shelters every day and involving real poor and oppressed people who need your support.



I know SPC is not set up to offer better housing, medical treatment, or counseling or sheltering services to the battered, the abused, the homeless, and so forth. But you know "the pen is often mightier than the sword." You have an excellent opportunity to reach the hundreds of thousands of readers in your surrounding community not just with articles of "intellectualism" on social injustice.

Not long ago, you celebrated fifty years of dedicated and devoted service. No doubt whatsoever, SPC has made an impact upon human lives and you are indeed growing. In the years and even months ahead, will SPC be an organization which the poor and oppressed identify

with in pride and enthusiasm for services and assistance that holds substantial meaning in the lives of your community? Or will SPC offer pamphlet literature of soundless words of the conditions and plight of the impoverished and oppressed third-world countries to its own community's poor and oppressed? Can any of you lend a hand to the hand in need, right within your own community?

Yours in the struggle,

-Dennis Hale

Auburn Correctional Facility

Arab-Israeli Position

To the Editor:

The most exhilarating two pages of print in the post-office bag we picked up after a summer away presented the SPC's position statement on the Arab-Israeli issue. It is a masterpiece and all the more admirable for being composed, not by one activist, but by twenty. The committee deserves warmest congratulations.

As an American concerned since 1948 with the injustice done by Israel to the Palestinians it displaced, I have long been struck by the ability of American liberals to avoid that issue as well as the discrepancies between Israel's image in the U.S. and its realities. (Curiously enough, American blacks adopted the Palestinian cause in the sixties; it has taken the whites longer.) For those of us who lived through Israel's attack on Lebanon, the one redeeming factor was that the country's militarists had finally revealed themselves to the world - and to their own people. Our hearts went out to the Israeli "peaceniks" (including disillusioned draftees) who condemned the attack.

It is the extremists on each side who continue to fan the fires of fear and hatred. Only by supporting the moderates on both sides can we, the uninvolved, help bring about a modicum of peace with justice in that tormented area. Perhaps we in the Peace Council can build on the July statement by forming a Middle East Coordinating Committee.

-Dorothea Seelye Franck

Goodbye From Liam

To the Peace Council:

I have been in Syracuse for almost six years now, watching the Peace Council go through numerous changes, ups and downs and sideways. In that time, I have always been impressed by the flexibility, tolerance and commitment consistently shown by people in the Peace Council. SPC in the era of Reagan has been surprisingly healthy and resilient, considering what we've been up against.

We who are working for Peace and Social Justice don't often give ourselves enough credit. It is tempting see the world with all its doom and gloom, and turn to our own groups looking for the same. And when we look for it, we will of course find it, simply by focussing on all that we are not doing.

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In This Issue

This month's issue is a hodgepodge of pieces. We go from Syracuse to the nation and off to Central America and the Persian Gulf. Our increased local coverage focusses on GARBAGE and Welfare Reform (pp. 15-17). There is also lots of Peace Council news, don't miss pages 5-7 for lots of ideas about how you can plug in. In looking forward to the winter holidays we give you a selection of books (p. 21) and calendars (p. 19).

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Contributions to SPC beyond PNL subscriptions support our activist programs. We always need your support. PEACE NEWSLETTER/SPC, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203, (315) 472-5478.

The Syracuse Peace Council

House News

The fall has brought pretty colors to the forests of Central New York. Those of us here at the Peace Council house have been trying, with limited success to get out to enjoy them.

Our re-modeling work received a boost this weekend when the first set of bookshelves for our revamped lending library were brought in by Dale Sherman and David Martin. Paul Pearce continued his handy work putting a new sink in the Press' darkroom.

In terms of people, Andy Seltser dropped in for a few week visit to give Paul Pearce some time off. Andy is off to Vermont for the winter. Ron Shuffler is trying to juggle work on The Front Room with his new position as staffperson for Physicians for Social Responsibility and his ongoing Central America work. Carol just returned from a Midwestern weekend. Lisa has been holding down the fort. And Andy Mager is preparing to leave for three weeks of speaking to Jewish groups in the Midwest. (Corinne Kinane will again be replacing Andy during his trip.)

The office has been brightened this fall by the weekly presence of Chuck Durand as well as the regular work of volunteer Lisa McChesney. Would you like to take a regular shift here at the office?

-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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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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The SPC Press

Paul Pearce, Andrew Seltser (collective member emeritus)

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A new Program Committee is being formed. Call Lisa, 472-5478, to learn more.

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the peace council page

Job Openings

I will be leaving staff at the Peace Council this coming winter. Are you, or is someone you know, interested in working for social change full-time? We are seeking a full time peacemaker to coordinate the the Peace Newsletter. The job entails working with the Peace Newsletter editorial committee making decisions about content and coordinating the production process. It is a challenging and exciting job. While much peacework involves few concrete accomplishments, this job allows one to hold a product in their hands at the end of each month.

-Andy Mager

I too will be leaving the Peace Council come the end of February. I am hoping to continue my education in one of two areas. As a result, we are also looking for a resource coordinator for the Peace Council. Due to certain changes in our structure, this job would include part-time management of the Front Room Bookstore as well as coordinating the Peace Council's resources—phone lists, files, mailists, libraries, etc..

Both positions have salaries of \$150 per week, two weeks paid vacation, and health insurance. Contact us for job descriptions, and applications. The deadline for either application is November 20, so don't waste any time. We look forward to hearing from you.

-Lisa Labeille

Phone-a-thon to Continue

Our recent phone-a-thon, held on October 5, 6, & 7, was not as successful as it has been in past years. One reason for this is that the organizing for it was very last minute, and we were only able to get halfway through our list. We thank the law offices of Heath, Rosenthal, and Weissman for donating their phone lines for the event. We raised over \$835 in pledged contributions, and several additions to our monthly and quarterly pledges.

Literacy Volunteers has been kind enough to donate their phone lines for the second leg of our phone-a-thon. This will take place on November 3, 4, & 5 from 6-9 pm. We really need your help to finish this important fundraiser. Even if you only stay an hour and a half, that would be helpful. Please call Lisa at 472-5478 if you can help.

-Lisa

Want Your PNL 1st Class?

Over the years we have heard from Peace Newsletter readers, particularly those in Central New York who live outside the 130, 131, or 132 zip codes, complaining about how long it takes the PNL to reach them. We are looking into the prospect of getting a 2nd Class Mailing Permit (for magazines), but that will take quite a while. In the meantime we can send your PNL first class if you will send a note about it and a check for \$10 to cover the additional postage for one year.

-Andy Mager

Celebrate Plowshares

Year after year the Syracuse Peace Council's Plowshare Craftsfair never fails to delight the two thousand or more people who attend. Our 17th crafts-fair will be Saturday, December 5th, 10am-7pm and Sunday, December 6th, noon-5pm at Plymouth Church in downtown Syracuse.

An exciting addition to this year's craftstair is our new "PLOWSHARE CELEBRATION" musical show being held on Saturday, December 5th at 7pm, also at Plymouth Church. The show's stars are now undecided on but we are hoping for an evening of fun and celebration of the earth and community. The price for the show is \$5-8 on a sliding scale. The crafts-fair is free, and free childcare is provided for children eight and under.

For more information call 472-5478. -Cletus Pinti

Bowling for Dollars—An Annual Event?!

Syracuse Peace Council's first bowl-a-thon went off quite well this year. There were approximately 18 teams, and some local news coverage. Altogether, the teams raised a minimum of \$1,600. A minimum meaning that if each individual bowled 100 points, all their pledges totaled would equal \$1,600. Thankfully, most people did quite well. I was fortunate in that anyone who bowled less than 100 still received sponsorship for 100 points.

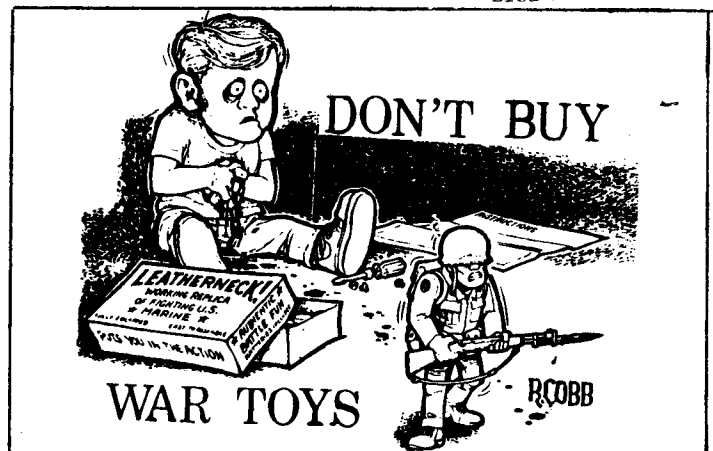
One of the most obvious problems was that a lot of people had difficulty getting sponsors. We hope that in years to follow this becomes less of a stumbling block. To all of you who bowled, and all of you who sponsored, thank you very much, we hope the bowlers had a fun time.

-Lisa

War Toys Campaign

It's that time of year again, when toy stores start stocking their shelves with massive supplies of war toys. The Peace Council plans on starting up an Anti-War Toys Campaign. We've set an initial meeting for Tuesday, November 10 at 1:00 pm, at the Peace Council house. If you are interested, but can't attend, call us at 472-5478, and if you can attend, great, see you then

-Lisa



Syracuse Peace Council

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Volunteers Always Welcome

OK, every month you see another plea for volunteers on the SPC page. Well, we don't do it for our own enjoyment, or to practice creative writing skills (although it's getting to be very creative), we do it because we really need people!! With 1 1/2 staff people, it is impossible to get all our program and office work done without the help of volunteers. The recent Jonathan Linder dinner required twenty volunteers for clean-up, set-up, serving, and food preparation.

Every month, we need someone to update the PNL mailing list on our computer. This is a very easy process to learn, but time consuming. For the staff person to do it, a chunk of otherwise productive time is needed to complete the task. If we had people willing to call for phone-a-thons, fundraising capabilities would increase greatly.

Oh, I understand, you don't like calling people up and asking them for money, that's fine. How do you feel about answering the questions "What is the phone number for AFSC?," "Is there someone there from the press?," or "Where is the next SPC potluck?." Well, if you think you could answer these questions, you are qualified to help out in a major way. You could take on a phone shift! This consists of answering our phones one shift a week; and it allows for more productive staff time.

It is not humanly possible to put out the newsletter that you are now reading, with just one person. We need volunteers to do proofreading, layout, downtown

distribution, and of course mailing parties. If you would like us to stop sending the PNL, stop program work, and stop bringing in guest speakers, PLEASE DON'T VOLUNTEER. If on the other hand, you like what we are doing, then please show us! Call us with times you are free to help out, and tasks you enjoy doing. Without your assistance, we can not bring about your and our goals. It's do or die, and it's in your hands.

-Lisa

Salary Fund Appeal a Success

The Organization and Maintenance (OM) committee of SPC recently sent out a special mailing to a group of 188 Peace Council members. The purpose of the mailing was to ask people who are pledgers to increase their monthly/quarterly pledges to help keep staff salaries at a livable wage and provide health insurance. We are very pleased with the responses we've received. So far, we have received over \$1,700. We are very grateful to the people who've made these generous contributions. However, our primary goal was to increase regular pledges so that we could count on a specific amount of money to come in each month. We hope that the people who have received the special mailing, and who haven't yet responded, will consider this option. Again, we greatly thank those who have already made contributions, and hope to have your continued support!

-Lisa



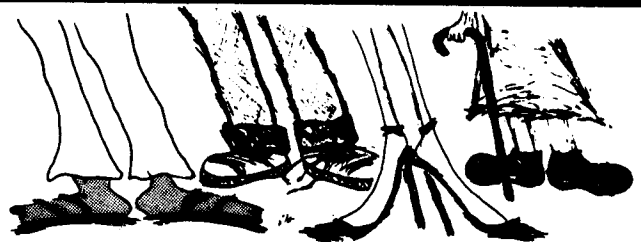
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This is no mean feat when you consider that, thanks to safety-conscious graphic design, any non-routine occurrence can trigger an automatic shutdown.

