

Peace Newsletter

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There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root, and it may be that he who bestows the largest amount of time and money on the needy is doing the most by his mode of life to produce that misery which he strives in vain to relieve. Dear Astronaut, Please take the nuclear bombs to the moon on your next space flight and leave them there. Your friend, Rachel C. If money talks, several hundred thousand citizens refusing tax payments to our War Government will short-circuit the nerve system of our electronic bureaucracy. Put a dog in a cage and he'll run in circles. Put a man in a cage and he'll run for president. Garbage is not something you throw away. There is no such place as away. Disposal is a myth... As long as war is regarded as wicked it will always have its fascinations. When it is looked upon as vulgar, it will cease to be popular. It is organized violence on top which creates individual violence at the bottom. Every creature is better alive than dead, (wo)men and moose and pinetrees, ands/he who understands it aright will rather preserve its life than destroy it. Slavery is the necessary consequence of the very existence of the State Eighty Six years old is not too old to think. We have grown literally afraid to be poor. It is certain that the prevalent fear of poverty among the educated classes is the worst moral disease from which our civilization suffers. You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war. If you are not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed and loving the people who are doing the oppressing. If we dig precious things from the land we will invite disaster. Near the day of Purification, there will be cobwebs spun back and forth in the sky. A container of Ashes might one day be thrown from the sky which could burn the land and boil the oceans. The religions of the world are the ejaculations of a few imaginative men. To live outside the law, you must be honest. ...if totalitarianism comes to this country, it will surely do so in the guise of 100% Americanism. To see the universal and all-pervading Spirit of Truth face to face, one must be able to love the meanest creature as oneself. Whoever aspires after that cannot keep out of any field of life...those who say that religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion means. Peace we want because there is another war to fight against poverty, disease and ignorance. We have promises to keep to our people of work, food, clothing and shelter, health and education. I am for a nuclear freeze. Even in the summertime. All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident. We often arrogantly feel that we have some divine messianic mission to police the whole world; we are arrogant in not allowing young nations to go through the same growing pains, turbulence and revolution that characterize our history. Our arrogance can be our doom. Action is eloquence. I never work better than when I am inspired by anger. When I am angry I can write, pray, and preach well; for then my whole temperament is quickened. My understanding sharpened, and all mundane vexations and temptations depart. This is a time to stand... when people are dying...when their limbs are being cut off...when blood is being spilled. In Central America, we must use developed minds over guided missiles. Against the ruin of the world there is only one defense--the creative act. Force is as pitiless to those who possess it as to those it victimizes; The second it crushes, the first it intoxicates. Silence equals Death. One thing seems clear: If the munitions train moves past our blockade, other human beings will be killed and maimed. We are not worth more. They are not worth less. Let us commit to ourselves and to the world that we will claim our dignity, self respect, and honor by resisting with our lives and dollars, no matter what. Therefore if you insist upon fighting to protect me, or 'our' country, let it be understood, soberly and rationally between us, that you are fighting to gratify a sex instinct which I cannot share, but not to gratify my instincts, or to protect either myself or my country. For...in fact, as a woman, I have no country. As a woman, I want no country. As a woman, my country is the whole world. Good-bye Blue Monday. It was a thought that built this whole portentous war establishment, and a thought shall melt it away. What is the matter with the Rich is Uselessness. I won't be asked to do my share when I'm gone...I won't right the wrongs when I'm gone, so I guess I'll have to do it while I'm here



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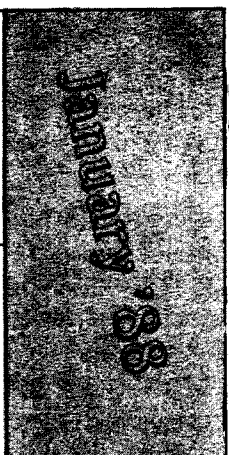
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If we don't prevent
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Support Andy Bregg
and all our resisters
WORK FOR PEACE

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<p>10</p> <p>Jackpot! (Illustration of a person holding a ticket)</p> <p>EVERY FRI: \$5000.00 EVERY MON: \$1000.00 EVERY WED: \$500.00 EVERY THURS: \$250.00 EVERY SAT: \$125.00 For the grand prize to the JACKPOT! VICE</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Sierra Club mtg, "Recycling & Waste Reduction" SU EST Illick Hall, 7:30</p> <p>Disabled in Action mtg, 7p.m. Euclid Community Open House 446-6602</p> <p>"The New Draft?", Rochester Friends Mtg House, 41 Westminster Rd, 7 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Syracuse Greens mtg 7:30 p.m. Am 471-4672</p> <p>May Memorial Church</p> <p>Syracuse Greens mtg 7 pm, 162 Cambridge Ave</p> <p>Greater Syracuse N.O.W. mtg 8p.m. May Memorial 446-2229</p> <p>People for Animal Rts mtg, 7 pm, Jane, 478-8521</p>	<p>13</p> <p>CNY NOW mtg 7pm, Marie Midland, Km. 360 360 S. Warren St.</p> <p>Caesarean Prevention Movement mtg 7:30p.m. Elmerest Children's Ctr. (KWCAL) 960 Salt Springs Rd. 424-1942</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Lesbian/Gay March & CD follow-up mtg, 7-8:30, Women's INFO, 478-4636</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Women's Info, Lesbian Hotline 7-9 pm, 478-4636</p>	<p>15</p> <p>King Celebration</p> <p>7 pm, Gospel Temple Church of God & Christ 571 Oakwood Ave.</p> <p>EVERY FRI: Mothers' Support Grp, 3-4:30pm, Women's INFO, 601 Allen St., 478-4636</p> <p>New Down City Ramblers, 9pm, Harvard Arts, \$5, 478-6229</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Weapons Facilities Conversion Network mtg, 10-4, Utica, 475-4822</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Syracuse Alternative Media Network Video Night, Videos food & speaker, 5 pm, May Memorial Church, \$5-15</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Mon, Tues, Wed: "Central America & the Jackson Campaign" strategy mtgs (with Jackson video) 7:30 pm, May Memorial, 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>Women in Non-Traditional Jobs mtg, 7pm, Lori 451-4371</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Jan. 19 & 20: "Utility Service & Low-Income People" Onon City Leg. Chambers, 518-449-3375</p> <p>Syracuse Greens mtg, 7pm 162 Cambridge Ave.</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Mother Support Group, 12:30pm, INFO, 601 Allen St.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>NAACP meeting, 7:30pm 100 New St., 470-3300</p> <p>Every Wed. Mother's Support Group 1-2:30pm Women's Info 501 Allen St 478-4636</p> <p>ARISE Head Injury Support Group, 4-6:30pm, 472-271</p>	<p>21</p> <p>EVERY THURS: SPC Volunteer Night 7-8pm, Lots of fun, 472-5478</p> <p>National Council of Negro Women, 7pm Dunbar Ctr.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Greg Brown (blues, calypso & Jazz) 8pm, Music Hall, 41 Lake St., Oswego, \$6, 342-1733</p>
<p>24</p> <p>PNL Production</p> <p>Sun, Mon, & Tues, come on down to learn and share in the work, 924 Burnet Ave., 472-5478</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Friends of Men-Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S. Beech St.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Community Forum: Lesbian/Gay March & CD, 478-4636</p> <p>EVERY MON: Syracuse Birthgroup, 7 pm, 471-6399</p>	<p>26</p> <p>"Fighting for Media Fairness" with Gary Weinstein, podcast 6 pm, discussion 7pm, 472-5478</p> <p>Community/Labor Network mtg, 7pm, ECOH, 826 Euclid, Peter 475-4822</p> <p>People for Animal Rts mtg, 7:00 pm, Linda 475-0662</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Martin Luther King Memorial Lecture and Service, SU Hendricks and Chapel, 924 Burnet Ave., 472-5478 for info.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>PNL Mailing Party</p> <p>Join the party... 7:00 924 Burnet Ave., 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Women's Studies Seminar "Socialization in an Artisan Community" noon, Bird Library, SU</p> <p>Jan. 29-31: Rape Crisis Ctr volunteer crisis intervention training, Rosemary, 422-7273</p> <p>Geoff Bartley, 8pm, Harvard Arts, 111 Harvard Pl., \$5</p>	<p>30</p> <p>"Working Effectively for Justice & Peace" workshop, 9:30-3:30, May Memorial, Janet 445-5110 or 445-4653</p>
<p>31</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church worship service, 5pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618</p>	<p>1</p> <p>EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171</p> <p>EVERY MON: Visual Disability Support Grp, ARISE 501 E. Fayette St., 10am</p> <p>EVERY MON: Syracuse Birth Group, 7pm, 471-6399</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Nuclear Freeze mtg, 7:30 p.m. May Memorial Church Beth 445-1114</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Women's Info expanded, info & referral phone hours 6-8 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Syracuse Real Food Coop 7:30 p.m. May Memorial 348 Roosevelt Ave. Syracuse, NY 472-1385</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>On the Rise collective looking for partner, send letter of intent to: 109 Walton St., Syracuse, NY 13202</p> <p>EVERY FRI: ARISE Women's Support Grp, 10-11:30, 472-3171</p>	<p>6</p>

The Dream of Martin Luther King

Community Gathering

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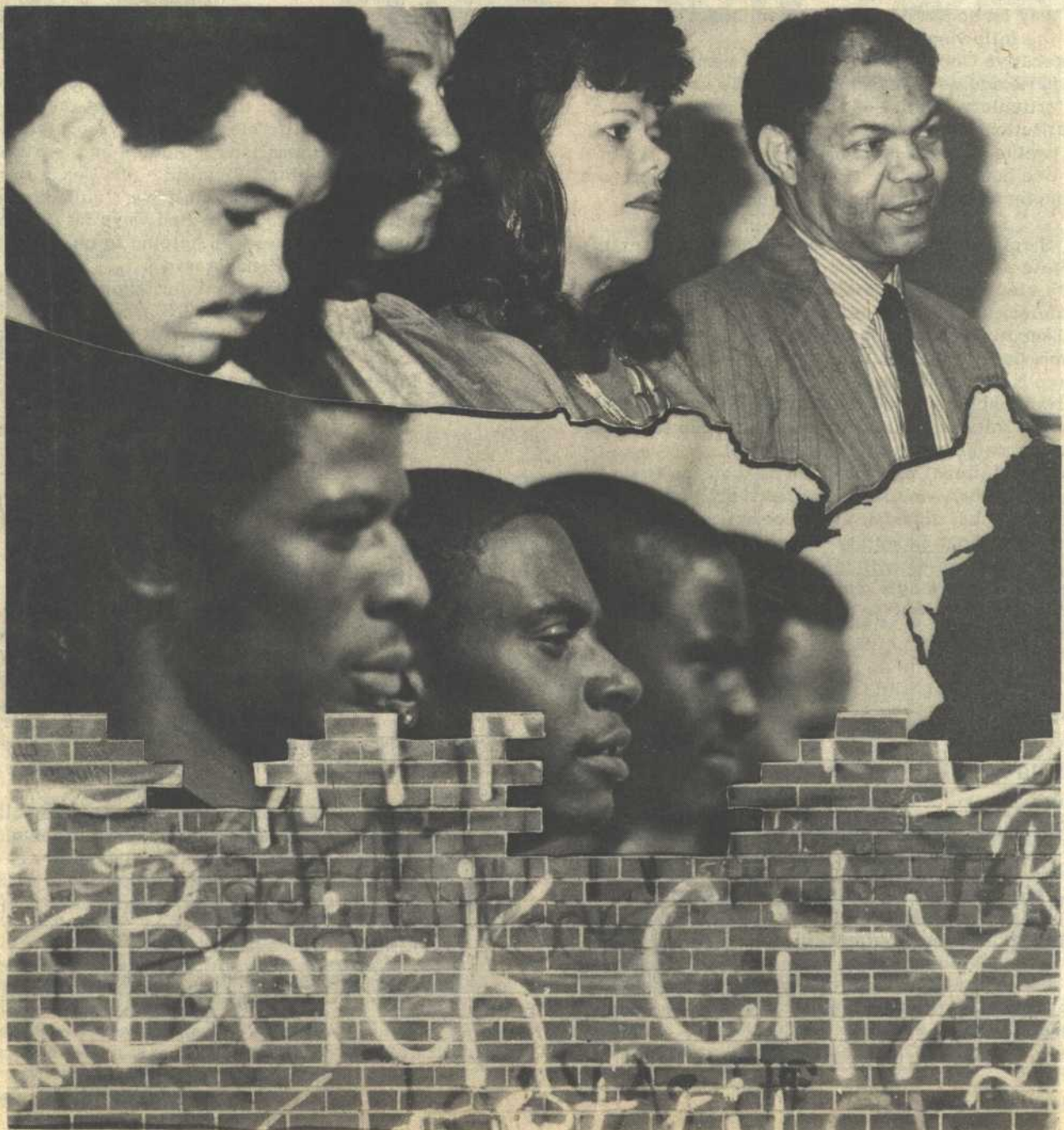
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LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

Vote for Ideas

To the Editor:

If the ideas of presidential candidates (rather than their personality or charisma) were the sole basis for initial judgment by voters, individuals would be likely to participate more actively in the democratic process.

This may be accomplished by establishing procedures such as the following:

1. An Executive Committee composed of members of Congress and recognized leaders from diverse segments of Society articulates social and economic problems.
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6. The two candidates who receive the largest number of votes in the National primary reveal their identities, select running mates and campaign as usual.
7. State and National primaries are held on the first Tuesday in February and May, respectively.

"Why is global disarmament so complicated? When all weapons without exception are destroyed or converted to peaceful uses, wars will cease. Idealism will become reality if this single goal receives first priority from each individual who is concerned about survival of the human race.

Very truly yours,
-One Citizen Against War, U.S.A.

Eliminate National Guard

Dear Editor,

I would like to see the peace movement work on eliminating the National Guard. We have too many branches of services today, and we need to balance the budget. We have a Naval Militia, Forest Rangers, Park Police, Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force. There are too many services, and our country is too far into debt; so why have a National Guard? On another issue, we should demand the state legislature to require four year degrees for police officers; the era of the "stupid cop" must come to an end.

Sincerely,
-Thomas C. Dandrea, Syracuse

Greetings from Scotland

Dear SPC,

In appreciation of things 50 plus years old and showing that such a long history is not a legacy that holds you in the past but a strength from which to face the present and the future with intelligence, courage, conviction and compassion, I definitely want to continue receiving Peace Newsletter.

I lived in California from '79 to '84 - which is how I came to hear of you. Now that I am back in Britain, I am extremely involved in CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament), both my local group and at a national level, particularly with international work. My activities range from peace camps to parliamentary lobbying, and recently I have been especially concerned with the naval arms race - Trident, sea launched Cruise, the Pacific, the Gulf....

I have been particularly heartened to read of your work on the Middle East; this was the last issue I worked on before leaving California, and I fully appreciate the mountains of misinformation, prejudice and barriers that have to be moved within US public - and peace movement - opinion. We discuss "The Gulf War" quite frequently here, but it is harder for us to find ways for our protests to be effective. Your work in helping to change public awareness is vital and encouraging.

One thing that is important for Europe right now: tell your Senators to make sure the INF treaty gets ratified by the Senate: it needs 2/3 majority (vote)! We know it is only a very small start, but it does set a precedent, and we are already asking for more!

Keep up all your good work.

Love & peace
-Viv Kendon, Glasgow, Scotland

Send it to Jail

To the editor:

At this time, through a present subscriber, I have become aware of your revealing publication, of which I would like to be added to.

I am unaware of the procedures in this matter, yet I advocate most sincerely the revelations and contents within the Peace Newsletter. The brevity of this letter in no way diminishes my wish to receive all future publications.

Thanking you; and continue the struggle to enlighten to the voices that tell of social and judicial developments.

Sincerely
-Alan R. McKinney, Syracuse

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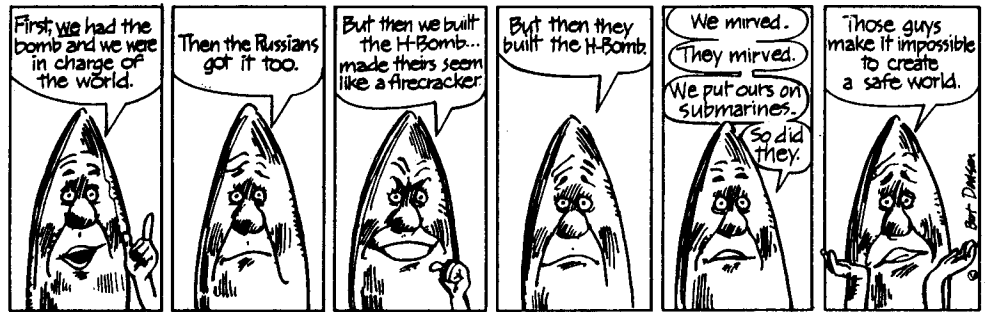
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The Black youth who hang out at "Brick City" and other places are expected to "go bad." Local photographer Clifford Oliver's collage shows the hope for another choice, that young people can get involved and play an active role in changing our world for the better.

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The Syracuse Peace Council

House News

As we finish up this Peace Newsletter, we are joined by our brand new staffperson, Carrie Yates. She comes to us all the way from Oregon. We welcome her to the Syracuse community, and hope you'll come meet her soon.

The Peace Council House seems like a revolving door these days. Lisa Labeille will be leaving staff in a couple of weeks. Andy Mager will be leaving staff by mid-March. Carol Baum and Ron Shuffler will both be going off staff in the next few months. The new faces include Molly Mysliwiec, as well as Carrie. We will also be hiring a new PNL Coordinator in the next month. Are you interested in an exciting and challenging job? Let us know (472-5478).

Luckily, Paul Pearce isn't going anywhere, and we continue to have a handful of regular office volunteers: Steve Neff, Lisa MacChesney, Chuck Durand, Marge Rusk, Christian Spies-Rusk and others. Of course, more help is always needed. Come on down! We wish you all a happy and safe winter.

-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 SPC Staff Hired;

PNL Still Looking

Our staff search is now half over, but the hardest part is yet to come. We've found a woman, Carrie Yates to take on the new SPC/TFR resource coordinator position. She will be starting on Tuesday, January 26. We are excited to have her come on staff.

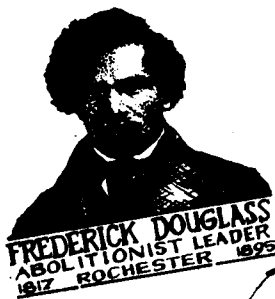
The search for a new PNL staff person has been more troublesome. The original person chosen for the position was not able to join our staff, and the second person chosen for the position decided to return to school. The PNL staff search committee has re-opened its search and is again seeking applications. If any of you have some interest in taking on the PNL, please call or write to us as soon as possible.

-Lisa Labeille

Changes at the Front Room

The Front Room Book Store is beginning a period of self reflection and redefinition--looking at who we are now and what we might become. Where should we focus our energy and money? Some ideas include-- continue our focus on being a book store people come to, and spruce the place up; let the store act more as a warehouse and bring books to many more events; order fewer books and put more money into pamphlets and free literature; expand during the holiday season and have a much more low key presence the rest of the year. We will have a meeting to discuss these and other ideas on a Thursday in late February or early March. Call Carol or Ron at SPC for exact meeting time and place.

-Carol Baum



Dr. Martin Luther King / LMS / Not for People

SPC Potlucks

At the "Renewing King's Dream" potluck, Van Robinson, Sharon Daniels, Cicily Stewart and Janice Speights spoke and opened discussion on the interpretation of King's dream. Due to the great success of this potluck, we have decided to continue on this theme and the lively discussion it created, with a potluck on February 23 in celebration of Black History Month.

On February 9, Pat Stark from "Recycle First" will talk on the recycling/incineration issue in Onondaga County. Discussion will focus on what the county plans are and what we should be doing to support recycling in our community.

Our first potluck for 1988 was very well attended. We hope you will help us continue that trend.

-SPC Potluck Committee



We Really Need You

Over the years there has been ongoing discussion within SPC about the role of staff, dependency on paid staff and related issues. For the past decade, paid staff have played a very strong role in providing leadership for Peace Council projects and programs. We have always wanted more leadership to come from the membership.

We are now in a position where any organizing projects must be pulled together by volunteers. With the staffing situation, there is NO organizing work in the job descriptions of either staff person. What this means is that ongoing educational programs, demonstrations, direct actions and other political organizing work must come from you, the Peace Council membership. We all know how important this work is, please contact us about how you would like to be involved. Call Andy, 472-5478.

-Andy Mager

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Rainbow Over Syracuse

by Will Ravenscroft and Diana Ellis

There is a little noticed revolution beginning in the Black Community which involves a long delayed fruition of many of the dreams of the Civil Rights Movement. The creation of a nationwide local Black leadership (there are now over 7,000 elected Black officials in this country) and the involvement of Blacks in the political system (especially in the South, where up to 80% voter turnout has occurred) are two manifestations of this movement. Jesse Jackson is the person with the national prominence to focus this movement.

At the same time, the issues of the Rainbow Coalition are not just Black issues. As Charles Anderson, local Black Fourth District Councillor notes, they are issues that "concern America itself--jobs, peace, how we carry ourselves internationally...whether in Nicaragua or the Middle East."

Both aspects of this National Rainbow Movement have their local counterpart here in Syracuse. The origins of the local Rainbow lie in several grassroots struggles in the '60 and '70s (against forced relocation and police brutality). These were not just Black struggles, but involved coalitions with White and Hispanic progressives

But they highlighted a need for greater political representation of the local Black Community. Several Black voter registration drives were started as a result. In 1980, the Syracuse Black Leadership Congress (SBLC) was formed. The Presidential candidacy of Jesse Jackson helped to both crystallize and further inspire these local efforts.

Two people very involved in this process have been Charles Anderson and Walter Dixie, chairman of the Political Watch Committee of the SBLC. What follows is a compilation of an interview with them and of information on the goals of the National Rainbow Coalition and Jesse Jackson's Campaign in 1988.

Local Origins

Charles Anderson first ran for City Council in 1983, with a campaign involving college students and grassroots voter registration drives. He was unsuccessful, but only by 77 votes.

In 1984, Anderson and his campaign manager, along with other Rainbow Coalition members, worked in the Syracuse area on behalf of Jesse Jackson. Jackson won five of the 19 wards, and fell only seven votes shy of winning the most heavily Democratic ward of the city, the 17th ward. Jackson returned to Syracuse in 1985 to support Anderson's successful bid for a City Council seat, and Joe Nicoletti's campaign for Mayor. Anderson won reelection in 1987.

Will and Diana are members of the PNL editorial committee.

National Rainbow Coalition

The National Rainbow Coalition (NRC) embraces the poor, women, people of color, youth, gays and lesbians, workers, the unemployed, the homeless, the disabled, small business owners, farmers, and other groups who have suffered under Reagan. They say that over 25% of their support comes from people who have never voted before.

The NRC claims the following successes:

- * Registration of over two million voters in 1984,
- * Assuring the election of six new Democratic Senators,
- * Helping defeat Robert Bork.

In 1986, the NRC was established as a separate entity from the Jackson for President Campaign so that it could continue working for its program independently of Jackson's success. But Jackson is presently the President of the NRC. His ability to project the Rainbow vision is one of the things that attracts people to his campaign. In Anderson's words, "I'm drawn to Jesse because he sees the interconnectedness of all peoples, the problems that they're facing and how they have to come together to solve them."



*Jesse Jackson with striking workers in Jay, Maine.
(photo: Allan Dichter/Lewiston Sun/Journal)*

New York State Rainbow Coalition

The program of the New York State Rainbow Coalition calls for stepping up the struggle for peace and justice--in particular:

- * Expansion of AIDS research, education and care.
- * Adequate food, health care and shelter for the homeless
- * Enforcement of New York's fair housing laws.
- * An end to police brutality and intolerance.
- * Sensitivity towards all immigrants in the tradition of the Statue of Liberty.

A local group of the Rainbow Coalition has been

meeting since early December. Recently, it selected a Jackson slate to run in the 27th Congressional District Democratic Primary. The slate reflects the diversity of the local Rainbow. It includes City Councillor Charles Anderson, Pat Rector (Board member of SANE/FREEZE and member of the SBLC), Reverend Larry Howard (Hopps Memorial CME Church), Eloise Dowdell Curry (affirmative action officer for Hutchings Psychiatric Center), Sam Velasquez (Spanish Action League), Marsha Weissman (director of the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives), and Marshall Blake (Service Employees International Union).

Jesse Jackson and the Democratic Party

The Jackson candidacy is perceived as something more than an electoral campaign. It is a social movement and it is an opportunity to raise issues that would not otherwise be addressed. As Dixie notes, Jackson is an advocate:

Jesse gets people excited. He gives people hope that their voice will make a difference. We know he's going all the way to the Convention and he will have an impact on the Platform. Whether he's President or not is really not the issue. It's someone who's going to advocate for those points of view and make sure they get into the Platform and other people are thinking about them.

And Jackson's advocacy has influenced the Democratic Party. A woman was selected as the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate in 1984, after Jackson publicly pledged to choose a woman running mate if he were nominated.

Jesse Jackson's Hymietown Remark

Many people were shocked and angered by Jackson's "hymietown" remark in 1984. It still prevents some people from supporting him. Anderson remarked on this issue:

He made the remark and he apologized and after people do that I don't know what else one can expect when you ask people to forgive you. He went public, he went to the Jewish community. They printed that and I think that should be it.

Dixie said:

All men and women are doomed to make mistakes. In terms of compassionate people that we are--we should be--we have to understand that people make mistakes, that they say things they don't mean in the heat of battle. People who make bold steps make more mistakes.

We have to look at the whole context of the man--he's changing. He's moving with the peace movement, with the labor movement, with the farmers.

The Rainbow Coalition as a Social Movement

Just as it is true nationally, on a local level, Rainbow Coalition efforts have brought new people into the political process. Anderson remarked:

Once they become politically involved in a campaign I think it gets into their blood and you have people who will come out and consistently vote in other campaigns and I think they understand the importance of their vote and being involved politically because we've had so many close races. (They see) that they can make a change politically and that perhaps a political change will carry over into some other areas.

You have to be in there to play the game--to advocate. Just being able to see the process--where the power is--is part of being politically educated. Six out of seven Black candidates won in the recent city elections. One--Judge Langston McKinney--won by only seven votes.

Anderson and Dixie particularly want to expand the involvement of youth in this process. Dixie said,
Our youth don't grow up in political families. We have to be the big brothers and big sisters to them. They have to see us and emulate what we're doing.



The Rainbow Coalition's roots are in the Civil Rights Movement of the '50s and '60s. This photo shows a march through Resurrection City during the Poor People's Campaign, Washington, D.C., 1968. (photo: Diana Davies)

The Black Community and Peace Issues

In the 1986 Pooler campaign the lack of Black support may have cost her the election. Her staff didn't reflect the community, didn't do their homework, and were not in the community enough according to Anderson and Dixie. George Wortley had four advantages: the support of some older Black Republicans, the work he did to save the Dunbar Center, his high visibility as an incumbent and his regular hosting of forums in the Black community.

The Black and peace communities are natural allies, however, and the joining of their efforts would expand and strengthen the Rainbow. In Dixie's words,
We're like a little plant that's growing and the more seeds that accumulate around us and the more people coming around, the bigger the horizon and the message's terms.

People say, 'Why is the Black Community not concerned about the ERA? Why are people not concerned about the peace movement and all that nuclear waste?' The (Black) Community is just as concerned about it, but who has put together an organization to put that message out there, to really work it? No one's really embraced the Black Community or made those steps. Even in the Black Community, in terms of what we're doing, we're only as good as the last day we knock on the door.

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In with the New, Out with the Old

Well, a year has almost come and gone since I became the new staff at SPC, and I don't really feel like I am leaving the Peace Council per se. I'll still be on the organization and maintenance committee, and I plan on allotting time to help with some upcoming events.

I'm happy to say that I'm not leaving with nothing to go on to, I've got a job that I will begin on the 8th, and I'm also looking forward to a two week vacation in Florence, Italy (income earned from a second job has helped finance this long awaited dream) at the end of the month.

I thank everyone who helped welcome me to the "activist community" and made me feel quite at home. I hope that you will do the same for Carrie in her upcoming transition period. I look forward to working with her in my few weeks left, and I hope that I can give her the support she needs as a newcomer to SPC and Syracuse.

-Lisa Labelle


Educational Supply Campaign for Nicaragua

MADRE and SPC have been working since September on a campaign to collect educational supplies for Nicaragua. So far we have accumulated about 20 boxes of supplies and almost \$1500! Thank you, everyone.

We would like to send even more money and supplies. Currently, we have supply collection boxes at thirteen different locations, but have many more empty boxes in Peter's attic. Would you be willing to bring leaflets and/or a bright orange Educational Supplies for Nicaragua box to your school, office, place of worship, or _____ (fill in the blank). Call Carol at SPC to arrange to get them.

If you have supplies you'd like to drop off, bring them to one of our boxes in locations open to the general public: SPC office (924 Burnet Avenue, open 9:30-5 Mon. thru Friday), Harvard Arts (111 Harvard Place, open 8 am-12 noon Mon.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm Sat. and Sun., other times call 441-4104), and American Friends Service Committee (821 Euclid Avenue, open 9-5 Mon.-Fri.), Slocum House (208 Slocum Avenue, 9-3 Mon. -Fri.).

-Carol Baum



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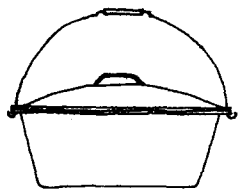
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SPC Potluck

February 9: Recycling & Incineration in Onondaga County

Pat Stark of "Recycle First" will give a talk about recycling and incineration locally and internationally. Discussion will focus on what the plans are for the county, and what we can be doing to support recycling locally.

February 23: Recovering the History of Black Struggle.

In recognition of Black History Month, several local Blacks will speak on the history of black struggle past and present, local and global.



Tuesday Nights at:
Harvard Arts
111 Harvard Pl. Syracuse Discussion: 7-9

Voices of Syracuse's Black Youth

by Percy Jones, Jr.

Many have pointed to the problems of Black youth as being a major social concern for the city of Syracuse and the rest of the nation. In an article about the local Black community in the September issue of the PNL, individuals like Charles Anderson, Syracuse's only Black Common Councilor, and Janice Speights, director of the Dunbar Center, called for improved educational and social programming for Black youth.

The PNL asked Percy Jones, a young Black man who has grown up in Syracuse, to interview some of his peers and gather some insights into how they feel about life in Syracuse. Here is what they had to say.

Teen Pregnancy

The problem of teenage pregnancy and dealing with sexuality seemed to be a central concern for those interviewed. "If parents really talked to their kids about sexual intercourse, there wouldn't be a teenage pregnancy problem among our communities," said Patty Rice.

Kelly Williams said, "There are not enough teens educated about sex and they need to take the time right now to learn about their bodies before they start experimenting with sexual intercourse." Williams said it's bad to bring a life into the world when the mother is young and has to finish school, and that these young parents only add countless problems on themselves by being sexually active so young.

The economics of teen pregnancy was another worry for these young people. "Many Black teenagers who get pregnant end up on public assistance. This result is sad because many of these youths and young adults tend to remain on public assistance. For those teens who overcame and handled their mistake, the parents and family members were willing to help their kids along the way."

Laconda Brown said that the responsibilities of being a teen parent dramatically changes a young person's lifestyle. "Teen pregnancy is bad because it really ruins a girl's life. She can't hang with her friends and most girls having babies aren't responsible." Brown said that she has experienced these responsibilities by taking care of her little sister. "I wouldn't want these responsibilities every day."

No Place to Go

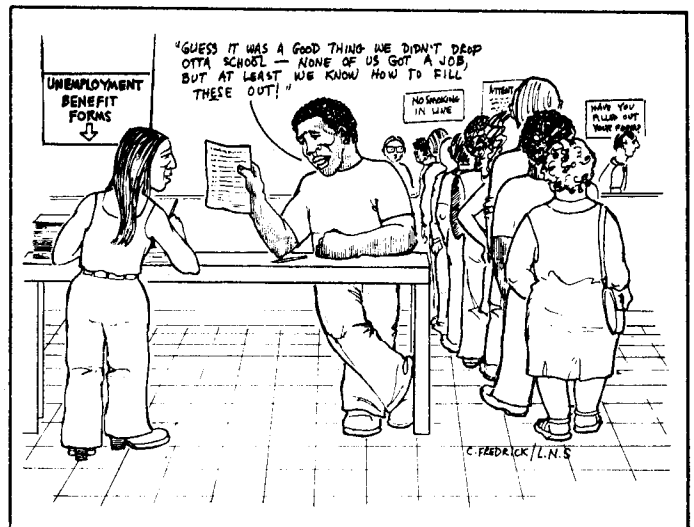
Another concern expressed by these Black youth was the lack of social outlets in the city. Patty Rice said, "Youths in Syracuse can go to No Where City, Kirk Park and Onondaga Park for social activities. Kids have nowhere to go during the winter months." Rice would like to see more winter activities provided for young people.

Percy is a Syracuse native and a student at SUNY Cortland. He received assistance from Jane Rhodes, a frequent PNL contributor and teacher.

Mark Harris thinks that the social outlets in Syracuse are basically disco halls. "There aren't enough major concerts in the city of Syracuse. Kids and young adults would like to see more Black entertainers.

According to Marine Tillis there are three major social outlets in Syracuse: night clubs, parks and churches. "Social outlets for youths aren't located in our communities."

However, James Jones, director of a local gospel choir, thinks that some Black youth simply don't take advantage of the opportunities around them. He would like to see young people join the choir. "The choir travels to different cities and opens concerts for some of the most popular gospel singers," explained Jones. He said that if more Blacks would join with well established organizations and work together, Syracuse could have a very powerful Black community.



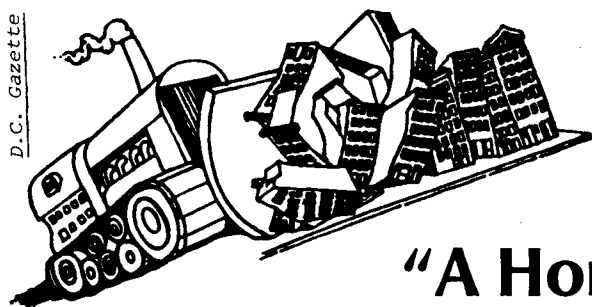
Concern for Jobs

And, central to the concerns of Black youth, is the question of jobs. Jones argued that there are jobs for young Blacks in Syracuse. "Jobs are here in Syracuse, but you must have the education, motivation and organization to make it here. No one is going to give anything, and I mean anything, away in Syracuse. Blacks have to get out here in the streets and hustle because there is plenty of money here to be made legally."

But Mark Harris said the only jobs available to Black youths are at fast food chains and grocery stores. "In order for anyone to make it as a Syracusan, they must have a skill and be able to sell themselves as a responsible worker, added Lorne Tillis.



D.C. Gazette



MULBERRY SQUARE:

"A Home, Not Just a Place to Rent"

by Diana Ellis

We loved that area. It was convenient. When you're low-income, that matters. In summer, we could roll our carts down to the Farmer's Market. It was good for Senior Citizens. They felt secure because there were medical facilities all around. The access to bus lines was great.

The people were afraid of being pushed into crowded areas. At Mulberry people had a little space to ourselves. There was space for the children. There were beautiful Mulberry and Crabapple trees. Residents were willing to stay and fight. It was a home, not just a place to rent.

-Rena Ausby, President
Mulberry Square Tenants Organization

Housing--a home--is one of those basic needs we have that makes our lives stable, that gives us a sense of belonging. Where we live determines so much--who our friends are, how safe we feel, what social activities we get involved in, and, especially, it influences the life of families and the conditions under which our children are raised. "Homeownership" is the American Dream. But this dream at its root is not the dream of owning a bigger and better house in the suburbs, with lots of lawn, isolated from neighbors: an island bastion. At its root, it's the dream of having a place of one's own, a sense of belonging, an investment of care and a feeling of power over one's life--feelings upon which a community is built.

It is harder to develop these identifications when one lives in an apartment, especially when the landlord is as distant as California or Washington, D.C. Add to this several years of frustration with maintenance breakdowns and uncertainty about the future. The tenants in Mulberry Square were in this position. By 1980, the gradual deterioration of conditions at the thirteen-acre complex between State and New Streets (near downtown) had people immobilized--"everyone for himself," as Rena Ausby notes. But how that changed is the story of a long, and still continuing, struggle.

A History of Black Relocation

Mulberry Square was built in 1967. From the beginning its 383 units were never fully occupied. It was intended to house a mixed group of doctors, lawyers, students, low and moderate income, Black and White. But because management was slow in filling the apartments,

Diana is a member of the PNL editorial committee and local member of the Rainbow Coalition.

it was forced to meet the costs of overhead by cutting back on maintenance and security costs--prime ingredients for success. A more fundamental flaw was the use of sewage pipes which were too small, leading to the eventual uninhabitability of the basement apartments.

Still, it was hard for anyone looking at these buildings to believe that conditions were so bad that Mulberry had to be demolished, not rehabilitated. To demolish--to bulldoze--is a death sentence, disturbing to everyone's sense of community, of landmarks, of home. And the effect for those living there, of course, is relocation. Will they be able to find a place as nice? What kind of rent will they have to pay? Will they feel at home among their new community of friends and neighbors?

There is a history of relocating the Black community from downtown. The construction of Route 81 was the beginning--and a tortured, elevated highway route across downtown testifies to the "City Fathers'" efforts to preserve landmark white churches in the area. But Black churches were bulldozed in the process, along with the Black and Jewish communities that had made up downtown.

This relocation continued on a massive scale in the '60s. But it was also opposed: George Wiley, a Black Syracuse University Chemistry Professor, led local CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) activists in sit-ins in front of the bulldozers. They ended up in jail for their efforts. The bulldozing continued, as did the massive relocation of Black families--rapidly changing the contour of the southside and establishing a Black community on the eastside as well.

Birth of a Grassroots Struggle

In 1980 a new person became President of the Mulberry Square Tenants Organization. Barbara Leonard changed the format of the meetings, starting them with prayer. In Rena Ausby's words, "It brought tranquility to meetings. People began to listen to each other, to work together, to appreciate themselves. That's what love does."

This burgeoning sense of community, however, was not enough to forestall a 1983 freeze on rental--a critical blow to Mulberry Square, Rena notes. The freeze meant that as people moved out of Mulberry their apartments would not be reoccupied. The Federal Government also said Mulberry would be auctioned to the highest bidder. The Tenants Organization got 1,500 signatures

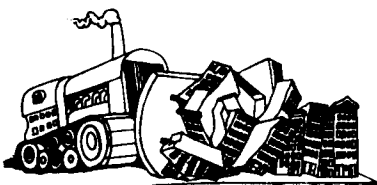
on petitions to prevent this, convincing the Federal Government to keep the property. This gave the tenants a little more time to organize. Barbara left for Cornell, and when Rena was elected President she went for help to community churches and leaders. The downtown clergy and members of the Black Ministerial Alliance and community leaders responded and joined forces to create the Mulberry Square Strategy Committee.