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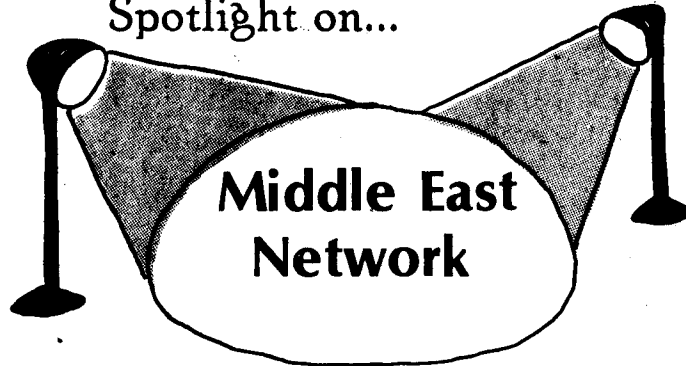
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Spotlight on...



The Peace Council is pleased to announce its budding Middle East Network designed to bring together Central New Yorkers concerned with helping to build peace with justice in the Middle East. Coordinators of the network are Dorothea Franck and Sue Strunk, with Ann Kadah acting as secretary.

Accordingly, SPC is developing plans to include Middle East events in the calendar of the Peace Newsletter and to add books, cards and buttons on the subject to the bookshelves of The Front Room Bookstore (as well as to the shelves of the newly remodeled lending library). The December 9 SPC Potluck, to be called "Bitterness in Bethlehem," will focus on the current status of Palestinians in the occupied territories. There are also hopes to participate in the organizing of films or other educational events on the Middle East.

Network participants meet for occasional brain-storm-

ing sessions. Readers interested in joining in are invited to call Ann Kadah at 682-9717 for further information.

December Dates

December 3: "Crises in the Middle East" lecture by (ret.) Ambassador Talcott W. Seelye, 7:30pm at Maxwell Auditorium at S.U. From 5:30 to 7:30 a reception buffet will be held at the SU Faculty Center. For reservations (\$5) call Ann Kadah before November 31.

December 9: SPC Potluck Dinner, "Bitterness in Bethlehem", 6 pm dinner, 7pm discussion at Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Place.

-Dorothea Seelye Franck

PLOWSHARE CRAFTSFAIR—

A tradition for everyone

Anyone that's been in our community for a while can tell you that fun and excitement abound every December during the Annual Plowshare Craftsair, organized by the Syracuse Peace Council. For 17 years now Plowshares has found a home in Plymouth Congregational Church (in downtown Syracuse), with a history of being one of the oldest and most traditional craft shows in the area.

One of the controversies surrounding Plowshares has been its inaccessibility to members of our community who are disabled or wheelchair bound. For some years the Plowshare committee has been focusing on the need for a more accessible site for the show, and now we can have it -- without moving!

Plymouth Church has set the wheels in motion to make the church almost fully accessible to the public. Beginning several years ago with the construction of a ramp to the sanctuary and continuing with plans to build a ramp to the parlor of the church, making the entire main floor accessible for this year's show.

The church has also drawn up plans for making the large downstairs hall accessible, at an estimated \$12,000 cost. Harvey Pinyoun, pastor of the church, told me that funding may be found by next year,

making the entire craftsair and other community events accessible.

In the spirit of Plowshare we will build ramps not missiles for a more accessible future.

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Every year over a hundred people pitch in to make the Plowshare Craftsair a success. People help in many ways, by putting up a few posters in their neighborhoods, doing some calling to other volunteers, or by selling some Plowshare raffle tickets.

People help us at the show as well: volunteers do childcare, staff the Peace Council table, help with greeting people at the door, or usher during the "new" Plowshare Celebration on Saturday night. (See page 5 for details.)

If you are interested in helping out with the Plowshare Craftsair call the Peace Council at 472-5478 and leave your name. Thanks! And see you at Plowshare.

-Cletus Pinti

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Another trap we fall into is the "nostalgia" trap. "The Peace Council (or movement) just isn't what it used to be." When I came here six years ago, people were bemoaning the "decline," and today the same is said about six years ago.

When I think about how much we DO do here, I am constantly impressed. I have worked with many other groups in many places, and I have often had to dismiss the Peace Council as a standard to measure against: it's too much of a challenge.

On top of this, and perhaps central to SPC's vitality, for over a decade now we have consistently worked towards consensus decision-making, trying to minimize hierarchy and involve and empower people in the organization. This is hard work, and I've seen many people give up on it. But I believe it pays off.

As I leave Syracuse, it is with the profoundest regrets that I will no longer be working with the Peace Council and other local groups. It is here that I really learned to be an activist, and an organizer. You are the finest group of calm, gentle, thoughtful hellraisers I have had the pleasure to know. As I work in other communities, you will always give me strength. Thanks.

-Liam Mahony

Former SPC staff person Liam Mahony is now working on the staff of Peace Brigades International in Guatemala City. Peace Brigades (see June 1987 PNL) works in support of nonviolent popular movements in Guatemala, while sharing and learning about nonviolence in a Latin American context. Any contributions to help support the

work would be appreciated: Peace Brigades International, 175 Carlton St., Toronto, Ontario M5A 2K3.

Where Were You?

To the editor:

On Sunday October 11 I was one of hundreds of thousands who marched in Washington for lesbian and gay rights. I was exhilarated by the size and energy of the crowd, the warmth and openness with which people responded to each other and the pride and strength which people felt. This mood was broken by the poignant reminder of the enormity of the AIDS epidemic as one walked--as if in a cemetery--among the over 2,000 panels of the AIDS quilt, each piece in memory of someone who had died of AIDS, the silence broken only by sobs.

I went to Washington because it was important for me to be with my gay and lesbian friends and to demonstrate with them, for their rights, and ultimately for the rights of us all. The organizers attempted to bring together a diversity of constituencies (blacks, latinos, labor, veterans, religious communities, etc.) and issues (including racism, sexism, anti-semitism and others).

As an activist in local peace and social justice groups, I was aware of the absence of people from our progressive community, people who remind us that all the issues are connected. I have been to Washington with you on many marches, as have many gays and lesbians who have gone simply as members of our political community. Where were you on October 11? Why weren't you there with us?

-Joan Goldberg

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Editor's Note: For five days, October 8-13, hundreds of thousands marched and demonstrated together in our nation's capital to demand the right to love without government interference. Some 200 Central New Yorkers took part in this historic gathering, including a couple of dozen who were arrested in the action described in the following--condensed from an article appearing on page 1 of the October 14, 1987 Washington Post.

The Washington Post

Gay Activists Arrested at High Court *Peaceful Civil Rights Action by 600 Culminates Week's Events*

By Karlyn Barker
and Linda Wheeler
Washington Post Staff Writers

More than 600 gay rights advocates, including many who have AIDS, pushed past police barricades and were arrested on the steps of the Supreme Court Building yesterday during a boisterous but peaceful demonstration against discrimination based on sexual preference.

A court spokeswoman said it was the largest number of arrests ever at the courthouse.

Authorities at D.C. Superior Court, where the demonstrators were expected to be arraigned last night, reserved two extra courtrooms and stayed open late to help process the arrestees, many of whom were electing to spend the night in police custody rather than post bond.

Shouting "shame, shame, shame" at the marble edifice and scattering pink paper triangles like confetti, the hundreds of lesbians, gay men and their heterosexual supporters crossed police lines in waves during the hours-long protest, which culminated a week of gay rights activities in the nation's capital.

Helmeted police officers, many of whom wore protective surgical gloves, stood behind wooden barricades on the courthouse steps and arrested several separate contingents of demonstrators after they sat down on court property.

"This is not the first time gays have done civil disobedience," said Pat Norman, a San Francisco lesbian who helped coordinate Sunday's gay rights march here.

"Every day we commit an act of civil disobedience by loving each other," she said.

At a rally held across First Street NE from the Supreme Court, gay rights activists told a crowd of about 4,000 supporters that the court's recent decisions

made it a logical protest target. Last year's 5-to-4 *Bowers v. Hardwick* ruling, which upheld Georgia's antisodomy law, was blamed for leaving gays "constitutionally homeless."

The demonstrators, some of whom were arrested when they tried to charge past police at the back of the building, sang "America the Beautiful," "We Shall Overcome" and other songs and carried a variety of banners and placards, including the pink triangle, the identification that homosexuals were forced to wear in Nazi Germany.

Decide sexual positions in the bedroom, not the courtroom," was one message. "Bob and Darrell—outlaws for love" was another. Yet another sign, drawing on the civil rights focus of the protest, said that gays are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The first wave of demonstrators, about two dozen women, carried a large banner decorated with a pair of bright pink lips and the words "Lesbians protesting injustice." The women pushed through the barricade and ran, holding hands, to the middle of the white marble plaza. A few minutes later, police began to arrest them.

A contingent of "PWAs," or People With AIDS, marched to the lower court steps and sat down.

Some wore pink headbands, identifying themselves as carrying the acquired immune deficiency syndrome virus; others wore bright yellow gloves to mock the police precautions.

Many law enforcement officials throughout the country have begun wearing gloves in situations in which they fear that there could be violence and possible exposure to AIDS-contaminated blood.

There were poignant moments

during the demonstration, especially when protesters stood on the courthouse steps, swaying to the sounds of their own humming and softly singing, "We are gentle, loving people, and we are singing, singing for our lives."

Despite reports from organizers that a few of the demonstrators were treated less than gently during their arrests, the police and the protesters appeared to grow comfortable with each other as the six-hour demonstration wore on.

At several points, the demonstrators even turned their humor on the police officers.

The chant, "Your gloves don't match your shoes, your gloves don't match your shoes," brought a flicker of a smile on the faces of some officers. Another rhyme, "Two, four, six, eight; how do you know your wives are straight," did not.

But by early afternoon, the demonstrators took up another chant: "We're tired, we're bored; we want to go to jail."

It is illegal to stage a public demonstration on the steps of the Supreme Court Building. However, yesterday, the marshal of the court closed to the public the building, the grounds and the plaza in front of the court, and demonstrators were arrested after they stepped on court property.

Later in the afternoon, the American flag became a symbol of cooperation when one demonstrator ran onto the plaza, waving the flag over his shoulders, and sat to be arrested.

As he struggled to fold the flag, a helmeted police officer stepped in and took one end, and together they folded the flag into the traditional triangle.

Staff writers Elsa Walsh and Nancy Lewis contributed to this report.

Giving Peace a Chance

by Hank Strunk

On October 19 at S.U. ex-CIA Station Chief John Stockwell said that we can hope the Reagan Administration has "self-destructed." But given obsessive commitment to destroying the Sandinista revolution, we must assume strong covert manipulation of the four other Central American nations and increasing disinformation to the public. Stockwell thinks the Gulf "re-flagging crisis" should be understood as a brilliant ploy to get both Irangate and the Peace Plan off of Page One. But, perhaps the Central American Peace Plan has enough momentum to withstand U.S. subversion.

The Peace Plan's Four Compliance Conditions to be met by all Central American nations by November 7th are:

ence in this amnesty process will be slow in coming. Ceasefires are in place in four major regions to help the amnesty process proceed.

La Prensa has been permitted to resume publication with no prior censorship in spite of the funding they have received from the U.S. funded National Endowment for Democracy and in spite of co-editor Pedro Joaquin Chamorro's directorship of The Nicaraguan Resistance of Washington, D.C. The Nicaraguan Resistance describes itself as at "war with the Sandinista regime."

It has been reported by Padre Jerez, Jesuit Rector of Catholic University in Managua (UCA) that Radio Catolica will resume broadcasting as soon as it fills out the forms required of all radio stations.

Freedom of the Press?



We've all heard alot about the re-opening of the opposition La Prensa in Nicaragua. But how many of us heard about the closure of El Nuevo Diario, an independent paper supporting the Sandinistas, due to lack of replacement parts for its equipment thanks to the U.S. embargo of Nicaragua?

- 1) Ceasefire, within a constitutional framework.
- 2) Democratization- freedoms of media, speech, assembly and campaigning for political parties without prior censorship.
- 3) Cut-off of aid to insurgents by Central American or other nations.
- 4) Preventing the use of territory for armed aggression against neighboring countries (including the contras).

Nicaragua Has Begun...

The Sandinistas have established Amnesty Peace Missions under the head of Cardinal Miguel Obando y Bravo (a strong critic of the Sandinistas) to open up the northern borders with Honduras to encourage families to meet with their contra relatives and urge repatriation. A dozen or so contras have accepted the amnesty plan and have come home. This is slowly happening; confid-

Hank is the coordinator of the Syracuse Pledge of Resistance.