The Mulberry Square tenants and their allies embarked on almost five years of petitioning, marching, researching and meeting. They faced a formidable bureaucracy and a plethora of authorities--Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA) and the city administrations. These authorities too often were constituted to look at the bottom line and not to involve the tenants in the decision-making.

But the Mulberry tenants and strategy committee decided to shape their own destiny. They called in architects to examine Mulberry's viability for rehabilitation. SHA architects agreed with the finding that Mulberry Square was restorable. The strategy committee successfully got \$1.3 million in state funding for rehabilitating the 3-acre New Street site. It was to become 46 units of 1-, 2- and 3-bedroom apartments, with the option of becoming a cooperative. The proposed rehabilitation was supported in writing by the SHA and the Common Council and the Mayor gave their approval. On the 10-acre State Street site the strategy committee successfully convinced the Federal Government to allocate \$7 million for the construction of 75 new townhouses of 3-, 4- and 5-bedroom units. Priority was to be given to tenants who longed to return to Mulberry Square.

The bulldozing of the Mulberry Square New Street site in December, 1987, broke these agreements. A single unilateral act of destruction has destroyed the opportunity for many Mulberry residents ever to return. This time there are no efforts to re-establish a Black Community elsewhere. Unlike the '60s, the city government does not have an on-going program to build new housing. And will the bulldozer stop at Mulberry Square, or may Pioneer Homes and Central Homes--so-called "Brick City"--face a similar fate?

Where will these people go? What effect will this have on the southside? What effect has it already had on the political base of Syracuse's only Black Councilor? Fourth District Councilor Charles Anderson has



lost nearly 4,000 constituents in the last two years, due to the relocation of Mulberry Square residents, and the disenfranchisement of S.U. students.

What is at Stake

Why is this happening again? The history of Black relocation from downtown and of the struggle of the Mulberry Square residents reveals a pattern. It is not necessarily a plan talked about openly in boardrooms, but a pattern woven from powerlessness. It arises from pitting the powerful development interests of the city--S.U., Upstate Medical Center and downtown planners--against the politically under-represented forces of the Black community. Route 81, the steam plant, the expansion of Upstate into the Pioneer Homes area, plans for the co-generation plant and the Convention Center--all



*Mulberry Square tenants and Strategy Committee members in front of the bulldozed New Street site.
(photo: John Dowling)*

have pitted or are pitting the homes of Black folk against "enlightened development." These development interests have been re-enforced by Federal policies that have cut funds for rehabilitation and prevent funding for housing in "areas of minority concentration." It is not a coincidence. It is simply the natural result of a process that does not involve the people and communities that are most affected by these decisions.

The Mulberry Square struggle, however, challenges the "naturalness" of this process. A home, a community, is something to be cherished. Development is, first and foremost, people. This is the example and the hope that the Mulberry Square tenants represent. This is the example and hope of the community at large. The Mulberry Square Strategy Committee, joined by the community, churches, and concerned citizens of Syracuse say they have made a pledge: "We shall not allow this to happen a second a time."

For Mutual Recognition—

Let's Listen to the Other Israel

by Dorothea Franck

Israelis tear-gas Palestinian women and children. Riot leaders deported to Lebanon. Ten advocates of non-violent resistance arrested. 38 Palestinians killed in last weeks.

These captions seem finally to reveal the intentions of the Israeli government. But they do not tell the whole story. We should be listening for the voices of the other Israel, in Israel and in the diaspora who have long been condemning discrimination and violence while calling for equality, dialogue with the Palestinians and a just peace for all.

For years reports have documented the Israeli government's oppression of the Palestinians, though the American media paid only intermittent attention. American money has poured into Israel but little of it trickles down to the Palestinians. In 1981 alone the government spent more on the 30,000 West Bank settlers than it had on the 700,000 Palestinian residents who had lived there during the previous fifteen years. But perhaps the most disturbing event for the Palestinians has been the government's persistent denial of recognition to their only established representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization.

With no relief in sight and all means of expression barred, explosions of frustration were inevitable.

Jewish Voices Respond

What have Jewish voices of moderation in the U.S. been saying? The Jewish Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Peace wrote:

Poll after poll indicates that the PLO is clearly the chosen representative of the Palestinians.... Only the PLO can negotiate a territorial compromise with Israel. (Washington, Fall 1987)

Prophetically the Committee quoted Yael Dayan, daughter of the retired general and defense minister:

The more we close our ears, the more (the PLO) will raise their voices. When we ignore their existence, we force them to demonstrate that they do exist, to show their unity and determination. As long as we do not accept (the PLO) as legitimate partners, they would force us to continue meeting them in war.

The voices of the other Israel are sanguine about the openness of PLO Chairman Yasir Arafat to negotiations. Of his meeting with Arafat last June (as part of the first American Jewish delegation to meet with the Palestinian leader) the Committee's Dr. Jerome Segal said, "without question the PLO is interested in negotiating a stable peace settlement."

Hopes are expressed about the outcome of the PLO's national council meeting at Amman in November (at which some Jewish observers were guests). The monthly Israel and Palestine writes:

The Arab-Israeli conflict seems to have become something all Arabs, including the Palestinians...would dearly like to solve by political and diplomatic, rather than by military means....The new Arab array opens a window of opportunity that a wise and moderate Israeli leadership...would grasp avidly. Unfortunately, Israel's present leadership is neither moderate nor wise. (Paris, December 1987)

From Israel itself former Foreign Minister Abba Eban is quoted as saying, "We do not know how to take yes for an answer." (NY TIMES, 11/7/87) He believes that Israel no longer knows how to respond to a positive development like the Arab summit. An opportunity may exist for Israel to make peace with its neighbors but so far the Israeli government has rejected the principle step--an international peace conference.

The Other Israel, the newsletter of the Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, comments:

Both the outcome of the Amman (PLO) summit and Arafat's statements...clearly show that Israel can now achieve peace....But no lasting peace is possible as long as Israel maintains its military rule in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip...Until due consideration is given to the rights...of Palestinians, they will remain a focus of discontent and rebellion throughout the Middle East. (Tel Aviv, Nov./Dec. 1987)

Perhaps these voices are becoming more audible as they urge alternatives to the violence now exposed in the media. Even some mainstream Jewish organizations seem to be having second thoughts about their Israel-right-or-wrong stance of the last 40 years.

Time for Real U.S. Action

When will this self-questioning penetrate the U.S. government? The U.S. did join the UN Security Council in condemning Israel's recent deportation order--the first time it has supported a resolution criticizing Israel since the 1982 attack on Beirut. However, just as Israel's invasion of Lebanon continues (with U.S. equipment and funds) so part of the deportation order was carried out. The time is long overdue for the U.S. government to revive its peace-making efforts and rein in the Israeli government by withholding some of its massive aid. As it distances itself from Israeli extremists, the U.S. should start listening to Israeli moderates and opening lines to the moderate voices in the PLO.

It could do no better than to carry out the platform of the Jewish Committee for Israeli-Palestinian Peace:

A safe and secure Israel alongside an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza, Negotiations between the government of Israel and any legitimate Palestinian representative including the PLO, U.S. dialogue with Palestinian representatives and U.S. endorsement of the principle of Palestinian self-determination.

Dorothea is one of the driving forces behind SPC's new Middle East Network.

International

The New Jewish Agenda issues a call for peace based on mutual recognition growing out of an international peace conference in which the PLO participates.

Fourteen years ago at the UN, Arafat offered the olive branch of reconciliation as an alternative to the gun of resistance. How long are we going to continue spurning the olive branch and encouraging the gun? Let's start listening to the other Israel!

Voices of the Other Israel

- **Israel-Palestine* (monthly) 5 rue Cardinal Mercier, 75009, Paris, France
- **Israeli-Palestinian Peace* (quarterly) Jewish Comm., PO Box 4991, Washington, DC 20008
- **New Jewish Agenda* (membership) 1030 Westmoreland Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210 (Syracuse area) or 64 Fulton St., New York, NY 10038 (national)
- **New Outlook* (monthly from Israel) 150 5th Ave., New York, NY 10011
- **The Other Israel* (Israel) and *Voices for Peace* (U.S.) America-Israel Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, 4816 Downers Grove, IL 60515

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Arab Americans Speak Out

As American citizens conscious of what is happening in Israeli-occupied territory we feel obligated to stand

up and say to the Israeli Government: "Enough oppression, enough occupation and enough procrastination. Face up to the fact that the Palestinians are a people. Face up to the human rights of the Palestinians. Like all other people in this world, they too have a right to govern themselves and a right to their own homeland."

It is time that we stand united against oppression and against terrorism no matter who perpetrates it. It is time to dream of a future peace in the Middle East and work towards bringing our dreams to reality. Let us stand together against oppression, whether it is the oppression of a Russian Jew or the oppression of a Palestinian, for oppression knows no distinction. As Americans, we do no good to stand by an ally when this ally is committing crimes against a people and against our own values. As Arab Americans we do no good to stand by acts of terrorism by our own people no matter what the underlying reasons. As Jewish Americans you do no good to Israel when you turn a blind eye to the wrongs it is committing.

If each and every American Jew and Arab ignore this moment and convince themselves that this is only a passing phase, then all of us will be the ones to blame when our people pass over the threshold of reconciliation into the abyss of hatred and despair.

-Arab American Council of Central New York
January 20, 1988

Religious Bases for Peace

Two eminent scholars will speak on "Religious Bases for Peace in the Middle East" on Thurs., Feb. 11, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Maxwell Auditorium at Syracuse University. Prof. Mahmoud Ayoub, of the religious studies department of the Univ. of Toronto, a Shiite Muslim, will speak about the Islamic tradition. Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, professor of religion at Dartmouth College and a former president of the American Jewish Congress, will speak about the Jewish tradition.

Also addressing the issue will be Mr. Ronald J. Young, the Executive Director of the newly-formed U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East. He recently spent three years in the Middle East as an American Friends Service Committee representative; his 1987 book, Missed Opportunities for Peace: U.S. Middle East Policy, 1981-1986 is a very revealing study of the Reagan years. It is available through AFSC (821 Euclid Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210).

The meeting is sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Hendricks Chapel.

With so much interest over the past nine years having been focused on the role of Shiite Islam, particularly in Iran and Lebanon, and with the recent events in the Occupied Territories having highlighted the explosive nature of the unresolved tensions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, this meeting will provide important background information and timely insights. The talks will move beyond analysis of basic dynamics to consideration of how the religions can contribute to reconciliation.

-Len Bjorkman

February 4th, 1988—The Day Democracy Died?

by Will Ravenscroft

Everyone has a list of ways in which our government has been slipping away from the democratic ideals upon which it was founded. The control by the military and big business, the oppression of the poor and people of color and a totally self-centered and often terrorist foreign policy are examples.

When do we reach the milepost that signals an end to democracy? Everyone has their own criteria for this choice, but I would like to propose February 4, 1988 for your consideration. Two hundred years is not a bad run for an ideal. If we continue to descend into a military-controlled, possibly dictatorial society, only the external shell of our democratic dream will be around long after our deaths.

Why February 4? This is the tentative date for the next vote on contra aid. By the time this is read, Congress will be on the verge of this decision, one of the all-time low points in our country's history. It is as good a day as any to designate as the end of democracy and the beginning of empire.

Of course, the aid might fail and we will have a temporary reprieve, a chance to continue the fight to preserve a nation of hope and equality. This will be a lifelong endeavor.

Consider this paragraph to be a rousing call to action. It has often been done and with better words than I could hope for. I can only say that the alternative to continuing to resist is moral death for us and physical death for thousands in the Third World.

other Central American nations, while often parroting the Reagan lies about Nicaragua. This is particularly true of Honduras, which has refused to allow the International Verification Commission to inspect contra camps in its territory. This is part of the U.S. plan to put all the demands, and all the blame on Nicaragua.

However, Nicaragua's concessions exceeded everyone's expectations, again catching Reagan off guard. These concessions include: immediate suspension of the state of emergency, an offer to open up direct talks with the contras to negotiate a cease fire, and the release of all remaining political prisoners except 2,000 former Somoza National Guardsmen. These ex-guardsmen would be released to the United States if we are willing to accept them until the end of the war in Nicaragua. Ortega said he was immediately available to begin talks and also reportedly called Miskito Indian leader Brooklyn Rivera with an offer to return to Nicaragua.

Reports From Washington

The Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy Hotline (202-543-0664) is reporting on the Administration efforts to sabotage the Peace Plan. Between January 25 and 27, Reagan is expected to ask for approximately \$50 million in mainly "non-lethal" aid (helicopters fall into this category) for the contras. The House is set to vote a straight yes or no to the aid on February 3 and the Senate on February 4. Either body can kill the aid and no amendments will be considered.



Wasserman: Boston Globe, L.A. Times Syndicate

Central American Peace Plan

Meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica this January 16-17, the Presidents of the five Central American nations engaged in often heated negotiations to save the Arias Peace Plan and move ahead to the next stage. Significant concessions by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega have kept the hopes for a peaceful solution alive and have shifted the burden to the other Presidents to make similar concessions.

The U.S. press has ignored the non-compliance by the

The Nicaragua Network Hotline (202-223-NICA) gives a more detailed report about what is happening in Nicaragua. They mention Nicaragua's call to resume the direct negotiations with the U.S. that were stalled in 1985. Every time Nicaragua has complied with the conditions dictated by Reagan, he has changed his stand and insisted on new requirements for the resumption of these talks.

Also reported is an ultimatum by Ortega that any contra aid will mean the death of the Peace Process and all-out war in Central America. Last week on the hotline, Costa Rican President Oscar Arias was quoted as saying that the contras are incapable of overthrowing the Sandinistas and

Will, a local carpenter (need some work done?), recently came to Syracuse from Vermont.

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are not politically viable. The Network specifically asks people to call House Speaker Jim Wright (202-225-8040) to express our opposition to any contra aid.

Both hotlines are updated regularly, so give them a call for more immediate news.

What to Do

The following actions and activities are planned in the Syracuse area:

- * A demonstration is planned on Monday, February 1, at the Federal Building (downtown Syracuse) at noon.
- * Fasting (in conjunction with a Fast in Washington)

for all or part of the 10 days leading up to the vote. Fasters and supporters will meet at noon daily at Columbus Circle.

* Pick up the "Critical Weeks" pamphlet at the Peace Council, or call the numbers below to get one. It calls for a three pronged action: first stop aid to the contras, then aid the peace process in El Salvador, and finally a call to join the Rainbow Coalition (see article on p. 6).

* Fundraise to pay for ads in both local papers. See below for a copy of the ad.

* Finally, if aid passes, there will be an emergency meeting to plan an immediate response, call for info.

For further information call the Peace Council, 472-5478, Hank Strunk, (607) 842-6515 or 492-6922.

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White America in Syracuse continues to be naive, because they're not being educated (about the concerns of the Black Community), because there's not a vehicle to educate them at this time. It's a slow, grinding process and I think Jesse helps by coming to Syracuse because he provokes thought just by coming here.

The central concerns of the Black community, according to Anderson and Dixie, are jobs, education and housing. Anderson sees these issues as directly affecting the plight of Black families, and all families:

I'm a big person on trying to strengthen the family-- whether single-parent or two-parent household. When you get jobs and have decent housing and people have decent education, you're really strengthening that family unit, which is really the cornerstone of this

society, of the city. Politically, socially, economically, we need to do more for families, even middle class families.

Anderson cited the outrageous tuition costs families face today and the alarming decline in Black college and high school graduates.

In conclusion, Anderson and Dixie expressed their desire to bring attention to the many needs of the local Black community, but also the hope that the local Rainbow will expand to encompass more and more of the local social forces seeking to bring about progressive change. In Anderson's words:

We're faced with monumental problems, but I think we have the resources in this community that we can begin to solve them, that it's not insurmountable. It's having the will to do it.

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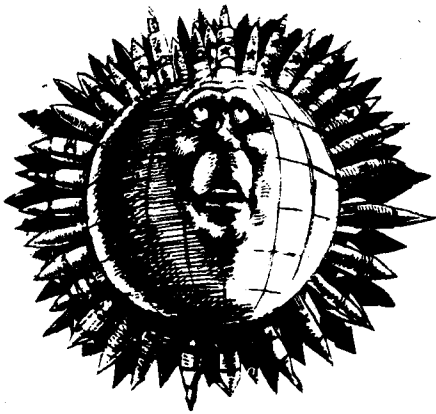
A Post-Summit Assessment

by Ollie Clubb

The I.N.F. Treaty is in some ways a stalking horse for whatever strategic arms agreements may be reached next year. The treaty could very well be either the beginning or the end of arms control--a first step or a last step.

-Senate Majority Leader Robert C. Byrd

The signing of the I.N.F. Treaty by President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev gives us something, at long last, to cheer about. If approved by the U.S. Senate, where a two-thirds majority is required, it would be the first treaty to eliminate an entire class of nuclear weapons. While the 2,611 nuclear weapons to be destroyed (1,752 Soviet as against 859 U.S.) represent only 4% of the U.S. and Soviet nuclear arsenals, the treaty would also set the stage for an agreement to carry out fifty percent reductions in the strategic arsenals of both superpowers - assuming a way can be found around the S.D.I. issue. It could help achieve arms control, improve U.S.-Soviet relations, and reduce the danger of nuclear war.



But perils as well as opportunities lie ahead. The opponents of nuclear disarmament have in the past derailed many efforts to move toward peace; they will doubtless try to emasculate the I.N.F. Treaty and block an agreement to carry out major reductions in the U.S. and Soviet strategic arsenals. Its opponents probably don't have the votes to defeat the treaty in a straight up-or-down Senate vote. Reportedly they will introduce "killer amendments" to the treaty which would force renegotiations with the Soviets on terms calculated to be unacceptable to them. Secondly, they will attempt to stall Senate consideration of the treaty so that negotiations on an agreement to substantially reduce U.S. and Soviet strategic arsenals can't get off the ground while President Reagan remains in office. Thirdly, groups like the Coalition for Peace Through Strength are likely to

carry out a well-financed scare campaign to convince the American people that the I.N.F. Treaty will open the doors to "Soviet aggression". Lastly, some kind of provocation is possible: in the past, "fortuitous" incidents which inflamed U.S.-Soviet relations have at crucial moments more than once derailed moves toward peace.

If the I.N.F. Treaty opponents were to succeed in defeating an arms control agreement supported by a Republican President, a Democratic-controlled Senate, and the vast majority of the American people, it would be a very serious setback for the movement to end the nuclear arms race and improve relations with the Soviet Union. It would raise questions as to whether the Senate would ever approve any treaty designed to actually reverse the momentum of the nuclear arms race. (All "arms control" treaties thus far have simply regulated the terms by which the nuclear arms race has been continuously escalated.)

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Furthermore, immediately after Mikhail Gorbachev left Washington, the U.S. Navy conducted a test of its Trident II missile - indicating that the Administration intends to continue developing and deploying America's most dangerous first-strike weapons system. Indeed, General John D. Chain of the Strategic Air Command has stated that an agreement to cut strategic weapons need not affect deployment of the MX missile, Trident II, the B-1 bomber, air-launched cruise missiles, or development of the Stealth bomber. In negotiations aimed at achieving deep cuts in U.S. and Soviet strategic arsenals, it seems highly likely that the Administration will seek an agreement allowing the U.S. to cut its older, more strictly deterrent forces while permitting continued development and deployment of more "modern" (meaning first-strike) nuclear weapons - instead of an agreement calling for the elimination of, or drastic cuts in, this most dangerous category of such weapons.

Moreover, if the I.N.F. Treaty is approved, and isn't followed by an agreement to reduce strategic weapons, there could easily be a dangerous escalation of the arms race in that category of nuclear weapons - especially since the Reagan Administration has declared the SALT II Treaty limits null and void. After the Washington summit, the Administration has proclaimed its determination to move forward with its Star Wars program -- a serious obstacle to an agreement on deep cuts in the strategic arsenals of the two superpowers.

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Ollie is co-chair of SANE/FREEZE of Central New York.

International

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The signing of the I.N.F. Treaty has given the American people a real opportunity to begin to reverse the arms race and end the nuclear threat. It is essential that everyone who wants peace should work for approval of the I.N.F. Treaty by the U.S. Senate without delay,



without amendment, and without any understandings that the Administration will carry out "compensatory" military build-ups in other areas.

Act Now

Central New York Citizens for the I.N.F. Treaty are planning a press conference, a door-to-door petition drive, and urge everyone who wants peace to write or call Senators Daniel P. Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato urging them to vote to approve the I.N.F. Treaty. For further information or to offer help, call Oliver Clubb at 479-5983 or SANE/Freeze of Central New York, 445-9680.

Nix Marxist Approach

Dear Editor,

I wish to join my wife's congratulatory statement and enclose a check for \$50 in support of your work.

My dissent concerns the reference to the Marxistizing interpretation of the US Government's support of Israel. I seriously doubt that the billions of aid money have helped capitalism by satellite. Much of the aid has gone to Histadrut, not exactly a capitalistic organization. And much of US aid money has been wasted, as was recently illustrated by the cancellation of the Lavi plane contract. If Israel had been ruled by a 100% Labor government, it still would have received the same amount of aid. The support is strictly political and ideological.

From the point of view of an effective action for peace, I doubt that a Marxistic approach would help in obtaining support for your statement.

I am willing to help.

Sincerely,
-Peter G. Franck, Syracuse

The Great Anti-Perspirant

Dear SPC,

My convictions were seriously shaken when Ron said Star Wars was just like a great antiperspirant in the heavens. I ask you what could be more persuasive? A protective shield!! But then I remembered, I don't even use a deodorant! And antiperspirant turns the pits into Central America and treats sweat like Ronbo (see above) treats Sandinistas.

-Rick and Craigie, Tallahassee, FLA.

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Courageous Lesbians and Gay Men

Dear Editor,

In your article "Victory for NOW," appearing in the "Peaces" column in PNL 10/87, you only report half of the story of the successful challenge to the City's regulation on the use of parks for rallies and gatherings. You failed to mention that the Syracuse Gay/Lesbian Conference was a co-plaintiff with Greater Syracuse NOW in suing the City. It was the courageous action of the lesbians and gay men of the Syracuse community who, under the sponsorship of the Syracuse conference, brought the issue to a head in challenging the ruling by having a Gay/Lesbian Pride Rally in Columbus Circle on June 22, 1986. After publicly refusing to sign the original and even an amended application for a permit to gather, these bold, unsung heroes and heroines deserve credit also for risking legal repercussions by rallying with pride in the Circle on that day with the support of their feminist sisters and brothers in Greater Syracuse NOW.

Sincerely,
-Henry Yokel, Syracuse



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Taxes for Peace

Bills to divert tax money from war funds to peace funds have been introduced here and abroad.

In Belgium, the law forbids conscientious objectors to "participate in any way whatsoever in the manufacture or repairing of weapons, or in the arms trade." Instead, some COs have been paying taxes to groups that work for peace and having their wages garnisheed as a result. A proposed bill aims to create a fund for peace taxes and a Belgian Institute for Peace and Development.

In England, 33 Quaker war tax resisters took their case all the way to the European Court of Human Rights and lost. The Peace Pledge Union is now defending a similar claim. In October, a member of Parliament presented a peace tax petition known as the "Early Day Motion" at the request of the Peace Tax Campaign. It requests the government to establish a Peace-Building Fund to encourage and initiate peace building measures.

In the US, the Peace Tax Fund has introduced a bill into Congress every year since 1972. At present, the bill has 50 Representatives and 2 Senators as co-sponsors. The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (PO Box 85810; Seattle, Washington 98145) publishes a legal manual for tax resisters, and the Conscience and Military Tax Campaign (44 Bellhaven Road; Bellport, New York 11713) publishes a newsletter supporting the Peace Tax Fund Bill.

-compiled from War Resisters International Newsletter

How to REALLY simplify
your TAXES and AVOID
the IRS...



Update on Recycling

RECYCLE FIRST is a coalition of individuals and organizations which wants Onondaga County to put top priority on reduction, re-use and recycling of trash rather than the county's current priority of building a large, mass burn trash incinerator.

The county's proposal calls for 33% recycling of trash in 10 years - meaning that 67% would be burned or bur-

ied. Incineration produces air-borne pollutants (such as dioxins and furans) and ash containing heavy metals. The ash must be landfilled, possibly resulting in contamination of groundwater.

For information or to help, contact RECYCLE FIRST, POB 115, Jamesville, NY 13078, 475-1197 during the day or Linda DeStefano at 475-0062 between 6 pm and 10:45 pm.

-Linda DeStefano

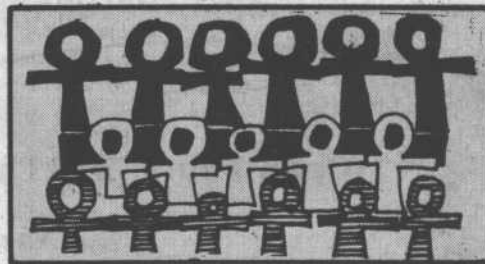
Womens' Action at Griffiss

International Women's Day is celebrated worldwide on March 8th. This year women from Albany, Syracuse, Ithaca and the Rome/Utica area are planning a women's action at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY.

Women interested in planning this action are meeting on Sunday, Feb. 7th from 10-2 pm at 532 Niagara St., Utica, NY. At this meeting we will share our ideas and decide the nature of the action as well as the date and time. Please consider joining us.

If you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, or would like more information, contact The Griffiss Peace Community, P.O. Box 4194, Rome, NY 13440, or call 315-733-7398.

-Carrie Stearns



Unlearning Racism

"Unlearning Racism," a workshop facilitated by Elana Levy, will be held on Saturday, February 27th. Many of us, when hearing the words "unlearning racism" think that the work will be hard, heavy and depressing. What you will find is that working on this crucial issue is exhilarating and joyful work. A promise.

The society we live in promotes systematic misinformation about black and other third world people. This misinformation is then used to sanction the economic and social oppression of third world peoples within and outside the US.

Taking pride in our family and background, and recognizing the basic goodness of the people who raised us allows us to see how they and we were affected by this misinformation. The workshop will include some theory presentation and much experiential work. We will close the day asking ourselves what each of us needs to do next in our work to eliminate racism in our society.

"Unlearning racism" will meet from 9-5 on Saturday, Feb. 27th at 203 S. Beech St. The cost is \$20-30 sliding scale, with scholarships available. Call Carole, 445-2682, if interested.

-Elana Levy

Power and Compassion

a review of Michael Lerner's Surplus Powerlessness.

The Institute for Labor and Mental Health, Oakland, CA., 1986, \$9.95, pap., 350 pp.

by Ed Kinane

While I was browsing in The Front Room, Surplus Powerlessness caught my eye. I was intrigued by the title and by the author. In the '60's when Lerner was indicted for organizing an anti-war demonstration in Seattle, J. Edgar Hoover described him as "one of the most dangerous criminals in America" (p. iv). Despite such depravity, Lerner went on to earn a Ph.D. in philosophy at Berkeley and a second Ph.D. in clinical psychology.

Lerner recalls:

I first developed the idea of surplus powerlessness to explain my own experiences in the social change movement in the 1960s. Although that movement was filled with a bravado about making revolutionary changes, I found that many of the people involved had a deep emotional commitment to losing, to being isolated, and to remaining powerless. Tactics and strategies often were shaped by an underlying assumption that no one would ever really listen or take them seriously... Whatever the real powerlessness in the objective political reality, they were bringing to their experience a surplus of powerlessness that shaped how they perceived their possibilities and political options. And as I looked deeper, I found that this Surplus Powerlessness shaped their emotional lives in spheres far removed from politics. (p. 1)

It was probably after reading this that I decided I'd better buy the book. I spent the next week engrossed in it. I like its clean, crisp design. I like Lerner's clear writing style. I like his intelligent, comprehensive analysis. But most of all I value the way Lerner always keeps in mind that the personal and the political are one and that we separate them only at our peril.

For me the book's core is the 183 pages of Part I, The Psychodynamics of Everyday Life. The chapters in this section are: Powerlessness Corrupts, Stress at Work, The Organization of Work, Union Blues, The Frustration in Family Life, Unequal Power (which focuses on sexism), Childhood and Powerlessness, Anger, and The Creation of the Isolated Individual.

Ed now lives in Nicaragua.

Lerner argues that in the U.S. progressives are isolated because they fail to address the real emotional problems facing many Americans:

Instead of acknowledging that the Right speaks to real pains in daily life, but provides solutions that only divert attention from the real sources of family pain, the liberals and the Left have often dismissed the entire Right-wing constituency as either stupid or reactionary. While this is certainly true for some... of its supporters, it is decidedly not true of many tens of millions of people who get attracted to the Right because they hear the Right talking about their own real fears and real pains. Even if the Right doesn't provide solutions that work, at least it appears to understand the problems and care about them, and thus to provide a community within which one's own problems in family life appear to be part of a more general and shared problem. (p. 100)

Lerner was influenced by such thinkers as Herbert Marcuse, Wilhelm Reich and Abraham Joshua Heschel. It was from Heschel, his most important teacher, that Lerner learned the "centrality of compassion." (p. xi) Lerner calls the last section of his book, Part IV, The Mass Psychology of Compassion:

...what we are most basically about is the fight for love, not the fight for equality. It is in the name of love that we fight for equality, because equality is the best way to achieve the fullest development of people in loving relationships. Sexism is a major obstacle to loving relationships. What the majority of the population needs to hear is that we care about those relationships, not just about abstract rights.

Many people in progressive communities like to frame their issues around concerns of justice... Yet, there is a deeper value that ought to be the basis of progressive politics. That value could best be summarized in the following slogan: "We want a world that is safe for loving relationships." (p. 322)

Surplus Powerlessness is a wise book, one I hope many parents, workers, activists and human service professionals will read.

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<p>7 EVERY SUN: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm 735 S. Beech St.</p> <p>New Environment Inst. Board / Education Gp. mtg. 7pm 1200 Euclid Ave. 475-4188</p>	<p>8 Disabled in Action mtg. 7pm, E.C.O.H. 446-6602</p> <p>The Front Room Bookstore sale 15% of everything. Up to 80% off selected items. Feb. 8-13th</p> <p>Poetry reading: "I am Woman, I am Black" Jackie Warren-Moore 11am OCC 469-7741</p>	<p>2 CONTRA AID VOTE Demo. Mon. Feb. 1, noon Columbus Circle. Contact your Congresspeople & Senators to say "Vote No"</p> <p>Nuclear Freeze mtg. 7:30pm May Memorial Church, Beth 445-1714</p> <p>Child Care Advocacy Day in Albany, for Bus info. 472-6919</p>	<p>3 "Rappin' & Tappin'-Earl Scoggins OCC Ad/bldg. Rm. 245 11am</p> <p>Syracuse Real Food Coop Council Mtg. 7:30pm 348 Roosevelt Ave. 472-1385</p> <p>ARISE Head Injury Support Gp. 4pm 472-3171</p> <p>Peace Breakfast 7:30am 821 Euclid Ave. Peter. 475-4822</p>	<p>4 "Eyes on the Prize" History of the civil rights movement. (Feb. 2, 4, 11, 16, 18) 10-6, EOC 100 New St. 472-0130</p> <p>Syr. Gospel Symphony 7pm Civic Center 425-2121</p> <p>AIDS Task Force Speakers Training 475-2430</p>	<p>5 "Women & Politics" - Rosemary Pooker, noon, Bird Library, S.U.</p> <p>Speaker Room</p> <p>Photo Exhibit on Ciba, SU Corrn. Darkroom 2/1-3/1</p> <p>EVERY FRI: ARISE Women's Support Gp. 10-11:30. 472-3171</p>	<p>6 Weapons Facilities Conversion Network mtg. Ulica, Peter 475-4822</p> <p>Moving? Please save us 30¢ and let us know beforehand.</p>
<p>14 Rochester People's Nime Universalist Church 150 South Clinton Street 5:30pm</p>	<p>15 EVERY MON. Visual Disability Support Gp. ARISE 501 E. Fayette St. 10am</p> <p>EVERY MON: Syracuse Birth Group. 7pm. 471-6399</p>	<p>16 Syracuse Greens mtg. 7pm 821 Euclid Ave. David. 422-4924</p> <p>Greater Syracuse N.O.W. mtg. 8pm May Memorial 446-2229</p> <p>Sanctuary mtg. 7:30pm May Memorial. Ann 471-4672</p> <p>"Why Black Studies?" 7pm EOC 100 New St. Dr. Remie Simpson free</p>	<p>17 N.A.A.C.P. mtg. 7:30pm 100 New St. 470-3300</p> <p>ARISE Head Injury Support Gp. 4pm 472-3171</p> <p>"The Politics of Being a Black Woman in America" 3pm Gifford Ave. SU, free</p>	<p>18 EVERY THURS: SPC Volunteer Night. 7-9pm, Lots of fun. 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>AIDS Task Force Speakers Training 475-2430</p> <p>Natl Council of Negro Women 7pm, Dunbar Ct.</p>	<p>19 Women's Studies Seminar "Why a Women's Bookstore is Needed" noon, Bird Library, SU</p> <p>"Black Male Female Relationships" 11am-12:30pm OCC Ad. bldg. Rm. 245 469-7741</p>	<p>20</p> <p>New Environment Council mtg. 9:30-11:45am 137 Cartridge St. 446-8009</p>
<p>21 EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church Worship services. 5pm. Grace Episcopal Church. 471-6618</p> <p>If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.</p>	<p>22 PNL PRODUCTION Mon. & Tues. Feb. 22 & 23 at SPC. Come help.</p> <p>EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group. 2-3:30pm. 472-3171</p> <p>"Saskin & Reardon for the Black Woman", Ann Felton 11am-12:30pm OCC Ad. bldg. Rm. 245</p>	<p>23 SPC POTLUCK "Recovering the History of Black Struggle" dinner 6pm, discussion 7pm, Harvard Arts. see p. 8</p> <p>"Witches, Dykes, Faggots & Pooiers" (film) 7pm Hendricks Chapel, Noble Rm. SU 423-4288 free</p>	<p>24 "Black Business Achievers" 11am-12:30pm OCC Ad. bldg. Rm. 245 469-7741</p>	<p>25 PNL Mailing Party Join the party... 7-9:30pm at SPC 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>Death Penalty Vigil, noon. Columbus Circle 475-4822</p> <p>Lynn Laverne, Women's Concert 8pm Schine Cr. SU Milky Way \$2 423-4288</p>	<p>26 Women's Studies Seminar "Women and Drugs" noon, Bird Library, SU</p> <p>EVERY FRI. County Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal Church \$3</p>	<p>27 "Unlearning Racism" Workshop led by Elana Levy 9am-5pm 445-2682</p> <p>Investment Seminar, Carol Nolar 1-3pm Women's Info 601 Allen St. 478-4636 (Donation)</p>
<p>28 Sweet Honey in the Rock Concert, 2pm, Stanley Performing Arts Ctr., Ulica, NY</p> <p>Socialist Forum, Campaign Trail-1988 2:30pm at Harvard Arts</p> <p>SU Lesbian, Gay Awareness 225 thru 3/5</p>	<p>29 Film: "Promise to Remember" 1st Black Rock & Roll Gp. Batts Library. 3:30pm</p> <p>"Diggers" Video on Panama Canal Wks. 10am-7pm every hr. EOC 100 New St. free</p>	<p>1 Syracuse Greens mtg. 7pm 821 Euclid Ave. David. 422-4924</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Women's Info expanded. Info and referral phone hours 8-9pm</p> <p>"Too Little, Too Late" AIDS film 7pm Hendricks Chapel, Noble Rm. SU free 423-4288</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 EVERY THURS: Women's Info. Lesbian Hotline 7-9pm. 478-4636</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Central America Vigil, 7:30pm, Federal Building</p>	<p>4 Women's Studies Seminar "Portrait of a Female Scholar in Early Islam" noon, Bird Library SU</p>	<p>5 PEOPLE HISTORY</p> <p>March 27, 1983</p> <p>Civil Rights march from Salvo Apartments led by Martin Luther King, Jr.</p>

Demonstrate For Peace In The Middle East

Tuesday February 9, 11:30am

Federal Building (Downtown Syracuse)

Sponsored by New Jewish Agenda, Syracuse Peace Council and others. Call 472-5478 to help, or for information.



Coming in March ...

March 27: "Dateline: San Salvador," video documentary sponsored by Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary and Syracuse Alternative Media Network. Dinner and more at May Memorial Unitarian Society. Watch for more details.

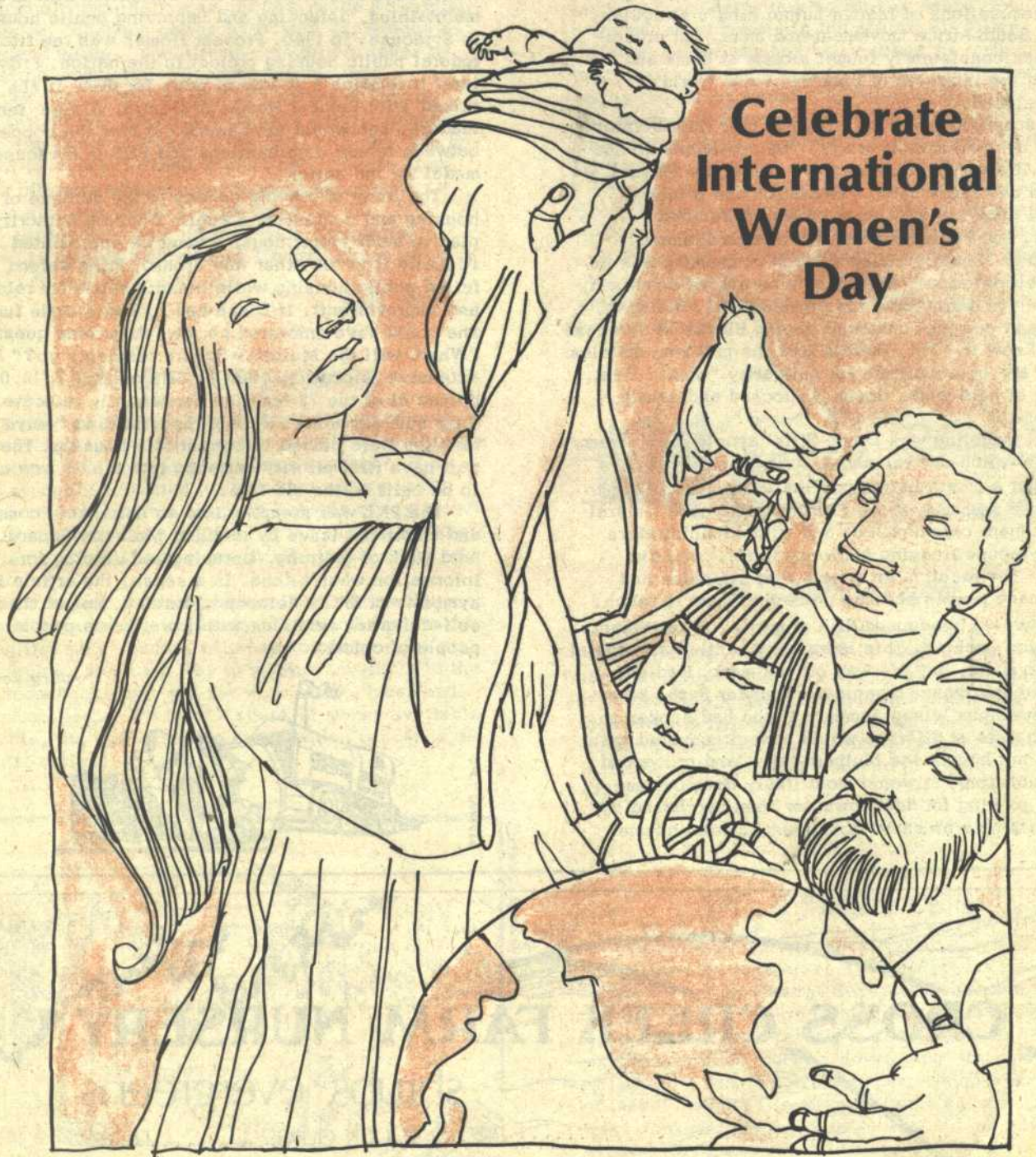
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Peace Newsletter

A Central New York Voice for Peace and Social Justice

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Mulberry Square Article Misguided

To the editor:

The Peace Council has always strongly opposed racism. And for years SPC has been self-critical about its overwhelmingly white membership. On numerous occasions we have organized alongside Black and Hispanic activists in Syracuse. Through work against police brutality, in Jobs for Peace campaigns, in commemorations of Martin Luther King's struggles, the free South Africa movement and more, our organization has consistently fought racism at home and defended the interests of poor and Third World nations abroad.