The Autonomy Plan in the Atlantic Coast Region (begun in the early 80's) has produced recent elections in nine communities, repatriation of more than 12,000 Miskitos from Honduras, and the readiness of a coalition representing every coastal group fighting the government (including Brooklyn Rivera) to negotiate a ceasefire. This Autonomy Plan is heralded as a "model, a first" by indigenous leaders of other countries... a clear step toward "democratization."

U.S. Obstruction

Reagan insists that the Nicaraguan Government negotiate with the contras, thus legitimizing them. Nicaraguan President Ortega has stressed that the contras exist only as an arm of the U.S. Government, so that negotiations must be directly with the U.S. The Peace Plan does not require the Sandinistas to negotiate with the contras. Salvadorian President Duarte is pushing for Ortega to use an intermediary such as Cardinal

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Silkworms Sink U.S. Gulf Policy

by Peter G. Franck

After another Iranian Silkworm missile hit a major Kuwaiti oil loading facility, President Reagan reemphasized at his October 22 press conference that his administration's only aim in dispatching over 26 Navy vessels to the Persian Gulf was to protect "neutral nation shipping in international waters and keep sea lanes open."

The reality is quite different. On September 29 at a press conference in Kuwait, Assistant Defense Secretary Richard Armitage said:

I don't think anyone in the West would allow any of the Arab Gulf states to come under Iranian domination. That is one of the reasons why we and others are here: to stop Iranian hegemony. (Christian Science Monitor, 10/23/87, p. 10)

The Kuwaiti Connection

Until recently the only public adversaries in the Gulf War were Iraq and Iran. In 1980 Iraq invaded Iran hoping to redraw their mutual frontier. (The frontier had been agreed upon in a 1975 treaty and ran in the middle of the Shat el Arab, a short waterway separating the two countries.) After an initial success, Iraq's armies were driven back. Iran then occupied several pieces of Iraqi territory including the port city of Fao. It was from Fao that at least five Silkworm missiles were launched against American ships* and Kuwaiti tankers and installations.

In unilaterally taking on its do-it-yourself peace-keeping, the Reagan administration assumed Iran would yield to the U.S. military presence and cease its attacks on Iraq's neutral oil customers, including international clients of Kuwait. This hope collapsed as Iran stood committed to win the war against Iraq and all its supporters, especially Kuwait.

Because Iran's rockets and guns had destroyed Iraq's oil loading facilities and all her port installations on the Gulf, Iraq started to use Kuwait's port facilities to import military supplies. Further, Kuwait granted Iraq increasing financial aid. Kuwait can do this because it spends only a tiny fraction of its GNP on military equipment and has a much higher per capita income than Iraq.

Kuwait is willing to risk aiding Iraq because its rulers are threatened by Iran's efforts to export Islamic fundamentalist revolution. Kuwait and other Gulf states fear the ideological fallout of an Iranian victory over Iraq. The consequences of Iran's take over of Iraq could be catastrophic.

Fearing Iran's retaliation, Kuwait asked the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to guard its oil fleet, thereby protecting its major source of income. Kuwait hoped the

two superpowers would be able to end the Iraq-Iran war and thus end the threat to its own existence.

In July Kuwait accepted the U.S. Navy's limited umbrella for 11 tankers. It renamed and reflagged the tankers, but did not offer the U.S. refueling or landing facilities. U.S. Navy escort proceeded without major incident from July until early October when first a Liberian and then a reflagged Kuwaiti tanker were hit by Silkworms fired from Fao, 60 miles distant.



Bill Day, Detroit Free Press

U.S. retaliation was limited since the two tankers were in Kuwaiti, not international waters. Nevertheless Iran counter-retaliated with a severe blow to Kuwaiti offshore loading facilities. These weren't protected by the U.S. because no neutral shipping in international waters was involved. Thus Reagan's noisy offer proved ineffective, at least for supertankers, as loading them became impossible.

The U.S.' protective posture is further embarrassed by Kuwait's inability to defend itself. The U.S. has refused Kuwaiti requests for sophisticated arms because of its commitment to Israel not to provide arms to those who might use them against her. Thus Kuwait's port, oil, and water desalination facilities remain exposed to Iran's missiles as long as they are seen to be of value to Iraq.

The Iranian Connection

But even if the U.S. were to follow Armitage's ideas (see above quote) and assumed a more active military or economic role on the side of Kuwait and indirectly Iraq, there are several factors likely to tie the Administration's hands strategically.

Peter is Professor Emeritus at Syracuse University. He spent the years between 1956 and 1984 teaching, consulting and travelling in eastern Mediterranean and Gulf countries.

One is linked to geography. The fact that Iran has 1500 miles of common frontier with the U.S.S.R. and has active trade and transit relations across it, renders economic weapons ineffective. Should military activities along the shore of the Gulf block Iran's oil flow, pipelines overland and tankers across the Caspian Sea would provide outlets for Iran's oil. In recent years, because of the Iraqi attacks in the Gulf, overland trade between Iran and Europe via Turkey's highways has met Iran's commercial needs. Most recently, the U.S.S.R. has agreed to intensify oil and gas trade with Iran. Thus agreement between the U.S. and U.S.S.R. is needed for effective economic war against Iran.

A Chronology

MAY 21, 1987. U.S. Coast Guard issues waivers of U.S. maritime law to allow speedy reflagging of Kuwaiti tankers under U.S. colors.

MAY 29. Pentagon officials report major U.S. military buildup in Gulf.

JUNE 16. Maritime executives say Iran is mining the Gulf.

JUNE 30. President Reagan, unswayed by objections from congressional leaders, says U.S. will proceed with plans to escort Gulf tankers.

JULY 9. Iranian gunboat sets U.S.-flagged tanker on fire with rocket-propelled grenades.

JULY 18-20. Reflagging of 11 Kuwaiti petroleum and natural gas tankers begins.

JULY 24. Reflagged supertanker Bridgeton hits a mine near Farzi island.

AUG. 20. Iran admits sowing mines to "defend our coastline."

AUG. 26. Pentagon grants "danger pay" supplements to 10,000 personnel in Gulf.

SEPT. 21. U.S. helicopter attacks Iranian ship found to be laying mines.

OCT. 8. U.S. helicopter gunships sink three Iranian patrol boats after an American observation helicopter is fired on.

OCT. 15. American-owned tanker attacked by Iranian missile believed to be a Silkworm. It sustained minor damage.

OCT. 16. Iranian Silkworm missile hits reflagged tanker Sea Isle City in Kuwaiti waters.

OCT. 19. U.S. warships destroy Iran's Rostam oil platforms in retaliation for Sea Isle City hit.

OCT. 21. Iranian Silkworm missile hits major Kuwaiti oil loading facilities located offshore at Al Ahmedi.

Adapted from the Christian Science Monitor.

A second factor is diplomatic. For some years the U.S. and Iran have engaged in negotiations about substantial reciprocal financial claims caused by the 1979 revolution, freezing of Iranian assets in the U.S. and confiscation of U.S. property in Iran. Some reimbursements have been made and more are in process. Any serious military engagement in the Gulf could delay or jeopardize these settlements.

The Reagan Administration could of course use some of the Arab Gulf states as satellite forces in the struggle with Iran. The U.S. is friendly with most of them, even though the controversy over Israel and the Palestinians remains a stumbling block. A much more serious obstacle is the U.S. government's unwillingness to let these states buy high tech weaponry from U.S. industries because of commitments made to Israel under Congress' pressure. Stinger and Maverick missiles have been refused, though F-15s were sold recently to Saudi Arabia. Thus several of these states can't play an effective role unless this policy is changed.

Kuwait had good reason to complain: it cannot now defend itself against the Silkworm and needs outside help to install defensive facilities. In the absence of some sort of compromise with Israel, any U.S. military escalation has to be based on U.S. forces alone and thus tends to become more expensive than it needs to be and is politically embarrassing.

This combination of handicaps may well be the reason for a relatively muted U.S. retaliation to the Silkworm attacks. And it is hard to see how the U.S. can broaden its escort role -- into which it entered single-handedly -- without breaking completely new ground and creating more confusion than exists already.

The United Nations Connection

The UN has been called upon to mediate the war. The Secretary-General has been actively negotiating with both Iraq and Iran about implementing UN Security Resolution 598, which calls for a cease fire. Iraq, who is clearly losing the war, has accepted the resolution. Iran has put up conditions of a political-propagandistic nature which may yet be negotiable. A follow-up proposal for an embargo has been put off because of Soviet reluctance to break off its newly strengthened economic relations with Iran.

Elsewhere the UN has established armed peacekeeping forces with units from member nations not involved in the conflicts in question. One example is the UN role in Cyprus. Another is the intermittently successful role played by UNIFIL in southern Lebanon, its mandate extended unanimously by the Security Council for the fourth time last July.

The U.S. stance in the Gulf is risky and ineffectual. It could ask the Security Council to set up a peacekeeping navy in the Gulf. A Soviet Foreign Office spokesman has accepted the idea. So has the former U.S. Undersecretary of State, David Newsom, who argued forcefully in the Christian Science Monitor for reflagging the threatened neutral vessels with the blue UN banner and escort services provided by non-involved navies, also flying the UN flag. One wishes the Iranian government, now being visited once more by the UN Secretary General in connection with the ceasefire, would include the UN Gulf Force proposal among its conditions of acceptance of Resolution 598. This would let the U.S. off the hook easily and diplomatically.

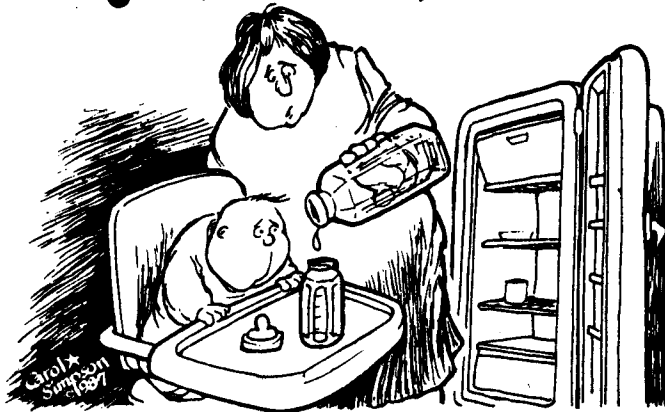
Welfare Reform?

by Flo Gagliostro

There are many myths and misconceptions which surround the public assistance system. It is easy to lose sight of the real issues of inequality and economic injustice which maintain individuals in poverty and make "welfare" necessary. The current movement for welfare reform in Congress is a response to failures in the public assistance system's goals of maintenance, prevention and rehabilitation. The proposed incremental changes in policy do not change the basic nature of our economic system; they merely seek to address factors which maintain the "permanent underclass."

The majority of those living in poverty are women and children. In New York State, 87% of welfare recipients are women and children. The nationwide trend toward the "feminization of poverty" necessitates social policy dealing specifically with the nature of poverty as it affects women and children.

Q: Why do so many WELFARE recipients drink up their checks?



A: Because they're still on the BOTTLE.

Social welfare policy and performance is being reconsidered in large part due to Senator Moynihan's proposed "Family Security Act of 1987" (S. 1511). The bill would replace the half-century old Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program with a new Child Support Supplement (CSS) program. This would establish mandatory child support enforcement including the establishment of paternity, the tracking of absent fathers and the deduction of child support from the absent parent's paycheck.

Parental Responsibility

This provision for child support is designed to emphasize family responsibility as an underlying value. It is widely assumed that the current welfare system under-

mines the traditional American values of hard work, responsibility and independence. The burden of responsibility for these noble values has to a great extent fallen on the shoulders of single mothers and their children. Finally, proposed legislation recognizes the male's role in reproduction and will hold him financially responsible for his children.

A job opportunities and basic skills program would establish and fund work-training, transitional child care, medical assistance and benefits improvement to recipients. The mandatory extension of coverage to two-parent families is also suggested in the Moynihan legislation. These supportive services highlight the basic aim of this legislation: to reduce dependency. Dependency in part results from lack of services which would enable individuals to obtain and maintain employment. It also results from maintaining individuals at the poverty threshold. Eligibility guidelines dictate that earnings for a non-farm family of four may not exceed \$11,200.

The new legislation encourages the concept of a "new social contract" based on reciprocal responsibilities between individuals and society. Upon inspection it seems reasonable for federal and state government to require participation in work and training programs to fulfill this mutual obligation. However, many anti-poverty groups are concerned that the bill, in its current form, imposes too few requirements on states for the education, training and day care services which would ensure the program's success. The government must recognize its obligation to provide adequate opportunities for self-sufficiency by providing a healthy economy and supportive services.