But something remains missing. SPC membership remains overwhelmingly white. The coalitions do not endure. It's almost like we move two steps forward and then two steps back. Frustration and a lack of informed analysis lead to awkward, misguided projects. The February 1988 PNL was an example.

Writing about Syracuse's Black community was no doubt well-intended. The white progressive community has a lot to learn about the complexities, outlooks, history and current conditions facing Blacks in Syracuse. And we know it. Yet, therein lies the problem; articles "about" are no substitute for solidarity "with". Print, in place of hard work, doesn't succeed and easily alienates.

Most troubling was Diana Ellis' article on Mulberry Square in which she refused to do her homework. I phoned her a month before publication to advise her to speak with members of the Pioneer Homes and Central Village tenant organizations and with administrators at the Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA). She did neither. The result? An article that alienates and angers many people she had probably hoped to reach.

She casually accused SHA of not involving tenants in decision-making. This is an easy, anti-institutional charge to make, but it's way off the mark. Had she spoken to any tenant organization leader in the city she'd have found disagreement. If she had spoken to administrators at SHA she would have discovered that had SHA not bought the Mulberry site (and proceeded with demolition), it would most likely have become acres of parking for downtown, or been purchased by developers with no shred of interest in low-income

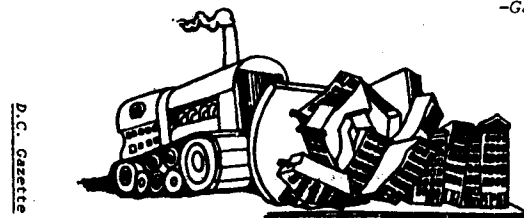
housing. Instead, SHA purchased the property and is committed to building new public housing there. New public housing, keep in mind, when the Reagan administration has essentially managed to halt all new public housing construction in the country.

Had Diana spoken with the directors at SHA, she would have found out just how committed SHA is to maintaining, defending and improving public housing in Syracuse. In 1940, Pioneer Homes was the first federal public housing project in the nation. Fifty years later it remains a source of pride for SHA. If she had talked with Pioneer Homes or Central Village tenant leaders, she would have found out how the cooperation between tenant organizations and SHA in Syracuse is a model for the nation.

The irony of tenants coming to the defense of unfit housing and contesting a Public Housing Authority's plan to build better housing must be appreciated. (Usually it is the other way around; PHAs defend failed public housing while tenants battle for relocation and improvement). If Diana had looked a little further, she could have answered her own disturbing question, "Where will the Mulberry Square residents go?" An extensive relocation plan by SHA costing \$713,000 helped 61 of the 73 families permanently relocate with lump sum payments. Half of the remaining twelve families were placed in current SHA housing. The other half have first priority entrance into the 75 new units to be built on the old site.

The PNL was stepping into an immensely complicated and emotional issue by tackling Mulberry Square. The hard work of learning, listening and digging for information wasn't done. In a sense, the article is symbolic of SPC's detached, distant, and at times self-defeating relations with low-income people and people of color.

-Gary Weinstein



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the peace council page



New PNL Staffer Begins

After a long and sometimes difficult search, we have hired Shannon Kelley as our new Peace Newsletter Coordinator. Shannon comes to us with experience as a writer and editor. She already has lots of ideas to improve the newsletter. Shannon arrives from Cambridge, MA, although she is a native of Oregon (that's two native Oregonians on staff here). Shannon will be introducing herself in the April PNL, but you do not need to wait until then to meet her. Please drop into the office to welcome her to our community. We have also scheduled a little party for the various people who work on the Peace Newsletter. Feel free to join us at the Peace Council house on March 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

-Andy Mager

Hello Syracuse

Thank you for a warm welcome, I am grateful! It is exciting to be here working for the Peace Council. I have met many people in the office, at rallies, at different gatherings and/or meetings for various local organizations, and I look forward to meeting more of you in the weeks ahead. I arrived in Syracuse Jan. 21 and started work on Jan. 27. The snow here is lovely when it first falls, and one of these days I hope to go ice skating.

Part of my time in Oregon was spent as a student at the University in Eugene. I majored in International Studies, a subject which can support local, national, or international involvement in a variety of ways, but always hopefully as a world citizen. I look forward to working with the Syracuse community on peace and justice issues.

-Carrie Yates

SPC to Computerize

Are you one of those people who has cursed over our old-fashioned typewriters, or frustratedly tried to paste down correction lines and keep them straight? If so, you're probably delighted to learn that we are in the process of looking for a computer capable of laying-out as well as typing the newsletter. The modern world of desk-top publishing may come to SPC in the next few months.

In addition to making our newsletter more efficient and more attractive, a new computer would improve our mailing list maintenance, allow us to computerize our bookkeeping, provide a way to monitor inventory in the Front Room Bookstore, aid the work of SPC Press and much much more. We have a chunk of money available to do this, but your donation would widen our range of computer options.

-Andy Mager



SPC's Birthday Event

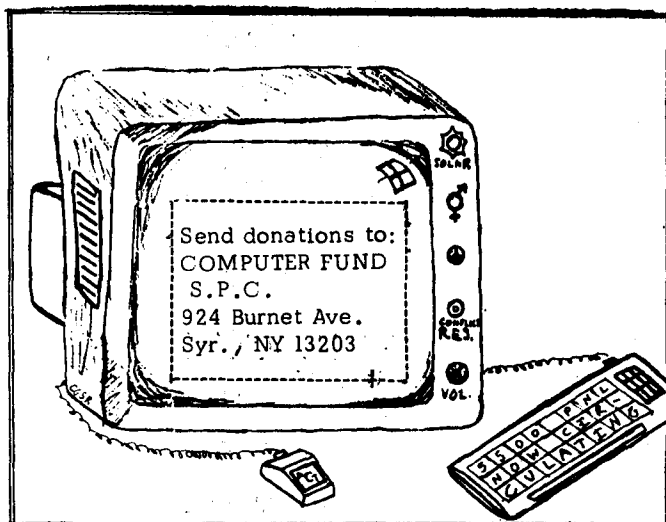
The Peace Council's Birthday Event, still in the planning stage, will be held on April 16, with a talk given by Hillel Schenker. He is the senior magazine editor for New Outlook, a Middle East monthly. Anyone interested in helping out on this event or any community group interested in scheduling a meeting with Hillel Schenker for that weekend can call us at 472-5478.

-Carrie Yates

SPC, A Resource Center

The Syracuse Peace Council wants to reaffirm our commitment to function as a clearinghouse and a resource center for Central New York peace and justice groups. Part of my job is to promote this and to help make what we have readily accessible. We have a progressive book store, a developing library of books to loan out, resource files encompassing a wide range of issues, a card file on local organizations, periodicals, newsletters and a bulletin board on current local events. Please come and enjoy, ask questions and help us help you.

-Carrie Yates



Christian Spies-Rusk

Jews lead Demonstration for Israeli Palestinian Peace

"Self-determination, not occupation" was the chant as some 50 people marched in a circle at the Federal Building during lunch hour on Tuesday, February 9. The demonstration was sponsored by Syracuse New Jewish Agenda, the Peace Council and the American Friends Service Committee, with the Syracuse NAACP agreeing to endorse and participate in the event.

The agreed-upon principles of the event were:

1. Mutual recognition of each people's right to self-determination,
2. An end to the Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza,
3. An International Peace Conference with Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) participation, and
4. An end to the Middle East arms race.

This was the first time in Syracuse that a Jewish group called for a demonstration which was critical of Israeli government policies, and at the same time supportive of the state of Israel. Jews and Palestinians, Christians and Moslems marched and sang together.

The speakers, particularly those who spoke as Jews, made clear that only through recognizing the human,

civil and political rights of the Palestinian people can Israel live a just, peaceful and secure existence. Only through negotiations will the uprising in the Occupied Territories be resolved, not through beatings and killings.

Nine days later, on February 18, a second demonstration of almost 200 people was organized by several local Arab and Arab-American groups. They called for: Israel to cease its assault on Palestinians, Israel to withdraw from the Occupied Territories and recognition of the PLO as representing the Palestinian people.

Though there was significant overlap in the demands of the two demonstrations, the February 13 one did not call for mutual recognition between Israelis and Palestinians. That omission represents a real difference in the positions of the groups participating.

An important step has been taken in bringing the question of Israeli-Palestinian peace before the Central New York public. It is a question we cannot afford to ignore, despite its complexities. To find out more about Middle East peacework, contact Elana Levy, 472-5711 or Peter Franck, 471-1457.

- Elana Levy

Nagasaki Visit

Last October I traveled to the city of Nagasaki on the coast of Kyushu, the westernmost island of Japan. A visit to the Peace Park was a powerful and moving experience. It is the site of the epicenter of the atomic bomb that was dropped by the United States on August 9, 1945. 74,000 people were killed instantly. Another 74,000 injured.

Stairs lead to the Fountain of Peace. Water spouts upward in the shape of a dove in memory of those who died begging for water. The first sight of the monumental Statue of Prayer for Peace is breathtaking. A colossus, the statue seems to hang from the sky. The seated figure has a gentle face. One knee is bent in the meditative lotus position; the other leg, muscles bulging, is poised ready for action on behalf of humankind. One hand points skyward to remind us to be vigilant. The other hand stretches outward in a gesture of peace and conciliation. It is the work of a Japanese artist, Kitamura Seibo. Nearby are smaller statues, many with a mother and child theme, donated by other countries.

A tally is kept of the anti-nuclear demonstrations around the world. I was proud that the United States led all other countries. But for the first time in my life I was ashamed of my Caucasian face. An elderly Japanese man approached me, asked me if I was from America. I nodded yes, fearful of what he would say next. He looked at me intently for what seemed to be a long time. He said nothing. My traveling companion, Rocki Malamud, tears streaming down her cheeks, asked if we as feminists were giving



The statue of Prayer for Peace, Nagasaki, Japan
photo by Rita Hammond

our energies to the wrong movement. We decided that all arms limitation talks should be held in Nagasaki or Hiroshima. We walked quietly to the trolley stop. We missed the car. I lost my glasses. I wondered if anything on this earth really matters except peace.

-Elaine Lytel



Children of War

Youth for Peace and Social Action (YPSA) has been weeking to organize among young people in Central New York during the past year and a half. The group is planning a special program for Saturday, March 26. Two youth from countries at war will speak about growing up in a country at war. This speak-out will be followed by a workshop on youth leadership skills. The program will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Southwest Community Center, 401 South Avenue. YPSA is also looking for an adult to serve as advisor to the group. For information, call Andy Mager, 472-5478.

-Andy Mager

Herland

The Oswego Art Guild will hold its fourth annual "Herland", a multi-disciplinary festival celebrating women in the arts, March 19 to April 9.

Judith McDaniel, a witness for peace who was captured by the Contras in Costa Rica in 1985 will read from her autobiographical "Sanctuary: A Journey" April 7, 7:30 p.m.

Rachel Guido De Vries will lead a workshop, April 23, 10 a.m., entitled: "Saving the Planet: ways to get life-affirming imagery into prose and poetry."

The festival will be held at the Oswego Art Guild, Fort Ontario Park, Oswego, NY. For more information call 342-3579.

-Oswego Art Guild



Give Peace a Dance

Locally, the steering committee for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Central New York voted in January to affiliate with the merged national organization. The group invites everyone to join them in celebrating their new identity - SANE/FREEZE of Central New York - at their annual birthday party dance. "Give Peace a Dance" will be held at May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee St. on Saturday, March 12th at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the SANE/FREEZE office, 445-9680, or at the door for a suggested donation of \$10. (Please don't let money be an obstacle - pay what you can.)

Happy Birthday SANE/FREEZE of Central New York and congratulations on your contributions to a unified disarmament movement.

-Donna Hoffmann



Special Session on Disarmament

This coming June, the United Nations will hold its Third Special Session on Disarmament in New York City. Both in 1978 and in 1982, the first and second special sessions, massive public protests called for complete nuclear disarmament.

Representatives of various national organizations have been discussing ideas for activities and events and have started to articulate a political perspective for our work.

Ideas include an international concert from NYC which might be televised, a major nonviolent civil disobedience action, various types of religious/inter-faith events, an international conference with representatives from peace and disarmament as well as liberation movements around the world and a day of nationwide protest on June 11th.

The SSDIII encourages peace and justice organizers and activists to discuss with your group, as well as others in your area, what you might like to do. There will be a NYC demonstration on June 11th and either 3 or 4 regional or local events that same day. Feedback and input will be critical in making the final decisions.

For more information call the Peace Council (315) 472-5478 or SSDIII (212) 995-8787.

-Shannon Kelley

Independent Midwifery in Central New York

by Roberta Devers-Scott

Birth...is the first prolonged emotional and physical shock the child undergoes, and he[sic] never quite forgets it. He [sic] experiences moments of incredible sensual pleasure--moments when every inch of his body is washed by maternal fluids and massaged by maternal muscles. These moments, however, alternate with others of great pain and fear. Even in the best of circumstances, birth reverberates through the child's body like a seismic shock of earthquake proportions.

--from The Secret Life of the Unborn by Thomas Verry, MD, Psychiatrist

The traditional, "independent" midwife facilitates birth in respect for the love and security which should be the basis of all births. Independent midwives are skilled practitioners who give care and advice to the expectant mother in pregnancy, attend normal birth, and give care and advice following delivery. Their holistic approach requires not only careful monitoring of physiological factors, but attention to mothers' psychological and environmental states. During consultations, the midwife uses medical tools such as the blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, and fetoscope (for monitoring the fetus' heart); she considers behavioral patterns, such as diet and physical activities; and she responds to the parents' emotional concerns. Out of respect for the birth process and the woman's ability to bear a child, a midwife believes that unnecessary interference is an unwise interruption of the body's functions and can lead to iatrogenic (caused by medical treatment) complications.

Independent midwives learn through apprenticeship with experienced midwives or by attending professional schools of midwifery. Independent training programs are recognized as an important means of preserving the distinct qualities of midwifery education and practice.

The legal requirements regarding education, certification, and sphere of practice for independent midwives in the United States vary greatly from state to state. In 1972, the State of New York restricted the right to practice midwifery to certified nurse-midwives and physicians. Certified nurse-midwives attend births in hospitals and birth centers throughout the state. A few have established home birth practices in cooperation with physicians.

Independent midwives, practicing without legal sanction in New York State, resist the law's orientation toward medical technology. They do not view childbirth as a medical condition, but want to assure safety. They need cooperation from obstetricians and family practitioners who are not threatened by midwives, but who are willing to work with them when needed. A pathway must be created for licensing experienced midwives currently practicing in New York State, and for sanctioned direct entry midwifery schools.

Roberta is a childbirth advocate involved with the Midwifery Task Force of Central New York.



Cultural Impacts

The Ninth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees the unenumerated right of the woman, the child and the family during childbirth. However, the competitive U. S. health care system limits our possibilities in this rite. A society which places value in cooperation rather than competition will be more capable of supporting women bringing forth life to continue that society. Providing you acknowledge that babies are completely connected to an Infinite Intelligence, that even pre-natally they possess an important mental life, and that they may be beings more enlightened than ourselves, you then appreciate how vital it is that the birth process be one of happiness, peace, joy and celebration.

The knowledge that each and every childbirth is a spiritual experience has been forgotten by too many people in the world today, especially in countries with high levels of technology. It is our basic belief that the sacrament of birth belongs to the people.

--from Spiritual Midwifery by Ina May Gaskin

Returning the major responsibility for normal childbirth to well-trained midwives is a major advance in self-determination for women. The wisdom and compassion a woman can intuitively experience through childbirth can make her a source for healing and understanding for other women and all human beings.

The Midwifery Task Force of CNY is comprised of health professionals, parents, and other supporters working toward the recognition of midwifery in NYS. For more information, PO Box 6672, Syracuse, NY 13217-6672. Babies are our most precious peace resource.

Rise Up!! Rise Up!

by Christa Pranter, Karen Kerney and Janet Schneider

The collective process at On the Rise Bakery is slowly maturing as is the business. Before beginning in December of 1979, we had agreed to a basic bottom line in our baked goods: whole grains, low-on-the-food-chain, regional foods in season, organic where possible. As part of a local "alternative community" and a larger network of whole food distributors, food coops, and emerging organic farmers, we became both weavers and web.

As the collective grew, we created a strong clear vision statement, which became invaluable when controversial issues arose. The consensus decision-making process closely involves everyone affected by an issue. Though long and tedious at times, the sharing of feelings, politics, and visions surrounding issues inevitably leads to greater understanding among us and a blending of ideas into a new vision. Everyone is encouraged to speak out, thus increasing the sense of unity in final decisions.

Over the years our trust has grown, enabling us to address more complex issues, expanding our collective vision. This ability to adapt and change has kept us viable and strong. What we learn at On the Rise becomes part of our lives. Empowered by our working together, we become more self-assured, we have closer relationships, we are more loving mothers, and we do more effective and directed work for social change.

Some of the issues we are currently facing at On the Rise include: 1. How to use appropriate technology to sustain a viable business yet keep the work environment humane, 2. How to keep the work non-hierarchical and develop a strong sense of personal power and equality among all partners, 3. How to create sane work for mothers by clearly defining roles and expectations, and 4. How to nurture our power as women in business and encourage each other to take on more leadership in the bakery and in the world.

Appropriate Technology

One of our first issues centered on defining "appropriate technology." We had emerged from our home kitchens and were hand kneading 12 dozen loaves of bread daily. Buying a dough mixer became an issue. To some, the road to "efficiency" via the dough mixer represented the beginning of the end. To others it was a question of survival as a viable business in the "real" world.

After much debate we bought the first mixer we found in the classifieds. Through consensus decision making we resolved the clash of individual ideals and practical reality, so that the addition of the mixer to our bakery routine was both smooth and welcome.

New tools and machines are always up for discussion among us. Customer demand for sliced bread is evident, but none of us wants to operate a bread slicing machine. It just wouldn't be what we consider fun, safe work. So, instead we recommend that customers buy a good bread knife, give free demonstrations on bread slicing, and remind people how well a loaf of bread keeps when it is not sliced.

Christa, Karen and Janet are 3 seeds at On the Rise Bakery.



Karen Kerney

Compost the Hierarchy

At the bakery we have resisted creating any type of hierarchy. However, be it the nature of collectives or the realities of baking, our workplace can become chaotic with some details forgotten. We had heard stories of how successful it is to have a coordinator fine-tune other whole grain collective bakeries around the country. So, we decided to have a manager for the day--"mamma chief" or "the boss" -- to pick up loose ends and check in with workers during workshifts. Creating this new dynamic felt very artificial, and within two weeks we realized that we had "failed" to abide by hierarchical structure. After some trial and error, we devised clearer job descriptions for each shift to encompass the loose ends.

We also feel strongly about equal wages for equal work. New partners start at the same wage as partners who've been here for years. We try to instill a sense of equality by encouraging people to use their own good judgment. More experienced people may suggest things such as, "We've tried this or that; what do you think?"

We are very excited about the oral tradition at On the Rise. By sharing stories of prior experience we help new partners to feel more connected to our roots and thus more a part of the present day goings-on.

Baking Mothers

Our business is like a child--it needs nurturing, patience, and limitless emotional energy. At the same time, we feel a real need to provide long-term empowering work for women with children. In our striving for equality, the mothers at On the Rise often feel torn between caring for their children and putting energy into the bakery.

So, we're experimenting to create a sane, comfortable situation for mothers at the bakery. We're developing a list of substitute workers so people can feel comfortable calling in sick or staying home with a sick child. We are considering trying a shorter school-hours workshift so there are fewer outside childcare needs for single parents. We also give a higher hourly pay to parents to help compensate for the financial needs of children. We are trying to find work for mothers which is not emotionally draining or which they can do at home. Again, honest communication and open constructive criticism seem to be the best ways of working through the reality of this dynamic.

Women-Power

Since 1981, On the Rise has been owned and operated by a group of women. In looking for new partners, we never consciously chose to look for women. But we always seemed to end up being women working together.

Over the past eight months, we've looked at this issue in a more conscious way, and in the process, most of us want to remain an all-women's group. The reasons vary

from personal security and ease, to wanting to make a strong statement of woman-power. All of us have grown up in a culture where women never were encouraged to feel our strength and power as leaders. All men and women to some degree have taken on the sexist tendencies of the world around us. Women often internalize the messages to be sweet and quiet. Many of us at the bakery have felt it easier to find the road back to our powerful selves through working with other women. Women unloading delivery trucks, women managing the business, women working and leading contradicts perceived powerlessness. We slowly become more assertive.

We don't see the bakery only as a safe little spot for us to work in. Inevitably, the empowerment spills over into our personal lives and community activism. This helps all of us, men and women, to change a sexist world.

The most effective way to avoid resentments and burn-out naturally is to keep direct and honest communication flowing within the collective. We commonly talk about how we like to be approached with criticism. To know each other well, to know each person's style and hurts is important. All the hours spent on personal sharing and talking about interpersonal collective dynamics have been invaluable. The general feeling in our collective is that the emotional support and clarity is one of the major reasons for the stability and strength of On the Rise.

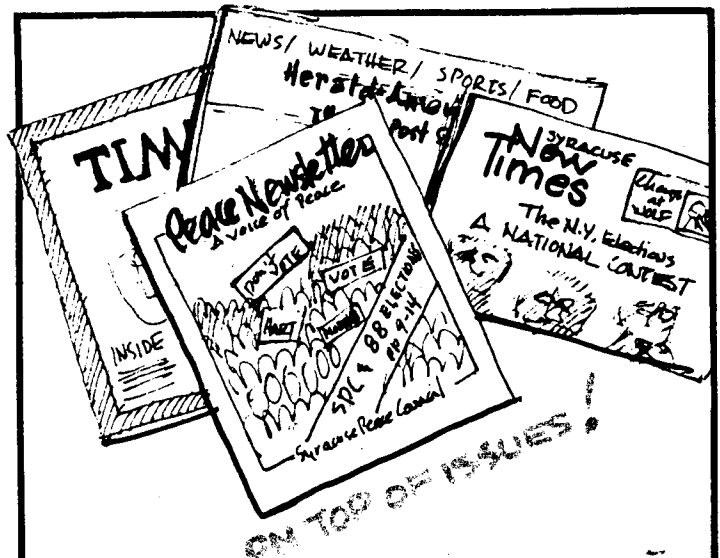
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Shut Sellafield

European Greenpeace and Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament groups are focusing energies to shut down British Nuclear Fuels Sellafield plant at Windscale, Cumbria on the northwest coast of England. The British government released documents in January disclosing a serious nuclear accident there in October of 1957. Water pumped in at 1,000 gallons a minute to douse a fire in Sellafield's main reactor released a massive cloud of steam into the air, packed full of strontium, cesium, polonium and iodine-131. The Guardian, Feb. 3, 1988, reports that Harold MacMillan, the Prime Minister at the time, insisted on a cover-up lest the United States hold back secrets vital to Britain's nuclear weapon program.

The accident would in part explain the findings of a study published in the October 1987 British Medical Journal: children near Sellafield run a considerably higher risk of dying from leukemia and other forms of cancer than those born elsewhere in Britain. (Irish CND's Disarm, Winter '87). Irish medical professionals also report high occurrences of Down's Syndrome births to women who attended a boarding school across the Irish sea from Sellafield at the time of the accident.

For some years, the Paris Commission, an international body set up by European governments, has heard evidence of the dangerous discharges of tons of radioactive waste still flowing daily from Sellafield pipes directly into the Irish Sea. Early last June, the Greenpeace ship Sirius ignored an injunction and blocked the waste pipe. Hans Guyt, the coordinator of the campaign, and William Beekman, the ship's captain, were found guilty of involvement in the action and sentenced to three months in prison.

-Donna Hoffmann

SANE/FREEZE merger

Delegates to the November, 1987 SANE/FREEZE National Convention in Cleveland voted to ratify a celebrated merger of the two disarmament organizations. The Committee for a SANE Nuclear Policy—begun in the '40's by Eleanor Roosevelt and comprised primarily of Washington-based lobbyists, researchers, and canvassers—will further strengthen the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, a grass-roots membership organization made up of thousands nationwide. Delegates elected Rev. William Sloan Coffin to be the new group's President/Spokesperson.

-Donna Hoffmann



Lawrence Scott, in cowboy hat, is one of eleven pacifists arrested attempting to enter AEC test site at Mercury Flats, Nevada, August, 1957. To bring human dimensions to nuclear weapons testing, after a 24-hour prayer vigil the demonstrators walked into the test site on the day of a nuclear test. All received suspended sentences. Sponsored by Nonviolent Action against Nuclear Weapons. War Resisters League 1970 Calendar

Nuclear Resistance Up

Statistics show that the number of arrests for anti-nuclear civil disobedience in the United States and Canada increased in 1987 by nearly 60% to a total of over 5,300. This figure equals the record number of arrests reported in 1983, the year of the Euromissile deployment and massive demonstrations in North America and Europe.

Arrests occurred during over 180 actions at more than 70 different sites. About 400 of the total were arrested for protesting nuclear power, uranium mining, and related projects. (Of total arrests, 95 were reported from Canada, during nine actions at three sites.)

As a result of these arrests, in 1987 more than 120 people served or are serving from two weeks to 17 years in prison, while hundreds more served lesser sentences.

	1987	1986	1985	1984	1983
Total arrests:	5,300	3,200	3,300	3,010	5,300
# of sites:	70	75	120	85	60
# of actions:	180	165	170	160	140

-Nuclear Resister

What's After Escuipulas II?

This pessimistic question may be all too real unless the magic of Oscar Arias flashes again in the near future. A displaced Salvadoran woman states, "The peace plan is pure politics. Peace won't mean anything to us unless our problems are resolved." Is there the will to solve them? Despite the defeat of the Contra aid request the sympolic Senate approval and the Democratic promise to fashion some "humanitarian" package subdues our rejoicing.

Since the completion of the work of the International Commission on Verification and Compliance, the work now falls to an executive commission of five foreign ministers. Unless political momentum "here" can shift from the primaries and "there" past the "shining moment" that spawned the Arias Peace Plan, the plan could hobble into the sunset.

-Dave Pasinski



Lesbian & Gay Youth Program

In January, 1987, the Onondaga Lesbian and Gay Youth Program came into existence through a grant from the New York State Division for Youth. The \$10,200 grant was administered by the local Youth Bureau which receives permission to fund programs from the Onondaga County Legislature. A 24-hour telephone line was established and the office was staffed daily by volunteer Co-Directors. In May, 1987, a Program Coordinator was hired. She implemented crisis counseling, a Saturday support group and outreach to parents, as well as recruiting and training volunteers.

There are approximately 5,000 Lesbian and Gay youth in Onondaga County. Traditionally these adolescents have had higher rates of depression, suicide, substance abuse and homelessness. The County Legislature denied funding for 1988 because supporting this program might cost them their political careers.

To continue the program we are searching statewide and nationally for grant sources. We are also asking for financial support from the community. Please contribute any amount you can. Our monthly costs are about \$1600. Tax deductible donations can be made out to Metropolitan Community Church, Box 6955, Syracuse, NY 13217.

-Kathleen Collins

Bringing Information to Light

With some 6,000 employees and approximately \$600,000,000 a year in Pentagon contracts, General Electric is Onondaga County's largest employer. GE has closed down most of its commercial research and production in Syracuse, so it receives large contracts for, among other things, sonars that are intended to be used in anti-submarine warfare and land based radar systems (such as over-the-horizon radar). Both this radar and, in particular, the sonar are of concern because of their place in the Pentagon's first-strike strategy, something the Freeze and the AFSC documented in a 1986 publication entitled, "Onondaga County's Place in the Nuclear Arms Race: Anti-Submarine Warfare."

To draw attention to the place of GE-Syracuse in the arms race and the local economy and to begin a dialogue with the employees who work at GE, a group has begun leafletting at the Farrell Road plant, where much of the sonar work is done. In the leaflets we discuss moral and military questions, but also emphasize the possibility that the plant could be converted to alternative uses.

For more information about the GE leafletting and Dialogue Project and how to get involved, call Peter at the AFSC, 475-4822.

-Peter Kardas

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Family Caregiving: A Family (and Public) Issue, Not a Woman's (Private) Issue

by Adele Baruch

The Family and Medical Leave Act (HR925/S249) is a proposed law which will protect both job status and benefits for workers who must take a temporary leave from work because of pregnancy, maternal or paternal leave, or family illness. It has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO, the American Association of Retired Persons, NOW, and the American Academy of Pediatrics, while being most vigorously opposed by business, particularly the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Much of the opposition to the bill has been based on the "costs" to business of such legislation, but these projected costs have been sharply challenged. Advocates of the bill maintain that the real costs lie in not providing such leave, in the deferred higher costs resulting from inadequate care for infants and families in need.

The Problem

The problem which this bill addresses is that currently (except for those few states which have laws similar to HR925/S249), family members who have to take time off from work because of 1) the birth or adoption of a child, 2) the need to care for another family member, or 3) a temporary medical disability, are at risk of either losing their jobs or having to return to work with a loss of seniority and salary. In addition, health insurance policies may be cut off during the time of leave, which could cause severe financial hardship for the worker.

Existing related legislation in this country is limited exclusively to pregnancy leave. It does not take into consideration issues of parenting, fathers' needs around the birth of a child, or the needs of other family members. Furthermore, sociologist Sheila Kamerman has stated "maternal protection" legislation has "often been used to reinforce women's isolation from the mainstream of productive labor and to constrain them from receiving equal benefits while working."

An International Perspective

It is important to look at the issue of maternity leave in a cross-cultural context. As Pat Schroeder said during the hearings on the bill, "Every industrialized country in the world has done this except for South Africa, which we have never looked to for great leadership....Kamerman has described the family leave policies in Europe:

There are two parallel policies in most European countries to protect family income at the time of childbirth in those families where mothers are employed. First, there is a guarantee of a right, around the time

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of childbirth, to leave work for a minimum of three months (Denmark and several other countries), a maximum of three years (Hungary), and an average of six months to one year, with the assurance of full job protection, seniority, and pension entitlements. In Sweden, this right can be shared by both parents equally,

The second parallel policy is the provision of cash benefits through the Social Security System, replacing the full wage covered by their Social Security (or a significant portion of it). These benefits are available to almost all employed women of childbearing age...and in certain countries, such as Sweden, to their husbands too.



Changes in U.S. Families

A discussion of the context of the proposed legislation would be incomplete without a description of the changing situation of American families. The change most often discussed in connection with this legislation is the number of mothers now in the work force. The joint Economic Committee of Congress states, "Mothers joining the work force at the fastest rate are those from two-parent households" (1986). Kamerman has pointed out that the most dramatic increase in labor force participation has been among mothers of very young children. "Half of the mothers of pre-school age children, including 57 percent of the mothers of children age 3-5, and 46 percent of the mothers of children under 3, were working in 1982."

Other changes within families include the increased participation of fathers in childrearing, and the number of elderly family members (which reflects the general aging of the population). The latter has raised the issue of what has been called "elder care" within families. The Washington Post (July 1987) has noted that "one in four families provides care for an aging relative today" (and that the number is increasing).

We don't want to embarrass the President by sending him a pro-family bill that he can't sign.

Caregiving is Public

The bill was originally introduced to Congress in 1986. Four Democrats sponsored the bill, with ninety-six co-sponsors. At the time, a similar bill was introduced to the then Republican Senate; and there were predictions that it would move slowly. Linda Greenhouse (*N.Y. Times*) quoted one Republican Senate aide as saying, "We don't want to embarrass the President by sending him a pro-family bill that he can't sign."

The bill was never considered by the full House, and early in 1987 Mr. Clay reintroduced the bill as HR #925. Early on in the hearings Mr. Clay stated that he was encouraged that "the new Democratic Senate is...more favorably disposed towards this legislation."

Also as noted earlier, the bill has been staunchly opposed by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Regarding this opposition, Representative Berman (the author of California's law) has observed that, "Every minimum benefit achieved by American workers has been opposed by representatives here in Washington of the employer community" (1987).

The proposed legislation is an important first step towards creating minimum standards for the rights of employees in relation to job and benefit protected family and medical leave. It begins to address the issues of the nature of caregiving and our social responsibility to caregivers. It seeks to protect employees at the most vulnerable times in their lives.

Many of the supporters of the bill would prefer legislation that would institute a paid leave for workers. However, it has become obvious by the opposition to the current bill that most Americans are not yet ready for this (though, as noted earlier, it is common practice in most industrialized countries). Family caregiving, in America, is still mistakenly considered a purely private concern and not a larger social responsibility.

Title III of the Family Leave Act does call for the establishment of a commission to study the feasibility of paid leave. The organized business community has already spoken out in vigorous protest against this possibility. It is up to us, in the social justice community, to resist powerful business interests, and to insist upon the passage of this very basic family protection legislation.

Note: As of February, 1988, in this session of Congress, neither HR 925 nor S249 had had committee reports filed. Please urge Congressman Wortley and Senators D'Amato and Moynihan to keep the momentum going and bring this bill to the floor.



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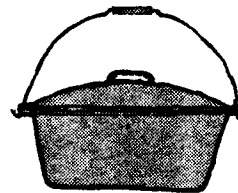


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Unity Kitchen Rejects \$1,000 from GE!

The following letter from Unity Kitchen (a local Catholic Worker hospitality house) was written to General Electric in response to an offer of \$1,000 from a group within the local General Electric Company.

First of all we want you to know that we truly appreciate your generosity towards Unity Kitchen Community expressed in your willingness to help us financially. Our refusal of your donation is not in any way a rejection of you as persons.

What we are refusing is to be identified in any way, even by implication, with the corporate identity of General Electric. GE, transnational megacorporation, is a giant principality of bloody magnitude; and its role in the political, military, industrial, academic complex committed to the destruction of human life is so prodigious as to confound imagination.



**Isn't it time they really
bring good things to life?**

GE, now that it owns RCA, is the second largest military contractor with the U.S. government. We have been informed that it received, in fiscal year 1984 before the RCA buy-out, \$27 billion in military contracts - almost 500 million of that coming to Syracuse GE. The local GE division has been working on sonar anti-submarine tracking technology to implement the U.S. policy of eliminating all USSR submarines at the outbreak of war; and we have been told that Syracuse GE is working on radar technology for tracking low-flying weapons such as cruise missiles. GE is an essential factor in our nation's willingness and capability to annihilate the world, incinerate human life and inflict untold agony on any survivors of this nuclear abomination and devastation. To intentionally kill even one person is a horrendous evil, but to be a primary participant in a scheme to kill everyone, and with a certain

relish and even fascination, is beyond human imagination; it is the demonic imagination, and all done in the name of profit - blood money. GE's profit is already dripping with the blood of the poor of this nation and around the world, since our government today robs the poor of food, housing, medical care, human dignity and life itself, in order to finance the weapons made by GE and other firms necessary to kill everyone on earth hundreds of times over. This notwithstanding GE's hypocritical motto, "We bring good things to life."

As I said, we are speaking here of GE, the corporate body that has a life of its own, over and above those who work there. We are not passing judgment on any particular persons working for GE, although there are certainly those in positions of power and control in GE who are deeply captivated by the power of death. We know there are many good people employed by GE who may not realize the implications of their involvement with GE, and who daily struggle to live good lives, pay their rent and survive in an increasingly chaotic society.

It is an ancient Christian tradition not to accept alms tainted by oppression, deceit or blood. We are sorry we can't accept the donation from (your group) because of its connection and identification with GE: it is legally and publically tied to GE, and donations of this kind are publicized in GE's in-house publications and possibly even in the broader local press. We reiterate, it is a hardship for us to say 'no' to your donation since we totally depend on just such help from individuals, churches and small groups. But our reliance is on Our Lord Jesus and His promises to provide for us if we faithfully seek first His kingdom. He has never failed us.

Unity Kitchen Community tries daily to follow its vocation as a Christian community to proclaim the unity and sacredness of all human life in a culture which has abandoned itself to death and deathmaking, vis-a-vis the oppression and actual killing of the poor, the elderly, the handicapped and the unwanted through abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia and the systematic marginalization of "undesirable" people into ghettos, institutions, nursing homes, prisons and the streets. We see all this rejection of life subsumed into a national commitment to war and preparations for war. In proclaiming the sanctity of all human life and the inviolate dignity of the person, all under the dominion of Jesus Christ, we publically denounce and reject all killing and intentions to kill for any reason whatsoever. Our witness is lived out each day in our gracious and dignifying hospitality for so-called "street people" and other poor persons who unmask, by their presence in our city streets across the nation, the decay of our society. In our hospitality, we try to "exalt the lowly and fill the hungry with good things" (Luke 1:54) in contradiction to our society's degradation and deprivation of the lowly and needy.

Therefore, it would not only be a denial and failure of our vocation and witness as Christian community, but incoherent for us, to act in any way that might even imply

our approval of GE which is a merchant of death growing fat on the blood and tears of the poor everywhere, including the very people we live with and serve upon.

In Germany, before and during World War II, thousands of good people, by doing their daily job, contributed in small ways (as cogs in the great death machine) to the annihilation of more than 8 million people in Nazi death camps, e.g., clerks filling out and rubber-stamping forms; mechanics and railroaders keeping the trains, with their human cargo, moving towards the death camps; engineers and factory workers designing and building extermination equipment; low-level soldiers, obedient to orders to round-up and deport victims; and simple observers who remained apathetic and silent.

So too, in our country and in our day, hundreds and thousands of good people since Hiroshima and Nagasaki have contributed to, and paid for with their taxes, the gigantic build-up of our national arsenal of nuclear, chemical and "conventional" weapons, now poised for the Final Solution.

True, it is extremely difficult in our society not to be involved to some degree, in some way, in its pervasive deathmaking. Simply by our citizenship as Americans, we benefit from the exploitation of the poor around the world and at home. But the stakes are so high now that each of us must draw the line which we will not cross in this whole milieu of death. Our inner struggle is to discern that line, hold fast to it at all costs, and be willing to pay the price. All of humanity is at stake.

At this time when we remember the poor Prince of Peace beleaguered and pursued by the Powers of His day, we extend to each of you His peace which is the only true and lasting peace for this anguished world and for each one of us.

-Ann O'Connor, Unity Kitchen hospitalier

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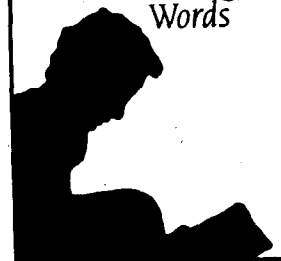
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<p>6 Poetry Reading, Minnie Bruce Pratt, 2pm My Sisters Words Bookstore, 304 N. McBride \$2 428-0227 for info.</p> <p>New Environment Inst. Board / Education Grp. mtg. 7pm 1200 Euclid Ave. 475-4188</p> <p>Tom, Trischka W. Skyles 3-6pm Harvard Arts \$7.50 nonmembers \$5 members 478-6229</p>	<p>7 Acid Rain/Causes, Effects & Consequences - Dr. Charles Driscoll, 7:30pm Schine Cir.</p> <p>V.A. Weaving of Women's Voices sat/poetry/music/etc. 8pm Shanahan Chapel, Lenoire College free</p> <p>Public mtg. hosted by Ellen Lull, Amnesty International 7:30pm May Memorial</p>	<p>8 SPC Potluck "Going to Jail for Peace" dinner 6pm/discussion 7pm, Harvard Arts see p. 8</p> <p>"Local Girl Makes (lead?)" Kate Clinton 8pm Shanahan Chapel, Lenoire College</p> <p>US Army War College Current Affairs Panel dialogue & Q&A. 4pm Maxwell Hall</p>	<p>1 Nuclear Freeze mtg. 7:30pm May Memorial Bldg 445-1714</p> <p>"Too Little, Too Late" Families of AIDS Victim, film 7pm Noble Rm, Hendricks Chapel</p> <p>Women's Dates 1940-1990 Lil Kinney, 7:30pm Women's Info. 478-4636</p> <p>Syracuse Green's mtg. 7pm 821 Euclid Ave David 422-4824</p>	<p>2 "Revising the Text of Husband" Claudia Tate 3pm SU HBC Gilroy Adu. 423-4302</p> <p>is Every Kitchen Sink Under a Window? discussion series noon-1 Planned Parenthood</p> <p>ARISE Head Injury Support Grp. 4pm 472-3171</p> <p>"Woza Albert" film, 7:30pm Noble Rm, Hendricks Chapel</p>	<p>3 Open Writers Workshop 7:30pm Erwin Methodist Church 472-0400</p> <p>Lobby for Peace in Wash. D.C. Vets senators and request passage of the INF Treaty</p> <p>Environmental Issues in S. Asia" Debi Bandhu 3pm SU Maxwell Conf. Rm. 423-2553 free</p>	<p>4 Women's Studies Seminar "Portrait of a Feminist Scholar in Early Ishtar" room, Bird Lb. SU A Trip to Bourneville, film 7:30pm Women's Info. \$9-\$5.</p> <p>Dora Lee Dauma, former local pres. NOW/OCC Acad Bldg. Rm.245 11am free</p> <p>Photo Exhibit on Cuba, SU Comm. Darkroom 2/1-3/1</p>	<p>5 Weapons Facilities Conversion Network mtg. Ulica, Peter 475-4822</p> <p>NYS Film "Thirteenth Moon Annual" 7:30pm Fil.&Sat. \$2 Watson Adu. SU</p> <p>Geoff Bartley/Bate Dunn Concert, MNUIS 9pm, \$5.50</p>	
<p>13 EVERY SUN: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm 735 S. Beach St.</p> <p>YWCA Folk March 3/12-3/13 info. 474-6951</p>	<p>14 Discharged in Action mtg. 7pm, E.C.O.H. 446-6602</p> <p>EVERY MON: Syracuse Birth Group, 7pm, 471-6599</p>	<p>15 Making "The Mission" Ref. Daniel Bergan, SU, 7:30pm Shanahan Chapel, Lenoire</p> <p>Greater Syracuse N.O.W. mtg. 8pm May Memorial 446-2229</p> <p>Sanctuary mtg. 7:30pm May Memorial, Ann 471-6572</p>	<p>22 SPC POTLUCK "Economic Conversion" dinner 6pm discussion 7pm, Harvard Arts see p. 8</p> <p>Syr. Real Food Coop mtg. 7:30 348 Roosevelt Ave. 472-1985 3/8 & 3/22</p> <p>Stronger Than Before and C.D. at the Seneca Women's Peace Encampment, film 7pm Noble Rm, Hendricks Chapel</p>	<p>29 EVERY TUES. Women's Info expanded, info and referral phone hours 6-9pm</p> <p>"Small Happiness" Depression of Chinese Women, 7pm Noble Rm, Hendricks Chapel</p>	<p>30 "In the Name of the People" film, 7:30pm Noble Rm., Hendricks Chapel</p> <p>"Mediators Versus Disputants" Sally Engle Merry, noon 1916 Room, Bird Library</p>	<p>24 "A Historical View of Forestry Issues & Tribal Issues in Bihar" Stuart Carbridge, Maxwell Conf. Rm. SU free</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Central America Vigil 7:30am, Fed. Bldg. Mass at Cathedral in honor of Archbishop Romero, 5:30pm Breaking of Fast afterward.</p>	<p>25 Women's Studies Seminar "Farmwomen in the Midwest," Gayle Morris, noon Bird Lb. SU</p> <p>EVERY FRI: Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal Church \$3</p> <p>NYS film: Night of the Shooting Stars, 7:30pm Watson Adu. SU \$2 Fil.&Sat.</p>	<p>26 Women's Dance 8pm-1am May Memorial, call for more info. 478-4636</p> <p>"Children of War Speak Out" and youth leadership workshop 10-4 SW Comm. Cir</p> <p>B.B. King Concert \$14.50 Landmark, some proceeds to Urban League</p> <p>Diana Diabishin (folk) 9pm-12 Harvard Arts \$5 478-6229</p>
<p>27 PNL PRODUCTION Sun, Mon & Tues. 3:27-3:29 at SPC, Come help.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 9pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618</p>	<p>28 EVERY MON: Visual Disability Support Group, ARISE 501 E. Fayette St. 10am</p> <p>If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.</p>	<p>23 "Bound To Strife Back" film, 7:30pm Noble Rm., Hendricks Chapel</p> <p>ARISE Head Injury Support Grp. 4pm 472-3171</p> <p>Recycling mtg. 7:30pm 475-1197</p>	<p>31 PNL Mailing Party Join the party, 7-9:30pm at SPC 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822</p> <p>"Mangrove Ecosystem Functions & Their Implications" Govind Subbaraj, 3pm Maxwell conf. Rm. SU free 423-2553</p>	<p>1 Women's Studies Seminar "Attitudes on Rape, Beverly O'Connor, noon, Bird Lb. SU</p> <p>New Down City Ramblers 9pm Harvard Arts \$5 478-6229</p> <p>"Development Projects in the Sunderbans" Gian Bhattacharya, 4:20pm Maxwell conf. Rm. SU, free</p>	<p>2 NYS film "Yo" 7:30pm Watson Adu. SU \$2 Fil.&Sat. 423-2367</p> <p>Moving? Please save us 30c and let us know beforehand.</p>			

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Coming in April

April 8th: Annual New Jersey Agenda, Saker ECON 9pm
 Events Levy 472-5173 for reservations

April 18th: Peace Council Birthday event with 1500
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LETTERS

(To The Peace Newsletter)

A Polish prisoner

Many thanks from myself and in Jacek's name. I am his mother. Jacek is in prison and can't write letters abroad nor receive them. I go to the prison for a visit to bring him things or to show him things.

I am only allowed one visit per month, for one hour at a time. I am not even allowed to give him food. A few days ago we received a parcel from Italy with oranges and lemons, but I could not give these to Jacek. Jacek is very pleased with all the letters of support from people around the world who think of him. He receives letters from nearly the whole world: USA, England, Australia, France, Belgium, Switzerland, West Germany, Greece. Jacek is glad that people from around the world think like him about peace in the world - around the entire globe.

Thank you all for your thoughts and I wish that the youth continue their struggle for peace as here in Poland, the movement for "Freedom and Peace".

Wanda Boroz

Editor's note: In December, at the celebration of the end of Andy Mager's probation, letters of support were sent to imprisoned war resisters in several countries. Jacek Boroz of Poland was among them.

Student wants help

Dear my brothers and sisters,

I am presently a junior at East Syracuse-Minoa High School and I am greatly concerned. The other morning I heard the news on the radio of our president sending troops to Nicaragua. When I got to school I went to the library and got the morning paper. What I read made me cry. I don't understand. I tried to discuss this with some of my friends. One person said that he was glad they went in. He was also happy that Reagan vetoed the Civil Rights Bill that both the House and the Senate passed. I talked to another friend of mine. We talked about how people probably won't protest like they did in Vietnam. We were wrong. I heard of protestors being arrested. I want to make people aware. Especially those

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in my school. About a week or so ago they had military career day at our school. It upset a few of us. We put peace signs on the advertisement signs but people crossed them out and wrote "No!" It's sad. Today we got a magazine called "Campus Voice" compliments of Chase Lincoln First. It contained four full page ads for the military. I want to make a stand, but I need your help. No one will even consider listening to me or my friends if we are not informed. Is it possible for you to send me information about the events that led up to the recent deployment of troops and what can I do about it? Are there any organized demonstrations planned that we could participate in? Could you also send information about that Civil Rights Bill? Is there any place that I could get pamphlets or flyers or something that could be passed out at school? I need to help in some way. I can't stand the idea of just sitting and waiting for it to all go away. Are you presently putting out a newsletter or information booklet? I'm looking for something that will continually keep me informed upon the facts. I don't always trust newspapers to tell me the truth. I want to help make a difference, and I need your help.

in peace, Becky Weber, age 17
Minoa, New York

A Peaceful Encounter

My husband and I toured China last month just outside the forbidden City. I went into a very small souvenir shop and was delighted to find peace buttons and they were in the only language I read fluently. I bought two, pinned one to my jacket and dropped the other into my tote. Within a few minutes I was approached by a woman from Vancouver, British Columbia. The button impressed her and (she said) she would look for one. In the two weeks we had already been in China, I rarely saw any other (buttons) and asked her to please accept the "extra" one I had. Her 8-year old, by pure coincidence, would approach a soldier in Vancouver and ask if he was a "peace Soldier" or a "War Soldier"? The following is a poem Katie (aged 8) wrote in her class

*I wish peace was here everywhere today
But it's not I'm sorry to say
There are still a lot of wars going on
I wish I could bust all the kinds of guns
So everyone would be free and have fun
I wish all the world were friends
So no one would ever fight again*

Jeanne Wasil - Manlius

Nuclear exhibit

The Discovery Center, downtown on S. Clinton Street is an active "museum" focused on turning people on to science. My first visit so impressed me that I returned with a friend. This time I left feeling quite disappointed about an 18-foot display on nuclear power.

In the center of this display, a touch sensitive computer screen allowed me to select its first two questions on the production of electricity in nuclear reactors. However, when I selected the final questions on radioactive waste, the computer persisted in reverting back to the previous queries. The display fails to provide any information regarding the disposal of radioactive isotopes regularly produced

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In This Issue

In this issue we explore the Latin American countries of El Salvador, Cuba and Nicaragua and the U.S. involvement in these nations. We also questioned the sanity of the death penalty and investigated the racial injustices of capital punishment.

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

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist.

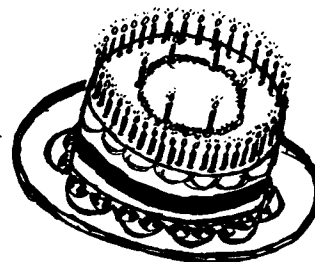
It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

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

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

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the peace council page



Hello from Shannon

Greetings!

Here I am in the midst of production, tying up the loose ends (like typing up this hello) and feeling excited and nervous at the same time. People here have been helpful in many ways (PNL production, housing, friendliness etc). The transition of moving from Cambridge to Syracuse has been quite smooth because of you people. Special thanks to Andy Mager for handing down his vast knowledge of the PNL and SPC.

I have many ideas for the PNL and I'm sure you do too. Please call or drop by. Hope to meet you all soon.

-Shannon Kelley

Goodbye from Andy

As I prepare to leave Syracuse and my work as a staffperson at the Peace Council my emotions are very mixed. I feel glad to be leaving on an adventure to Sweden, and to be exploring international peace work, yet I also feel sad leaving an organization and many people who have been very important to me. Despite all the changes here, SPC is still an organization which can feel like a community.

I want to take some time to reflect on all the wonderful things about the Peace Council and the work we are doing, as well as to think about how we could make our work more effective. Compared to many similar organizations, SPC is way ahead of the game. We have a relatively stable financial base, we own our offices, we produce a high quality newsletter, and people in Central New York know where to find us to plug in for peace.

However, we can also become very stuck, and yes, CONSERVATIVE. We are very slow to take risks, to branch out in new directions. We should aim our sights much higher than we do. We really can make a difference, if we would only believe it, and act on that belief!

I want to ask each of you reading this to think about your role in SPC. Working day after day at the Peace Council office can be very isolating. There simply aren't enough people taking on leadership, wanting to be responsible for an on going task or project. That is really what the Peace Council needs to grow in size, scope and effectiveness. We simply can't expect staff to initiate and carry out so much of the work. So, please come down to the office meet Carrie and Shannon (our new staffpeople) and find your niche.

My best to all of you--I hope to see you in the fall.

-Andy Mager

SPC's Birthday Event

Concerned about the situation in the Middle East? Come hear Israeli editor and journalist Hillel Schenker speak at the Syracuse Peace Council's Birthday Event April 16th, at the Northeast Community Center, on 716 Hawley Avenue. Wine and cheese will be served at 6:45 pm. The program starts at 7:30 followed by questions and topped off with dessert. A sliding fee from \$4 to \$8 dollars will be charged. Childcare will be provided. Come join us for an evening. More information on Hillel Schenker's background can be found on page 9. If your interested in helping out please call Carrie at 472-5478.

-Carrie Yates

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SPC's future computer

Our computer search continues.

We send our thanks to those who have contributed and hope you continue to send your support! Any input or information concerning the search would be widely appreciated.



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A note from the Front Room Bookstore

March 3, The Front Room Book Store had a meeting that went very well. A lot of people came and showed support for the book store. The discussion was good, some of the ideas we came up with were:

- 1) renewing our commitment to community groups by attending their events and providing easy access to some of our books which interest them,
- 2) enlarging our periodical selection, noting people often like to keep abreast of the issues in brief and read a book out of a specific interest,
- 3) ordering more fiction, with the belief that they share truths in a different way,
- 4) we recognized the challenge we have when most of our business is during the holidays,
- 5) we reaffirmed the role of women's books while deciding to cut down the number of them also,
- 6) we liked the idea that The Front Room was a General Activist Store providing not only books but Nicaraguan coffee, crafts, posters, records, tapes and more.

We would love to have more people working with us, if you are interested please call Carrie at 472-5478

*** TAX DAY SALE ***

Saturday, April 16th, The Front Room Book Store will have a tax day sale with 20% off everything. We will be open from 11:00 a m to 5:00 pm, come stop by.

Library meeting called

A meeting for all those interested in the library has been called for Thursday night April 14th. Come help us create a vision of the library that we can start working on. A new shelf has arrived which enables us to put more books on display. If your interested please call Carrie at 472-5478.

Now's the time!

It may seem a long way off, but it 'll soon be time for our Auction and Garage Sale! There are no definite dates or sites yet, but we're hoping for something in early June, with the auction on Friday and the garage sale on Sat.

So when you're spring cleaning, keep in mind we're looking for all sorts of things... bikes, recreational items, small working appliances, good condition furniture and office equipment, lamps, etc. Don't be surprised if someone from SPC calls you soon to see what you have to donate. We want to try and have a better sense of what we have for the auction far enough ahead of time so we can advertise what we have. This will hopefully attract a larger crowd.

If you have any ideas to improve these fundraisers or would like to help with any aspect of them, please let Mary know at 472-5478 (leave a message) or call 426-1094. We want our third Annual Auction and Garage Sale to be the best yet!

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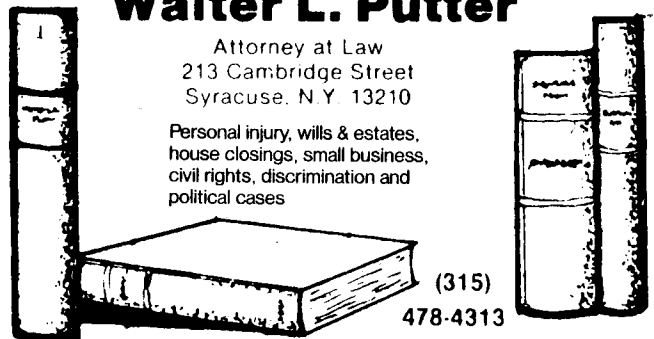


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Dennis Banks ends harrasment by U.S. government

by Donna Hoffman

On Monday, March 7th in Portland, Oregon, American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks pleaded guilty to federal weapons charges - thus ending a 13-year legal battle waïged against him by the U.S. government. In return for the "guilty" plea, all charges remaining against Banks and his codefendants were dropped. U.S. District Court Judge James Redden sentenced Banks to five years' probation.

The harassment began in November 1975, a year after Federal Judge Fred Nichol dismissed the Wounded Knee trial in which Banks was a defendant. Banks, his wife Kamook, and fellow A.I.M. activists were stopped on an Oregon highway and charged with possession of explosives and fire arms. Judge Robert Belloni dismissed the original case because the prosecution could not produce the alleged evidence, supposedly found in their confiscated vehicle.



Dennis Banks, his wife Kamook and children. Photo by Michelle Vignes.

The ensuing government appeals and a 1980 reindictment on increased charges were all dismissed on grounds of lack of evidence, denial of a speedy trial and due process. The U.S. government persisted, scheduling the most recent trial for April 12th. In a November 1987 letter to Banks' attorney Ken Stern, Federal Judge Nichol expressed his belief that the F.B.I. and U.S. Attorney's office has engaged in "a systematic... desire to convict Mr. Banks by means well beyond those which were ethical and fair."

Attorney Ken Stern said that Banks wanted to end the thirteen year-long struggle and avoid uprooting Kamook and their four young children from South Dakota.

Syracusan Dorothy Campbell, who met Banks during his 1983-84 sanctuary with the Onondaga Nation, spoke with him two weeks before the "guilty" plea. She explained that, even though the prosecution had no case, Banks simply wanted to get it behind him.

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Starting from Chicago, Illinois on April 2 and from Bangor, Maine on April 16, two groups will walk to New York City to arrive in time for the United Nations Third Special Session on Disarmament and the major march planned for June 11.

The walk is initiated by the Nipponzan Myohoji order of Buddhist monks and nuns. It is scheduled to reach Cleveland on April 22, Pittsburgh on May 1, and Harrisburg on May 16. For more information, contact Will through SPC (472-5478).

-Will Ravenscroft

More light on GE

On February 3 and 17 the GE Leafletting and Dialogue Project handed out hundreds of leaflets about economic conversion to GE employees at the Farrell Road plant in Geddes. On March 2, our luck and GE's patience ran out and we were told to leave by plant security after only a few minutes. Connie Grasso, GE's public relations officer, informed us two days later that we were banned from the property for "liability reasons," and that only politicians are permitted to hand out their literature on GE property as part of GE's "constructive citizenship program." When we asked Ms. Grasso if we could apply to be invited in as part of this program, we were told that there was no reason for doing so because GE didn't agree with our position and would never accept our application.

Because of the severe logistical difficulties of leafletting the Farrell Road plant on public property, we are considering alternative methods of protesting the "first-strike" anti-submarine warfare production at the plant and advocating a program of economic conversion. Our goal now is to raise consciousness in the public and media about the nature of GE's military contracts. We plan to arrange a meeting with the editorial boards of both Syracuse daily papers, send letters to the papers, and initiate a group dialogue with interested GE employees about what can be done both to preserve their jobs and end their employer's contribution to nuclear war preparation. We may also

return to the plant to leaflet and/or demonstrate (if we have enough people to create an impressive "media event"). Those who want information or to be involved should call Peter Kardas at the American Friends Service Committee, 475-4822.

-Dave Goodman



Mid-East Network News

The Palestinian civil uprising on the West Bank and Gaza compels all of us to better educate ourselves on the critical issues of the Middle East. The Syracuse Peace Council is pleased to have editor and journalist Hillel Schenker, an Israeli citizen, and Peace Now co-founder here to speak at several events in mid April.

Schenker is the senior editor of New Outlook, an English language monthly publication which is published in Israel. New Outlook's founding statement of purpose includes the desire that the publication "serve as a medium for the clarification of problems concerning peace and cooperation among all the peoples of the Middle East."

Schenker's background includes having lived on a Kibbutz for 13 years and editing a Kibbutz magazine. He is on the central committee of the Mapam Party and also serves as a

spokesperson for the Israeli Committee for the Prevention of Nuclear War. He edited the book: After Lebanon: The Israeli-Palestinian Connection.

Schenker will speak at the SPC Birthday Event, April 16th at the Northeast Community Center, 716 Hawley Avenue. Wine and cheese will be served at 6:45 pm. The program starts at 7:30 followed by questions and topped off with dessert. Childcare will be provided.

Schenker, whose visit is cosponsored by the Syracuse New Jewish Agenda, will also be meeting with other community groups. On Friday, April 15th there will be a mid-day gathering at Lemoyne College. Later on that day, there will be a press conference at 2:30, followed by a lecture at Syracuse University's Gifford Auditorium at 4:00. On Saturday, April 16th, a seminar is tentatively scheduled for May Memorial Unitarian Society from 1:30 to 3:30.

Dr. Ryad Munsuir, deputy observer of the PLO mission at the UN, will lecture on "Palestinians Under Occupation." The lecture will be Tuesday, April 5th, at 8:30 in Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University. It is sponsored by the Arab Student Association.

The next Middle East Network meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on April 19, at SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. For more information, call 472-5478.

-Carrie Yates

S.Brian Wilson to speak

Brian and his wife Holly Rauen are currently working to create an Institute for the Practice of Non-Violence in San Francisco. The first activity will be the training of citizen peace action teams to intervene both here and abroad. Besides blockading U.S. military installations they will work on peaceful intervention in Nicaragua.

Brian and Holly are now in Nicaragua but upon their return Brian will start a speaking tour of the Northeast.

April 3- Jamestown NY
4- Erie PA
6- Burlington Vt.
7-12 Boston and Amherst MA
13- Jamestown NY
14- State Univ. at Fredonia NY

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in nuclear reactors. It thus treats the facts that nuclear waste must be stored for thousands of years and that there is no safe storage method as irrelevant to the community. Another computer screen calculates individuals yearly average background dose of radioactivity from nature and non-nuclear industry, but fails to mention the risks of accidents in nuclear power plants or the results of high doses of radioactivity.

Discovery Center director Steve Karon explained that the American Nuclear Society, a group of nuclear scientists and industrialists, created and funds the touring exhibit. He said that the center accepted it based on "scientific validity and interest."

I do not accept the validity of this display because it does not constitute good science - it adheres to some facts but omits the most pertinent. The display falsely portrays the nuclear industry by ignoring the problems of accidents and radioactive wastes. Therefore, I strongly object to the Discovery Center presenting this exhibit as scientific truth.

If you visit the center and you've appreciated the fine displays on a variety of scientific subjects, please then, examine the American Nuclear Society's display and pass your comments on to the director.

Mr. Karon assured me that the center will welcome exhibits showing the dangers of nuclear power plants or the possibilities of alternative forms of energy. I encourage interested scientists to avail of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

-Donna Hoffman

Student needs info

Dear Syracuse Peace Council -

Enclosed is a \$10 money order for the PNL. I have also indicated that I would like to volunteer for the SPC. I have, however, a commitment first to my studies; I am a senior at SUNY Cortland. In addition to being a student, I also work 20 hours a weekend every other week. I would like to

spend some of my spare time, what little there is, as an active member in the peace movement.

I know there are many others who face similar circumstances. Would you please print this in the PNL along with some suggestions as to what we, who are unable to commute to Syracuse can do for SPC in our communities? Thank you

-Tom Valois - Cortland

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Winning Democracy

The movement for democracy in El Salvador

President Duarte's repressive policies have produced severe hardship; thus, the civilian grassroots movement is on the move--100 strikes in 1987, rallies, public forums and organizing in all the various sectors. With our support, and if our government can be kept from intervening militarily, the political opposition predicts major democratic changes in the government within a year or so.

Here in Syracuse, as part of the National Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) "Winning Democracy" Campaign, we are raising funds for Salvadoran organizing efforts and for safe-guarding human rights now.

Through intensive phonebanking by a dozen hearty souls, we have raised \$300 for the "Work-A-Day" campaign that funds organizing and leadership training efforts (for unions, farm coops, neighborhood organizations, health and education sectors). The money is sent down through the NEST Foundation to UNTS (National Unity of Salvadoran Workers), the umbrella coalition of the many grassroots groups.

We watchdog human rights abuse with the Rapid Response Telex Network. CISPES alerts communities such as Syracuse whenever there is a kidnapping or abuse of civilian leaders (these happen weekly). We then send a telex (\$5.50) to President Duarte and Ambassador Coors decrying the abuse and insisting on release. Let us know if you can join this effort. A thousand telexes put the regimes on notice that the U.S. public is watching them.

If you want to put your concern for the Salvadoran people to work, pledge not only to the Going Home material aid fund but also to "Work-A-Day" and "Rapid Response," helping to usher in real democracy for our brothers and sisters in El Salvador.

After the April 19th primary, join us for a 3-hour, satisfaction guaranteed stint of phonebanking to meet our Syracuse goal of raising \$2,000 for "Work-A-Day." Leave word at SPC (472-5478) for me to call you.

- Hank Strunk



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From El Salvador to Mesa Grande and beyond

by Shirley Novak and Aggie Lane

One of the tragedies of war is the uprooting of people from their land. The Salvadoran civil war has created 1.5 million refugees—1/3 of El Salvador's population of 5 million. Half of these refugees are displaced inside El Salvador, living in squatter slums or refugee camps in its capital; the other 3/4 million have sought refuge outside El Salvador. Most of these made their way north to Mexico and the United States but 20,000 fled to Honduras.

The refugees in Honduras are survivors of the Salvadoran government's "scorched-earth" policy and of the Lempa and Sumpul River massacres. On May 14, 1980, 600 people were gunned-down by the Honduran and Salvadoran military while swimming across the border into Honduras. At first the refugees camped near the border, then were forced by the Honduran government to move inland to Mesa Grande. This arid plateau became "home" for 13,000 peasants. The camp was built for only 2,000. The conditions there are poor and unsafe. This "home" is surrounded by barbed wire and refugees are not allowed past its Honduran guards. Despite the wretched living conditions, the refugees organized themselves to provide some quality of life and community inside the camp. Sewing, carpentry and shoe-making work shops allow refugees to develop technical skills while learning to work together for the benefit of the entire community.

Although the refugee camp first served to save their lives, it also became another type of repression. After ten months of organizing and planning their return, 4313 refugees journeyed home to El Salvador on October 10th and 11th, 1987. Many had lived in Mesa Grande for as long as seven years. They knew of the difficulties ahead because conditions which led to their displacement continue to exist. Despite the Salvadoran government's opposition the Arias Peace Plan made it impossible for President Duarte to refuse this repatriation from Honduras.

Four communities were repatriated in this October '87 venture. In 1986 other communities were repopulated from camps within El Salvador. Many still in Mesa Grande look forward to repatriation, awaiting positive signals from those who went before. The former refugees already have cleared large areas of land. They are ready to reconstruct homes and plant crops. All reports from the repatriated/repopulated communities remain hopeful and positive. The people's commitment is strong to protect the return to their land and to work toward building communities where peace with justice will flourish with their crops.

Staying Home

Now begins the hard task of "staying home!" The repatriated refugees have asked for support from religious institutions and humanitarian aid organizations both within El Salvador and in the international community. The role of these groups is essential to help generate enough

material aid for reconstruction and to "accompany," i.e., to provide close monitoring of the repatriated/repopulated communities to guard against violation of human rights and efforts to control, sabotage, or destroy the communities.

Three serious issues threaten the people's security:

1. Militarization of the four areas has been heavy. The villages of Guarjila, Los Ranchos and Las Vueltas have been surrounded, bombarded and machine-gunned by the army. The population of Copapayo suffered threats less than one week after their return; the government intent apparently to intimidate the repatriated communities and to discourage future repatriations/repopulations.



Hilberto Hernandez, next to his father, leaves Mesa Grande refugee camp for the first time in his life to GO HOME to El Salvador.

2. The military has been restricting access to the communities by religious and humanitarian aid organizations. Emergency food supplies from Catholic and Lutheran churches have been stopped and Archbishop Riviera y Damas has been denied entrance to celebrate Mass with the returnees.

3. The lack of documentation leaves the repatriates with no legal status in El Salvador. Their ability to travel freely is severely limited, putting them at risk of arrest, torture and possible death. No clear government plan for providing documentation for all returnees seems to be in place at this time.

Aggie and Shirley are active members of Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary. Anyone interested in joining the efforts of the group, working in solidarity with the people of El Salvador are encouraged to call 637-9576 or 446-6099.

Some Have Gone Home ...

"Going Home"/"One million Seeds of Hope" campaigns

SHARE Foundation (Salvadoran Humanitarian Aid, Research and Education), based in Washington, D.C., launched the "GOING HOME" Campaign in May 1987 in conjunction with religious leaders and organizations across the U.S. "GOING HOME" and "ONE MILLION SEEDS OF HOPE" (a new campaign to raise \$1,000,000 in 1988) are intended to provide repopulated communities with seeds and agricultural tools, building materials, educational and medical supplies, and equipment for cooperative workshops. Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary joined in this effort, having sent nearly \$5,000 to "GOING HOME" and now committing its future fundraising to aid in rebuilding these repopulated communities.

Accompaniment

In pursuing justice for repressed citizens of the world, there are many "places" we can be. According to Robert McAfee Brown, Presbyterian minister and well-known theologian, we can be "in our homes..., in our churches..., in Washington... There is another "place" we can be. It is alongside the victims..., being there in acts of physical and emotional solidarity..."--- this is "accompaniment." "Accompaniment" within El Salvador will provide the former refugees with some measure of protection as they rebuild their lives and face great risks every day.

A call was made by the Mesa Grande refugees that international organizations be "attentive to their repatriation and their potential lack of safety." The Duarte government did not allow international commissions and foreigners to cross the border into El Salvador with the refugees.

Now a plan is underway which would increase the chances of government repression threatening the lives of the former refugees and their communities. The Arias Peace Plan could serve as a deterrent to human rights violations, but, under pressure from the U.S., four of the five Central American countries voted to remove international observers who monitor compliance with the plan and to replace them with foreign ministries of the signatory nations. These Central American "Democracies," i.e., Honduras, Costa Rica, Guatemala and El Salvador, all receive substantial U.S. aid and some economies dependent on this aid. Nicaragua was the only country which voted to keep the international observers. Furthermore, the Costa Rican ambassador to the United Nations again under U.S. pressure, requested the UN Subcommission on Human Rights to recall its observer in El Salvador because the situation "has improved so much."

Expanding her commitment to the Salvadoran Community, Ann Tiffany, Co-coordinator of Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary, accepted the "call to accompaniment" and left for El Salvador March 11. During her two week stay, as part of a delegation of accompaniment, she hoped to

travel to the repatriated villages. Upon her return Ann will provide us with first hand information, having seen the faces and heard the stories of those who have experienced the same tragedies as those we have read about and seen in photographs. Ann has added her name



The joy of preparing to go home: as communities after eight years of exile!

to a growing list of North American observers travelling to El Salvador, expressing great courage and commitment to physically stand with the people of El Salvador as they look to the day when Duarte's election promises will be fulfilled- redistribution of land through agrarian reform, peace through dialogue, respect for human rights and the re-establishment of democracy.

The displaced's plea for accompaniment is a call "to make their pain our pain, their joys our joys, and their hopes our hopes." There is a place for each of us along this journey.

Dear Friends from the USA:

We send you a sincere greeting from here. We are the youth groups from Mesa Grande refuge camps, we are working together in different groups. We have groups of 14 to 16 year old kids and from 16 to 20 year old kids, too. We work with them about our actual situation and religious also. We are trying to learn different works, like playing the guitar, but we do not have the necessary resources to keep these works going on. Everything here is limited and we suffer a lot, therefore we need your help.

This refugee camp is surrounded by a wall, and if we try to cross it we can get killed.

We are limited on food and clothes and also in other things but we keep working because we know Christ is with us.

We want to have communication with you, so you can tell us how is your

Signed by the youth groups of Mesa Grande to our friends in USA.

Cutting through the Media Fog of Cuba

by John Marciano

In January, I spent two weeks in Cuba on a tour that included educators, writers, and physicians. All of us had to file a statement with the U.S. government on the educational purposes of the trip, for no one can simply travel to Cuba as a tourist. Unlike Canadians, who can flock to the magnificent Cuban beaches, we have our own Berlin Wall to deal with.

Here I am in the "Evil Empire", sitting by the Hotel Presidente pool listening to Kenny Rogers, Stevie Wonder and "White Christmas" on the sound system; watching Fred Astaire and Woody Allen movies in our room; hitting a jazz place and hearing the strains of "Misty" on the flugelhorn ala Chuck Mangione; running into a black Cuban tour guide who pulled my leg by asking if "Billie Holliday played third base for the Giants." Robert is a total jazz fan; it is his life and he has a collection of 78s that include Basie, Duke, Ella, Satchmo, and Coltrane. There is more, including the reverence with which people refer to Hemingway and his love for Cuba; extensive discussions with students from Sudan, Panama, and Ethiopia about AIDS, Gary Hart and the U.S. elections, the homeless and poor, capitalism and socialism. I wait for someone to call me a 'running dog of Yankee imperialism,' but it never happens. We are treated always with courtesy and respect. While the Cubans do hate our government for its 30-year war upon them, they can distinguish between Reagan and those of us who might be interested in finding out about their nation. Walking the streets of Havana evokes images of my childhood in an Italian community in Brooklyn: the kids playing, the grandmothers and mothers together, and the men playing dominoes. These are the enemies of freedom?, I find myself thinking.

The Cubans are in the middle of a major phase of their revolutionary struggle, called the campaign of "rectification." A terrible-sounding word, it translates into a deep and self-critical look at what has happened there, with an eye toward continual improvement. There are discussions throughout the nation, from educational institutions to the media, about what has gone wrong with the revolutionary process and why. They are often merciless in criticizing things in order to strengthen socialism. These efforts, based on the teachings of Che Guevara, mean serving the collective and acknowledging which programs have failed. The campaign even has Castro asking angrily why some 70,000 people in Havana continue to live in



dilapidated buildings propped up by supports; he called it an outrage and asked the micro-brigades (volunteer labor groups who perform needed construction efforts over and above their normal work) to step in to repair these homes and build new ones.

I see some of these buildings on my many walks through Havana; they clearly need work, but none even remotely resemble the total devastation one finds in the South Bronx or other major urban ghettos. While Fidel reminds Cubans that they need to see inside their own revolution and stop blaming everything on U.S. imperialism, the ills faced there must be put into some comparative context. The social dislocation we see here that is associated with crime, drugs, homelessness, violence and poverty, has no place in the "new" Cuba. It is far and away the best of the Third World nations in terms of fundamental indices of "popular welfare" (life expectancy, health and education). Many of the accomplishments, such as the climate of physical safety for woman and children who can walk the streets free of fear, seem totally out of our grasp, 212 years after our revolution. Can one even imagine Reagan sharing his outrage on the living conditions for the poor in D.C., or anguishing about the plight of the homeless in our nation's capital?

Given the dramatic changes that Cuba has made in 30 short years in the areas of malnutrition - the first Third World nation to end it - medical and health care, and illiteracy, all of which have been amply documented by international and U.S. reports, we might ask

Good music a' comin'

BILLY BRAGG



Okay, it's a bit of a drive to Binghamton for most of you - but I can assure the worthiness of the mileage.

Billy Bragg, a folk-hero of sorts in England, but relatively unknown in oparts of North America will be performing on April 14 in Binghamton,

Bragg has been described as an "ideologically sound cockney voiced Bruce Springsteen", a post/punk minimalist with a folk-singer aura. A self-described democratic/socialist, Billy and his electric guitar spin out tales of political protest; of the labor party; of love; of fervor. He ignites excitement in his honesty, but does not bore with political theology. He has toured across Europe, Japan, Russia and the U.S. and has released three lps (all gold) and three EPs.

For more information contact Shannon Kelley, 472-5478

Betsy Rose

Betsy Rose, singer, songwriter and activist will be performing in Syracuse, April 20 8:30 p.m. at Maxwell Auditorium.

Rose has won international acclaim for her active performances involving audience participation. She reigns from Boston, but is currently living in San Francisco, California.

Rose's musical style combines traditonal and contemporary influences, through piano, guitar and voice. Her lyrics carry the stories of women, men and everyday workers for peace and justice.

Betsy Rose

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why virtually all we hear about in the mass media are horror stories about Fidel's oppression, the boat people, shortages, etc. There are serious ills, to be sure, but they are faced directly by a determined and honest people who are bent on creating a society with "no delinquency, no beggars, no illiteracy and no homeless."

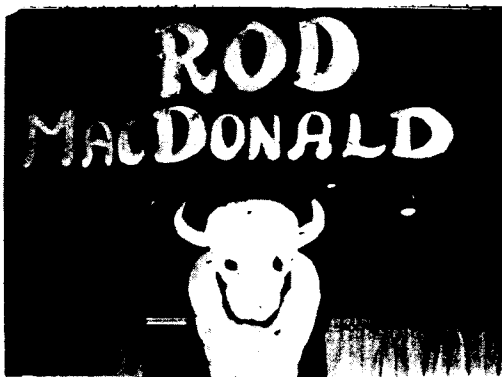
In the area of health care, there are continuing questions in the area of AIDS, and abortion rights. While Cubans are aware that they must address their homophobic attitudes and policies, we are told that when put into the larger context of the Third World hunger and malnutrition - which kill nearly 15,000,000 per year, mostly children - "AIDS is not such a big problem." We are also told that there is no dogmatic policy on abortion; the decision is left up to the parents involved although teenagers must have parental consent (the exact age here is not clear). In a society where the regime is supposedly oppressing people, the policy is essentially one of "free choice"; here, where the slogan "get the government off your back" became popular in the 80s, the Reagan administration has been pushing a right-wing agenda that has been on the backs of woman, people of color and the poor.