Controlling Recipients

Consider the levels of control over potential beneficiaries that the new legislation would impose. If passed in its present form, the bill would eliminate benefits from those who choose not to participate. The bill would require single parents under age 18 to live at home as a condition of eligibility for benefits. These mandatory provisions further exemplify the controlling, paternalistic attitude government has toward recipients.

Welfare reform and re-reform is not new. It amounts to the revision of social policy and provision of benefits to certain groups of people. In this and in all legislation, choices have been made and certain values and assumptions are the basis for those choices. Advocates for the poor take exception to specific components of current legislation in Congress because of their concern with existing subtleties of discrimination against women, children and other vulnerable populations. Broad goals of reform include the provision of realistic benefit levels, comprehensive supportive services and the reduction of dependency. These provisions are not sufficient in themselves for successful reform. Policy must be consistent with the values of individual freedom and dignity.

Flo is a student of social work at Syracuse University, doing her fieldwork with the Neighborhood Women's Project of Catholic Charities.

GARBAGE!

by Linda DeStefano

Garbage: we all make it, but how many of us thought about where it goes after our trashcan until the famous "gar-berge" traveled for months looking for a home for its soggy waste? Part of the fiasco is that most of the material on the barge could have been recycled before it was exposed to months of sun and water. Instead, the natural resources were wasted.

We will be living with the consequences of poorly-conceived trash disposal plans if we don't monitor the actions of government officials. What's happening locally? Syracuse and Onondaga County are forging ahead with their "solution" to commercial and residential solid waste by planning a large-scale incinerator (which they call a "waste-to-energy facility"). How large? The figure usually cited is 1,200 tons per day.

Burning and Burying

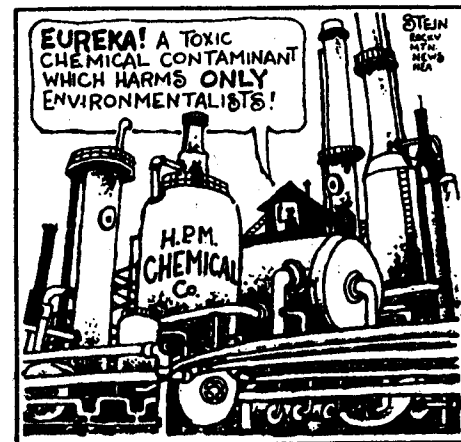
But burning trash shouldn't be the primary solution. Burning wastes natural resources, it pollutes and it costs a lot of money. To quote Paul Connett, a chemist and an activist on this issue:

Incineration is the last thing we should try, not the first. Mass burn incinerators are sometimes given the Orwellian title of resource recovery facilities. Before being beguiled by this attractive description we should recognize that there are two forms of resource recovery: materials recovery and energy recovery. Materials recovery always represents a victory for our society but energy recovery if applied too soon is a defeat. Why? When we recover materials (through reuse, recycling and composting) we are also saving our society energy (far more energy than is obtained from burning the materials). On the other hand, when we burn materials to recover energy, we destroy those materials which then have to be replaced through processes which are not only more energy-intensive than recycling processes but are also more polluting.

Mass burn incinerators produce toxic by-products such as dioxins and leave a large residue of ash laden with dangerous heavy metals (such as lead and cadmium). This ash must be landfilled, perpetuating the problems of space requirements and possible seepage of poisons into groundwater.

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and local environmental and neighborhood organizations have urged local officials to include a significant recycling program in their waste disposal plan. Some progress has been made in that officials now talk about more recycling, but their commitment to a 1,200 ton per day incinerator apparently hasn't wavered. Their rationale is that the load of solid waste will increase so there will

be enough to accommodate the appetites of both the incinerator and the recyclers. But, given the environmental and health dangers of large-scale incinerators, this is a distressing point of view.



Reduce Waste

Instead of accepting an increase in waste as inevitable, we can work against it. This can be done on both the personal level of buying and "throwing away" with environmental sensitivity and on the political action level. Examples: shop at stores which sell items without excess packaging. For instance, some stores have large jars of spices from which customers fill their own re-useable small jar. Keep to a minimum the use of throwaways, such as non-reuseable tableware. Rather than throwing natural resources into a garbage can, bring them to recycling centers.

On a political action level, urge state and federal government officials to pass laws which discourage excess packaging and encourage recycling. Example: the government could use its tremendous buying power to give preference to items which are made from recyclable

RECYCLING*

C.U.R.E., behind old train station at 25 Williams St., Cazenovia, Sat. 9-noon, glass (cleaned & separated by color), paper of all kinds except magazines, aluminum (cleaned).

Syracuse Materials Recovery Corp., 301 Peat St., Syr., M-F 7:30-4:30, Sat., 7:30-11:30 am, papers of various types, aluminum, copper, brass.

*For a wider recycling list, contact Kay Twombly, 7-2 Westbrook Hills Dr., Syr. 13215, 459-6247, or Linda DeStefano at 475-0062. Send 32¢ to cover postage and copying.

Linda is hoping and working for the day when Onondaga County will collect recyclable materials separately from other trash house-to-house so she will no longer have to haul glass to Cazenovia.

"Solid Waste: Crisis at Hand" - a bi-state regional conference Fri. eve. & Sat. Nov. 6-7, Broome Comm. College, Binghamton. Phone Eco-Justice Project & Network at Cornell Univ., (607) 255-4225 or Broome Comm. Col., (607) 771-5012. For possible carpooling from Syracuse, call Kay Twombly, 469-6247 (between 5-10:30 pm.)

and recycled materials. State Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey has introduced several good environmental bills. You can write him for information at NYS Assembly, Albany, NY 12248.

The need for constant monitoring by individuals and organizations is seen in the fact that the Environmental Defense Fund is suing the federal government to force it to comply with a law passed in 1976 requiring all federal agencies to buy products with the most recovered material practicable. To date, the government has ignored that law.

Styrofoam is a Bummer

Besides the amount of waste, the type of waste has environmental implications. Some materials cause more harm than others in their manufacture and disposal. Example: styrofoam adds fluorocarbon gas to the atmosphere when being made. Fluorocarbons apparently contribute to the depletion of the ozone layer, which protects this planet from harmful effects of the sun. Styrofoam reduces oil reserves because petrochemicals are used in its manufacture (as with other plastics). It isn't biodegradable so it remains in the environment after

"disposal." Cardboard packaging beats styrofoam on all counts, so we can choose that when possible.

Victory for Environmentalists

In Onondaga County, some of the organizations which want the county to maximize recycling and minimize burning and burying are Sierra Club, New York Public Interest Research Group, Jamesville Positive Action Committee, Syracuse United Neighbors and People for Animal Rights.

For inspiration, we can look at a victory by people in Cincinnati. When an incinerator for hazardous waste was scheduled to be reopened in a very poor neighborhood, a citizens' group was formed. According to Jack Degano, President of the Lower Price Hill Community Council: "The politicians didn't know what hit them. Dormant Lower Price Hill had come alive. Typically, obstacles were maneuvered across our path...[but] we cultivated a sympathetic media. We waged war with wit and words. We were accurate, credible and civilized." At last, the politicians agreed that the incinerator won't be reactivated. Further, it will be dismantled. Hurrah!

To work for environmentally sound ways to deal with waste disposal in Onondaga Co., contact Linda DeStefano, 148 W. Beard Ave., Syr., 13205, 475-0062. To work on the problem in surrounding counties, contact C.N.Y. Toxics Coalition, P.O. Box 782, Fulton, 13069, (315) 592-9731 or 592-5410 or 592-2258.

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Weapons and War Toys

"Weapons and War Toys: Working Through Issues with Children" is the topic of a forthcoming conference for parents and educators. Boston-based authors Diane Le Levin and Nancy Paige will present a keynote speech on the topic at 8pm, Friday, Nov. 20 in the auditorium of H.W. Smith Elementary School, 1130 Salt Springs Rd., Syracuse.

On Sat., Nov. 21, twelve workshops will be offered on a variety of related topics, including TV violence and interactive toys, how children develop attitudes toward war and peace, and creating the peaceable classroom and the peaceable home. This event will also be held at H.W. Smith. The conference is co-sponsored by Educators for Social Responsibility, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and the H.W. Smith P.T.O. Registration fee for both events is \$5.00. For more information, call Lisa at 445-0797, or Pat at 446-2380.

-Pat Rector

Born 1787, Murdered 1987

Thirty-two states have called for a constitutional convention. If only two more states agree, Congress must by law call the convention.

The excuse given by the Far Right sponsors of the drive for the convention is that they want a balanced budget amendment. But they could get that amendment without the convention merely by persuading the legislatures of 34 states to vote in favor of it.

A constitutional convention opens the whole Constitution to rewriting, and to search-and-destroy raids on the powers and rights of the American people.

To preserve, protect and defend our form of government and our Bill of Rights, People for the American Way oppose the holding of a Constitutional Convention. To help them defend our Constitution write them at 1424 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036, or call (202) 462-4777.

-Angus MacDonald

Let's Keep it a Hoax

An anonymous friend of SPC from Ithaca recently sent us clippings about a creative action at Cornell. In early September dozens of male students received induction notices through campus mail. The notices, which were sent on Selective Service stationary, said, "...Because of your special abilities you have been chosen ... along with 1000 other men. The project you will be working on involves Central America and is classified...."

The University Administration called the action a "mean prank," at least until a group called the Cornell Revolutionary Council claimed responsibility for the action in a letter to the Cornell Daily Sun. The letter said

the notices were intended as a political statement bringing home to students the realities of military intervention. Let this serve to stimulate the creative juices of the rest of us.

-Andy Mager

Reagan Attack Defeated

On October 16 the New York Times uncovered a cruel sneak attack by the Reagan Administration upon 4.3 million elderly, blind or disabled Americans trying to survive on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) of \$510 maximum per month per couple, with little or no other income.

According to the Times story, the Social Security Administration, without public announcement, issued an order effective Oct. 1 which would deduct from SSI recipients' monthly checks the market value of a bag of food from a food pantry, a sweater or blanket from a church clothing box, a hot meal from a soup kitchen, a night's shelter in a church basement, or fuel for a kerosene stove.

But there's good news. An angry editorial in the Oct. 18 Syracuse Herald-American reported that the Social Security Administration's order had been rescinded after a gale of criticism from Capitol Hill and the philanthropic community. Again, quoting the Times, "From May 1, 1983 to Sept. 30 of this year, the government disregarded the value of food, shelter, clothing and certain home energy assistance in determining eligibility for SSI." Legislation to continue these exclusions has been approved in committees of the House and Senate, and floor action is expected soon. As usual, a Reagan defeat was a triumph for justice, human decency, and the preservation of life.

-Angus MacDonald

With the Courage of Love

It had to be for love -- love of the people of Central America, of the United States, of the world. According to a recent story in the Guardian, anti-war activist Brian Willson, still in intense pain, came back Sept. 29 with other protesters to the tracks of the Concord, Calif., Naval Weapons Station where, on Sept. 1, he lost both of his legs while blocking a trainload of munitions bound for Central America. The Sept. 29 action was part of the Days of Decision protests against U.S. military aid to Central America.

Although there was much evidence that the crew aboard the train that struck Willson could have prevented the collision, Contra Costa District Attorney Gary Yancey refused to file charges. The Navy and the Federal Railroad Administration are both conducting investigations and local representatives have demanded a Congressional investigation.

To me, the most important light on Willson's actions comes from Paul in the Christian Bible: "Love endures all things," and, as we draw inspiration and hope from Brian Willson, "Love never fails."

-Angus MacDonald

1988 Calendars are Here

A Matter of Freedom

Published since 1956, the War Resisters League Peace Calendar is probably the appointment book I see most often at meetings. This year's contains selections of writings: articles, speeches, stories and poems, from a wide variety of movement sources (including James Baldwin, Barbara Deming, June Jordan, Grace Paley). It sits nicely open on your desk as you look at the coming week. Despite the fact that it is usually frayed by the end of the year, I continue to buy it year after year. \$6.75.

-Andy Mager

Carry it On

This large, colorful calendar from Syracuse Cultural Workers features striking artwork and photos on themes including hunger solidarity, sign language, and the Great Peace March. I wished that the photo for June was also in color.