As we attempt a tentative judgement of this Cuban experiment (impossible in two weeks or two years), we need to keep in mind the particular historical conditions these people have faced in rebuilding their society, the internal gains and problems associated with socialist development, and the universal principles of human rights we are fond of applying to all but

ourselves. We need to get beyond the "free" and "un-free" label we attach to us and them, the blanket indictments that allow us to ignore the complexities of a people as they go about daily activities. In the terms of some human rights issues, Cuba must move in progressive directions. However, on the most basic human rights - eating, living and work - it is clear why they are the envy of the Third World; we could learn much from them. The Average Cuban child born this day has a better chance to grow up in a healthy, loving, safe, drug- and alcohol-free environment, free from abuse, hunger and homelessness, than the average American child. Perhaps some other nations can point their fingers at Cuba, but given our track record of genocide, slavery and racism, and countless invasions of smaller Third World nations, our government cannot do so. We have attacked Cuba for nearly 30 years, just as we currently attack the Nicaraguans; yet our administration quakes at the thought of sanctions against the truly fascist regime in South Africa. Alongside that regime, Cuba is heaven on earth.

One is left with many questions after two weeks in this struggling, but impressive, island - questions that await more travel and study. But even a short stay jars one out of the media fog that has clouded the reality of a nation which has done more for its dispossessed in 30 years than we have in 212 years. It is time, therefore, that we cut through that fog and begin to understand why.

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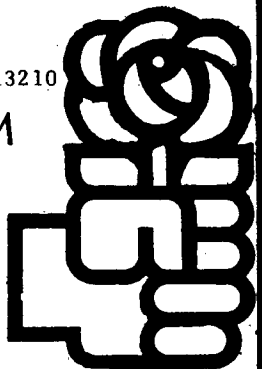
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DEATH PENALTY And Racism

Willy Jasper Darden maintained his innocence throughout his 14 years on death row -- even until the morning of his execution. He was executed last month in Florida on the Ides Of March.

"I go this morning with a clear conscience, I bear no guilt, I'm at peace with myself, with the world, with each of you. God bless you," he said. 2,000 volts of electricity zapped through his body, smoke rose from his right leg where one of the electrodes was attached, and in two minutes, at 7:12, he was dead.

Darden was convicted in 1973 of killing a Lakeland businessman while robbing his wife. The case had attracted international attention by people such as Jesse Jackson and Andrei Sakharov and others who are convinced that Darden's conviction resulted in an unfair trial that took place because he was black and the victims were white. Darden's court appointed lawyer never called any witnesses on his behalf. Recently, two new witnesses - Rev. Sparks and Kristine Bass - have come forward with evidence proclaiming Darden's innocence. These two witnesses have never been given a chance to testify in a court of law.

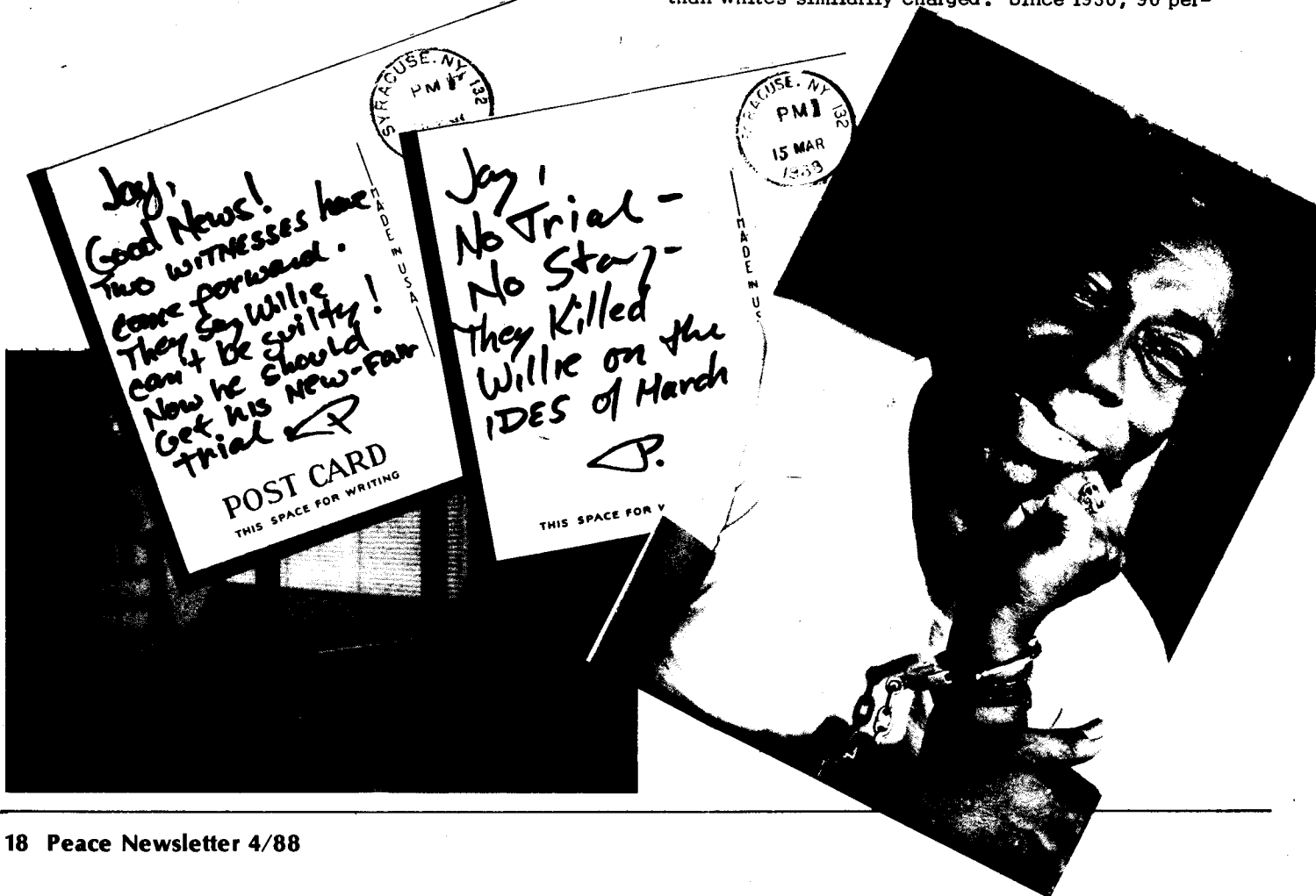
Darden's penalty is irreversible. There is nothing to bring him back if he were ever proved to be innocent.

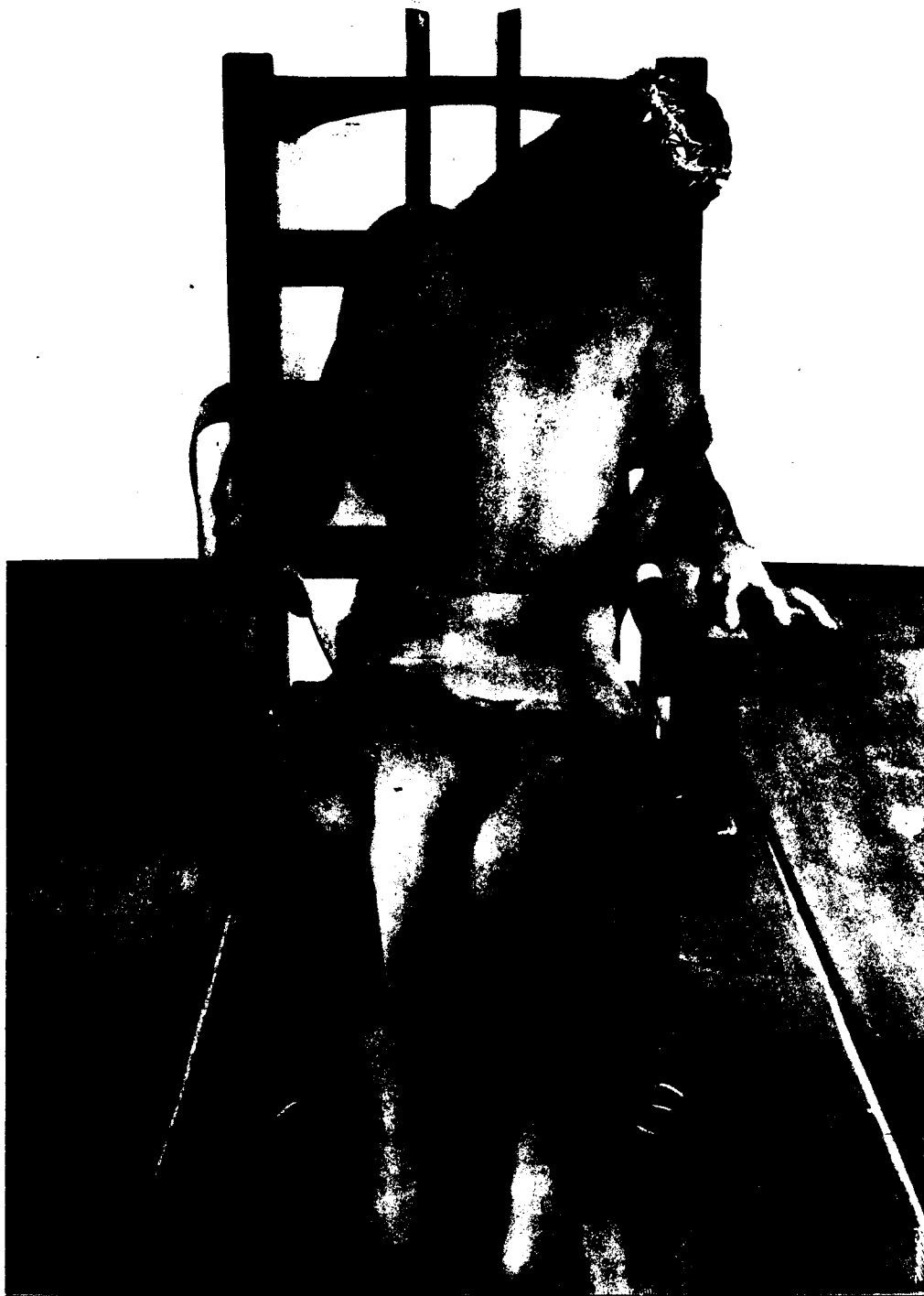
The United Nations states in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights that "every individual has a right to life and under no circumstances shall anyone be subject to torture or cruel, inhumane or degrading punishment. Human Rights, by definition, apply to all people, even those whose acts are condemned by society."

How can we condemn the act of murder when the death penalty, by its nature, is the same crime? If one thinks this is appropriate why doesn't the government also burn the arsonists home or rape the rapist?

And how are these arbitrary choices made as to who will be made into an example to society? Of approximately 20,000 homicides each year in the U.S. about 4,000 people are convicted of murder and about 250 are sentenced to death. Nearly half of these sentences are set aside in the appeals process.

Race is no coincidence when a candidate for the chair is chosen. In the United States, the only Western nation that uses the death penalty, blacks and minorities have a much greater likelihood of execution than whites similarly charged. Since 1930, 90 per-





DEATH PENALTY

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Makes Killers of Us All

As thousands of people across the country hit the streets to protest the U.S. invasion of Honduras, the Syracuse Peace Council and the Pledge of Resistance sponsored a "Hot Line to Congress" Rally, urging citizens to call Speaker Jim Wright and demand an end to Contra Aid and a return of the troops. 150 people braved a fierce Federal Building wind, one-third of whom came up to the congressional hot line phone, (which was hooked up into the Public Address System so all could hear for blocks around) and pleaded, reasoned, argued, shouted, cried, and waxed eloquent on the central theme. The spontaneity of the event moved the crowd, and hopefully the solidarity will continue in the crucial weeks ahead when the contra fate might be decided.

-Andrew Seitser



photos by Paul Pearce

cent of the men executed for rape were black. In Texas, blacks who killed whites are 87 times more likely than whites to end up on death row. In general some 48 percent of the nation's death row population are blacks or members of the minorities, although they make up only 12 percent of the population.

In Georgia, a study conducted on the operation of the state's capital sentencing system, found that offenders (black or white) with white victims were 20 percent more likely to receive the death sentence than those with black victims.

For further information contact Pat Bane, 423-2011 or Margaret Stinson, 446-6151 - People Against the Death Penalty - Central New York

Arrests and Sentences for Criminal Homicide
by Race of Victim and Offender
Florida, Georgia and Texas
1976-1978

Race of Offender/Victim	Arrested for Criminal Homicide	Under Sentence of Death	
	Number	Number	Percent
Black/Black	1,099	16	1 1/2
White/White	1,013	125	12 1/2
Black/White	92	82	89
White/Black	38	2	5 1/4
Totals	2,242	225	

Friends,

On February 3, with scores of others, I waited outside the U.S. Embassy in Managua for news of the vote in Congress on Contra Aid. When the good news came, the jublance of the Nicaraguans there made me weep. But despite the dancing and singing and prayers of Thanksgiving, we all knew Mr. Reagan's dirty, cowardly war was not over yet.

Two days later on February 5 at 3:30 p.m. near Quilali in Northern Nicaragua, the contras shot up a truck transporting unarmed civilians, many of them children. Eighteen were killed and several were severely injured.

I don't know how the media in the states covered the killings. It's likely they were downplayed or ignored. After all, only "terrorism" is newsworthy.

By definition, what the U.S. government finances can't be terrorism. By definition, terrorism only occurs when those slain or maimed are North American or European or Israeli or White South African.

Just because of the vote we think the killing has at last stopped in Nicaragua. We must keep pressuring this government of ours - if indeed it is ours - to stop its dirty, cowardly war.

-Ed Kinane

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<p>3 EVERY SUN: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S. Beech St.</p>	<p>4 EVERY MON: Stu April: People for Peace & Justice mtg, 7pm, Hendricks Chapel SU Chapel Street; Lounge, Blaine 475-4898</p>	<p>5 Syracuse Green's mtg, 7pm AFSC 821 Euclid Ave, David 423-1859 There is a Word (film re Matilda Joselyn Gage) 7pm Hendricks SU free 423-4258 Nuclear Freeze mtg, 7:30pm May Memorial Church, Bath 445-1714</p>	<p>6 ARISE Head Injury Support Grp, 4pm 472-3171 Resurgence: The Movement for Equality & the KKK 7:30-9:30 (film) Hendricks, SU Noble Rm, Blaine 475-4898 Tea for Soviet Guests, for more info, 445-9890 *Mediating Multi-cultural conflict* Paul Pedersen (pm), PAR Conf, Rm, 712 Ostron Ave.</p>	<p>7 Community Writers Project Workshop 7pm Erwin Meth. Church free 472-0400 Please remember to send in calendar items by the 18th of the month, and mark "Calendar" on the envelope.</p>	<p>1 EVERY FRI: ARISE Women's Support Grp, 10-11:30, 472-3171 8 Lesbian Support Grp, 7pm Potluck 6-7pm Women's Info, "How To Succeed in a Prodominantly Male Working World" Chisler Lori Billy, noon-1pm SU Blvd. Sp. Javelin Agents Seder 3pm ECHO, Elena Public Forum w/ Soviet Guests Chezenovia Col. Info 445-9890 9 4/8-4/9 NVS film: A Great Wall 7:30pm Watson Aud. SU \$2 423-2367 Steve Gillette, 3pm Harvard Arts \$5 478-8229</p>
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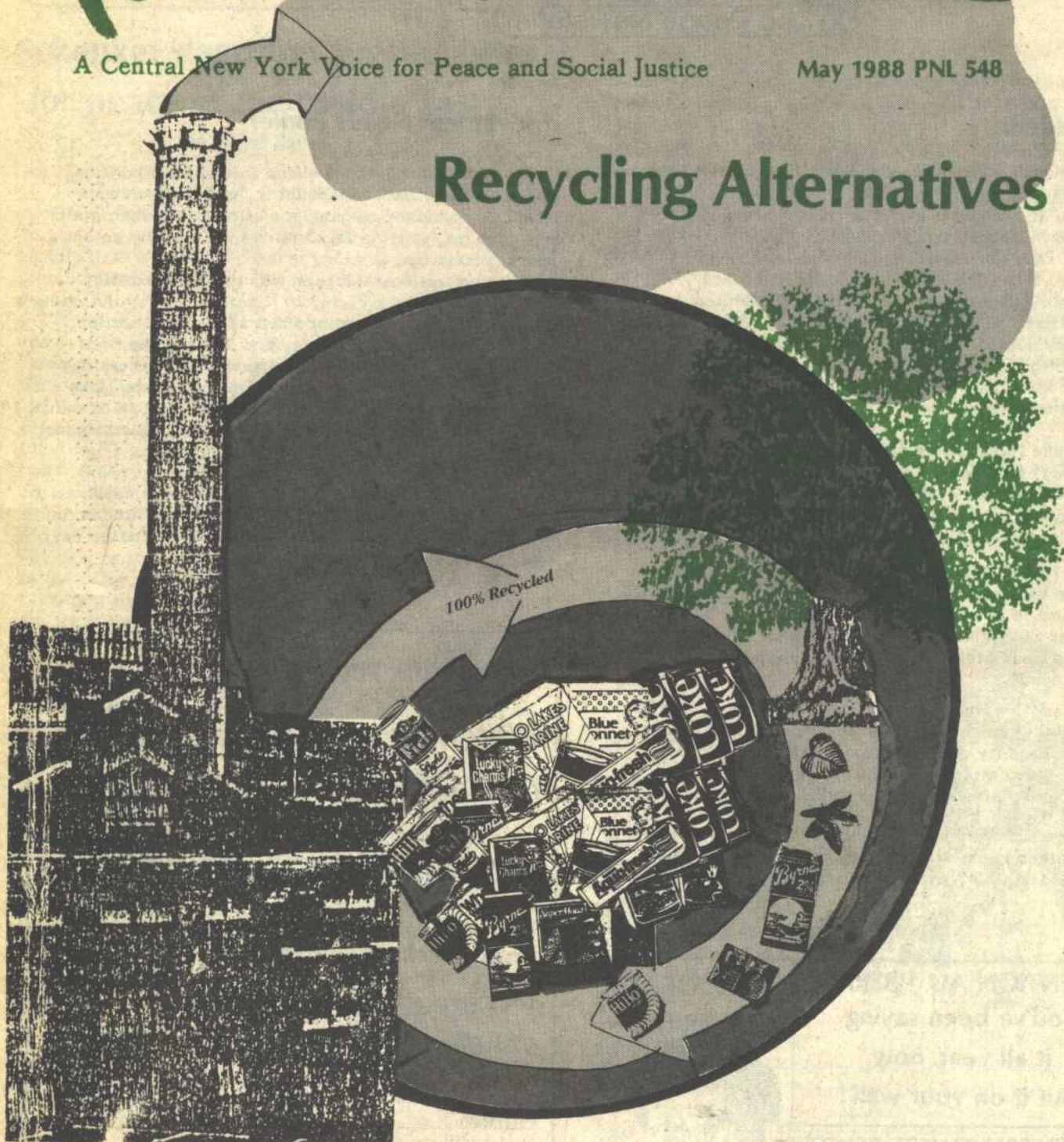
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To The Peace Newsletter

Mall Incident

On Saturday, March 12, according to a story in the Syracuse Herald-American, about 600 teenagers, attracted by free St. Patrick's Day bus rides, swarmed into Shoppingtown, a mall on Erie Boulevard near the intersection of East Genesee Street. Around 6 a.m., a disturbance arose involving both white and black youths. Mall Security called Dewitt and Manlius police and the Onondaga County Sheriff. When they arrived they herded all black young people out of Shoppingtown. To some of the blacks they said, "We want you to get back downtown where you belong." No white youths were bothered or evicted.

Syracuse is not South Africa. Black teenagers do not "belong" downtown. Black teenagers have the right to go anywhere that white teenagers go -- including Shoppingtown! -- without being harassed by police or anyone else.

I am 75 years old. I remember when Hitler first started to incite the German people against the Jews. Hitler came to power, and the German Master Race found that while they were savaging Jews, all their rights had been stolen from them and they were in the midst of a war.

Why am I, a white person, so furious - and terrified - by this ugly piece of official racism? Because I, and the white majority of which I am a part, are the real targets. Every attack upon the the rights of a minority is a concealed attack upon the rights of the majority.

Blacks and whites, let's unite to fight racism wherever it raises its head. Let's make this nation "one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all!"

In Peace and Justice,

Anqus McDonald

Movement Needs Pooler

I used to think involvement in electoral politics was a big mistake. I thought it "only encouraged them". I changed my mind a while ago. Voting isn't the problem, it's the fact that there's usually no one worth voting for.

Voting for Jesse Jackson was the most exciting ballot I ever cast. Voting in Nicaragua is revolutionary. Elections can matter when candidates matter.

Rosemary Pooler matters, and so does the 27th Congressional seat. Activists interested in turning things around - in having access to those who make the decisions we care about - ought very much to want Rosemary in the 27th Congressional seat. We should want that seat and we should want her in it.

You can help make it happen. This year. Now. It may not happen without you. Join the big headstart and well-financed effort of Pooler '88. Call the Pooler office at 476-1988 or stop by at 550 East Genesee St., second floor and get yourself involved.

- Gary Weinstein

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the peace council page

Schenker describes prerequisites for peace in the Middle East

by Brent Bleier

Israeli journalist and editor Hillel Schenker was well received when he recently appeared at various locations in our community. The Senior Editor of *New Outlook*, a Middle East monthly, Schenker spoke to audiences of the prerequisites for peace between Israel and the Palestinian people.

Israelis agree that the status quo cannot last and the options are limited, explained Schenker. The Palestinians are well organized and united on the West Bank and Gaza across religious, cultural, and class lines and are determined to control their own fate. They now realize that no outside nations or forces will aid their cause as much as their continuing revolt. The five major factions, in conjunction with the exiled P.L.O. organization, are collectively involved. King Hussein, though interested in a settlement, will not be representing the Palestinians. They reject him and he knows very well his limitations. Thus, Schenker stated, the P.L.O. is the recognized voice of Palestinian national aspirations and must be a party to any settlement.

He stated the four options facing Israel are: one, the annexation of the West Bank and Gaza with equal rights as citizens for the Palestinians: the Likud did not do this when it had power, as future demographics would mean an end of Israel as a primarily Jewish state. Therefore, this option is no longer viable with Israelis.

The second choice, according to Schenker, is also annexation, but without equal rights: a formalization of an apartheid-type system which would obviously be rejected by not only the Palestinians themselves and world opinion, but by the Israeli majority.

The third would be the forced "transfer" or deportation of Palestinians from the territories as urged by M. Kahane and others on the extreme right and a minority of Israelis. The U.S., world opinion, and many Israelis would oppose this, Schenker noted.

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SPC's Annual Auction and Garage Sale

Our third Annual Auction will be Friday, June 10th, at ECOH (corner of Westcott and Euclid), from 7-9pm, with a preview at 6pm. We are not sure when our garage sale will be; we are looking for a place that is available June 11th, the day after the auction (Have any ideas? Let us know!). Otherwise, we will have it at ECOH a month after the auction on July 2nd.

We are very lucky to have Bernie Brzostek as our auctioneer again this year. He's taking time out of his busy schedule to help us raise some money. Will you please take time out of your hectic schedule to do the

same? There are a variety of ways you can help. You can call people or businesses to solicit donations, offer to pick up donations if you have a truck/large vehicle, work on publicity, or donate items (see below for suggested donations). You could also give us names of businesses/people you think might like to donate something. We have some ideas to improve the auction, but we can always use more, and we absolutely must have PEOPLE, like YOU, to make it all happen! If you would like to help or have donations that need to be picked up, please call Mary at 426-1094 (evening), or call the Peace Council, 472-5478. Please drop off any donations at the house, 924 Burnet Ave., between the hours of 9:30am-5:00pm M-F and also 7-9pm Thursday.

Ideas for donations include: Gift certificates (oil change, perm or haircut, massage, car wash, dance lessons, etc.), cases of beverages, bikes, sleds, recreational items, handcrafted items (quilts, jewelry) movie, theater, symphony tickets, yarn and craft supplies, cloths, books, good condition furniture...

- Mary VanDeweert

Sailing for Peace in the Persian Gulf

Susan Ashley, a local Syracusan, will leave May 2nd for Athens Greece. On May 5th she will board the *Ariadne*, a ship for peace, and sail to the Persian Gulf. The central aim of the journey is to urge an end to the Iran-Iraq war through negotiation and mutual understanding in order to achieve peace. The ship will visit Chania (Crete), Port Said, Aden and then head for the straits of Hormuz to be witnesses



MARIA WRIGHT PETERS

of the war. After going through the straits of Hormuz, they will start their return journey back to Greece. On the ship there will be a series of workshops focused on the Middle East including the Iran-Iraq war, Lebanon, Cyprus, Palestine...

Susan Ashley is one of the few Americans planning to participate in this peace effort. The Peace Council made her a peace banner to take with her on the ship. We all wish her the best...may she have a safe journey!

- Carrie Yates

PEACES

Build Homes Not Bombs

To help build momentum for reordering federal priorities, Jobs with Peace is developing a "Build Homes Not Bombs" campaign. The campaign is promoting a housing program based on three points: STOP/BUILD/PAY: Stop forcing people from their homes; Build permanently affordable housing, and; Pay for it by cutting the military budget.

On Saturday, June 4, 1988 Jobs with Peace will be coordinating a day of activities across the nation, including an event at the Pentagon where Jobs with Peace will build a "house" to symbolize the need to build affordable housing by cutting the military budget. Local coalitions of labor, civil rights, peace, women's and other groups will simultaneously build houses at symbolic locations such as a federal building, a housing project, the site of luxury development, etc.

Jobs with Peace is asking for organizations to locally dramatize the need for affordable housing and to offer ideas and suggestions. For an organizing kit for your own event, or the nearest Jobs with Peace event, contact: Jobs with Peace Campaign, 76 Sumner St., Boston, MA 02110 (617) 338-5783, or call the Peace Council at 472-5478.

- Shannon Kelley



W.O.W.

Work on Waste NYS, is a newly formed statewide coalition of environmental groups and individuals whose purpose is to promote reduction, reuse and recycling of the waste stream in lieu of mass burn incinerators and poorly sited landfills. In response to a recent Lobby Day held by NYPIRG in New York City, W.O.W. is planning a May Lobby Day, May 16, following a W.O.W. conference on May 15. W.O.W. will be promoting the passage of several bills including: the NYSWRC Bill A 6926-A/S6308-A which would establish a statewide recycling corporation; the Ash Bill, A8646-A which would designate incinerator ash as a hazardous waste unless it is tested and found not to be hazardous.; the Incinerator Moratorium, A5227-B, which would place a five-year moratorium on the construction and operation of new incinerators.

W.O.W. invites any interested organizations or individuals to attend the Lobby Day, but needs a commitment. For specific information and registration forms please contact Joanna Ahern, R.D. #1, Box 67, Schenevus, NY 12155 (607) 638-9422.

- Joanna Ahern



Boycott Morton Salt . . .

Nuclear Free America is a clearinghouse for information on the nuclear-free zone movement. There are now 16,054,804 Americans living in 150 nuclear-free zones around the country. This movement spreads with every referendum and with every city council vote.

The creation of nuclear-free zones is not just a symbolic protest. Many of the nuclear-free zones actually interfere with and non-violently resist nuclear war preparations. Some nuclear free zones include prohibitions on investment or doing business with nuclear weapon contractors.

Nuclear Free America has also begun a consumer protest called "Reach Out and Touch a Nuclear Weapon Contractor." This campaign is focused on the top 50 nuclear weapon contractors. It includes a boycott of Morton-Thiokol. Morton Thiokol makes salt and nuclear weapons, including propulsion systems for the Midgetmen, MX, Poseiden, and Trident Nuclear Missiles. It also has contracts for anti-satellite weapons, Star Wars and the space shuttles. For information contact: Nuclear Free America, 325 East 25th Street, Baltimore, MD 21218, or to write Morton-Thiokol: Morton-Thiokol Chairman Charles Locke, 110 N. Wacker, Chicago, Ill. 60606 or call 1-800-828-6702.

Mohawk Flyer Distributed

The Griffis Peace Community is planning a massive distribution of the Mohawk Peace Flyer this June. The peace flyer was last seen as the local outreach tool for the 50-person blockade of the air base in June 1984. During the weeks of June 13, 20 and 27, we will be going door-to-door in Rome leaving the paper and to a limited extent knocking on doors. We would love (and need) to have people join us for a day, a couple of days, or even a week. Hospitality will be available. People interested in helping with this grassroots (but no stepping on lawns) effort can contact Tom or Carrie at P.O. Box 4194, Rome, N.Y. 13440, 337-5265.

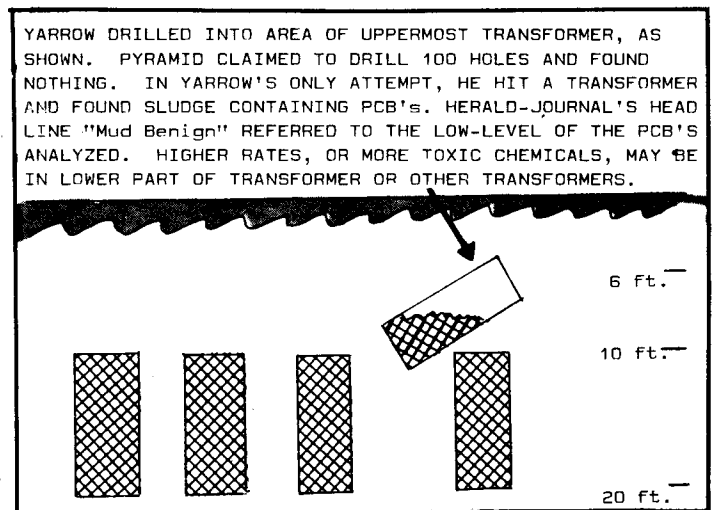
- Tom Joyce

Hazards, History Buried at Mall Site

by Andrew Seltser

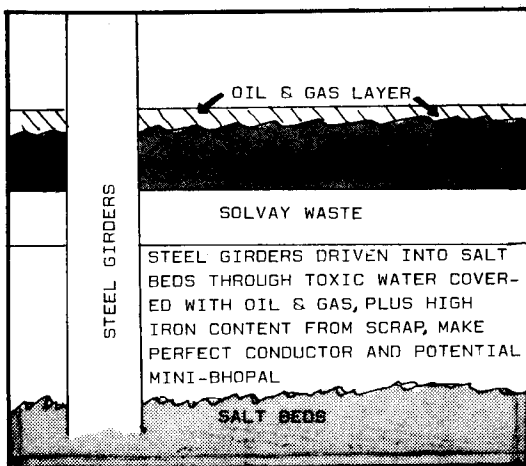
Pyramid Company developers are about to construct Carousel Center mall on a stagnant underground reservoir contaminated with toxic chemicals including PCB's. The mall will likely destabilize this toxic swamp and release poisoned water into the Barge Canal and Onondaga Lake. Contaminated water and fumes will likely seep upwards posing health risks for workers and shoppers in the mall. The site also coincides with the last village of the Onondaga Indians.

Local investigator David Yarrow's months of research have yielded some alarming facts about the Marley Scrap Yard/Oil city site of the proposed Pyramid shopping mall. Yarrow located several large electrical transformers containing gallons of PCB's buried at the site. (PCB's are an acute carcinogen and mutagen banned in 1977.) As his attempts to notify government, Pyramid, and media officials went largely unanswered, Yarrow removed four quarts of the material from the transformers. A portion was analyzed by the State Wildlife Pathologist and revealed low-level PCB's. The site is now being reviewed by the Bureau of Hazardous Waste to determine its status as a hazardous waste site, but with a thousand such sites already declared in Central New York they are not anxious to add another to the list. Yarrow believes the Department of Environmental Conservation knows about the hazard of the site, but they are hoping that Pyramid will, with money and asphalt, literally cover it up. He says Pyramid's proposed asphalt cap of the area will compress the soft, spongy fill beneath the site and squeeze the toxic swamp into the canal and lake, rather than sealing the toxins in forever, as the Pyramid plan projects. "The presence of subsurface water is not alarming," states Yarrow, "...what is alarming is that for fifty years potentially toxic heavy metals and petrochem-



icals have leached into this body of water where they accumulated and concentrated." Pyramid's Environmental Impact Statement failed to address these issues adequately.

Yarrow also uncovered large quantities of oil and gas floating on this underground reservoir, a condition he believes could cause a huge fire, releasing toxins far more hazardous than PCB's. (A private comment from a DEC official acknowledged much worse chemicals than PCB's being buried on the site.) There is good evidence that many industries, such as Carrier, have sold hazardous waste to Marley over the years, industries which would be legally responsible for clean-up costs, but whose actions were covert and thus untraceable. Marley, himself very ill in a local hospital, is unable to comment on his involvement in the situation.



Historical Wealth

The land is also the site of the last Onondaga village, according to Yarrow. The Treaty of 1788 mentions the site as the original mouth of the Onondaga Creek, the center of the land given to the Onondagas. It was given to the white man for salt excavations, and is, in this way, the "navel of Syracuse," the point of land that gave birth to the city. Just ten minutes from city hall, the site of the Onondaga Village represents the oldest surviving demo-

Andrew Seltser is a member of the SPC Press Collective and advises everyone to leave their jobs for a month and go to New Jersey and Ohio and work for Jesse Jackson

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Yarrow does not oppose the Pyramid Construction, but emphasizes that it is unsafe and ill-advised to proceed without an honest study. He thinks their plan may be a good vision of Syracuse's future, but the site has to be cleaned up to avoid a catastrophe. Having a hazardous waste site within the city limits is not a wise vision of the future. And we must, he concludes, not only address the hazards of the site but also the history. Buried beneath the surface is not just waste, but a wealth of inspiration.

Concerned citizens can contact David Yarrow, P.O. Box 6222, Syracuse, NY 13217, or call 492-2194. Letters can be written to local newspapers, elected officials, Pyramid Company, etc.

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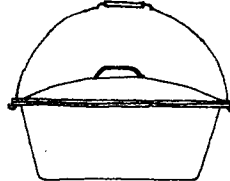
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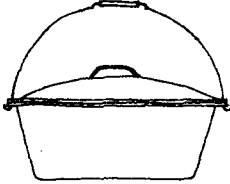
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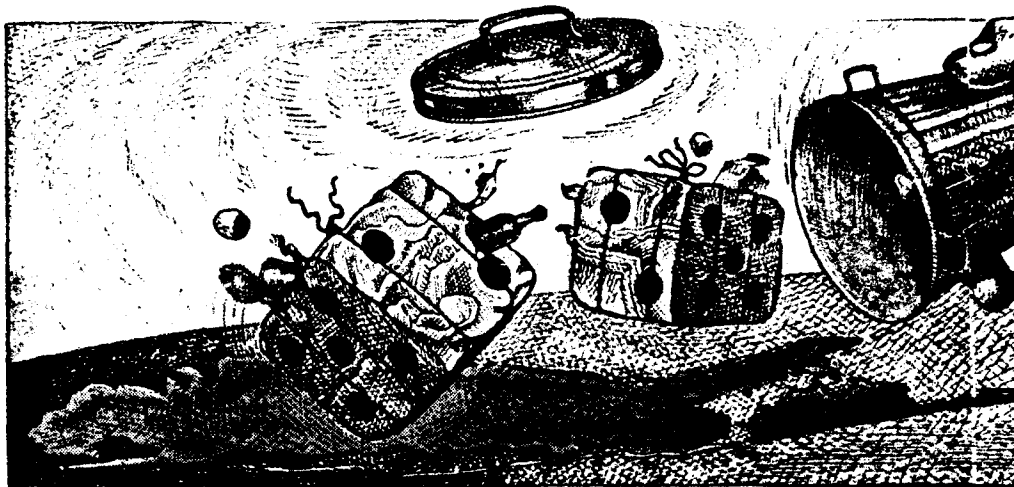
by Linda DeStefano

Picture 800 to 1,000 tons of trash trucked into your neighborhood every day. Imagine the noise and air pollution caused by the trucks. Imagine the potential traffic congestion. Now meditate on a facility which will burn this trash. As in the computer world, "garbage-in equals garbage-out." The trash won't disappear when it burns. It will be converted into toxic ash and air pollutants. (Electricity will also be a by-product, thus the name "resource recovery facility" given to the proposed plant by its promoters.)

This is the nightmare faced by people living near Rock Cut Road in Onondaga County. There are large concentrations of people (many of them elderly) in Brighton Towers, Nob Hill Apartments, Loretto Geriatric Center and the Cliffside Trailer Park. But the problem doesn't stop there. The prevailing winds would carry pollution to the Dewitt, Fayetteville and Manlius areas. When weather conditions vary, the pollution would be carried across the south-side of Syracuse. And the problem spreads because a landfill would be needed to contain the toxic ash from the trash-burning plant. A site hasn't yet been chosen. Perhaps your neighborhood will be the lucky recipient, or your neighborhood may be temporary host to the ash as it is transported repeatedly from the plant to the landfill. Further, taxpayers would be faced with a \$150 million bond debt if we are lucky and the plant doesn't incur huge over-runs, as was the case with the Nine Mile Two nuclear power plant.

We all contribute to the problem of trash and we should all contribute to its solution. However, the solution should be rational and fair. The current "solution" being promoted by the governments of Onondaga County and Syracuse is irrational and unfair. They propose to recycle only 33% of Onondaga County trash within 10 years, leaving 67% to be burned or buried. By their own admission,

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much more than 33% of our trash is recyclable. But they are putting their faith and our money into the proposed 1,000 TPD (Ton Per Day) trash plant.

What do we know about the garbage-burning industry? Four of the industry's 10 leading firms have never built an incinerator of any kind. And two others have built only one each. Some U.S. plants have closed due to operational problems. Serious obstacles stand in the way of transplanting European incineration technology to the U.S. Because our trash contains more plastics and includes products which Europeans recycle, the burning of U.S. trash tends to produce acid gases that add to pollution and corrode plant equipment.

Money to Burn

There is a lot of money to be made in the industry. Lawyers, engineers and other specialists are paid lucrative consulting fees. Construction companies and investment bankers are reaping a financial bumper crop. For underwriting \$13.5 billion in bonds used to finance plants since 1982, Wall Street investment bankers have earned \$194 million in fees. And the future trend is that bond issues will be larger - and thus more costly to taxpayers - because of reduced contributions by private industry toward to capital costs of the plants.

Picking up the responsibility

And how much confidence can we have that our government officials are forging the best solution when some of them have taken advantage of the revolving door between industry and government, leaving government to take jobs with the industry? Given the cozy relationship that usually exists between government and industry (industry has the money to contribute generously to election campaigns), how can we have confidence that government is protecting us from the health and environmental hazards of incineration? Consider that the Town of Hempstead on Long Island has awarded trash contracts worth more than \$1 billion to a politically-connected company that has convictions for bid-rigging and price-fixing and has never built an incinerator. Consider that officials in Oregon raised the state emission levels limit for nitrogen oxides when they discovered that the new trash incinerator exceeded their limits. (Nitrogen oxides contribute to smog, acid rain and respiratory problems.) Consider that tests done this year at six trash-burning plants in NYS showed that more

Recycle First is a coalition of environmental and neighborhood organizations which promotes the 3 R's and opposes large-scale incineration



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Learning the 3 R's

Heavy reliance on incineration is a mistake. Recycle First (see box) recommends that Onondaga County and NYS maximize the "3 R's" of reduction, reuse and recycling of trash. ("Trash" can be re-defined as natural resources.) This approach plus a state-of-the-art landfill sited in the most environmentally-sound area available should be the focus while

plans for a 1,000 TPD trash plant are put on hold. Although some burning may be sensible at some point, the premature construction of such a large facility would mean that the 3 R's would be minimized because the incinerator would demand large amounts of paper and plastic - both materials which could often be recycled.

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What You can do:

1) Ask your county legislator how she/he voted on March 7. If he/she voted for the Rice amendments and against the resolution for the 1,000 TPD plant, support this stand. If she/he voted against the Rice amendments and for the plant, express disapproval and ask for a different vote next time. Express your views to County Executive Nick Pirro as well.

2) Contact Mayor Tom Young and members of the Common Council if you live in Syracuse to express your disappointment that the city is cooperating with the county in planning the proposed plant.

3) Contact your state legislators, Gov. Mario Cuomo, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Thomas Jorling and Assemblyman Maurice Hinchey to tell them you favor funding and staffing for the 3 R's of reduction, reuse and recycling on a level at least comparable to that poured into incineration. Urge them to pass laws and regulations which promote the 3 R's,

such as preference for recyclable and recycled materials when the state buys items. (For more information on state legislation contact Linda DeStefano at 475-0062 between 8 a.m. and 10:45 p.m.)

4) Contact Recycle First for more information or to offer money and/or time to help promote a safe solution to our trash problem.

5) Think about the 3 R's in your own life. For a list of places where you can recycle, a brochure on how to eliminate or reduce the use of hazardous household products and a Recycle First brochure on the county trash situation, contact Recycle First, Linda DeStefano or Kay Twombly (see below).

6) Use your purchasing power to support recycled materials, such as buying greeting cards and stationary from recycled paper from Recycled First. Contact Kay Twombly, 7-2 Westbrook Hills Drive, Syracuse NY 13215, 469-6247. (6 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. or weekends).

than half of the samples of ash exceeded federal thresholds for hazardous waste. Yet up to 30,000 tons of ash from one of those facilities (Glen Cove, Long Island) was distributed to road builders, posing an environmental threat. The state was aware of this but did not stop it.

Besides ash laden with toxic metals, such as lead and cadmium, by-products of combustion plants include dioxins and furans; these human-made chemicals are highly toxic and persistent in the environment and food chain. Dioxin is a likely cause of cancer, birth defects and damage to the immune system, liver, skin and neuromuscular system. Infants are especially susceptible, in part because of the significant levels of dioxines and furans found in breast milk (according to studies in the U.S., Canada and Europe).

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Detoxifying the Great Lakes

by Sue Mihalyi

One of the aspects of our culture that is most often associated with quality, here in terms of lifestyle, is industry and technology. They have given us almost instant communication all over the world, access to incredible amounts of knowledge, beautiful things to adorn our bodies and our living spaces, and the chance to experience an endless array of what would have been the exotic to our grandparents.

We have not only been taught and conditioned that these are ours by right, but we have bought the idea that once something was in hand, that was the end of our responsibility. Western civilization and all the other cultures that see Western civilization as a model have been charging their progress on an environmental credit card. We are already feeling the bite and sting of the interest on that debt, and soon the credit limit will be reached.

The payments will be demanded of us in dollars, in our lifestyles, and in our health. So far the interest payments have been easy to overlook. "Oh well, I can use real maple syrup less now that it has gotten so expensive." (Acid rain may be one of the major factors for decreased sap production in the Northeast). "I only fish for sport anyway." (Fish consumption advisories warn against eating many fish caught in the Great Lake because of bioaccumulated toxins).

A study in Michigan of pregnant women shows a higher incidence of low birth weight babies to those women who eat lake fish. PCBs have been found in fish in lakes on Isle Royale, a remote island in northern Lake Superior. There are no industries near Lake Royale, not even roads. The birth defects associated with Love Canal must be lived with and dealt with for a long time to come.

There is an increasing need for all of us to become responsible in our treatment of our environment. The effects of our industrialized civilization will come to us no matter where we are. We are learning more about how industrial wastes - exotic chemicals not found in nature-travel in our environment. It has recently been concluded that a large percentage of the total contaminants in the Great Lakes is from atmospheric deposition.

There was a great deal of publicity some years ago when Lake Erie was declared dead. Vast algae mats floated in the water and dead fish washed up on shore. This prompted the U.S. and Canada in 1972 to sign the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, which focused primarily on conventional pollutants such as phosphorous and sewage. Sixteen years and several billion dollars later, many of the observable problems in the lakes have subsided.

Many people's concerns also lessened with the increase in numbers of fish in the lakes, lulled into thinking that protection of the environment was going

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A Question of Quality



"Don't blame all of this pollution on us.....It's these stinking fish!"

forward at a reasonable rate. Levels of discharge by industry are not going down very fast, in fact, in some cases they are going up. Also of concern is the fact that only 120 of the thousands of chemicals in use by industry today are regulated. These few substances have been studied enough so that we consider them dangerous. Despite all this, the evolution of agreements with Canada on the clean-up of the Great Lakes may give reason for hope.

The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement update in 1978 and the 1987 amendments to the same, mandate public involvement. 42 "Areas of Concern" have been identified around the Great Lakes. Each of these toxic hotspots is developing a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) through a coalition of state agencies (DEC in NY), local governments and citizen advisory committees. Through this process, sources of contamination will be identified and steps proposed to stop them. Onondaga County is a part of the Oswego drainage basin. Pollution sources in this area will be a part of the plan and there will be recommendations made through that plan to deal with those sources.

The effectiveness of these plans and, through them, the quality of our environment will have a direct relationship to how much we become involved. We can speed the process along or sit back and allow the industrial interests to slow it down. Our responsibility extends from the very beginning of all industrial processes to the final disposal of every kind of waste product this society produces. What is done with solid waste disposal in Onondaga county will have an impact on a wide geographic area. The airborne toxins from an incinerator will be in the air we breathe and will be rained down on our gardens, farms, and drinking water sources and will make its way to Lake Ontario and eventually to the oceans.

For more information contact Sue Mihalyi, Atlantic States Legal Foundation, 475-1170.

Atlantic States Legal Foundation is a not for profit corporation established in 1982 by environmental leaders who felt local organizations and concerned citizens needed legal and technical support to fight successfully for a clean and healthy environment. Much of ASLF's work has focused on the Clean Water Act.

Just when you thought it was safe to go back to the market . . .



Food Irradiation Update

by Brian Prendergast

When I slice into a pear from the tree in the back yard and find a worm, I feel especially lucky. The truth is, I consider any food to be a prize if it makes it to the kitchen without sprays, additives, colorants, or excessive processing. That's why I found the news a bit hard to swallow when I heard the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) had approved the sale of irradiated fruits, vegetables and meat to the general public.

Since April 1986, the FDA approves treating our food with up to 100 RADS (roentgen absorbed doses) of gamma radiation before sending it off to the local grocer. That's ten times the amount of radiation released from the Chernobyl accident.

The FDA's decision came after examining more than 400 toxicity studies. Many of these were done by an infamous Illinois lab, ITB, whose irregularities include reporting the same animal dying twice, and whose owners have since been convicted on federal fraud charges. Upon two reviews, the FDA threw out all but five studies on the basis of sloppy or inadequate procedures. Not one of the five studies, they claim, indicates any danger to the public. That's 5 out of 400.

If these numbers don't sit easy with you, you're not alone. Donald Lauria, Chairman of the Dept. of Preventive Medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, found considerable questions with two of three studies he reviewed. One found an increase with abnormalities in dogs, and the other showed an increase in deaths in the offspring. In both cases these findings were completely ignored by the FDA.

The list of ignored details includes "allegedly produced chro-

mosonal changes" in children fed irradiated wheat (A study dismissed by the FDA as "invariance of well-established facts of biology."), and the creation of previously undiscovered particles, called unique radiolytic products, or URPs. The safety of these particles is unknown, and with 40 URPs having been identified in irradiated food it's simply a fraud to tell the public "we know" irradiated food would be safe to eat.

Behind the DOE's public relations campaign and the FDA's blind approvals is the real issue of food irradiation: Plutonium

But, insuring "absolute safety" is not their job, says the FDA. In fact, they have never claimed it to be truly safe, only that it's no more dangerous than the alternatives. Still, the FDA is trying everything it can to fool the public and protect itself should something go wrong.

The FDA has tried on several occasions to change the labeling laws with a no label requirement on the retail level. After continued public pressure they adopted the warning "treated with irradiation" along with the innocent looking flower logo pictured above. The verbal warning was to be in effect for only two years so, as of April 18, 1988, the only warning we have of irradiated food is a logo which, according to a New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPiRG) study, 95 percent of the 1,100 consumers surveyed could not identify.

Obviously, the FDA is not concerned with our well being. What does concern them are the interests

of the promoters of this insane enterprise, the Department of Energy (DOE). The DOE promises irradiation will greatly enhance storage life of foods, thereby sharply reducing the cost of food storage and, subsequently, the cost of food at the market. (Remember when Nuclear Power reduced our energy bill?) In fact, studies have proved otherwise.

Dr. Noel Sommer, whose ten year study in the 1970's for the Atomic Energy Commission may make him the foremost authority on the subject, says he's seen few benefits from food irradiation. In his study, citrus became pitted and brown, pears ripened dry and mealy, onions lost their flavor, carrots softened, apples mushed, etc...

The one food he thinks might benefit is the papaya, in which radiation is used to kill fruit flies not allowed in the mainland US. The former treatment, fumigation with EDB, was halted by the Environmental Protection Agency when the chemical was found to be carcinogenic. It was this ban that prompted the FDA's quick approval of irradiation.

Behind the DOE's public relations campaign and the FDA's blind approvals is the real issue of food irradiation: plutonium. With 1800 nuclear warheads built in the US each year, and the aging condition of America's military reactors which produce plutonium for these warheads, the DOE has taken a keen interest in commercial nuclear waste. Plutonium can be extracted from nuclear waste, but since 1982 a congressional ban has kept these civilian-generated wastes from the hands of the military.

To get around the 1982 ban, the DOE has created a false need for the byproduct of plutonium extraction which happens to be one of the waste's most radioactive components, Cesium-137. Given this created need they can go after all the plutonium they want sitting fallow in dump sites across the country.

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It's simple. The DOE pulls out nuclear waste from the dump and trucks it all over the country (right past your home, say) to the processing plants. They keep their plutonium, making five nuclear warheads each day, while they sell the Cesium 137 to food irradiation facilities (run by private corporations, regulated by no one). The irradiators treat our food with atomic waste, we eat it, and poof, no more waste problems.

Activists Act Up

Thanks to hundreds of people across the country it's not been so easy for the DOE, the FDA, and the food processing industry, a "deadly triangle" according to NYPIRG's statewide nuclear issues coordinator John Savagian.

In one incident, Quaker Oats stopped using irradiated dried mushrooms in their "Rice a Roni" because of public outcry. However, Quaker Oats has not pulled the existing product off the shelf, according to Savagian. "This is only the tip of the iceberg," he assures.

In Florida, activists have been battling the DOE, teamed up with the Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, for over a year hoping to stop an irradiation plant from being built in their state. Their efforts halted the FDACS from building in Gainesville, as well as raised state-wide awareness of food irradiation, but their battle is not over yet.

The anti food irradiation movement is growing. The National Coalition to Stop Food Irradiation now includes over 22 chapters and 66 affiliates and supporting organizations worldwide. To join NCSFI, write PO Box 59-0488, San Francisco, CA 94159.

In Maine, the state legislature passed a bill prohibiting the sale of irradiated food. The state legislature of Vermont passed a bill requiring additional labeling of irradiated foods. There are bills in both branches of Congress to halt irradiation of fruits, vegetables and pork. The House version, HR 956, introduced by Don Bosco of California, now has more than 82 sponsors and is moving through committee.

Perhaps most important to New York State residents is a bill introduced to the State Assembly by Assemblywoman Rhoda Jacobs. Bill A.4106-B, if passed, will ban the sale of irradiated foods in the state.

Even with the growing movement against food irradiation, it's going to be hard to stop the DOE. Already they have plans for 5 demonstration irradiation plants (Alaska, Florida, Iowa, Oklahoma, and Washington) and a mobile irradiator which will drive right up to the farm. How nice that they've thought about the farmer's convenience! If the DOE gets its way, there will be a thousand food irradiation plants across the country in ten years, an average of 20 per state. The Health and Energy Institute, a non-profit watchdog group concerned with the dangers of irradiation, summed it up best; "The DOE is not trying to find the best way to preserve food or protect human health, its trying to find a convenient way to get rid of its nuclear garbage created by building nuclear weapons." We must not let them get away with it!

How You Can Help Stop Food Irradiation

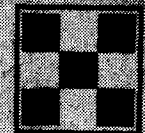
1) Send a letter to the State Senate supporting the ban on the sale of irradiated food in New York (Bill A.4106-B). Our target Senators are:

Sen. Tarkey Lombardi, Jr.
804 State Office Building
Syracuse, NY 13202

Sen. Nancy Lorraine Hoffman
333 E. Washington Street
Suite 541
Syracuse, NY 13202

2) Join the NYPIRG "Alert Network" to stay informed. Call Cris Klæhn at NYPIRG, 476-8381.

3) Tell your supermarket manager that you will not buy any irradiated foods. Contact NYPIRG if you spot irradiated foods on the store shelf.



NYPIRG Studies Show

A survey conducted by NYPIRG polling 1,100 people in 34 supermarkets in Syracuse resulted in the following results:

Over 95 percent of the consumers could not identify the irradiation symbol known as Radura (1):

An overwhelming majority of the respondents (79 percent) stated they would not purchase irradiated foods if they were priced the same as non-irradiated foods. Irradiated foods which were cheaper became slightly more appealing, yet nearly 70 percent of those surveyed still would not purchase irradiated foods:

Nearly 70 percent of the consumers either agreed (57 percent) or agreed somewhat (12.3 percent) that they would oppose irradiated foods and would support legislation to pro-

hibit their sale in New York State.

Furthermore, 52.5 percent polled were still unaware of the irradiation process. 97 percent agreed with the statement that "all irradiated foods sold in stores should bear a label which tells them that the food has been irradiated".

What do Americans identify?

What people did identify with were the more commonly known symbols in America.

91.5 percent of those polled correctly identified the Quaker Oats logo (3) and 57.8 percent identified the Ralston Purina Checkerboard (4). Not so commonly known was the Nutra Sweet symbol (2) identified by 28.6 percent of the people.

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So what is left? Fourth, a negotiated political settlement, with a withdrawal from virtually all of the West Bank and Gaza; Palestinian self-determination; the end of Israeli rule over 1.5 million people. With security provisions, recent polls show 30 percent of Israelis in favor of this and it is the focus of serious debate, reported Schenker.

The preconditions, required by the Israeli peace movement and the Labor Party, were explained by Schenker as the mutual recognition of self-determination for both peoples by Israel and the P.L.O., and a mutual moratorium on violence. These preconditions are asked of Palestinians whenever Israelis discuss peace with them. A third principle, the demilitarization of the territories, would be included in any subsequent negotiations, and is supported by the Israeli peace movement and accepted publicly by some Palestinians.

Schenker believes the issue of trust is best answered by the continuing example of the functioning Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty, which has endured, despite skepticism, because it is in the best interest of both nations. This agreement with Israel's largest neighbor stands in sharp contrast to the situation in 1948. The resolution of the 1987 Arab Summit Conference in Fes, which stated a readiness of the participants to live in peace with the nations of the Middle East if occupied lands are returned, is by indirectly recognizing Israel, tremendous progress on the road to peace.

As for the P.L.O., Schenker observes that the National Council and its executives have steadily moved away from the extreme National Covenant by first calling for a democratic, secular state of both peoples, and in the 1970's by talking about a two state solution. The often quoted radical youth rebelling in the streets of the West Bank and Gaza, do not represent the political level on which negotiations begin.

On the Israeli side, the present unity government is not willing to negotiate, so a new majority, a Labor/left coalition, will offer the only possibility of resolving the occupation. New elections, in a divided society, will not bring this about until the undecided majority of Israelis is given more reassurances by the Palestinians.

Due to mutual suspicions, Schenker doubts that the two sides will generate a solution without third parties, such as the U.S. and U.S.S.R., pushing both sides to the negotiating table with assurances and guarantees of support for a settlement. A U.S. administration ready to pursue a pragmatic peace process and move it forward, continuing aid to Israel, but offering economic inducements and recognition to both sides, would be welcomed by Israel's peace movement.

Israel has someone to talk to, Schenker emphasized, and the point is to look at who actually represents the Palestinians and seek the formula which will enable the negotiations to begin and a new relationship of Arabs and Jews to develop and hopefully, to blossom.

Brent Bleier is a member of the SPC OM Committee, the New Jewish Agenda, and the Mid-East Network

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Conflict of Interest or Compatible Interests?

The consultants hired by Onondaga County to prepare a solid waste management plan, Wm. F. Coslich Associates, are builders of mass-burn incinerators so it isn't surprising that their plan calls for such a facility in Onondaga County. Members of Recycle First have scrutinized the documents prepared by Coslich and have discovered sloppy work and poorly-supported estimates. (What a risk to build an expensive, polluting, resource-wasting monstrosity based on their work!)

On March 7, the Onondaga County legislators voted 15 - 9 to continue in the same dangerous direction. The majority voted down two amendments by Legislator Tim Rice (the amendments were vocally supported by Legislator Doris Chertow) which would have encouraged more recycling and a smaller trash-burning plant. However, the final vote has not been cast. In order to pass the bond resolution to pay the estimated \$150 million cost of the proposed plant, at least two-thirds of the legislators must vote "yes".



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Czechoslovakian Therapy

Making Relationships Work, a one-day workshop exploring the tools for healthier relationships, will be presented May 14, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at May Memorial Unitarian Society, 3800 Genesee Street.

Four facilitators will guide the workshop through music, body movement, humor and group experiences. All revenues will be used to purchase video equipment for family therapy training of mental health professionals in Czechoslovakia. Cost is \$35. Call 696-8247 for more information.

SAMN Garage Sale

SAMN (Syracuse Alternative Media Network), a grassroots production cooperative that produces and distributes documentaries which examine public policy, is having a garage sale, May 21, to help raise \$1,200 needed to purchase a new tripod. We purchased our current tripod for use in Nicaragua. While this lightweight, portable tripod is very appropriate for use in the field, we are finding it is not adequate for the in-studio work we are now doing in Syracuse. The tripod is too lightweight to insure the safety of the camera, nor does the tripod allow for fluid movement of the camera. We are sometimes able to borrow a better quality tripod, but it is not always available.

We need your help! Tax-deductible contributions can be made to ECOH/Women's Options and sent to SAMN, P.O. Box 550, Syracuse, NY 13210. And remember us when you do your Spring cleaning. All those extra items cluttering your attic, basement, and garage could help SAMN purchase a tripod. To donate items, call Elana Levy at 472-5711, and be sure to stop by our sale Saturday, May 21 (Armed Forces Day!) 9am-5pm at 1030 Westmoreland Ave. Watch for SAMN's June

event, a celebration featuring several video-documentaries about Central America, food, and dancing! Call 425-8806 for info.

Radell Roberts

- Radell Roberts

Rainbow Coalition now a force

Over 200 people came together to work on the Jesse Jackson campaign in Syracuse. For months Jackson workers tirelessly phonebanked, strategized, leafleted door to door, held rallies and house parties. The result was impressive: from 15 percent and no delegates in 1984, this time Jackson got 32 percent of the vote and two out of the five delegates in the 27th Congressional district. Jackson won the city of Syracuse, and notably, he won the 17th ward (eastside) alone by 500 votes. Not surprisingly, the N.Y. Times describes Syracuse as Jackson's "upstate stronghold".

This is a tremendous achievement. But it is only the beginning. Over 200 people working together on political change in Syracuse is a major event, but even more so when those 200 encompassed a truly diverse constituency - Black, White, Latino, Native American, Arab-American, union activists and peace activists. We grew to know each other and now we also know our strength to transform politics in Syracuse. This is the task the Rainbow Coalition is now taking up. We welcome anyone interested in joining us. A general meeting will be held soon. For information, contact Alan Rosenthal at 472-4331 or Diana Ellis, 425-4931 or 492-6922.

- Diana Ellis

The Human Race

The Third Annual Human Race to benefit SANE/FREEZE of Central New York will take place on Saturday, May 21, at Onondaga Lake Park in Liverpool. It begins at 10 a.m. with the 8K Free-Form Relay (any number of runners, distance divided up in any way, each runner carrying the baton twice: out and back). Teams may represent any club, school, group, institution, age group, interest, or may be pick-up teams representing themselves.

The 8K Road Run begins at 11 a.m.

With prizes or ribbons awarded to all finishers, the Human Race '88 is sure to be a fine time. Call Diane Swords at the SANE/FREEZE office, 445-9680, for your registration form, or just show up May 21.

- Donna Hoffman

Nicaragua Retreat

People interested in experiencing the Third World and sharing their faith with the people of Nicaragua are invited to join a group of Central New Yorkers for a retreat/fact finding experience in Nicaragua August 20-29. Arrangements for the delegation will be handled by the Center for International Dialogue. The Center comes from a Christian perspective.

For additional information contact Peter Wirth, 422-9299 or Mary Keough 471-4703.

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1 May Day Celebration at Spring Gardens 7:30pm Thornton Park Water tower Morris and sword dancing 446-6999	2 EVERY MON: Syracuse Birth Group, 7pm, 471-6399	3 Spring PSF mtg, Hunger & Millenium Annual Jeannette Rankin Dinner Oron Women's Political Caucus 2002 Erie Blvd, East 5:30pm \$25.00 Res: 652-6998 Syracuse Green's mtg, 7pm 821 Euclid Ave AISC 422-1659	4 ARISE Head Injury Support Gp, 4pm 472-3171	5 EVERY THURS: Women's Info/Leads Hotline 7-9pm, 478-4836	6 Onondaga Historical Assoc. Birthday Party free 4-7pm OHA Museum 321 Montgomery St. 429-1862	7 AIDS Action Rally '98 State Capital Albany, NY 11am-4pm (212)533-8888 Third Annual Peace Jam/Spring Fair College Univ, Hamilton, NY 1-6pm (315)824-3537 Magpie at the Music Hall, 8pm 41 Lake St, Oswego, NY \$6 (315) 342-1733
8 International Day of Silence Margaret Sanger Play (written by Elaine Lyell) 1pm Lenoire College, Fienhouse Theater	9 Planned Parenthood of Tompkins County 20th Anniversary Annual mtg, Sarah Weddington, guest speaker (lawyer who argued Roe vs. Wade) Dillingham Ct., Ithaca College 7:30pm \$5	10 SPC Potluck Peace-making at Griffin 8pm potluck, 7pm presentation Harvard Ave 472-5478 EVERY TUES, Nuclear Freeze mtg, May Memorial 7:30pm Bath 445-1714 EVERY TUES, Women's Info expanded, info and referral phone hours 6-8pm	11 Cesarean Prevention Movement mtg, 7:30pm Elmwood Children's Ctr/VWC 980 Salt Springs Rd. "Cultural Reawakening: From the Four Lane Highway to the Width of the Wagon Wheel" Joanne Rickard-Welsholtz (Tuescora Nation) 543 S. Main St, Geneva, NY (315)789-5151	12 Women's INFO CD mtg, 7pm, 601 Allen St.	13 Lesbian Support Gp, 7pm Potluck 6-7pm Women's Info 601 Allen St.	14 Workshop: Making Relationships Work 9am-12/1:30-4:30 \$35.00 May Memorial Unitarian Society 3900 E. Genesee St. 698-8247
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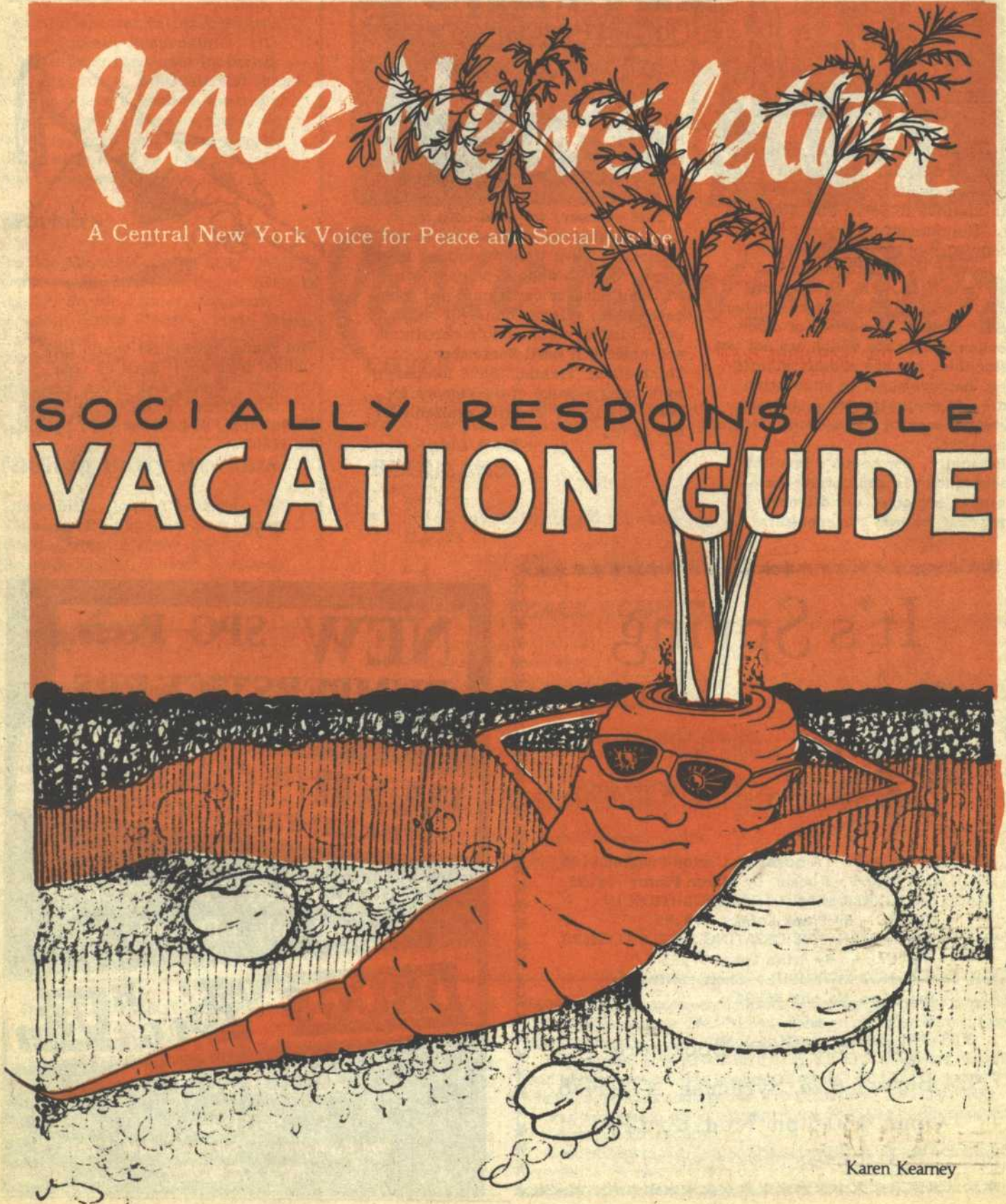
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Co-op changes

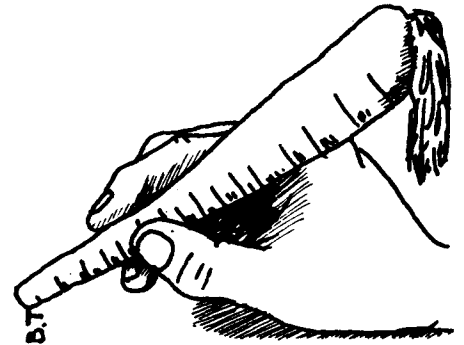
The Real Food Co-op is going through a difficult period, but members remain confident that it will continue to serve this community. The present managers, having given years of dedicated service, are leaving on a mutually agreed upon transition. The new general manager will be former staff member Shane LeBrake. A number of other changes were made which are not yet noticeable, but are equally significant: improvements in accounting and bookkeeping systems, better inventory control and a more efficient check-out.

Basically, our co-op's level of indebtedness is appropriate for a business our size, our dilemma being that we owe our suppliers

rather than a bank. We do own the building, but a severe cash flow problem has affected our ability to maintain inventory. The new management is requesting members to bear with us.

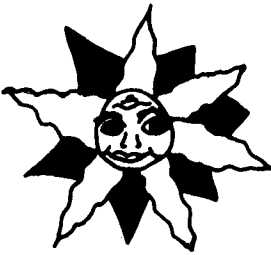
This summer, we need both to keep our shelves stocked and to get a proposed Credit Union mortgage loan approved. We depend on each other with our summer certificate and loan campaigns. Please consider buying our future by purchasing a certificate and holding it until September. Think about "risking" \$500 (on paper) by joining a group of co-signers for our C.U. loan. Details available in the store.

-Brent Bleier



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The first special pull-out section of our Socially Responsible Summer Vacation Guide including politics, tours, festivals and more! We also have a section devoted to local activist groups, a small percentage, mind you, but a glimpse of a strong force in the community. And then there's poetry, too.

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Statement of Purpose

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

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist.

It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

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

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

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the peace council page

Middle East Update

In mid-April the SPC and New Jewish Agenda co-sponsored a 3 day visit to Syracuse by Hillel Schenker, an Israeli journalist, senior editor of New Outlook magazine, and a founder of Peace Now. He was well received by not only left audiences (such as at the SPC event), but by mainstream Jewish audiences also. (See the April PNL for a summary of his perspectives).

There is now, due to the uprising, an increasing acceptance in the Jewish community to a long overdue re-examination of its thinking on the Middle East, particularly the Palestinian situation. Open public discussion has become okay; Syracuse has had Hillel Schenker address a conservative congregation, and another temple heard a dialogue between David Shomar, a local Palestinian-American and their self-admitted hawkish rabbi.

Unfortunately local media coverage has been inconsistent. The Post-Standard has had at least two good editorials, an accurate report on an S.U. lecture by a P.L.O. representative, and a variety of letters to the editor. Our own tour of Hillel Schenker was practically ignored, as was a talk by someone from the Arab League. A social activist of the Reform (Jewish) movement, Albert Vorspan was also not covered. Yet many people saw or heard about Ted Koppel's week-long series from Jerusalem which appeared to open eyes and minds across the U.S.

Where do we locally go from here? The N.J.A. will continue to fight distortions that appear in the local press. There will be press conferences with local activists returning from Palestine and Israel. Perhaps more dialoguing can be encouraged between the local Jewish and Arab/Palestinian communities. Our task is far from over...

-Brent Cleier

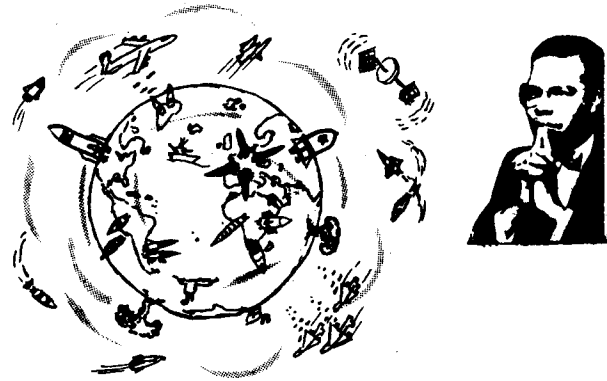
***** Middle East Meeting *****

June 22 there will be a Middle East meeting at 7:30 at the Peace Council, 924 Burnet Ave. Len Bjorkman has been invited to give a West Bank update. Call the Peace Council to confirm at 472-5478, ask for Carrie.

SPC's Auction

A benefit auction for the Syracuse Peace Council will be held Friday June 10th at 7pm at the Euclid Community Open House (ECOH), corner of Westcott and Euclid Sts. Preview of items start at 6pm. Bernie Brzostek will be the auctioneer. It should be a lot of fun so come make a bid in support of the Peace Council. Our Garage Sale is set for July 23rd at ECOH. For more information and to make donations call 472-5478.

-Carrie Yates



Spring Changes at the Peace Council

There has been a lot of activity this Spring at the Peace Council. We have done some Spring cleaning, but more needs to be done and any and everyone is welcome to join us in this endeavor. Paul Pearce renovated one room in order to increase our work surface area along with adding some great shelf space. The library is shaping up, we have our shelves up and we are now organizing books. We hope soon to make a sign for the library so people know when they walk from the book store into the library. We also welcome any current updated political books to add to our collection. Stop by or give us a call at 472-5478. We are hot on the trail of a used computer -- hopefully it will work out.

-Carrie Yates



PEACES

Child Care at Last!?

The State Senate and Assembly has passed a budget which includes funds for all four of the top child care legislative priorities for 1988. It includes \$12 mil. for increased staff salaries, \$2.5 mil. for resource and referral services, \$1 mil. for education and training of day care workers, and \$26 mil. for funding for low income parents.

Only one more action is needed to insure this funding remains in the final State Budget. Write Governor Cuomo today to insure his support:

Governor Mario Cuomo
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, N.Y. 12225



Mohawk Peace Flyer Distribution

The Griffiss Peace Community is planning a massive distribution of the Mohawk Peace Flyer this June. The peace flyer was last seen as the local outreach tool for the 50-person blockade of the air base in June 1984. During the weeks of June 13, 20 and 27, we will be going door-to-door in Rome leaving the paper and to a limited extent knocking on doors. We would love (and need) to have people join us for a day, a couple of days, or even a week. Hospitality will be available. People interested in helping with this grassroots (but no stepping on lawns) effort can contact Tom or Carrie at P.O. Box 4194, Rome, N.Y. 13440 (ph: 337-5265).

Akwasasne Notes needs help

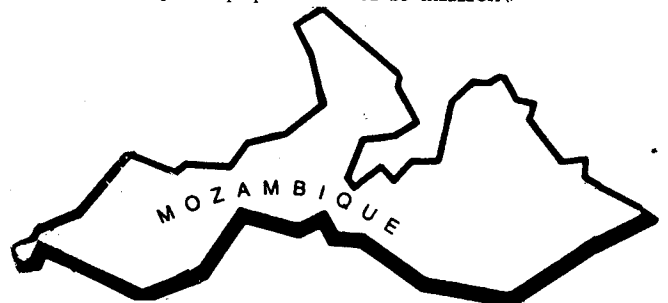


Akwasasne Notes is recovering from what was a devastating fire January 9, 1988. The fire caused an estimated \$200,000 worth of damages; little was saved. The mailing list was retrieved while the firepeople still fought the flames. The building was owned by the Mohawk Nation of Chiefs. Part of the structure can be saved, but it is now too small to hold Akwasasne Notes. The North American Indian Traveling College has offered temporary office space for Akwasasne Notes. A fundraising drive has been launched by Notes in cooperation with the Nation Council and the Viola Whitewater Foundation. This will hopefully insure the continuance of Akwasasne Notes. Any and all assistance will be gratefully appreciated. Contributions can be sent to Jimmy Little Turtle at the Viola Whitewater Foundation, 4225 Concord St., Harrisburg, PA 17109 (ph: 717-652-2040).

-Carrie Yates

Bikes Not Bombs to Mozambique

Mozambique has the unenviable distinction of being ranked first of all nations in the world in its Human Suffering Index, according to the Population Crisis Committee. The primary source of all this suffering is the "contra" war being funded by South Africa against Mozambique. South Africa arms RENAMO, terrorists who massacre civilians with shocking brutality. Nearly 500 health posts and 40% of Mozambique's schools have been destroyed. Attacks on civilians have led to widespread famine, according to Band Aid's Bob Geldorf, threatening half of Mozambique's population of 13 million.



The transportation system has also been devastated by this war, rendering it impossible for relief and aid workers to reach those in need. When, two years ago, the Mozambique Ministry of Health issued an international appeal for bicycles for its health workers, Bikes Not Bombs responded. It is part of an international organization that also initiated the Bikes Not Bombs Campaign for Nicaragua. A bike can quadruple the productivity of a health worker in Mozambique. People can make tax deductible contributions to this effort, donate bikes and parts, or volunteer to help on the project by contacting:

Bikes for Africa
P.O. Box 56538
Washington, D.C. 20011
(ph: 301-589-1810)

Edmonia Highgate: Local Freedom Worker

Edmonia Highgate should be a well-known part of Syracuse local history; instead, she lies forgotten in an unmarked grave at Oakwood Cemetery. A local group is working to change this, however.

Edmonia was born in Syracuse in 1844, the daughter of former slaves. She graduated with honors from a local high school and dedicated most of her short life to bringing education to the newly freed slaves of the South. When not doing this, she was lecturing and fundraising in the North in support of the freedpeople.

Edmonia's life was cruelly cut short when, at age 26, she bled to death at the hands of an abortionist. Penniless, she was buried in an unmarked grave in Oakwood Cemetery. A local group is trying to raise funds for a monument to this remarkable woman. Contributions can be sent to: Edmonia Highgate Memorial Fund, 168 Parkway Dr., Syracuse, N.Y. 13207 (ph: 422-7464).



The Green Movement: A Politics of Change



By David Martin

Our Present Global Crisis:
The Green Vision for the Future

"The starting point of Green politics is the recognition that we find ourselves in a multifaceted global crisis that touches every aspect of our lives: our health, livelihood, the quality of our environment and our social relationships, our economy, technology, our politics - our very survival on this planet ... While worldwide military spending is more than one billion dollars a day, more than fifteen million people die of starvation annually - thirty-two every minute, most of them children. Developing countries spend more than 3 times as much on armaments as on healthcare. Thirty-five percent of humanity lacks safe drinking water, while nearly half of its scientists and engineers are engaged in the technology of making weapons. Economists are obsessed with building economies based on unlimited growth, while our finite resources are rapidly dwindling: industrial corporations dump toxic wastes somewhere else...without caring that in an ecosystem there is no 'somewhere else'. Modern medicine often endangers our health, and the Defense Department itself has become a threat to our national security."

(from Green Politics by Charlene Spretnak and Fritjof Capra, 1986)

Along with a recognition of the specific problems of the crisis, the Green movement acknowledges the fact that these problems are directly related to each other through the institutional, political and economic structures from which they are born. Greens see these systemic problems as a disease, of which the arms race or world hunger, for instance, are only symptoms. Human and planetary exploitation both result from political/economic structures that, in order to maintain themselves, must continue to exploit. The Greens recognize that any political or economic structure carries with it specific values implicit in that structure. Therefore, the Greens see that the best way to effect lasting change is to work on creating and implementing new structures, rather than reacting to or reforming the old.

David Martin is a Peace Council volunteer and founding member of the Syracuse Greens.