Events of historical importance are noted for most days; following December are four pages of resources and national organizations listed by subject. This calendar is a pleasure to have on your wall. \$8.95.

-Shelagh Clancy



Cat Lovers Against the Bomb

Here are twelve sharp new feline puns, twelve new beguiling cat poses accompanied by wise, funny or profound quotations from twelve wise, funny or profound humans. Plus, of course, signal dates marked to remember or celebrate.

If it were a feline world, would it be peaceful? Humm. Emma who shares our human domicile reserves her right to crouch, lurk, stalk, and--yes--pounce. But remember this. When fur flies, it is on an individual basis. There is no mass lock-step. No one on a leash. No cages! Never! No mass mayhem, organized, legitimized, institutionalized! A cat doesn't march to a different drummer--she pads to no drummer at all! The calendar is published by New Society Publishers. \$6.95.

-Ruth Mueller



Faces of the Soviet Union

These photos show "A diversity of daily life from Moscow to small villages in the Caucasian mountains." Over 30 people have presented a graphic essay of People at work, play and even in prayer with art forms of Soviet citizens both traditional and contemporary.



The photographs are beautifully simple and oddly familiar. Americans and Soviets are not the same but our similarities may help us to understand the differences.

-Helen Anderson

Let Nicaragua Live

Produced by Cambridge CASA as a fundraiser for the National Let Nicaragua Live Project which since 1985 has sent over \$600,000 to Nicaragua... trying to make up for the \$3 billion worth of U.S. destruction.



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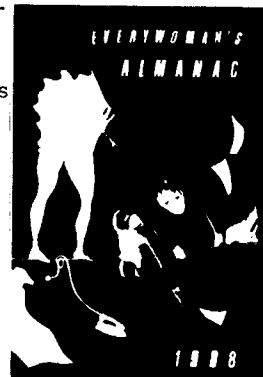
-Hank Strunk

EveryWoman's Almanac

Compact and durable, this week-at-a-glance appointment calendar gives generous space for each day, plenty of room for addresses and more blank note pages in the back than last year. (I like it already!)

Making Ends Meet, the day to day struggle of women is shared in 12 essays that begin each month... In Making Ends Meet the voices ring with clearness... "Women everywhere, like these women, face up to and are working to overcome, tremendous obstacles in our efforts to make safe and satisfying lives for ourselves and our children." \$9.95

-Karen Kerney



These calendars are available at The Front Room Bookstore, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse, NY 13203.

Gift Ideas from The Front Room

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NUCLEAR CULTURE: LIVING & WORKING IN THE WORLD'S LARGEST ATOMIC COMPLEX - Loeb (9.95)

HOW TO BE A COUPLE AND STILL BE FREE- Smith & Tessina (7.95)

ANATOMY COLORING BOOK - Kapit & Elson (9.95)

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Obando y Bravo to begin talking with the contras. Edgar Chamorro, an ex-contras operative, who now opposes both the contras and the Sandinistas, has returned to Nicaragua possible to act as a go-between. The danger is that if Ortega doesn't agree to discussion with the contras, Reagan can insinuate Sandinista recalcitrance and press harder for contra aid.

The Sandinistas have released dozens of political prisoners but Reagan might still claim that they have not released them all. The Sandinistas argue that many prisoners are not political but are guilty of specific criminal acts.

On Oct. 21, Reagan met with Honduran President Azcona and only a few days earlier with Duarte. Clearly

the situation is fluid and the Administration is groping for some way to beat the Plan's schedule--- Nov. 7th- Compliance; Dec. 7th- Verification and the Commission Report on Compliance; Jan. 7th- A Presidential Summit Meeting.

If Nov. 7th passes without the four conditions of compliance being met, that might make contra aid seem like good Peace Plan Insurance.

Now is the time to keep the pressure on Congress to Vote NO to all contra aid and support the Peace Plan. Flood Congress with your postcards and write letters to the editor. Join any and all local events to increase the show of strength. Encourage your friends to do the same. The people of Central America are counting on us.

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PEACE: A Dream Unfolding.
Ed. by Penney Kome & Patrick Crean.
Sierra Club Books. 256 pp. \$18.95. pap.

Delve lightly or deeply in this massive compendium of writings and art and you will find a recurring theme-- peace is not just something that happens but something that has to be constantly struggled and fought for. In their introduction, Lown and Chazov tell us: "Life is perilously poised at the precipice of extinction. How do we keep this knowledge before us so that we act?"

"The Dream" section includes writings of native peoples. They tell of a life of harmony between the people and the earth. One step toward peace is to live in this harmony.

"The Awakening" documents pacifist movements, civil disobedience, Gandhi, Greenpeace, the economic cost of the arms race, Martin Luther King--to mention only a few of its vast variety of topics.

I began this book intending to read for half an hour. One and a half hours later I was still reading and hadn't fallen asleep yet, which, for those who know me...

-Richard Weiskopf

**ON POWER AND IDEOLOGY:
 The Managua Lectures.**
By Noam Chomsky. South End Press. 144 pp. \$8.

Want to make sense of U.S. foreign policy and our role in the Mideast, Southeast Asia and Central America? Read any of the many books by Noam Chomsky.

Chomsky's analysis is honest, fearless and morally outraged. Since many of his books are long, scrupulously documented, and dense with painful, pertinent and suppressed fact, they can seem formidable.

Luckily, there's a good introduction: ON POWER AND IDEOLOGY, a short, unfootnoted book based on lectures Chomsky gave in Managua in 1986. It includes such themes from his earlier work as our long history of expansion and intervention; differences and similarities between the empires of the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.; the role of liberal intellectuals in obscuring how the world really works.

The book is essential for those concerned with Nicaragua. It explains why our government fanatically opposes that poor tiny nation and why it deliberately tries to drive Nicaragua into the Soviet camp.

-Ed Kinane

**GANDHI TODAY: A Report
 on Mahatma Gandhi's Successors.**
By Mark Shepard. Simple Productions. 160 pp. \$16.

Mark Shepard describes his visits to India in a collection of vignettes about the women and men who are attempting to follow the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi's example of nonviolent resistance to injustice inspired large numbers of Indians to work bravely and nonviolently to liberate their land from British rule. That victory having been won, the same demanding work goes on today as Indians strive to rectify continuing inequities of vast differences in wealth and power.

In a very readable style, the author tells us about famous and not-so-famous followers of Gandhi and their campaigns to save forests ("hug the trees" movement), redistribute land (using the land trust concept), conduct peoples' court, sustain relatively self-sufficient communities, etc. A good book for both philosophers and activists.

-Linda DeStefano

**WOMEN AGAINST WAR:
 Personal Accounts
 of Forty Japanese Women.**
Comp. by Women's Division of Soka Gakkai.
Kodansha Int'l Ltd. 247 pp. \$17.95.

"I doubt that many of the young people who stroll happily among the skyscrapers of Shinjuku have any idea how precious peace is." Forty women etched images of war so that we will not forget. These personal accounts of women in flight, women who strive to heal, and women who triumph are reflected by Yoneko Moriyama's thoughts. "So this is what war is like" when she "pushed [her] way through mountains of corpses. There was a mother with a baby strapped on her back: the infant was on fire."

War meant wearing patched underwear for one's only clothing; separation from family; sacrificing weak and crying babies for group survival; dying.

Kikuno Egi wrote, "One bomb plunged countless people into a hell that continues even today. Because I know what Hiroshima was like, I abhor nuclear experiments by any nation whatever. I'm old now, but as long as I live I will go on speaking against...nuclear warfare."

These stories, painfully shared by women and children of courage are warscapes--and vistas for peace.

-Joan Loveridge-Sanbonmatsu

These books are available at The Front Room Bookstore, the SPC Lending Library and/or Onondaga County Public Library.

November '87

8	Weapons Facilities Conversion Network mtg 10am-4pm, St. Francis Desales, Utica, Peter, 475-4822	9	"How to Get and use Personal Credit" ARISE 472-3171	10	SPC Potluck "Socially Responsible Investing" Carl Mellor, 6pm potluck, 7pm talk, Harvard Arts, see p. 22	11	"Field to Factory: Afro-American Migration 1915-1940" 3pm, SU Slocum Hall, Room 108, 423-4302	12	Charity Bluegrass concert Harvard Arts, 53	13	11/13 & 11/20, Christmas Shopping Trips, ARISE, 472-3171	14	Interfaith Public Advocacy Training Workshop, 9-4pm, Erwin Methodist Church, Janet Shortall, 445-4110
15	EVERY SUN: Friends of Men-tal Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S. Beech St.	16	EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171	17	Sanctuary Mtg, 7:30pm, May Memorial, Ann 471-4672	18	"Community--An Int'l Perspective", Patricia Chuse, 7:30pm, 1st Universalist Church	19	EVERY THURS: SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm, Lots of fun, 472-5478	20	1988 Syracuse Cultural Workers' Peace Calendar Opening, 5-8pm My Sisters' Words, 304 N. McBridge St., 474-1132	21	War Toys Conference 8:30am-1pm, H.W. Smith, 1130 Salt Springs Rd., Pat 446-2380
22	Central America Dinner "Going Home" Kathleen Weider, 5:30pm, May Memorial, 56-15, for info, 471-4672	23	EVERY MON: Women's Social, 7:30pm, SU Gay/Lesbian Student Assoc.	24	SFC Potluck "Earth Awareness" David Yarrow, dinner 6pm, talk 7pm, Harvard Arts, p. 22	25	PNL Mailing Party 6-9pm, come join the fun at 924 Burnet Ave., 472-5478	26	Death Penalty Vigil, noon, Columbus Circle	27	Lesbian Support Group, potluck 6pm, discussion 7-9pm, INFO, 601 Allen St., 478-4636	28	Rox Christi mtg, 10:30am, 208 Slocum Ave., 446-1693
29	"Is the Bicentennial a White Man's Holiday?" Marie Provine, 12:30pm, SU Bird Lib, free, 423-3707	30	PNL Production Please come and help on Mon. or Tues. day or eve 924 Burnet Ave., 472-5478	1	"Smash Up: Story of a Woman" (film) 7pm, SU Hendricks Chapel, free	2	EVERY WED: Mothers' Support Grp, 1-2:30pm, INFO, 601 Allen St., 478-4636	3	EVERY THURS: Gay/Lesbian Student discussion group, 8:30pm, 423-3539	4	"Women and the Courts" Lucia Whisenand, 11am, OCC Academic Bldg, Rm 245, free	5	PloWSHares Craftfair Don't Miss It! See box below for details Moving? Please save us 30¢ and let us know beforehand

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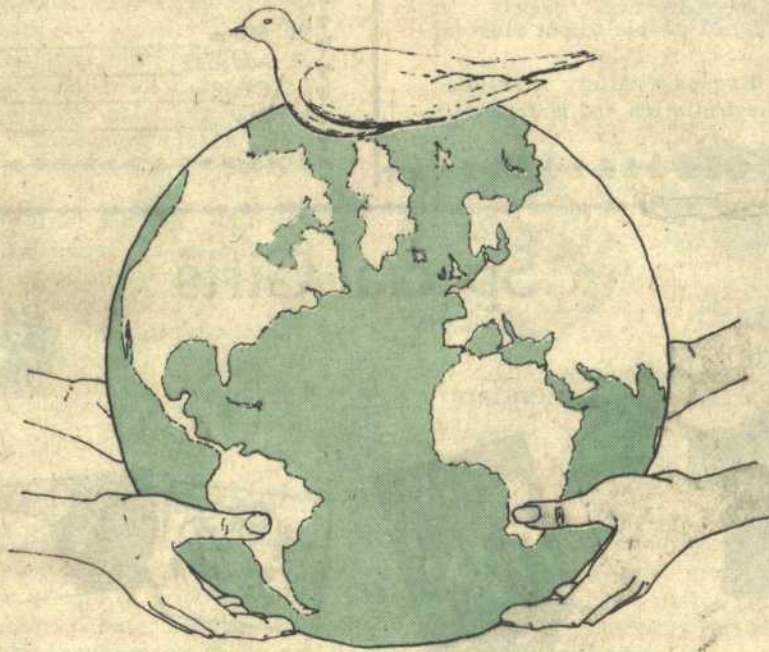
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the peace council page

Change in SPC Staffing & Structure

In our last issue of the Peace Newsletter, Andy and I both reported that we would be leaving the Peace Council, and that we were looking for new staff people. As the result of several staff evaluation/restructuring meetings we've decided to change the face of SPC. We now have one full-time person as the SPC staff person, one half-time PNL staff person, and two half-time Front Room people. The change will result in one full-time person to do SPC resource work and TFR coordinator work.

Because of limited staff time and only a few select volunteers, several ideas have been tossed around to make better use of staff time and finances. One idea was to look into hiring a third staff person whose primary purpose would be to put together our annual fundraisers as well as fundraise his/her own salary. Another idea was that the office would be "closed" for half the day, and open for half the day. By "closed," we meant that the phones would be attached to a machine (so time wouldn't be spent dealing with phone shifts), but the office would still be open for Front Room or SPC walk-ins. We would then act mainly as a clearing house or resource center; we would also drop much of our program work, such as Hiroshima/Nagasaki, tax day vigils, and war toys campaigns, unless coordinators came forward.

We haven't yet made any final changes, with the exception of two full-time positions. So we welcome any ideas for restructuring, or volunteers to participate in program work or to take on phoneshifts.

Those interested in applying for staff positions should call SPC, 472-5478, or write us. The application deadline is December 15th.

-Lisa Labeille

Our Head's Above Water!

As most of you realize, we've done a lot of fund raising events and fund appeals in the past 2 1/2 months. The result of these efforts is that toward the end of this holiday season our financial head is above water. Not including various expenses for phone calls, copying, and postage, we've made approximately \$4,500 from the phone-a-thon, Linder Dinner, Bowl-a-thon, and staff salary fund appeal.

If you are reading this now, then you have probably received our holiday fund appeal. Please don't take the above figure and decide that we've got enough money. We still have several bills to pay off (including an \$800 house insurance bill) as well as possibly having to pay three to four full-time staff people full salary during our transitional period. Also, take a look at our House Wish List (on page 2) some of the money could be used to purchase any one of these items, or if you wish, your gift could be the donation of an item on the list.

Ad Hoc House News

You might not be receiving a January PNL in the usual format; however we hope to be able to send out a New Year's greeting. The SPC office and The Front Room will be closed from December 25 to January 1st.

Andrew Seltzer is off to Vermont for six months. In his stead Molly Mysliwiec has come on as SPC Press apprentice and house dweller. Welcome Molly!

The Front Room has a new volunteer two days a week -- Steve Neff. Welcome Steve! Andy Mager has returned from three weeks on the road in the Midwest where he gave talks as a Jewish peace activist.

In welcoming Andy home, we had to say goodbye to Corinne Kinane, his standin here while he was away. Thanks Corinne!

And don't forget The Front Room for your holiday shopping. There's a beautiful supply of UNICEF holiday cards, peace and justice calendars, and colorful posters.

Happy "holly"days and safe travelin'!!

-Lisa Labeille



Body Bags & a Coffin

On Friday November 27th, the biggest shopping day of the year, 10 or 15 Peace Council members, concerned parents, and local mimes gathered at Kiddie City to protest the sale of war toys. Leaflets were passed out explaining why the G.I. Joe series, specifically, is being boycotted. We also handed out leaflets--now available at SPC--suggesting alternative, creative toys for various ages. There was a symbolic burial of war toys in an open coffin, and action figure body bags were given to shoppers. The bags remind adults and children of the real costs of war.

Media coverage of the event was good. For the most part shoppers were quite receptive to the idea. Several said that they never bought war toys for their children, and one individual said that his mother had been an activist and he had never been allowed to play with guns. He was happy to see us carrying on this tradition. We were quite pleased with the turnout and response.

We wish to thank War Resisters League, New England for their organizer's packet and Donnelly/Colt for their pins and stickers. For more information about the National Stop War Toys Campaign, contact WRL New England, PO Box 1093, Norwich, CT 06360.

-Lisa Labeille

The Long Haul: Journal and Letters from Nicaragua 1983-1986

by Sister Barbara Ginter, CSJ. Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. \$6.50. paper. 74 pp.

Barbara Ginter's silhouette crosses our eyes in the ad for the bookstore, My Sisters' Words. But it's the shadow of her 'faith and fight' that crosses the minds and hearts of those who know her through this book. Barbara completed her own 'long haul'--dying from cancer at age 37--on August 14, 1986--a traditional day of feasting in the Nicaraguan city of Leon that she had loved from 1983 to 1985.

I read this book and once again experience the Barbara I had known since high school. It's consistent. There's a sparseness of vocabulary and emotion--but an intensity of strength and vision in these letter and journal entries.

Introduced with sensitivity by her dear friend Sr. Lee Connolly, the entries were gathered from friends to whom we must be grateful. To "J"--a frequent correspondent--Barbara notes: "I've never seen such people with so much determination." This open-eyed wonder at the strength and faith of the poor is sustained throughout. To "B" she writes: "I really feel alive in the liberation spirituality that I embrace so deeply." These two themes are woven together as her strong feminist and revolutionary faith lives itself out in her prin-

cipal work, the facilitation of Christian base communities.

There are passing reflections on picking coffee, guests and days off, the 'official Church/popular Church' struggles, and the daily sorrows of the growing Contra war. Her reflections on poverty of spirit when she joined the fast with Miguel D'Escoto are sharpened by her self-revelations on June 15, 1984--the discovery of cancer. From that time on, her identification with the poor assumes its greatest depth. The final dated entry in April 1986 pulls together these threads that she had struggled to live. "I think: who am I to escape the fate of the poor? I carry with me always their spirit of hope and acceptance and trust in God that I will get through each day; that I will be given my daily bread; that my God will not abandon me."

Some may judge the words to be simple and ordinary. Maybe they are--as Barbara was 'ordinary.' And perhaps that's the power of this well-edited little book--a simple and ordinary means to help us integrate our own activism and faith for 'the long haul...'

-David E. Pasinski

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-Andy Mager

The CIA's Secret Wars

Is this really television? On Tuesday, December 8 at 9 pm, WCNY TV (channel 24) will air Bill Moyers' "The Secret Government...Constitution in Crisis." The show is an opportunity shake the foundations of the average American vis-a-vis trusting our leadership. The message is powerful, although not the whole story. Watch it, and urge your less political friends to do so as well.

The right wing is very upset with Public Television for seeking to report the truth. Please contact them to let them know that you applaud this type of programming (National PBS, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314, Att: Bruce Christensen, President; and WCNY-TV, 506 Old Liverpool Rd., Liverpool, NY 13088).

-Hank Strunk

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"Shadows of Joy," this year's presentation, explores the conflict between chaos and order in the world, and how that conflict is expressed in our choice of leaders.

There will be five performances beginning on Thursday December 10 at 8:00 p.m. and continuing Friday and Saturday at 8:00p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 4:30 All performances will be at Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 E. Onondaga St. . Tickets are \$5.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children and \$10.00 for patrons. Tickets are available at Pastabilities, On the Rise

Bakery and Seven Rays Bookstore, or by calling Open Hand at 476-0466.

-Paul Barfoot

A Time to Celebrate

Three years ago I received the support and inspiration from activists from throughout the region as I prepared for my trial for refusing to register. In several weeks my probation will end, signifying a closing. Because the trial and support actions were "community events" it seems fitting that we should gather as a community to celebrate the end of my probation.

Join us on Sunday, December 20 at Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Place. A potluck dinner will begin at 6pm. It will be followed by a program with music and a little talking. Then we'll clear out the chairs and do some dancing. On Monday at 8:30am we will vigil at the Federal Building and then go inside to deliver a message to our friends at the U.S. Attorney's office. Through all of our work, "The Resistance is Spreading."



Martin Luther King Celebration-

The legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. remains an inspiration to all people seeking to create a world of peace and social justice. His birthday is now celebrated as a national holiday, despite the fact that his "Dream" is far from a reality in this country.

On Friday, January 15, the Black Ministerial Alliance will sponsor its annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration. The program begins at 7:00 pm at the Gospel Temple Church of God and Christ, 571 Oakwood Avenue. It provides an opportunity for those of us who seek to be the heirs of King's dream to come together and remember his work.

-Andy Mager

SPC's Fairness Doctrine Fight Sparks Congressional Debate

by Gary Weinstein

It is August, 1982. The Nine Mile Two nuclear power plant is still incomplete. It is eight years behind schedule and several billion dollars over cost. The region is in a moderate uproar over the fiasco. The five co-owning utilities commence a \$1 million TV ad campaign claiming Nine Mile Two is a "Sound Investment in New York State's Future." It is, of course, patently absurd. William Sunderlin, an ex-SPC staffer, calls a meeting of activists to plan a response. He has already written the two local TV stations carrying the ads to request the opportunity to air an opposing viewpoint. He contacts the New York State Consumer Protection Board's Utility Intervention Unit. They direct him to a group in Washington, D.C. called the Media Access Project (MAP). MAP tells us about the Fairness Doctrine.

Insuring Fairness?

First promulgated in 1949, the Fairness Doctrine is designed to insure that all sides of controversial issues are covered by radio and television broadcasters. The doctrine applies only to electronic media because of the concept that the airwaves are a "scarce" resource *owned by the public, not the media*. Thus, the Fairness Doctrine is needed to promote balanced coverage of contested issues. Some broadcasters feel the Doctrine "chills" their First Amendment rights; they say they often choose not to cover an issue at all, rather than risk being accused of covering it unfairly. The highly controversial Doctrine has stood for 38 years. SPC and MAP decide to employ it in our defense.

William promptly leaves Syracuse for several months travel in Central America. The work falls to Corinne Kinane, who becomes the Central New York designate in what is to be a statewide campaign against the ads. New York Public Interest Research Group activists also get on board.

A statewide campaign never develops. MAP and SPC however begin serious negotiations with WIXT and WTVH - the two stations airing the ads - over whether they will grant us response time. WSTM doesn't accept the utility ads, calling them "too controversial." WTVH states that the economics of Nine Mile Two are not the main thrust of the ads, nor is it an issue of public controversy. They refuse to air our response spots. WIXT agrees the ads are controversial. After attempting to convince us they've covered "both sides" of the issue, they agree to

air twenty-five 30-second response spots. This in a ratio of seven of the utilities' ads to one of our responses. Part of the deal is that SPC will file a Fairness Doctrine complaint against WTVH. The Media Access Project becomes our attorney and begins to handle every legal aspect of our case for the next five years.



SPC activist Gary Weinstein presenting SPC's case at a Broadcaster's Conference in Columbus, OH, Oct. 17, 1987. (photo: Associated Press)

WIXT gets cold feet. After airing 19 of the 25 spots, they pull them when Niagara Mohawk complains that they contain "unsubstantiated material." After Corinne brings the substantiation to the station manager, they run the remaining six.

In Autumn, 1984 a second round of ads appears with the same basic theme. "Nine Mile Two is the *Right Investment*." This time WTVH approaches SPC before we can approach them! Our Fairness Doctrine complaint is pending, against them at the time. NYPIRG becomes fully involved and we produce our spots at WTVH. Both WTVH and WIXT run the utility ads and our responses. WSTM again does not accept the utility ads. In December, 1984, the FCC rules that WTVH, owned by Meredith Broadcasting Co., violated the Fairness Doctrine by not allowing the Peace Council air time to counter the utility advertisements.

Gary is a social worker, member of the Peace Council's steering committee and has been tracking the Fairness Doctrine issue. He received assistance from Corinne Kinane on this article.

Only the Beginning

Complicated, no? This is only the beginning.

Meredith Corporation asked the FCC to reconsider its decision, and, more broadly, requested that the Commission examine the constitutionality of the Doctrine itself. Simultaneously, it turns out, the FCC had undertaken a formal study of the Doctrine's public policy and First Amendment implications. Their August, 1985 Fairness Report concluded that the Doctrine no longer served the public interest as required by the Communications Act. The report also questioned the constitutionality of the Fairness Doctrine, but decided that the FCC could not rule on this issue. The FCC nonetheless declined to reconsider its ruling against Meredith and allowed it to stand. Meredith was unhappy and petitioned the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals for review. In January, 1987 that court, with Robert Bork as one of its judges, finally ruled that the FCC could decide on the constitutionality of the Doctrine. After a Reagan court handed authority back to them, the Reagan FCC abolished the Doctrine altogether in August, 1987. Immediately following the FCC's decision to dump the Fairness Doctrine, our attorneys at the Media Access Project filed an appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals in New York City. The appeal is still pending.