To accomplish this task, it will be necessary to first bring about changes in peoples' values, not their votes. As Brian Tokar writes in The Green Alternative (1987):
"To create a livable future, some deeply held assumptions may have to be questioned: the rights of land ownership, the permanence of institutions, the meaning of progress, the traditional patterns of authority within our society. It will be necessary to explore the real meaning of our traditional values of freedom, equality, democracy and self-reliance. This search will help to reveal ways to begin reshaping our communities and our lives to reflect the kind of world in which people can truly flourish, in celebration of the wonders of nature and the love and sharing of our fellow humans."

Values of the American Greens

1. Ecological Wisdom
2. Grassroots Democracy
3. Personal and Social Democracy
4. Nonviolence
5. Decentralization
6. Community Based Economics
7. Postpatriarchal Values
8. Respect for Diversity
9. Global Responsibility
10. Future Focus/ Sustainability

The European Green Movement

People in the U.S. probably first heard of the Green movement in March of 1983, when the West German Greens, die Grünen, won 27 seats in their national parliament with 5.6% of the vote. Die Grünen got its start as a coalition of anti-nuclear/environmental groups that saw a need to have a voice in the decision-making process, to more effectively oppose nuclear power. Since 1979, when die Grünen was formed, it has developed as a major voice for minority positions on almost all issues.

In Europe there are now Green parties in West Germany, Belgium, France, Ireland, Sweden, Austria, Luxemburg, Switzerland, Holland and the United Kingdom. The Ecology Party, the Greens in the U.K., was founded in 1973 as the first Green party. Because the U.K. lacks "proportional representation", the Ecology Party has had little success in gaining political offices. Their situation is familiar to any U.S. minority party. Notwithstanding, all the Green parties - holding or not holding political offices - have had a significant influence on the whole of European politics.



Members of the Syracuse Greens perform "Up In Smoke" outside the county courthouse, during a demonstration against the proposed waste-to-energy facility, held this past March.



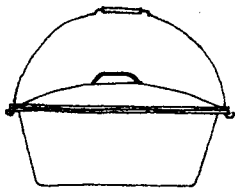
The Green Movement in the United States

The national Green party in the U.S., called the Committees of Correspondence (CoC), was founded in 1984. The CoC is a coalition of local grassroots Green groups acting mainly as a catalyst and resource for the various local groups. The CoC publishes a quarterly newsletter, Green Letter. Regional groups such as the New England CoC provides networking assistance with a more specific regional focus. There have been several national and regional conferences for Green groups and individuals.

Greens Locally

In the upstate New York region, there are Green groups in Buffalo, Hudson Valley, Albany, Utica, Ithaca and here in Syracuse. The Syracuse Greens formed in October of last year. We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., at A.F.S.C., 821 Euclid Ave., Syracuse. We have been most active on the solid waste issue locally. We see the waste-to-energy facility as a "waste-of-energy" facility, and we support all efforts towards re-use, reduction and recycling of "waste". The Syracuse Greens have made their presence felt at many local events on this issue. We have produced and performed a street theater called "Up In Smoke".

Members of the Syracuse Greens have put forth proposals for future action on such topics as: Onondaga Lake, energy conservation and military conversion. We are presently putting together a brochure for outreach purposes and, we will have Green books and literature on hand as part of the new SPC library. For more info on the Syracuse Greens contact David at: 100 S. Edwards Ave., Syracuse, NY 13206 or call: 437-6211.



SPC Potluck

Mental Patients Alliance

June 14 George Ebert, of Alliance, will speak on human rights abuse within the mental health profession. Join us!

Bedtime Stories for the Modern Age

June 28 Bob Curley, of the 1988 Club, will share with us, his thoughts on the nuclear weapons issue, and what we can do. NOW!

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UpComing Events

Gay and Lesbian Pride Rally

This year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Rally - to be held June 19 at 2pm at Columbus Circle downtown - will feature invited guest speakers and the Themes of Lesbian/Gay unity, political and social consciousness, and protest against continuing discrimination and prejudice. The rally is the local highlight of nationwide Gay and Lesbian Pride Week. Present will be members of The Rally Committee and the Variety Show Committee to provide information to those interested in participating in future Gay and Lesbian events. Groups may wish to participate together in the Rally with their own banners or other insignia. For further information, please write to P.O. Box 92, Syracuse 13210-0092, or phone 673-4042 (days) or 682-7294 (after 5pm).

Toxics Lobby Day

The Toxics in Your Community Coalition, a statewide coalition of people and groups working to clean up the serious pollution in New York State, will hold a meeting in Albany on Sunday, June 5th from 11 am to 5 pm to prepare for a lobby day on Monday June 6th. On Monday the coalition will meet with Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Jorling, and will lobby legislators on a proposed Safe Drinking Water Act and a Superfund Health Monitoring Bill. More info: contact The Toxics Coalition, c/o NY Env. Inst., 33 Central Ave, Albany 12210, or call Anne at 518-462-5527.

Women and Body Image

Women and Body Image; A four week women's support group will be offered from July 5-26, every Tuesday night at 7:30. The group led by Debbie Herman M.S. and Adel Baruch M.A. will explore issues of strength, awareness and acceptance of our bodies. Cost is \$28. For more information call Adel 446-5276 or Debbie 471-5869.

Jackson delegates host local forum

On Thursday, June 14, the Jackson Delegates of the 27th Congressional District and the Syracuse Rainbow Coalition will host a Public Forum at Plymouth Church, starting at 7:30 pm. The purpose of the Forum is to give the citizens of the 27th C.D. a chance to meet their delegates and to express the concerns and perspectives they wish them to take to the Democratic National Convention in July. There may be as many as four local Jackson delegates attending the Convention.

Local community groups will also be invited to identify the issues they wish to see in the Democratic Party Platform. Come and give the message to your delegates! For more info, call Alan at 472-4331 or Diana at 492-6922.

Daughters of Holocaust survivors

Daughters of Survivors and Refugees of the Holocaust will meet on Sat. June 18, 9 am to 1 pm, for discussion of our experiences growing up, and how they related to what our families experienced during the war.

Call Elana (472-5711) or Linda (472-9386) for more information.

Local Homes Not Bombs Action

Jobs with Peace is having a national campaign to build homes not bombs and Syracuse has formed a local coalition (of which SPC is a part) to coordinate activities in conjunction with the June 4th activities in Washington DC and across the nation. June 4th Syracuse will have a Speak Out Build Homes Not Bombs day at the West End Park/ Skiddy Park (directly across from Blodgett School by Oswego and Otisco Sts.) from 12 noon to 2:00pm. There will be speakers and an open microphone for others who would like to speak. The rally will be followed by a walking tour of the neighborhood. Come join us in bringing some attention to these important issues: stop forcing people from their homes, build permanently affordable housing, and pay for it by cutting the military budget.



BREAK WEAPONS
NOT SPIRITS

Ban the Bombmakers

Ban The Bombmakers: National Weapons Facilities Organizers Conference - activists nationwide who work on corporate and military installations that perpetuate the arms race and military intervention will meet on Friday, June 10th at Fordham College at Lincoln Center, NY, to help strategize, share experiences, and network. More info: National Mobilization for Survival, 853 Broadway, Suite 418, NY 10003 or 212-995-8787.

Interfaith Events in NYC on June 10th - at 12 noon greet two Peace Pilgrimages arriving from Bangor, ME and Chicago, IL; at 3pm Interfaith Religious Service at Riverside Church.

Mass Demonstration on Saturday, June 11th - 9am assemble at the UN; 11:30 am march to Central Park for international program.

More info about interfaith events or demonstrations: SSD-III National Coalition, 11 John St, Rm 803, NY 10038.

Info about buses: from Syracuse, Ollie Clubb, 315-479-5977; from Rochester area, PJEC 716-244-7191; from Buffalo, Western N.Y. Peace Center, 716-856-2100. Car-pooling from Albany, Pat Beetle, 518-477-4004.

Socially Responsible Summer Guide

Illustrations by Karen Kearney

compiled by Andrew Seltser
and Shannon Kelley

What we should be doing this summer is going down to DC and demanding an end to the secret government. But in lieu of that, we bring you an incomplete selection of goings-on where you might relax and meet people who would otherwise be in DC demanding an end to the secret government, if it weren't for summer and time for vacation. So have a good time, and if you know of any events we've omitted, give a call...we'll post and refer them, and include them in next years guide. Thanks.



POLITICS

AIDS, HEALING & ALTERNATIVES TREATMENT CONFERENCE

(conducted in English)

DATE: June 17, 18

PLACE: Berwaldhallen, Sweden
CONTACT: ARARAT INTERNATIONAL
Tavastgatan 29A S-117 24
Stockholm, Sweden (010) 46
884 3584

ANARCHIST GATHERING

DATE: June 17-20

PLACE: Toronto, Canada
CONTACT: PO Box 435 Station P
Toronto, Ontario M55 3259
Canada

BUDDHIST MONKS PEACE WALK

DATE: June 10

PLACE: UN

COMMENT: The Buddhist Monks from the Peace Pagoda in Levertt, MA will end their walk for peace at the UN.
CONTACT: Betsy Alexander
746-3002

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1988

DATE: June 17-19

PLACE: Atlanta, GA

CONTACT: 730 Peachtree Room
982, Atlanta GA 30308
(404) 876-5661

COMMENT: Register Early

ANNUAL MEDICAL AID FOR EL SALVADOR 10K WALK

DATE: June 25 8:45 a.m.

PLACE: Niagra Riverwalk
Buffalo, NY

CONTACT: CALC (716) 856-
2100

COMMENTS: Begin at Crawdad-
dy's Restaurant, collect
money for pledges

8th WORLD CONGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL PHYSICIANS FOR THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR

DATE: June 2-6

PLACE: Montreal, Quebec

CONTACT: Ron: 445-9232

COMMENTS: "Healing our
Planet: A Global Prescrip-
tion"

4th ANNUAL NATIONAL SEMINAR NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR ANIMALS EDUCATIONAL FUND

DATE: June 17-20

PLACE: Georgetown Univ.

Village C, Washington D.C.
CONTACT: National Seminar '88
PO Box 2978 Washington DC
20013-2978 (703) 684-0688

COMMENTS: 60 speakers, 40
workshops

THE GRAND TRANSFORMER

DATE: June 25

PLACE: Newburyport and Sea-
brook

CONTACT: 463-7857

COMMENTS: To celebrate a
vision of transformation for
the Seabrook Nuke in the an-
niversary of the April 1988
occupation. Meditation and
banners

INTERNATIONAL CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION MEETING 1988

DATE: Aug. 26-28

PLACE: Bohinj Slovenia,
Yugoslavia

CONTACT: Marco Hren
Iga Grudna 13 61000
Ljubljana 061 273 121 (h)
061 219 125 (w)

NATIONAL NOW CONFERENCE

DATE: June 24-26

PLACE: Buffalo, NY

CONTACT: 478- 4636

NO BUSINESS AS USUAL! ACTIONS AT THE 1988 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

DATE: July 18-21

July 16 - The 1988
Symposium on Complicity
Responsibility in Pre-War
America

PLACE: Atlanta, GA

CONTACT: NBAU 3309 1/2

Mission St. San Francisco CA
94110 (415) 763-8380

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE: Aug. 17-21

PLACE: Atlanta, GA

CONTACT: Fran Levin, FOR,

Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960-
0271, (914) 358-4601

COMMENT: to "Sound the
Trumpet of Justice". Focus on
racism, economic issues and
non-violence. \$45 a day, \$125
for four days

TOXICS LOBBY DAY

DATE: June 5,6

PLACE: Washington DC

CONTACT: c/o NY Environment
Institute, 33 Albany, NY

12210/Toxics in Your Commu-
nity Coalition (518) 462-5527

WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ORGANIZERS

DATE: August 12-21

PLACE: Woolman Hill in Western
Massachusetts

CONTACT: WRL 339 Lafayette St.
NY, NY 10012, (212) 228-0450

COMMENT: Workshops in non-
violence training, conflict re-
solution, campaign planning,
public speaking, street
theatre . . . \$200-\$250. Write
for an application and info.

WAR RESISTERS INTERNATIONAL TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

DATE: June 18-24

PLACE: Finland

CONTACT: WRL, 339 Lafayette
St., NY, NY 10012, (212)
228-0450

COMMENT: Speakers from around
the world, 32 countries, will
discuss the effectiveness of
people's power.

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NATIONAL TRAINING AND MOBILIZATION CONFERENCE FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

DATE: Labor Day Weekend
 PLACE:
 CONTACT: Farm Animal Reform Movement PO Box 70123 Washington DC 20088 (301) 530-1737

WOMEN'S ENCAMPMENT FOR A FUTURE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE ACTIONS

DATE: July 2-10 (5th year celebration
 Aug. 6, Aug. 9 (Hiroshima/Nagasaki Action Day)
 PLACE:
 CONTACT: WPE (607)869-5825

YOUTH, MILITARISM & ALTERNATIVES CONFERENCE

DATE: June 3-5
 PLACE: Chicago, IL
 CONTACT: Youth, Militarism and Alternatives Conference 2208 South St., Philadelphia PA 19146

COMMENT: A opportunity for local organizers to share materials and for national organizers to learn how they can better serve locals.



FESTIVALS

ADIRONDACK ACOUSTIC MUSIC AND GUITAR FESTIVAL

DATE: August 16/17 am
 PLACE: Paul Smith College, Paul Smith NY
 CONTACT: Friends of Folk Music (Tickets by mail) PO Box 612, Saranac Lake NY 12983 send a SAE by mail w/payment. (518) 891-0878
 COMMENTS: David Bromberg, Leo Kottke, Norman and Nancy Blake

AUGUSTA HERITAGE ARTS WORKSHOP

DATE: July 10-Aug. 14
 PLACE: Elkins w. Virginia Davis and Elkins College
 CONTACT: Davis and Elkins



College, Elkins W. Virginia 26241 (304) 636-1903
 CONTACT: Davis and Elkins College, Elkins W. Virginia 26241 (304) 636-1903
 COMMENTS: Traditional music, crafts, folklore, dance

THE MUSIC HALL 88 SUMMER PROGRAM

DATE: June 11: Cranberry Lake 16: Bruce Bratt
 PLACE: McCrobie Bldg. Oswego NY
 CONTACT: McCrobie Bldg. 41 Lake St. Oswego, NY 342-1733

and SUMMERFEST

DATE: August 20
 PLACE: Breitbeck Park
 CONTACT: 342-1733
 COMMENTS: Tom Seiling, John Stevens, Kathy Macy, Kathy Leigh Johnson

NATIONAL WOMEN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

DATE: June 2-5
 PLACE: Bloomington, IN
 CONTACT: NWMF PO Box 5217 Bloomington, IN 47407-5217
 COMMENTS: Casselbury & Dupree, Teresa Trull, Rhiannon, Cincinnati Women's Choir, 150 workshops

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 CONTACT: NWMF PO Box 5217 Bloomington, IN 47407-5217
 COMMENTS: Casselbury & Dupree, Teresa Trull, Rhiannon, Cincinnati Women's Choir

OLD SONGS FESTIVAL OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND DANCE

DATE: June 24-26
 PLACE: Altamont Fairgrounds
 CONTACT: Old Songs, Inc. PO Box 399 Guilderland, NY 12084 (518) 765-2815

OTSINNIGO POW WOW

DATE: June 4,5
 PLACE: Robertson Center for Arts and Sciences
 CONTACT: 30 Front St. Binghamton, NY 13905 (607) 772-0660
 COMMENTS: Tribute to Onondaga Nation, dances, crafts and arts

CLEARWATER GREAT HUDSON RIVER REVIVAL

DATE: June 18,19
 PLACE: Westchester Community College Campus, Valhalla, NY
 CONTACT: (914) 454-7951
 COMMENTS: Music, food, entertainment. \$10.50 a day, \$18 two days.

THE RAINBOW FESTIVAL

PLACE: Maybe Texas
 CONTACT: E. Texas Rainbow Box 630239 NACOGDOCHES, TX 75963

BREAD & PUPPET DOMESTIC RESSURRECTION CIRCUS & PAGAENT

DATE: July 16,17
 PLACE: Glover, VT
 CONTACT: RD 2, Glover VT 05839 (805) 525-3031

THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

DATE: mid-June
 PLACE: Common Land Trust, Truxton, NY
 CONTACT: Peace Council 472-5478

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COMMENTS: Going Home Campaign to help refugees return to their country. Sliding scale \$3 - 10

SISTERFIRE

DATE: July 2,3

PLACE: The Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, MD

CONTACT: Sisterfire 1475 Harvard St. NW Washington DC 20009 (202) 234-9308

COMMENTS: Open air multi-cultural festival of women artists music, poetry, theatre, dance story telling, deaf artists stage. Buffy St, Marie, Ferron, Kate Clinton

VEGETARIAN SUMMERFEST

DATE: July 20-24

PLACE: Allentown, PA/Cedar Crest

WALNUT VALLEY FESTIVAL 17th NATIONAL FLAT PICKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATE: Sept. 15-18

PLACE: Winfield Fairgrounds
CONTACT: PO Box 245S,
Winfield, KS 67156 (316)
221-3250

COMMENT: Folkarts and crafts, contests

WINTERHAWK BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

DATE: July 22-24

PLACE: Rothvoss Farm (8 miles south of Hillsdale NY off of Rt. 22)

CONTACT: PO Box 161, Tremont City, OH 45372 (513) 788-2556 (1-9 pm)

1st ANNUAL WOMONGATHERING

DATE: June 10-12

PLACE: private camp near Oxford, PA

CONTACT: Womongathering, RR3 Box 185 Franklinville, NY 08322 (609) 694-2037

COMMENTS: presentations, experimental workshops, workshops, rituals, crafts, bodywork



SCHOOLS

"SELF DISCOVERY" THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WRITING GUILD SUMMER CONFERENCE

DATE: July 29 - Aug. 5

PLACE: Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

CONTACT: IWWG PO Box 810 Gracie Station, NY, NY 10028 (212) 737-7537

COMMENT: Close to 40 workshops, nuts and bolts, philosophy, ideas, self-discovery, visual arts and theatre.

OMEGA INSTITUTE FOR HOLISTIC STUDIES - SUMMER SESSION

DATE: June 13-Sept. 11

PLACE: Rhinebeck, NY

CONTACT: Omega Institute
Lake Drive RD2 Box 377
Rhinebeck, NY 12572
(914) 338-6030
(914) 266-4301

ROWE CONFERENCE SUMMER SESSION

DATE: June-August

PLACE: Berkshires, W. MA

CONTACT: Rowe Conference Center, Kings Highway Rd. Rowe, MA 01367 (413) 339-4210

COMMENT: psychology, human spirit, society, politics, health

1988 RUSSIAN LANGUAGE STUDY IN THE SOVIET UNION IN THE ERA OF GLASNOST AND PERESTROIKA SUMMER SESSIONS

DATE: A June 12- Aug. 21

PLACE: Soviet Union

CONTACT: Voices of the Future/Anniversary Tours
250 W 57th St. New York, NY 10107 (212) 245-7501
(800) 223-1336 (out of st.)

COMMENT: Reserve space early

BERKSHIRE FORUM WEEKEND VACATION WORKSHOPS:

DATE: June - August

PLACE: Stephenton, NY

CONTACT: Berkshire Forum
RD 1, Stephenton, NY 12168
(518) 733-5497

COMMENTS: Write or phone for folder, every weekend led by experts, mountain setting

CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENCE NON-VIOLENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

DATE: July 9-22

PLACE: Several different locations

CONTACT: Resource Center for Non-violence, 515 Broadway, Santa Vruz, CA 95060

COMMENT: Crosscultural group, bilingual training



8th ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE DULCIMER AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

DATE: June 17-19

PLACE: California State Univ.

CONTACT: Cal. Traditional Music Society 4401 Trancas Place, Tarzana CA 91356-5302 (818) 342-7664

LARK IN THE MORNING

DATE: July 22-31

PLACE: Mendocino, CA

CONTACT: PQ Box 1176 Mendocino CA 95460 (707) 964-5569

COMMENTS: Music and dance workshops, session and parties in the Redwoods

MEDICINE WHEEL GATHERING

DATE: June 10-12

PLACE: Camp Lennox, Berkshires in Lee MA

CONTACT: NE Medicine Wheel PO Box 5719 Takoma PK, MD 20912

COMMENTS: "A gathering born in the vision dream of Sun Bear" w/ workshops, ceremonies, crafts and speakers

ONONDAGA PARKS PROGRAM

"Keeping the Past Alive"

DATE: June-August

PLACE: Onondaga County Parks

COMMENTS: Salt City Folk Festival, All American Banjo Band, tomb tour of Oakwood Cemetery boat tours

"The Great Outdoors"

DATE: June-August

PLACE: Onondaga County Parks

COMMENTS: Wild Food workshop, canoe tours, saw mill tours, archaeological dig

CONTACT: Onondaga Lake Park
Box 146 Liverpool NY 13088
451-PARK

SANCTUARY SALSA

DATE: July 30

PLACE:

CONTACT:

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RESOURCE CENTER FOR NON-VIOLENCE SUMMER WORK CAMP

DATE: July 5-23
CONTACT: Resource Center for Non-violence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

"THE CREATIVE USE OF CONFLICT IN COMMUNITY MAKING"

DATE: July 6-10
PLACE: Colorado Spring, CO
CONTACT: Institute for Conflict Resolution and Creative Leadership (CICRCL) 330 West Uintah #171, Colorado Springs, CO 80905 (719) 634-5654

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL ECOLOGY SUMMER PROGRAM

DATE: June 10 - Aug. 10
PLACE: Plainfield, VT
Goddard College
CONTACT: PO Box 89, Plainfield VT, 05667 (802) 454-8493
COMMENT: Bioregional agriculture, alternative technology, Eco-feminism, nature, philosophy, eco-anthropology

THERE ARE LIVES IN BALANCE! 1988 NETWORK LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR

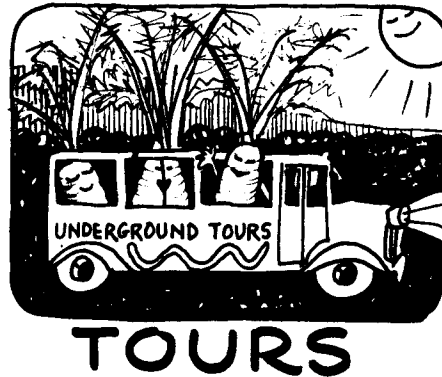
DATE: June 12-17
PLACE: Capitol Hill & Georgetown University
CONTACT: 526-4070
COMMENT: Will train participants to reflect on justice issues, organize for action and lobby for change, Explore new options beyond welfare and containment. \$375

BRIDGING OUR DIFFERENCES AND SOWING OUR COMMON GROUND" INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

DATE: June 20-24
PLACE: St. Louis, MO
CONTACT: IPJ 4144 Lindell 3122, St. Louis, MO 63108
COMMENT: Participants will examine "that which bonds people in spite of powerful force which alienate and separate"

WORLD FELLOWSHIP CENTER 48th SUMMER SESSION

DATE: June 22 - Sept. 6
PLACE: Conway NH
CONTACT: (603) 356-2280 (603) 447-2280
COMMENTS: Global realities, local activities, 300 acres of forest



MARAZUL TOURS TO NICARAGUA

DATE: July 9-23 (9th annual Guardian Tour)
June-August (several other tours)
CONTACT: Marazul Tours Group Dept. 250 W. 57th St. Suite 1311, New York, NY 10107 (800) 223-5334
COMMENT: Approximately \$1,000

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE TOUR TO NICARAGUA

DATE: Aug. 20-29
CONTACT: Mary Keough 471-4703 Peter Wirth 422-9299
COMMENT: Christian perspective

MISSISSIPPI PEACE CRUISE

DATE: August 5-14
PLACE: St. Louis to New Orleans
CONTACT: Mississippi Peace Cruise c/o FOR Box 271 Nyack, NY 10960
COMMENT: Soviet delegation will attend

US/SOVIET YOUTH QUEST 88'

DATE: JULY 2-21
CONTACT: Youth Quest 88' FOR, Box 271 Nyack, NY 10960-0271 (914) 358-4601
COMMENT: To "reach beyond the walls of mistrust that separate the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Participants will meet with Soviet and Polish citizens and explore the meanings of non-violence and appreciate cultural differences.

BLUEFIELDS SISTER CITY PROJECT FRIENDSHIP CITY DELEGATION

DATE: June 27-July 7
PLACE: Managua, Bluefields and other Atlantic Coast communities
CONTACT: 232-6789

INTERNATIONAL PEACE WALKS

DATE: June 14-July 18 - 200
Soviet will join 200 Americans for a walk through the U.S. (\$2,500)
Aug. 15-Sept. 18 - 200
Americans will join 200 Soviets for a walk from Odessa to Kiev (\$3,500)
CONTACT: PO Box 53412 Washington D.C. 20009 (202) 232-7855
COMMENT: To create exchanges of citizen diplomats to improve American/Soviet relations and help end the arms race.

WITNESS FOR PEACE DELEGATIONS

DATE: July 30 - Aug. 13
CONTACT: 1919 Sth Ave. Water-vliet, NY 12189 (518) 463-4411

CENTER FOR RELIGION, ETHICS AND SOCIAL POLICY TRIP TO SOVIET UNION (CRESP)

DATE: July 15-30
CONTACT: Phillip Bennett CRESP Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca NY 14853 (607) 255-8270
COMMENT: \$2299 includes everything

EYEWITNESS ISRAEL

DATE: May - July
PLACE: Occupied West Bank and Gaza strip
CONTACT: American-Arab Anti-discrimination Committee 4201 Conn. Ave. NW, Suite 500, Washington DC 20008 (703) 244-2990

COMMENT: People will be asked to monitor Israel violence and human rights abuses, 2-day training in WDC.

BAPTIST PEACE FELLOWSHIP TOUR TO HUNGARY, ROMANIA & USSR

DATE: July 11-Aug. 3
CONTACT: Elizabeth Myers, 843 Erie Station Rd., West Henrietta, NY 14586
COMMENT: Camping tour with emphasis on religious sites, families welcome

BAPTIST PEACE FELLOWSHIP THIRD ANNUAL FRIENDSHIP TOUR TO NICARAGUA

DATE: July 21-30
CONTACT: John Detwyler, 1035 Keyes Ave. Schenectady, NY 12309

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No Garbage In; No Garbage Out

Work for the environment in Jamesville

by Shelagh Clancy

When Vicki Baker and her family took a walk along a nature trail near Alpha Portland Cement, they noticed a blue dust on the ground. Concerned, Baker decided to investigate. What she found would change her concern to anger and action.

Some of the information she turned up came from OTISCA, a coal slurry operation which bought the site from Alpha Portland Cement. OTISCA sent Baker a copy of their closure plan, which revealed that the site was listed as a hazardous waste site. Alpha Portland Cement had installed a cement kiln which burned hazardous waste oil used in cement making. Before 1974, it emitted 1 ton of cement dust an hour (the blue dust Baker saw), then a precipitator was added which brought emissions down to 42 lbs. an hour. There were no tests for toxics, only particulates. The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) told her there was probably nothing toxic emitted, but that it was an experimental operation; there was no monitoring, no testing, due to budget constraints. There is a school and playground several hundred feet from the stack, and people near the plant complained of the cement dust and of illnesses. Several transformers were left open for years, until OTISCA took over and performed a giant cleanup, which included removing several inches of dirt.

DEC provided much of the information Baker was to obtain; but the first time she called she was asked "where did you find out?" about the hazards and then told "you can't prove a thing." She doesn't trust the DEC anymore.

JAMPAC

Baker is now president of JAMPAC, the Jamesville Positive Action Committee. The longstanding organization has initiated many successful projects in past years: they convinced the town of DeWitt to tear down an abandoned building and build a park; they had a burned train station donated, moved, and made into a community center; and they have spurred much of the renewal in a formerly boarded-up area.

JAMPAC has turned its attention to the proposed county trash incinerator on Rock Cut Road and a landfill in the North Quarry owned by General Crushed Stone. On May 9, 450 residents came to a meeting with the DeWitt Town Council to show their opposition and came away with some solid results: councilors agreed to

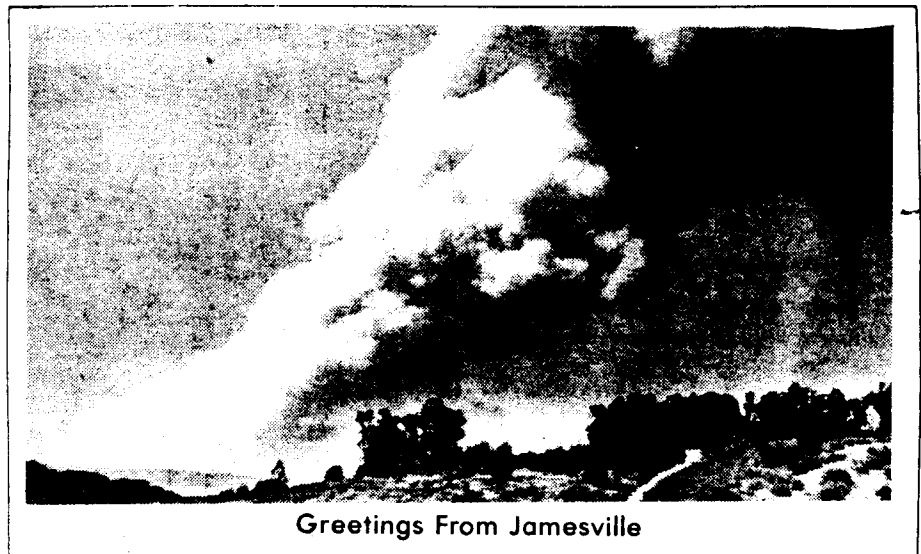
oppose the landfill and incinerator, and to take steps to address the issues.

"You get emissions: dioxins, furans, etc., with the best technology," Baker says of the incinerator. "The better, cleaner-burning plants create more toxic ash." She wants to educate the county legislators and get them to listen to both sides, rather than only the industry's speakers. To this end, the DeWitt Town Council agreed at the meeting to hire an expert in environmental matters, who will learn and comment, attend hearings, inspect information, and make testimony.

Landfill Issues

The expert will also be concerned with the quarry site. The county is promoting this site as best for a landfill although DEC says quarries are the worst possible landfill sites. The technology for sealing quarries to be used as landfills is experimental. There are no quarries in New York State being used as landfills. The quarry has a limestone bottom, a porous material through which water - or toxic leachate - passes by small channels. The quarry is 50-70 feet above an aquifer. Initial studies show that dye put into the nearby Jamesville Quarry showed up in White Lake within 24 hours. A fault runs through the quarry and a small shift in the earth could have big consequences for drinking water. And the landfill could contain toxic ash from the incinerator.

Residents at all of the proposed landfill sites have organized to fight the landfill. "I think our town can be a model for other communities," says Baker, who encourages other towns to join Recycle First, a coalition coordinating environmental efforts in the area. "Instead of



Greetings From Jamesville

Shelagh Clancey is a member of the PNL Committee



Health Problems

letting the county divide and conquer us, let's all get together and show them that we're willing to work together."

With or without an incinerator, a landfill will be put somewhere in Onondaga County. But the county's half-hearted recycling plan ensures there will be much more garbage than there needs to be. DEC won't approve an incinerator without a recycling plan, but the county plans to recycle only 33% in 10 years, saying there are no markets for the materials. It is interesting that Debbie Young, the county's new recycling coordinator, is married to James Young, who has devised an experimental and untried method of sealing the limestone quarry.

As a result of the May 9 meeting, several groups in DeWitt will form a recycling task force within JAMPAC. When a resident called for recycling, the crowd responded with applause. "We'd be glad to take all of Onondaga County's glass, or all of Onondaga County's construction debris, or anything that won't break down [into toxic waste,]" Baker says. "Reuse it or don't make it. Everyone yelled about the bottle bill, but look how well it's worked." She suggested to Debbie Young that the county make it convenient to recycle; one idea is to put recycling sites at staffed Rescue Mission donation centers. She notes that there are many recycling dealers, and that Ontario Recycling of Rochester will accept plastics from communities (but not individuals) which is reused for fiberfill for sleeping bags, etc.

JAMPAC is working on other issues as well. Most troubling is the high incidence of illness in Jamesville. For years, people complained of the cement dust in the air from the Alpha Portland Cement plant. People are concerned about breast and bladder cancer in those living near the plant. Some children in Cliffside Trailer Park have lead poisoning. JAMPAC has formed a Health Committee to collect information about illnesses in people they know. The state Health Department has agreed to do a survey to identify if there is a problem, look for a cause, and predict future incidence.

The meeting with the DeWitt Town Council on May 9 was a remarkable one. The council agreed to fund an environmental expert, to sponsor an educational forum for residents to learn about incineration, landfills and recycling from independent speakers, to request testing for toxics on the playground near the cement plant, and to support recycling. "JAMPAC grew tenfold overnight," Baker says; the group asked for volunteers, and the response was overwhelming. "We want to concentrate on the people and get the people involved, to put pressure on the legislators." People have seen results from the organization and are willing to lend a hand. Baker has gone from doing much of the work herself to directing the efforts of others. "If we can get enough people, we can show them there are alternatives. There's nothing we can't do."




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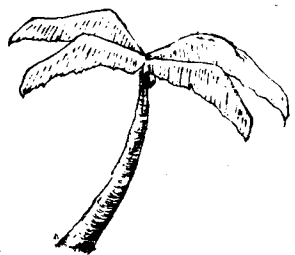
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Danger in the Ozone Layer

by Kim Mills

What is Ozone?

Ozone is a chemical relative of the oxygen we breathe. Although a pollutant at ground level, ozone in the stratosphere (10-20 miles up in the atmosphere) is important because it shields us from damaging ultra-violet radiation of the sun. Concern in the 1970's that high-flying supersonic airplanes could damage the ozone layer eventually led to the ban in 1978 by the U.S. and Canada on chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in aerosol cans. Years of neglect followed. In May 1985, however, an announcement by British scientists renewed concern over the status of ozone in the upper atmosphere. These researchers observed a springtime decrease in ozone concentration over Antarctica for the previous eight years.

The Antarctic Ozone "hole"

The "hole" is actually a one to two mile-thick slice of ozone-poor air the size of the United States that occurs over Antarctica for a few weeks during September to mid-November. Scientists propose three types of theories to explain this hole. The first theory links sunspot activity to the formation of nitrogen oxides that deplete ozone. A second theory proposes that wind transports the missing ozone elsewhere. The third theory links ozone loss to increasing concentrations of CFCs in the atmosphere. Evidence in support of this third theory is building. Last month, for example, a research panel convened by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration concluded that CFCs are the likely cause of ozone depletion.

The Danger

The hole over the Antarctic poses no threat to people living in the Northeast; however, the hole is likely a symptom of global ozone depletion and this poses a considerable threat. Increased levels of ultra-violet radiation will have negative biological effects, but scientists cannot yet say to what extent. Effects on people will include increased incidence of eye cataracts and skin cancer, but people can protect themselves by wearing proper clothing, using sunscreens, and avoiding sunbathing. More subtle forms of biological damage may ultimately present a greater threat to our lives--the potential for damage to plants and animals, from crops and forests to microscopic forms of life remains unknown. An additional threat of CFC pollution of the upper atmosphere is an increased greenhouse effect.

The greenhouse effect occurs when gases in the atmosphere reduce heat loss from Earth back into space, just as a glass greenhouse prevents longwave radiation (part of the radiation spectrum we cannot see but feel as heat) from escaping at night. CFCs will contribute to the Earth's warming by absorbing wavelengths of radiation that penetrate other important greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and water vapor. Increased warming of the Earth's surface could lead to global changes in temperature, wind, and rainfall patterns, and a rise in sea level. Crop failures and a flooding of the major cities of the world could result. We are experimenting with the global ecosystem that supports us.

What are CFCs?

Thomas Midgley Jr. invented the chlorofluorocarbon (CFC) in 1930 for use as a refrigerant. Having also invented leaded gasoline, Midgley reportedly inhaled CFCs and blew out a candle to prove that they are non-toxic and noncombustible. Easy to produce, CFCs are now used to make foam hamburger containers and coffee cups, furniture cushions, building insulation, as a solvent to clean computer chips, and to sterilize medical equipment. In the U.S., five thousand industrial customers spend \$750 million each year on CFCs to produce goods and services valued at \$27 billion. Responding to a treaty signed last September in Montreal that calls for restrictions on CFC production, chemical makers are now searching for a less harmful substitute. For example, electronics makers are now testing a solvent made from citrus rinds to replace CFCs.

Ozone Depletion

The process of ozone depletion begins when CFCs and other gaseous chemicals (some naturally occurring) containing chlorine drift up into the stratosphere. In the presence of high-energy ultra-violet radiation, chlorine atoms are split off from these chemical compounds, and a chain reaction follows in which a single chlorine atom can destroy tens of thousands of ozone molecules. CFCs persist for decades in the atmosphere, so that even if CFC production were stopped today, ozone depletion will continue for another century.

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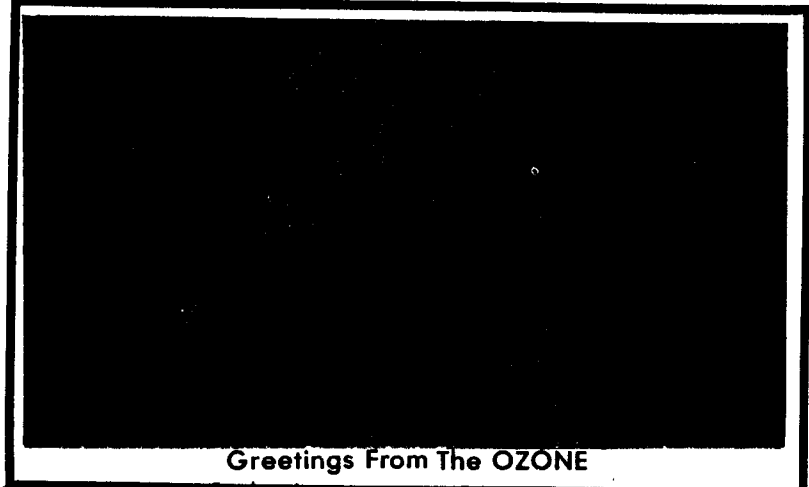
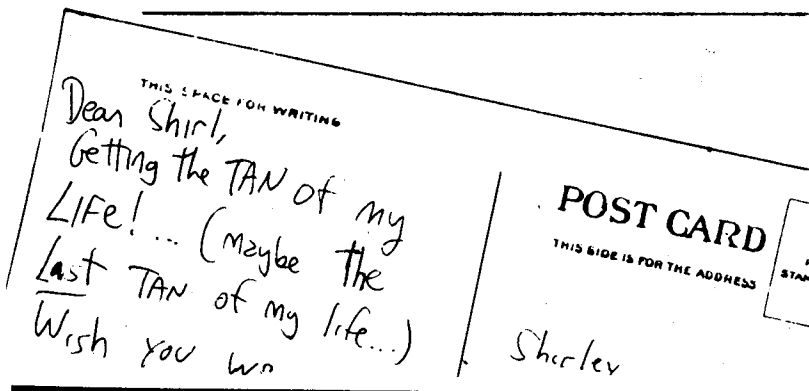
International Controls

In the late 1970's, the U.S., Canada, Sweden, and Norway banned use of CFCs in aerosols. A second phase of this agreement was to include other uses of CFCs. Efforts to follow through on phase two fell victim to attitudes such as Anne Gorsuch Burford's, head of the Environmental Protection Agency from 1981-1983, who said in her memoirs, "Remember a few years back when the big news was fluorocarbons that supposedly threatened the ozone layer?" Although a United Nations-sponsored agreement of intent to protect the ozone layer was signed last September in Montreal, specific targets for limiting emissions, and possible exceptions for developing countries are still undecided. F. Sherwood Rowland, an atmospheric chemist who published a theory in 1974 linking CFCs to ozone depletion, recommends an immediate worldwide freeze of CFC production with a 95% phaseout by the early 1990s.