A slumbering debate within the broadcast industry had been reinvigorated over the Fairness Doctrine. In October, SPC was invited by the Associated Press (AP) bureau of Ohio to attend a tri-state broadcasters conference in Columbus where I spoke on a panel arguing in favor of the Doctrine. The magazine Electronic Media commissioned a poll, published in their November 2nd

issue, which showed the public supports the Fairness Doctrine nearly 2 to 1.

Congressional Action?

The debate tore through the U. S. Congress where a surprising number of House and Senate members of both parties articulately went on record backing the Doctrine. The Senate passed a bill 59 to 31 in April codifying the Doctrine into law. Senator D'Amato voted against it. Senator Bill Bradley, sitting on the fence, voted "present." In June the House passed the same bill 302 to 102. President Reagan promptly vetoed the measure and Congress has not been able to override the veto. There is a move to attach the bill to a larger veto-proof measure sometime in 1988.

Many consumer, labor, religious and civil rights groups came out favoring the Doctrine. And perhaps most peculiar to this political battle is that right wing groups like Phyllis Schlafly's Eagle Forum and the American Security Council, as well as monster corporations like Mobil and GM, have also stated support for it.

What's going on here? The SPC office has been receiving press, academic and industry calls from all over the nation for months. Who could have guessed that our local struggle against a consortium of utilities would have ignited Federal level turmoil involving all three branches of government, including Reagan and Bork themselves? Who could have imagined the Peace Council gaining such prolonged national attention.

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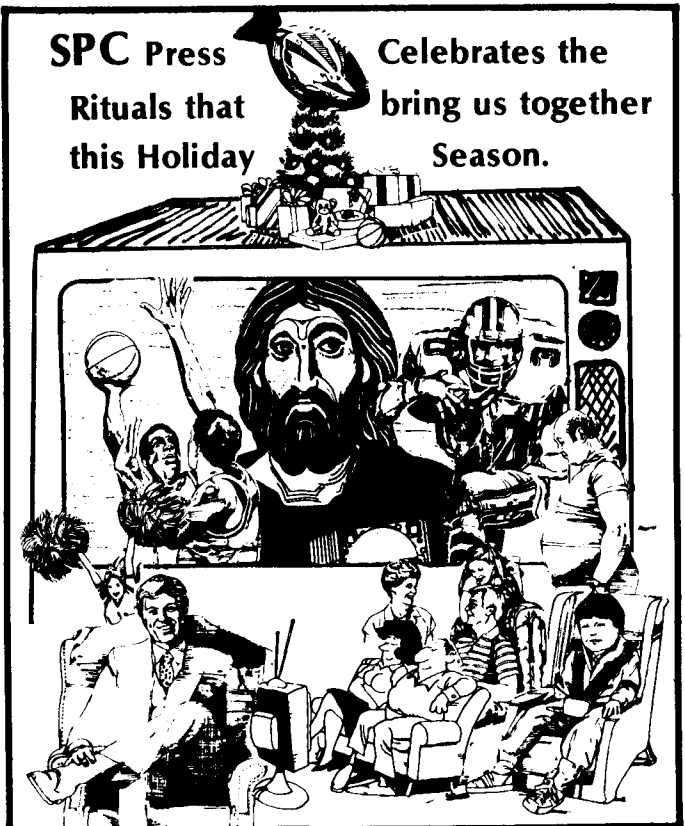
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They Tell us to Wait

They tell us to wait.
They say only queers are dying.
Queers and junkies.
Those who deserve to live
are not at risk.
The epidemic is not yet out of control.

They tell us they are concerned.
They are not concerned about
the lives that have been lost.
They are concerned because
they are not sure they can control
who will die next.
They are concerned about
the loss of productivity,
about insurance payments.
They are calculating the costs.

They tell us they are concerned
but they show no concern for
the millions of infected Africans
whose graves they have dug
with their civilizing influence.
They have not yet calculated the priority
of saving African lives.

They tell us
AIDS is affecting
Blacks and Puerto Ricans.
They show us the faces of
dying addicts.
They tell us to feel pity.
They utter words like
horrible
tragic
a waste of human life.
They omit the word
genocide.

They tell us they cannot tell us
about safe sex.
It makes them uncomfortable
to admit that human beings
are sexual
and that gay sexuality is human.
They would rather we die.
They tell us
we have committed a
crime against nature,
god is punishing us.
They tell us abstinence is safe.
They tell us to wait
until we get married.

They tell us when
we will die,
twelve months, perhaps two years.
They do not tell us how to survive
how to be strong, healthy
how to change our lives.
They tell us to wait
until research scientists
develop a cure.
They hand out placebos to
quarantee the scientific integrity
of their research.
They do not do
research on drugs that offer no hope
of profit.



They tell us to wait
but we are tired of waiting.
We are tired of being told,
We are tired of funerals.
Let the cold silence
of the grave
claim the ones who feed on human
misery,
the ones who calculate who
will live and who will die.
They have bred many enemies.
We remember what they have told us.
We will loosen their grip.
We will reclaim the humanity
they have wasted.
We will survive.

-camomile
(reprinted from Breakthrough)

Daughter

You were unwittingly conceived,
During my period of pre-intellectual awareness.
The days when hot hormones and high adolescence cursed my
fevered veins.
Despite all my naive wishing and ill-fated belief,
"It couldn't happen to me"

You inexorably came to term,
During those pre-abortion days
when old wives tales and absurd remedies miserably failed.
My frantic lack of sophistication and
"Good Girl" front came crashing down.

You came screaming out of my womb,
During those first dark days of trapped desperation
while I lay in painful animal dumbness, frightened, deserted.

You survived my time of shock.
The unending days of responsibility and burden.
The time in Hell when I grew into myself.

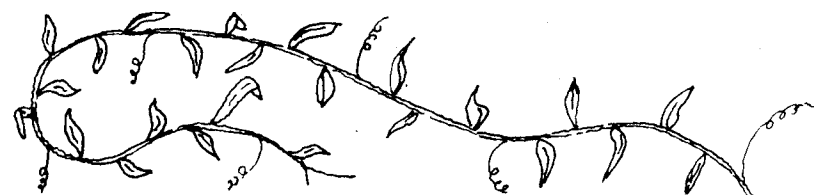
And during these days against all odds,
A culture against women, a society that hates children,
and a holocaustic belief that only the rich are good,
I learned to love myself and you.

And during the days when love was growing,
I saw clearly I could not hide you, overprotect,
underdevelop, or program you.
I learned you weren't mine.

I watched you go.
But the love is there for you always,
an emergency dime in your shoe,
the invisible safety net against bad falls and maiming crashes.
I watch you go still.

And as you grow into your own womanhood,
and the careful love of mother-daughter is transformed
by all the vigor and power of our separate selves,
be it granted that you and I find each other in the sustenance of
sisterlove.

-Linda Curns

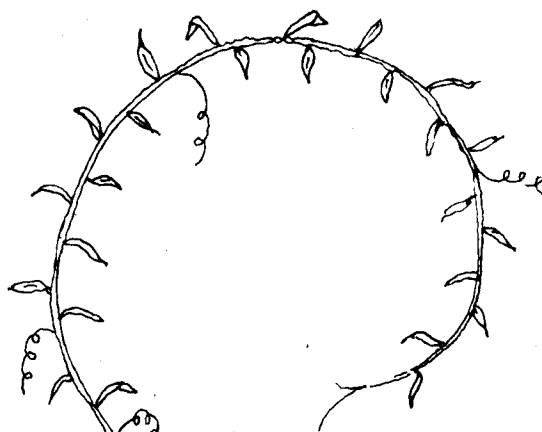


To the Child of the Revolutionary

I took up the fight, in many ways
for you
so that you might know
of what I could only dream.

So forgive me
the ordeal we had to create
for this pain
is everything
compared to the dull ache
you would have had to endure.

-Jack Manno



Untitled

Small babe
sits on a step
babbling to all
none listening.

Young man
crouched in a trench
screaming to all
none listening.

Old man
rests on a bench
whispering to all
none listening.

One world
sits on an axis
common to all .
none listening.

-Mary R. DeMaine

Not All Truths are Self-Evident

by Howard Zinn

The Bicentennial year of the Constitution has brought hundreds of articles lauding the Constitution and the "American Way." The following article presents a somewhat more critical perspective. It is reprinted from The Nation, August 1987 (available for \$28/year from Box 1953, Marion, OH 43305).

This year Americans are talking about the Constitution but asking the wrong questions, such as, Could the Founding Fathers have done better? That concern is pointless, 200 years after the fact. Or, Does the Constitution provide the framework for a just and democratic society today? That question is also misplaced, because the Constitution, whatever its language and however interpreted by the Supreme Court, does not determine the degree of justice, liberty or democracy in our society.

The proper question, I believe, is not how good a document is or was the Constitution but, What effect does it have on the quality of our lives? And the answer to that, it seems to me, is, Very little. The Constitution makes promises it cannot by itself keep, and therefore deludes us into complacency about the rights we have. It is conspicuously silent on certain other rights that all human beings deserve. And it pretends to set limits on governmental powers, when in fact those limits are easily ignored.

*In the future, as in the past,
the Constitution will sleep
as citizens battle over the distribution
of the nation's wealth, and will be
awakened only to mark the score.*

I am not arguing that the Constitution has no importance; words have moral power and principles can be useful even when ambiguous. But, like other historic documents, the Constitution is of minor importance compared with the actions that citizens take, especially when those actions are joined in social movements. Such movements have worked historically to secure the rights our human sensibilities tell us are self-evidently ours, whether or not those rights are "granted" by the Constitution.

Actions Speak Louder...

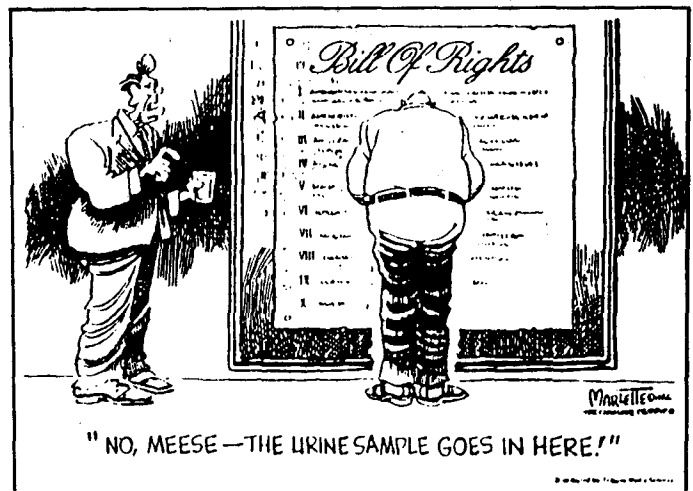
Let me illustrate my point with five issues of liberty and justice:

* First is the matter of racial equality. When slavery was abolished, it was not by constitutional fiat but by the joining of military necessity with the moral force of

Howard is a professor of Political Science at Boston University and an activist. He is author of the highly recommended A People's History of the United States.

a great anti-slavery movement, acting outside the Constitution and often against the law. The Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments wrote into the Constitution rights that extralegal action had already won. But the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments were ignored for almost a hundred years. The right to equal protection of the law and the right to vote, even the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* in 1954 underlining the meaning of the equal protection clause, did not become operative until blacks, in the fifteen years following the Montgomery bus boycott, shook up the nation by tumultuous actions inside and outside the law.

The Constitution played a helpful but marginal role in all that. Black people, in the political context of the 1960s, would have demanded equality whether or not the Constitution called for it, just as the antislavery movement demanded abolition even in the absence of constitutional support.



Free Speech?

*What about the most vaunted of constitutional rights, free speech? Historically, the Supreme Court has given the right to free speech only shaky support, seesawing erratically by sometimes affirming and sometimes overriding restrictions. Whatever a distant Court decided, the real right of citizens to free expression has been determined by the immediate power of the local police on the street, by the employer in the workplace and by the financial limits on the ability to use the mass media.

The existence of a First Amendment has been inspirational but its protection elusive. Its reality has depended on the willingness of citizens, whether labor organizers, socialists or Jehovah's Witnesses, to insist on their right to speak and write. Liberties have not been given; they have been taken. And whether in the future we have a right to say what we want, or air what we say, will be determined not by the existence of the First Amendment or the latest Supreme Court decision but by whether

we are courageous enough to speak up at the risk of being jailed or fired, organized enough to defend our speech against official interference and can command resources enough to get our ideas before a reasonably large public.

Economic Justice?

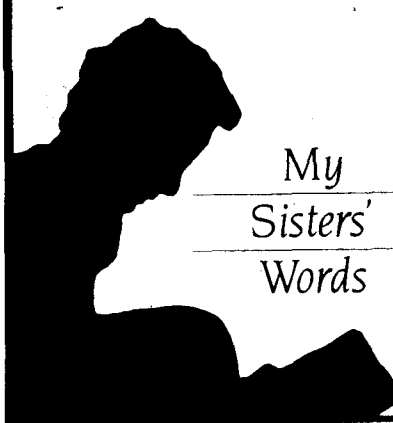
*What of economic justice? The Constitution is silent on the right to earn a moderate income, silent on the rights to medical care and decent housing as legitimate claims of every human being from infancy to old age. Whatever degree of economic justice has been attained in this country (impressive compared with others, shameful compared with our resources) cannot be attributed to something in our Constitution. It is the result of the concerted action of laborers and farmers over the centuries, using strikes, boycotts and minor rebellions of all sorts, to get redress of grievances directly from employers and indirectly from legislators. In the future, as in the past, the Constitution will sleep as citizens battle over the distribution of the nation's wealth, and will be awakened only to mark the score.

*On sexual equality the Constitution is also silent. What women have achieved thus far is the result of their own determination, in the feminist upsurge of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and the more recent women's liberation movement. Women have accomplished this outside the Constitution, by raising female and male consciousness and inducing courts and legislators to recognize what the Constitution ignores.

*Finally, in an age in which war approaches genocide, the irrelevance of the Constitution is especially striking. Long, ravaging conflicts in Korea and Vietnam were waged without following Constitutional procedures, and if there is a nuclear exchange, the decision to launch U.S. missiles will be made, as it was in those cases, by the President and a few advisers. The public will be shut out of the process and deliberately kept uninformed by an intricate web of secrecy and deceit. The current Iran/contra scandal hearings before Congressional select committees should be understood as exposing not an aberration but a steady state of foreign policy.

It was not constitutional checks and balances but an aroused populace that prodded Lyndon Johnson and then Richard Nixon into deciding to extricate the United States from Vietnam. In the immediate future, our lives will depend not on the existence of Constitution but on the power of an aroused citizenry demanding that we not go to war, and on Americans refusing, as did so many G.I.s and civilians in the Vietnam era, to cooperate in the conduct of a war.

The Constitution, like the Bible, has some good words. It is also, like the Bible, easily manipulated, distorted, ignored and used to make us feel comfortable and protected. But we risk the loss of our lives and liberties if we depend on a mere document to defend them. A constitution is a fine adornment for a democratic society, but it is no substitute for the energy, boldness and concerted action of the citizens.




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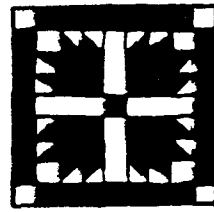
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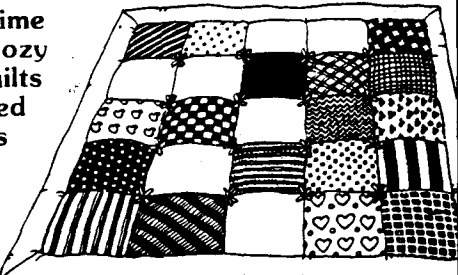
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For two years people from all over the world have volunteered their labor to help build the prayer temple next to the Peace Pagoda which sits high on a hill above Leverett, near Amherst in western Massachusetts. In October construction was finally finished.

The two buildings are one of many such projects worldwide built in memory of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and dedicated to peace. The coordinator of the projects is the Nipponzan Myohose order of Buddhist nuns and monks founded in Japan.

Early on November 24th, the nuns, living in a nearby house, awoke to fire engine sirens. To their horror, their temple, composed mostly of thick solid wood, was burning to the ground. No one was hurt in the fire, but sacred relics were destroyed. The altar which had taken five months to build was also destroyed. The Peace Pagoda itself wasn't damaged.

The nuns told the PNL they will soon begin rebuilding the temple. Friends who want to help in the construction, can contact the Peace Pagoda to learn about work days: 100 Cave Hill Road, Leverett, Ma. 01054, phone (413) 367-2202.

-Ed Kinane



You can arrange to have exhibits shipped on loan to your group, school, church, synagogue, library or local museum. The Peace Museum provides traveling exhibitions here and abroad on a range of progressive themes.

These include Chilean quilts (\$100), a poster collection (\$75), Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (\$750), original drawings by Hiroshima and Nagasaki survivors (\$300), the history of folk and rock music on behalf of peace (\$1000), segments of the 18 mile long Peace Ribbon (\$75 or \$200), and John Heartfield's photomontages of the Nazi era (\$400). Shipping costs to and from are additional.

For a descriptive flyer contact: The Peace Museum, 430 W. Erie St., Chicago, IL, 60610, or call (312) 440-1860.

-Ed Kinane

Let's Demilitarize Youth

All people concerned with the tremendous violence in our world are angry when they learn about the strong presence of the military in our schools. We recognize that the recruiters are trying to reinforce the values which war toys begin to implant in children.

In response to this problem a local group, Youth for Peace and Social Action (YPSA) was formed last year. The two adults who have been working with the young people are both going away this winter. The group needs the assistance and support of someone with organizing experience in order to continue its work. If you're interested in learning more, call Andy Mager, 472-5478, or Mark Chupp, 475-4822.

A new resource on youth and militarism has recently come from CCCO: An Agency for Military and Draft Counseling. Real War Stories is a comic book. Instead of glorifying war and killing, it seeks to tell the real adventures of war. It is professionally produced, interesting and truly educational. It costs \$2 at The Front Room Bookstore; your local comic book store; or CCCO, 2208 South St., Philadelphia, PA 19146.

-Andy Mager



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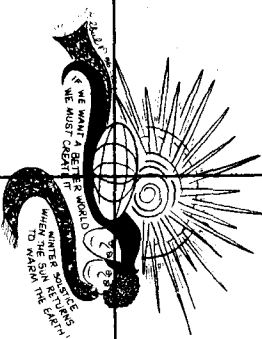
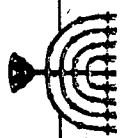
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-Citizen Action

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13	Seneca Vigil Annual Holiday Vigil at Seneca Army Depot: Main Gate 10-m. 716-243-4002 Socialist Forum: The Central America Peace Plan: Peace in 1988? 2:30p.m. Harvard Arts	14	Disabled in Action mtg. 7p.m. Euclid Community Open House 446-6602 Sierra Club mtg 7:30p.m. Carol Barone: Bhutan s.u. - E.S.F. Illick Hall	15	Newly-formed Syracuse Greens mtg 7p.m. 162 Cambridge Ave. David or Larry 422-4924 Sanctuary mtg 7:30 p.m. May Memorial Church Ann 471-4672 Greater Syracuse N.O.W. mtg 9p.m. May Memorial 446-2229	16	A Sport of Nature's African novel) Book review, Rhea Modeste 12:15pm Noon. Co. Public Library downtown. Free 473-2702 NAACP meeting, 7:30pm 100 New St. 470-3300 ARISE Head Injury Support Group, 4-6:30pm, 472-371	17	National Council of Negro Women, 7pm Dunbar Cr. EVERY THURS: Women's Info. Lesbian Hotline 7-9 pm, 478-4636	18	EVERY FRI.: ARISE Women's Group 10-11:30a.m. 472-3171 Mothers' Support Group 3-4:30p.m. Women's Info 601 Allen St. 478-4636 Country Dancing (formerly "Contra Dancing") 8-10p.m. Grace Episcopal Church 53	19	New Environment Assoc. X-Mas Party 147 Hathaway 446-4734	20	Post-Probation Celebration Help us commemorate the end of Andy Magar's probation. Harvard Arts, potluck 6pm, music and dancing afterwards	21	12/20 or 12/21 (Yes) Community Choir's Winter Solstice, Chanukah, Kwanza & Christmas Celebration. Please call for definite date: 423-6982	22	SPC Potluck Songs of Peace and Justice Sing-a-long 6pm Harvard Arts 475-5478 EVERY TUES: Mother Support Group, 12:30pm, INFO. 601 Allen St.	23	EVERY THURS: SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm, Lots of fun, 472-5478	24	EVERY THURS: SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm, Lots of fun, 472-5478	25	If groups listed change regular mtg times or places please call SPC, 472-5478	26	Moving? Please save us 30¢ and let us know beforehand
27	EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church worship services, 5pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618 EVERY SUN: Friends of Men- tal Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S. Beech St.	28	EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171 EVERY MON: Visual Disability Support Grp, ARISE 501 E. Fayette St. 10am EVERY MON: Syracuse Birth Group, 7pm, 471-6339	29	Women's Info Open Board mtg & Holiday Party 7p.m. 601 Allen St 478-4636 EVERY TUES: Women's Info expanded, info & referral phone hours 6-8 pm	30	EVERY Wed. Mothers' Support Group 1-2:30pm Women's Info 501 Allen St 478-4636	31	Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822 EVERY THURS: Gay/Lesbian Student discussion group, 8:30pm, 423-3599	1	Jan. 11: Sierra Club m'g. 7:30 p.m. Charlotte Tebbutt: "Recycling & Waste Reduction" s.u. E.S.F. Illick Hall. Jan. 12: "Renewing King's Dream" with a panel of local Black activists, potluck 6pm, discussion 7pm, Harvard Arts, 111 Jan. 12: Newly-formed Syracuse Greens m'g. 162 Cambridge Ave. 7 p.m. David or Larry 422-4924. Jan. 12: Thomson Park Assoc. m'g. 7:30 p.m. 478-5164 Jan. 15: Dr. Martin Luther King Day Celebration 7 p.m. Gospel Temple Church of God & Christ 571 Oakwood Ave. Jan. 16: Weapons Facilities Conversion Network mtg. 10-4 Jan. 17: SAMN Video N.ght. Videos, buffet & speaker. 5 p.m. May Memorial Church 55-15 425-8806 Jan. 19: Newly-formed Syracuse Greens mtg. 162 Cambridge Ave. 7 p.m. David or Larry 422-4924.	2	Jan. 26: "Fighting for Media Fairness" with Gary Weinstein, potluck 6pm, discussion 7pm, Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Pl Jan. 27: Dr. Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture and Service s.u. Handfords Chapel 7 p.m. Dr. Sterling Stuckey Jan. 29-31: Raps Crisis Ctr. Volunteer Crisis Intervention Training, Rosemary 422-7273 Jan. 30: Working Effectively for Justice and Peace workshop 9:30-3:30 May Memorial Church. Janet 445-5110, 445-4653														
3		4		5		6		7		8		9	12/8, 12/9 & 12/10, SU NYPRG Referral mtg. 476-8381 "Southern Africa: Regional Destabilization" Carol Collins (AFSC S. Africa rep) SU Hendricks Chapel Noble Rm. 8pm, Blaine 475-4898 CNY NCW mtg 7pm, Marine Midland Rm. 360 S. Warren St. Ceseanran Prevention: Emancipat Children's Ctr. (RWCA) 960 Salt Springs Rd. 424-1942	10	EVERY THURS: Central America Vigil, 7:30pm, Federal Building 12/4-1/29 Lillian Reiner Tribute Exhibit s.u. Bird Library 6th floor 423-3335	11	MASH NYS Films, 7 & 9pm, SU Watson Aud., 52, 423-2367 "The New National Museum of Women in the Arts" Ellen Opiela 12:30-1:30p.m. S.U. Bird Libr. Speaker Rm. 423-3707 ARISE Holiday Open House 4:30-6:30p.m. 472-3171 Lesbian Support Group 7-9p.m. Potluck 6-7p.m. Women's Info 601 Allen St. 478-4636	12	M.A.S.H. 7:59p.m. S.U. Watson Aud 52 423-2367 Teaching Self Esteem Workshop 9-4p.m. May Memorial regis. 424-1849 520 Bishop Gambleton: "Making Peace - Doing Justice" Elmira 607-734-5993 Writing Your Autobiography Workshop Lyn Illich Community Writers' Project 472-0400								



The Dream of Martin Luther King

SPC Potluck Tuesday, January 12 6:00 pm Harvard Arts

Community Gathering Friday, January 15 7:00 pm Gospel Temple Church of God and Christ

SU Celebration Wednesday, January 27 7:00 pm Hendricks Chapel