As we cycle between times dominated by private interests vs. public good, the conflict between short term economic gain and long term environmental health becomes increasingly important. We need to develop a consistent public attitude toward stewardship of the spaceship Earth.

"I said to myself 'What is happening to my skin, where is the protection that I needed?' Air, can hurt you too."

-David Byrne. *Air*



Greetings From The OZONE

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PLACE: Skaneateles Lake
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Big Apple For Whom?

by Ollie Clubb

"German soldiers who endured Russian prisoner-of-war camps in the decade after World War II have described convincingly how the Communist system succeeded in destroying any sense of comradeship among prisoners simply by making the results of individual labor the basis of food allotments. Under a system like this, men can not only eat their fill but also enjoy superfluity without any concern for a mate who may slowly be starving to death."

J. Glenn Gray, *The Warriors*

Big Apple For Whom?

There aren't any bookstores in the American city where I live. Well, yes, there are stores where you can buy best-sellers, blockbuster entertainments, and other literary properties. But nothing you would call a great bookstore, where the books excite your imagination about life's endless possibilities. We understand books, these days, mostly as what they make you read in school. TV is what we live by.

New York City: now that's another story. It's a place where you will find people in bookstores even on Saturday night, elbow-to-elbow, browsing intently; a place where people line up with their books at the cash registers. When I'm down there, visiting my parents on the Upper West Side, I walk over to Papyrus or Shakespeare's, or take the subway down to the Gotham Book Mart.

When we dine late and too well, I usually go to Shakespeare's. Forty blocks down Broadway and back: that's a good evening's walk. I make sure I have change in my pockets: the "Big Apple" is a city of beggars. When you walk down Broadway at night, there will often be two, even three beggars in a block. Of course, sometimes you will walk two or three blocks without encountering any beggars at all.

Some beggars stand in the middle of the sidewalk; others advance from the shadows or panhandle in front of store entrances. Still others sit on the sidewalk, backs against the wall, holding their paper cups in front of them.

Some beggars mumble incoherently. Others look at you sad-eyed, too beaten down from months or years of begging to speak. But some are surprisingly articulate, not your stereotypical beggars.

On the night I'm writing about I head down Broadway in my usual way, dispensing small change as I walk. The beggars ask if I can spare a quarter. It's up fifteen cents since the Great Depression down if you take inflation into account.

A shabbily clad woman stands at the curb in front of Cakemasters, eating a roll gleefully. I imagine, from the bakery's daily refuse. The roll slips from her hand, dropping into the muck of the gutter. She picks up what's left of the roll and eats it. Another woman, a couple of blocks farther down, says over and over again: "I hate to ask for money but I'm hungry."

A few more beggars and I'm down to the bottom of my pockets. A young black man holds out his paper cup. I pull six cents from my pocket and say, "I've given away the rest of my change, this is all I've got." I'm embarrassed but I don't reach for my wallet, falsely thinking, "I can't afford to start giving out dollar bills."

The man says reassuringly, even warmly, "That's O.K. I appreciate it." Survival requires that beggars be polite. But how can this man be cheerful? Why is he attentive to my feelings? Why isn't he peddling crack? Stealing from the well-to-do? Raging against the system?

It's Saturday night and I've been walking down Broadway, dispensing quarters. Tomorrow morning I will read the Times Magazine. The Savoy, at 200 East 61st Street, will offer "The Essence of Luxuriant Penthouse Living" for \$3,400,000. The Norwich Inn & Spa will ask, "Where Else Can You Own Your Own Country Inn and Spa For As Little As \$133,000?" Where else indeed!

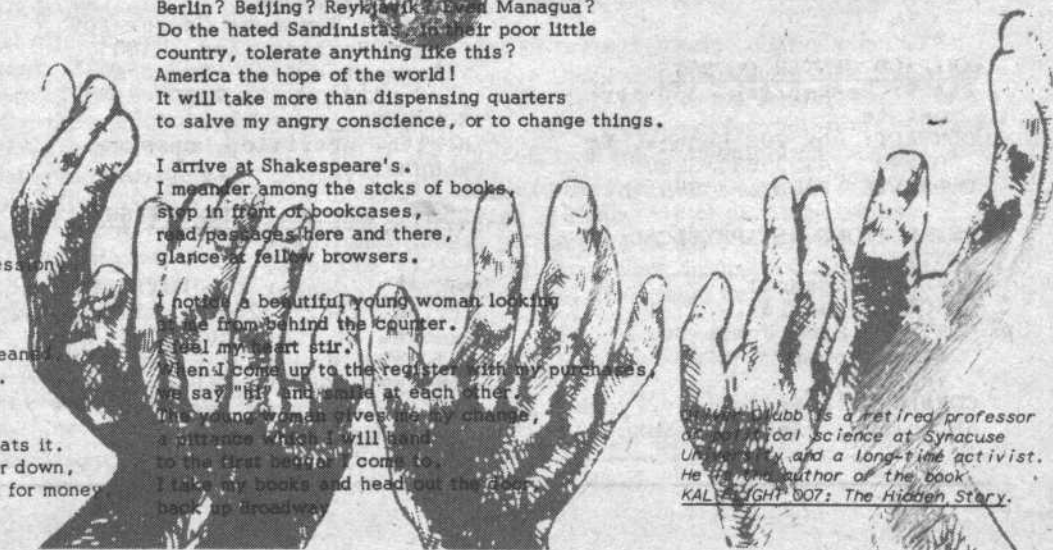
Bloomingdale's, exclusively, will offer Halston Couture, "The new fragrance designed for the senses."

If the poor have no bread, let them eat cake. I'm not my brother's or sister's keeper. Ancient truths to live by.

Like Shanghai when I lived there as a child before the revolution. Like Teheran under the Shah. Like Calcutta as I remember it from my youth. I hate what Ronald Reagan and his gang have done to America, let America become. The mean-spiritedness under the phoney show-biz optimism. The rampant greed. The lack of simple decency. The millions of hungry people. The families driven into the streets. The ill-nurtured children. The people sleeping in doorways. The smell of urine in subway stations. Is Copenhagen like this? Moscow? Amsterdam? Berlin? Beijing? Reykjavik? Even Managua? Do the hated Sandinistas, in their poor little country, tolerate anything like this? America the hope of the world! It will take more than dispensing quarters to salve my angry conscience, or to change things.

I arrive at Shakespeare's. I meander among the stacks of books. Stop in front of bookcases, read passages here and there, glance at fellow browsers.

I notice a beautiful young woman looking at me from behind the counter. I feel my heart stir. When I come up to the register with my purchases, we say "Hi" and smile at each other. The young woman gives me my change, aittance which I will hand to the first beggar I come to. I take my books and head out the door back up Broadway.



Ollie Clubb is a retired professor of political science at Syracuse University and a long-time activist. He is the author of the book KALIBANIGHT: The Hidden Story.

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or the film is cracking

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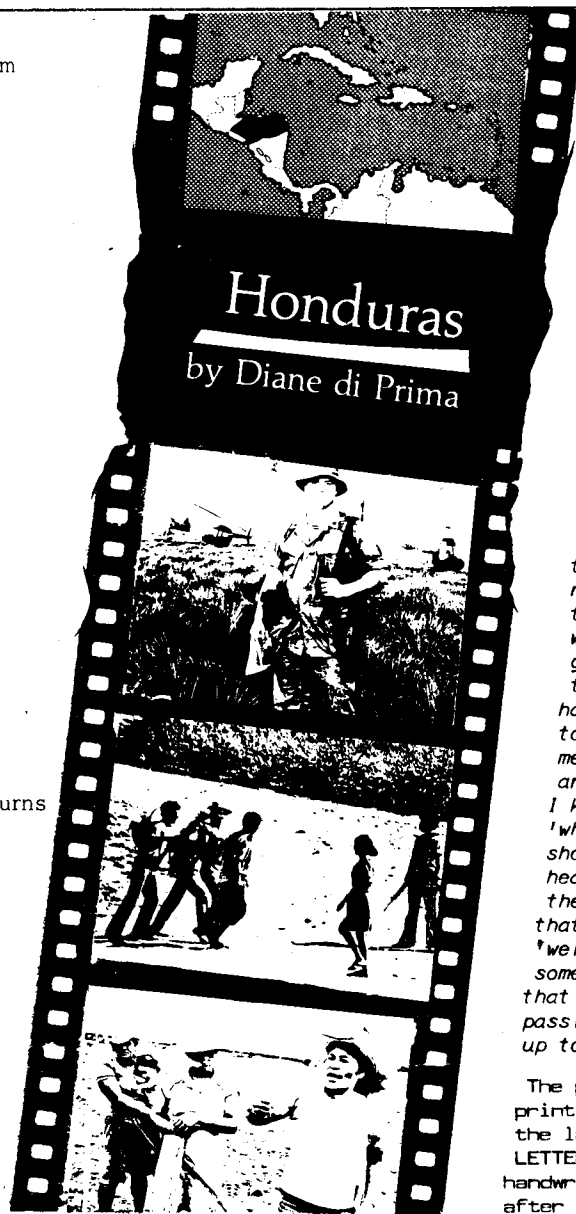
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Copyright 1988 by Diane Di Prima
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Poet Diane DiPrima gave a reading at a recent under-publicized event sponsored by The Community Writers Project. Best known for her late sixties' volume, *Revolutionary Letters*, Diane now frames her politics in a mythological, cosmic panorama. I asked her after the reading if she had any advice for those of us who are wrapped up in the political side of life. She responded: *It doesn't have to be spiritual, but just try to see things in the largest picture that you can...no advance in consciousness is ever lost. It gets composted back into the soup whether we're here or not. Get as big a piece of the tapestry as you can and see your work against that sense of struggle. Or to put it another way, this is a spiritual word but it has a lot of other connotations, to see yourself in a lineage, remember everybody that went before and there's people coming after... I know a 14 year old who says, 'what do you think people my age should do?', then he says, 'ever hear of terrorism?' (she laughs) then I say, well I don't know if that's the answer, and then he says 'well, me and my friends have to do something.' The sense of lineage that you're taking it and you're passing it, you know, and its not up to us to do the whole shot."*

The poem "HONDURAS" appears in print for the first time. It is the latest of the "REVOLUTIONARY LETTERS". Diane read it from her handwritten manuscript, went back after the reading and typed it up for this issue of the Peace Newsletter. We would like to thank Diane and the Community Writers Workshop.

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Shirley Stern remembered

What a sad day when we learned of the death of Shirley Stern. Death seemed so impossible for anyone so vitally alive and active as she. Her cheerfulness, intensity, commitment and dedication were well known to those who had the pleasure of working with her. The skills and thoroughness she took to her profession were well known. When she believed in a project she made a commitment, she gave of her time and her talents, the most precious gifts one can give.

I won't pretend to know all of the places that Shirley was involved, but I do know that for years she had been in charge of the salary account at the Peace Council. The staff had gotten in the habit of paying outside bills instead of their own salaries. A system was set up to have a separate salary account and Shirley took charge of it, assuring the regular payment of the staff. When she arrived at the office with the paychecks, not only were the staff paid on time, but their day had been brightened by her enthusiasm and vitality.

At ACLU events you would always find Shirley at the door handing out name tags and checking to see if you were on the "paid" or "unpaid" list. And ever the cheerful and enthusiastic greeter. She knew everyone and everyone knew her.

These are only small examples of the things she did. I am sure we all have special remembrances of her. I so enjoyed her vivaciousness and mirth and my life has been deeply touched by hers in my association with her. She will always be a model for me of a complete and dedicated person. Shirley, dear friend, I shall miss you.

-Sally Brule

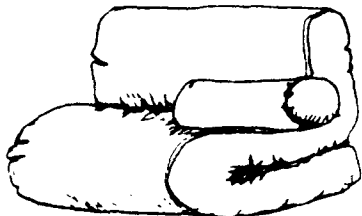
Memorial services for Shirley Stern will be held June 19, 3 p.m. at Hendricks Chapel at Syracuse University with time to share thoughts.



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THE GREAT JIM THORPE RUN II

by Shannon Kelley

"Maybe we made a mistake...maybe we should not have humored them in that, wanting to stay in that kind of primitive lifestyle. Maybe we should have said, 'No, come join us. Be citizens along with the rest of us.'" Thus were the words of wisdom of President Reagan as he addressed Soviet University students last month on the Native American Indians' 'choice' to live on reservations.

Onondaga Nation chief Oren Lyons told the PNL that Reagan's comments reflect that state of our current society. "It just shows that Reagan is very ignorant of American history, not just American Indian history, but American history," said Lyons. All American Indians were made full citizens by an act of Congress in 1924.

"Reagan had better have a better understanding of Soviet treaties than he does of Indian treaties or he'll be in trouble," he added. Lyons is currently working on a book tentatively titled "American Indians and the Constitution", a serious documentary that will "believe everything that man (Reagan) has said".

Native American activist Dennis Banks said Reagan's comments were the worst ever made by a public official and were "degrading, demeaning and dehumanizing".

Banks, AIM (American Indian Movement) co-founder, was in town last month to gather runners from the Onondaga reservation, South Dakota and Minnesota for the "Great Jim Thorpe Run II". The relay, a "run for land and life", which commemorates the great Native American Olympic runner Jim Thorpe and draws attention to

American Indian issues, spans 3,600 miles across the country. The runners are expected in San Francisco by mid-July. From there they will fly to Japan for a 30-day run for nuclear disarmament, visiting Hiroshima and Nagasaki along the route. They will be joined by a group of Buddhist Monks, Na Mu Myo Ho Ran Ge Kyo, who are on a mission to "Walk the World for Peace". A small group of Buddhists, including local activist Jun Sun, helped begin the run at Onondaga Nation, enroute to the June 11 March in New York City.

Banks recently pleaded guilty to the last charge for his involvement in the Wounded Knee takeover in 1974. All other charges in the 14-year case had been dropped. Many people were surprised Banks didn't continue the battle by fighting the last charge, according to Joe Heath, Bank's attorney in the case, but all could understand that he wanted to "get it behind him" and move on, Heath said. Banks sought refuge at the Onondaga reservation for several months four years ago, when the first Jim Thorpe began. He is currently on probation.

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Successful Auction

Our third annual auction was a great success! I would like to thank all of the many people who helped make it that way! We were fortunate to have Bernie Brzostek as our auctioneer again and as usual, he not only helped us pull in a good deal of funds, but he also entertained us with his quick wit. It was fun just being at the auction.

We had plenty of delicious refreshments from Provisions, On the Rise and Westcott bakeries; we even auctioned off some of the items. Thank you to all the bakeries for your most generous (and scrumptious) donations.

It was exciting to see the number of items donated by businesses and craftspeople. I was very pleased by the responses we received from PNL advertisers, Plowshares Craftsfair exhibitors and SPC supporters.

Ruth Cummins, Peter McCarthy, Andy Seltzer, Peter Strunk and Mark Hopeman all deserve recognition for their help with transporting our items for the auction. I am also grateful to Carrie Yates, Lisa Labelle, Peter Scheibe, Margaret Gelfuso, Brent Blejer, Shannon Kelley, Marge Rusk, Shelley Parns and Paul Pearce for all their hard work and support. Unfortunately, there's not enough room to list all of you who helped make our auction such a success, so I must simply say "thank you" to everyone who made donations, bid on items or helped in other ways.

Although this year's auction financially surpassed our previous ones, there is still much to be improved. Organizing the auction is like a full-time job, except nobody is able to treat it as such. As happened last year, we again attracted only a small group of bidders. One of our major goals for next year is to begin work earlier so we will be able to solicit even more quality items, and advertise them well in advance of the auction. I plan on helping with the auction next year and have some ideas on how to raise even more money. If you have any suggestions or are interested in helping next year, please call me at 425-1094 or at the Peace Council 472-5478 and leave a message. Thanks!

-Mary Van De Weert

Garage Sale

Don't forget about our Garage Sale it will be Saturday July 23 from 10 am to 4pm at ECOH (Euclid Community Open House). We already have many donations, which include: several tables (various sizes), two large wooden desks, a large metal desk, dining table with 5 wooden chairs, rattan chair, children's toys, including a wooden rocking horse, easy chairs, headboards and frames, boxsprings, wool and other material, ski boots and poles, wooden sled, plastic red sleds, and antique chairs not to mention our usual astounding array of clothes, shoes, books, dishes and miscellaneous items. Our price is right!

-Mary Van De Weert

SPC Potlucks

The monthly SPC Potlucks have not been determined for July. If you have any ideas for possible potlucks, for this month, or for future potlucks, or for further information call SPC at 472-5478 or David Martin at 437-6211.

Mid-East Update

Dr. Hanan Asrawi, Dean of Faculty of Arts at Birzeit University in occupied Palestine will speak at a public forum, July 12, 7:30 pm in the ballroom of the Sheraton Inn in Liverpool.

Asrawi, who was recently on ABC's NIGHTLINE as a member of a Palestinian panel, will discuss the Israeli occupation, the current uprising, its effects on Palestinians, and possible resolutions of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

The event is open to the public. Call 469-7836 or 445-0875.



Send Home the Bombs

On Thursday, July 28th, a car full of disarmament activists will begin the "Send Back the Bombs" pilgrimage from Seneca Army Depot to the Department of Energy's Pantex Nuclear Weapons Production Facility in Amarillo, Texas.

The pilgrimage will present disarmament workshops along the route. A Rainbow Coalition delegation will take the pilgrimage banner proclaiming "Priorities for People, Not Bombs", to the 1933 Democratic National Convention. The huge banner will be sectioned off with blank space for people to add painted handprints and messages at the convention in Atlanta and then at the workshops throughout the pilgrimage.

Send Back the Bombs seeks to set up an action network of 20-12 groups in a connective line between Seneca and Pantex. In the fall, we will ask these groups to take specific disarmament action and encourage them to set up their own committees to continue the work.

Come add your voice to this mandate for Sending Back the Bombs at the Good Riddance Party on Wednesday, July 27th, 5 - 8 pm at the park on the corner of Columbus and Genesee. Send support to 711 Allen St. Syracuse, NY 13210 (315) 424-0288.

*-Donna Hoffman
project coordinator*

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A Missing of Minds

by Tom Joyce

On May 19, eight people were convicted in Syracuse Federal Court as a result of entering Griffiss Air Force Base this past April 1, Good Friday. I call it a "missing of minds" because the judge and prosecutor on one side and the defendants on the other seemed to have a different sense of history. We wonder: is it possible to come to a more shared understanding? We think that one of the numerous effects of our actions is the possible inching closer to understanding.

Our defense relied to a great extent on common sense talk about why we did what we did. In addition, Bill Griffen prepared a defense of justification, religious beliefs, and one based on international law. Magistrate Di Bianco ruled that international law had no relevance, that we hadn't met the criteria for a successful justification defense and he never bothered to rule about our spiritual beliefs.

Let me mention just one example of this missing of minds. First, a brief primer: the sworn or affirmed testimony along with exhibits are the evidence in a court of law; not the judge's preconceived notions, not the convenience of the court, etc. One of the conditions a person must meet in a justification defense is that there are no other means to prevent a particular "harm." Captain Reinhold, the base prosecutor, seized on this point by asking each of us about our political activity. Without hesitation and often even before asked, we told about the many ways we try to seek change including Bill Griffen's campaign for a seat in Congress.

The judge concluded in his decision that we did have alternate means to prevent war. And, the prosecutor, in his pre-sentence statement, reiterated this point to justify the Air Force's suggestion that the repeat offenders get lengthy jail sentences.

However, there was no testimony or exhibit which even claimed that these means ("legal activities") were capable of changing such a massive harm. We weren't talking about trying to get a pothole fixed: We are trying to change century old patterns of State sponsored violence and threat of violence. The testimony was the exact opposite. We said that none of these means - leafletting and lobbying - in themselves are capable of stopping the war preparations. The history of change in this country, as Bill Griffen points out, shows that it is the combination

of these activities, with those that at the time, were judged illegal that has produced change on the big moral questions. On what grounds then, did the judge make his decision?

June 2nd, Peggy Paye, Meme Woolever and Paul Collier were sentenced to fines and community service. On July 7, at 2 p.m. at the Federal Courthouse in Syracuse Kathleen Rumpf, Pat Sher, Jerry Berrigan, Tom Joyce and Bill Griffen will be sentenced.

The resistance to the militarism in Rome NY continues week by week. Opportunities this summer for people to join in this work include the open house and Hiroshima and Nagasaki days. The open house at the air base is Saturday, July 23. The B-1, the latest nuclear bomber, and the helicopters and the gunships of the 10th Mountain Division will be on display. The 10th is one of the newly formed rapid deployment forces; it was a similar division which was deployed to Honduras earlier this year.

There will be leafletting of cars going into the open house, and people are encouraged to help with that or consider going in themselves. In past years, people have unfurled banners, leafletted, and done symbolic actions inside the open house. Contact the Griffiss Peace Community, PO Box 4194, Rome, NY 13440 337-5265.



At this moment, the Veterans Peace Convoy - 100 American Veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War - gather in Washington D.C. protesting the government's decision to keep them from sending 47 truckloads of humanitarian aid to the Nicaraguan people. The trucks contain school and medical supplies, clothing, food and other humanitarian aid.

President Reagan invoked a total embargo against Nicaragua in 1985, which prevents the vets from delivering the humanitarian aid, at the same time Reagan is asking Congress for yet more millions of dollars in aid to the contras.

The convoy is circling around the White House and Treasury Building in protest of the embargo. Other events are planned.

Syracusens are asked to rally behind the Veterans Peace Convoy by calling Eliot Abrams, (202) 647-9210, Richard Newcomb (202) 376-0442 or your congressperson or senator (202) 224-3121 with this message: "The Veterans Peace Convoy is not in violation of the trade embargo. Let the Vets cross the border. No Contra Aid. Lift the trade embargo and normalize relations with Nicaragua."

Show your support of the convoy by sending a donation to the Veterans Peace Convoy/Quixote, 2025 "I" St. NW, Room 313, Washington D.C. 20006. Tel. (202) 785-7357 or call the Peace Council 472-5478.



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Local Homes Not Bombs Action

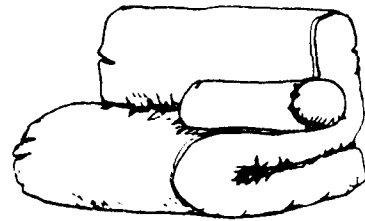
Thirty people showed up at the Homes Not Bombs rally, June 4 at West End/Skiddy Park. Among them were representatives of the several groups involved (including SPC) which formed the local Jobs With Peace coalition, as well as representatives from the Rosemary Pooler and Stephen Bowman congressional campaigns. Also present were local Jesse Jackson delegates Pat Rector and Marsha Weisman. Weisman read a telegram that Jackson sent to the coalition emphasizing the need for more funds directed toward housing and less toward military spending. After the rally there was a walking tour of the neighborhood illustrating desperate nature of the housing situation.



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UpComing Events

Summer Vacation Guide Update

Since we published the first annual Socially Responsible Vacation Guide last month we have received call for changes of some of the events. Here are the updates:

ANARCHIST GATHERING

DATE: July 1-4
PLACE: Toronto, Canada
CONTACT: PO Box 306
Syracuse, NY 13215 422-0681

ADIRONDACK ACCOUSTIC MUSIC AND GUITAR FESTIVAL

DATE: August 12, 13 11 am to 6 pm
PLACE: North Community College
Onchiota, NY 12968
CONTACT: Friends of Folk Music
(Tickets by Mail \$8; at door \$10)
PO Box 115 Onchiota, NY 12968
(518) 891-0156

VEGETARIAN SUMMERFEST

DATE: July 20-24
PLACE: Cedar Crest College
Allentown, PA
CONTACT: North American Vegetarian Society, PO Box 72 Dolgeville HWY Allentown, PA 13329 (518) 568-7970

SANCTUARY SALSA

DATE: July 23, 8 pm
PLACE: May Memorial Unitarian Society
CONTACT: Ann Tiffany 471-4672

SAFE DRUGS RALLIES

DATE: July 4, July 16, Aug 13
PLACE: White House, Atlanta GA,
CONTACT: (718) 332-5648



Sanctuary Salsa

Dust off your dancing shoes, Syracuse! Join the Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary in the first ever Sanctuary celebration to benefit the "Going Home Campaign", a project to aid Salvadoran refugees who have returned to their home villages in El Salvador.

Everyone is welcome. Plenty of music and munchies available. Beverages extra.

The Sanctuary Salsa Dance will be held Saturday, July 23 at 8 pm at the May Memorial Unitarian Society, 3800 E. Genesee St., Syracuse. Access to handicapped. Contribution \$3 - \$10 sliding scale. For more information call 422-8133.

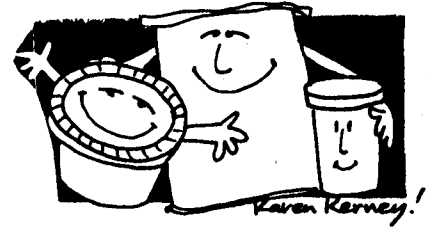
Co-op Dance Concert

In celebration of summer and in the July 4th spirit, an Interdependence Night Dance and Concert to benefit the Syracuse Real Food Co-op (SRFC) is being held Friday, July 8 at Euclid Community Open House (ECOH) corner of Westcott and Euclid Sts. Doors open at 7 pm with food and drink for sale featuring On the Rise pizza, an "endless" supply of homemade strawberry shortcake and many other goodies. Entertainment begins at 7:30 pm with members of the Community Choir and some sing-a-longs for the whole family. The Cranberry Lake Band picks up at 8:30 pm with some home grown music to suit all tastes, followed by square dancing for all ages.

There will be plenty of supervised activities for children upstairs. A raffle will be held for silk-screened SRFC tee shirts or aprons, which will also be for sale that night.

This benefit was conceived to help the SRFC through the slow summer months and also as a time for old and new friends to get together for the fun of it. There will always be plenty of room for volunteer help and work credit is available. Come to the store on 618 Kensington Rd. and sign up, or call Leslie Bliss 472-7360 or Stephanie Cross 446-9276 to see if you can help. Summer is here, let's have some fun and support the co-op too!

-Larry Rutledge



March for Peace

On Saturday, June 11, thousands of demonstrators gathered at the United Nations in New York City to promote peace and nuclear disarmament. The rally, coinciding with the Third United Nations Special Session on Disarmament was reported to be the city's largest political demonstration since 1982.

Police report 60,000, but organizers estimated a crowd of 200,000. Among the crowd was a group of 21 central New Yorkers organized by SPC and SANE/FREEZE.

Why did thousands travel through the night for a march from the UN to Central Park with a rally in the park?

Hank Strunk of Syracuse, one of many who left CNY at 4 a.m. Saturday to return 22 hours later, said the demonstrators went for themselves.

"Washington isn't going to notice this," he said on the six-hour ride back. "One hundred thousand is a relatively small number. We go for ourselves, to keep the spirit alive."

After the march, demonstrators lounged in the shade of the park or gathered around the bandshell to hear speakers and musicians. Many different organizations interested in peace, social justice, labor issues, religion, and human rights sponsored the demonstration.

"It was a good celebration of the growing strength of leftist coalitions," said local activist Donna Hoffmah. "They're recognizing that they need each other."

-Pat Medige

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<p>3 National Interdependence Week July 3-9</p>	<p>4 National Independence Day</p> <p>EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171</p> <p>5th Birthday of Women's Peace Encampment</p>	<p>5 Nuclear Freeze mfg. May Memorial 7:30pm</p> <p>People for Animal Rights mfg. (P.A.R.) 7pm June 478-8821 or Linda 478-0082</p> <p>Syracuse Greens' mfg. 7pm 821 Euclid Ave NSC 422-1659</p> <p>Syr. Real Food Co-op Council mfg. 7pm 348 Roosevelt Ave. Brent 478-5393</p>	<p>6</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Women's Info expanded, info and referral phone hours 6-8pm</p> <p>Midwest Network mfg. 7:30pm at Syr. Peace Council</p>	<p>7 EVERY THURS. Women's Info: Lesbian Hotline 7-9pm, 478-4638</p> <p>EVERY THURS: SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm, Lots of fun, 472-5478 for info.</p>	<p>8 Benefit Dance Concert for Syr. Real Food Coop w/ Community Choir & Cranberry Lake, 7pm</p> <p>EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171</p> <p>Lesbian Support Grp. 7pm: Potluck 6-7pm Women's Info, 601 Allen St.</p>	<p>9 July 8-10 Nicaragua Carice Parties TBA, call 472-5478</p> <p>A National Weekend Against the Embargo</p>
<p>10 EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 5pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm 735 S. Beach St.</p>	<p>11 Give Maintenance & Repair Workshop 6:30-9:30pm</p> <p>Women's Info, Register by 7/8 \$20 478-4638</p> <p>Disabled in Action mfg. 7pm, E.C.O.H. 446-6602</p> <p>Amer. Indian Movement (AIM) founded 1968</p>	<p>12 Palestinian Uprising Dr. Ashraf 7:30pm Liverpool Sheraton Inn (AOC) 488-7836</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Women's Info expanded, info and referral phone hours 6-8pm</p> <p>Midwest Network mfg. 7:30pm at Syr. Peace Council</p>	<p>13 Cessation Prevention Movement mfg. 7:30pm</p> <p>Elmcrest Children's Ctr YWCA 980 Salt Springs Rd.</p> <p>CNY N.O.W. mfg. 7pm Marine Midland Bank Rm. 860 S. Warren St.</p>	<p>14 Syracuse Real Food Co-op Open House (samples and food demos) 4-8pm 618 Kensington Rd. 472-1385</p> <p>Bastille Day</p>	<p>15 July 15-July 17 Women's Rights Convention Days Weekend, Seneca Falls</p> <p>Holly Near Concert 8pm People's Park, Seneca Falls free (315) 568-6238</p>	<p>16 July 15-July 17 18th Annual Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival, Sat. & Sun. 10-6 crafts food, music</p> <p>Columbus Circle</p> <p>Bruce Pratt, singer/songwriter 8pm McCrindle Bldg., 41 Lake St. Oswego \$6 (315) 942-1733</p>
<p>17 Women's Harvest mfg. 7pm Women's Info, 601 Allen St. 478-4638</p> <p>New Jewish Agenda Branch & Meeting 11am-2pm info, Pauli 446-6662</p>	<p>18 Deadline for mailing cranes & messages to Hiroshima, send c/o Ctr. for International Cooperation P.O. Box 337 Washington, Va. 22747</p> <p>Demonstration & Peoples rally outside the Democratic Convention, Atlanta, Ga. (212) 685-8390</p> <p>Middle East Network Mfg. 7:30pm Syr. Peace Council Brent 478-5393</p> <p>Safe & Effective Cycling Workshop 6:30-9:30pm Women's Info, Register by 7/15 \$15</p>	<p>19 Independence Day</p> <p>Greater Syracuse N.O.W. mfg. 9pm May Memorial 446-2229</p> <p>Syr. Real Food Co-op Council mfg. 7pm 348 Roosevelt Ave. Brent 478-5393</p> <p>Syracuse Greens' mfg. 7pm 821 Euclid Ave AFSC 422-1659</p> <p>People for Animal Rights mfg. (P.A.R.) 7pm June 478-8821 or Linda 478-0082</p> <p>Sanctuary mfg. May Memorial Church 7:30pm 471-4872</p>	<p>20 N.A.A.C.P. mfg. 7:30pm 100 New St. 470-3300</p> <p>ARISE Head Injury Support Grp. 4pm 472-3171</p>	<p>21 "We All Every One of Us" Celebration & Farewell to Barb Dunn w/Community Choir 8pm Enwin Meth. Church \$3-\$10 Karen 472-6396</p> <p>National Council of Negro Women 7pm, Dunbar Center</p>	<p>22 EVERY FRI: ARISE Women's Support Grp. 10-11:30, 472-3171</p>	<p>23 Sanctuary Salsa Dance 8pm May Memorial Church</p>
<p>24 PNL PRODUCTION 7/24-26 Sun., Mon, Tues. Come and help at SPC 472-5478</p>	<p>25 EVERY MON. Visual Disability Support Group, ARISE 501 E. Fayette St. 10am</p>	<p>26 EVERY TUES. Yoga Class 7-8:30pm Women's Info \$3 601 Allen St. 478-4638</p>	<p>27 If groups listed change regular mfg. times or places, please let us know.</p>	<p>28 PNL Mailing Party Join the party... 7-9 pm at SPC 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822</p>	<p>29 EVERY FRI. Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal Church \$3</p>	<p>30 EVERY SAT. Lesbian & Gay Youth mfgs. 1-5pm ECOH</p> <p>New Environmental Assoc. Breakfast, Green Lakes Info. 446-8009</p> <p>Moving? Please save us 30¢ and let us know beforehand.</p>
<p>2 The Renaissance Festival 7/2-8/14 Saturdays & Sundays Sterling, NY call 947-5783</p> <p>July 3-July 10 Women's Encampment for Peace Celebration, (607) 989-5825</p>	<p>1 Canada Day</p>	<p>15 July 15-July 17 Women's Rights Convention Days Weekend, Seneca Falls</p>	<p>16 July 15-July 17 18th Annual Syracuse Arts & Crafts Festival, Sat. & Sun. 10-6 crafts food, music</p>	<p>21 "We All Every One of Us" Celebration & Farewell to Barb Dunn w/Community Choir 8pm Enwin Meth. Church \$3-\$10 Karen 472-6396</p>	<p>28 PNL Mailing Party Join the party... 7-9 pm at SPC 472-5478 for info.</p>	<p>29 EVERY FRI. Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal Church \$3</p>

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A black and white line drawing of a pond with several lily pads. Each lily pad has a lit candle on it, with flames and smoke. The water is represented by wavy lines. The text 'TIL MINNE OM HIROSHIMA OG NAGASAKI' is written in a stylized font across the top of the pond. At the bottom right of the pond, the Norwegian phrase 'sett et lys på vannet' is written in a cursive font.

TIL MINNE OM
HIROSHIMA OG
NAGASAKI

sett et lys
på vannet

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Peace in the
Mid-East; a
statement
from the
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*Illustration of Norwegian
tradition commemorating
Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day
- lit candles on lily pads
in a pond near the village
Lier. By Berit Dahl Soltvedt.*

LETTERS

To The Peace Newsletter

RAINBOW AGENDA DOESN'T FOLLOW POLITICIANS' SCHEDULE

Jesse Jackson delegates Charles Anderson, Pat Rector, Sam Velazquez and Marsha Weissmann expressed their disappointment at Dukakis' selection of running mate at a "Bon Voyage" party held for them by Jackson supporters on July 14. Marsha Weissmann commented: "You can't talk about balancing a ticket in 1988 by putting a white senator from Texas on it. You have to put a black on the ticket, you have to put a Latino on the ticket, you have to put a woman on the ticket." But local Jackson campaign chairman Alan Rosenthal encouraged the group saying the Rainbow Coalition has made great progress under the leadership of Jackson. Responding to recent criticism that Jackson "just doesn't know when to quit", Rosenthal told the group: "That is what is so good about Jackson. He doesn't know when to quit...he doesn't work on a politicians schedule". We too must continue to work for peace and social justice through the campaign of 1988 and beyond!

- Linda Gehron

SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT

Our first annual Dance-Concert to benefit the Syracuse Real Food Coop was a big success. The many coop members and non-members who came out for the event can thank themselves for creating the wonderful feeling of community that went beyond the fun of the night. We hope that more such events will happen for our community and the cooperative spirit will provide the basis for the coop and other groups to thrive and prosper in the future.

Thanks again to all you folks at SPC Newsletter and Press, your speedy

printing of our posters and publicity in the PNL were instrumental to our success.

- Larry Rutledge

Dear Syracuse Peace Council,

Its been a long 88' already, and I'm sorry it's taken so long to come up with my annual donation to you. And thank you for having been so patient and not pestering me; I assure you I've been nagging myself every time I opened my chequebook without remitting something to you. ...we've got our work cut out, eh? Dukakis is a jerk and Bentsen a horror, yet still better than what the Republicans offer! Shoreham's breathing down my neck, with Cuomo fanning the fire instead of dousing it. "Don't trust leaders. Watch your parking meters." Good luck to us all.

- Kurt C. Wilner



A Mother's Shame

Her child

will spend the night in jail.

My child

is well, and safe.

Her child

has been beaten by a soldier.

My child

will be a soldier.

Her child

is inspired to defy.

My child

will be required to obey.

Nancy Nachun

Jerusalem, Israel

The following businesses and individuals were very generous in giving to the SPC auction and deserve not only our gratitude, but our support throughout the year. Seidenberg, Strunk & Goldenberg (law offices), Monty Berman, Elva Scott, Dr. Howard Walsdorf, Syracuse Stage, Pastabilities, Seven Rays Bookstore, Debra Lee (massage), Second Hand Rose, Antique Underground, Antiques in Oak, Eva Monostory, The Bear's Paw, The Bindle, Carolyn Pollack Clay, Sweet Sensations, Nancy Gittleson, Clay not Pots, Center for Holistic Living, Acorn Designs, Zehna Barros, Laura Kreidler, Judy McLaughlin, John and Mary Honey

- Mary Van deWeert

INTERVIEW A VET CONTEST

VETS! We need you.

The Interview a Vet Contest needs Vietnam veterans to sign up to be interviewed by 15-23-year-olds. For more information, send your name, address, and phone number to CCCO/An Agency for Military, Draft, and Pre-Enlistment Counseling, 2208 South St., Philadelphia, PA 19146, phone (215) 545-4626, or P.O. Box 42249, San Francisco, CA 94142, phone (415) 552-6433.

The Syracuse Peace Council

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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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(Syracuse University)	Peter Kardas 475-4822
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Pledge of Resistance	
Hank Strunk 607/842-6515	

Statement of Purpose

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

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

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

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

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the peace council page

LIAM'S BACK FROM GUATEMALA

Liam Mahony, former SPC staff person, recently returned to the U.S. after having volunteered with Peace Brigades International in Guatemala for the past nine months. His work there included escorting striking union members and human rights workers threatened with political violence. For the next few months Liam will be speaking on his experiences, educating people and raising money for the continued work of Peace Brigades in Central America. We are organizing events for him to speak at. If you would like him to speak to your group, please call. In particular, we are trying to set up house parties - events where you invite 8-15 people over to hear his presentation. Liam has many slides and can speak on Peace Brigade's work in Guatemala, human rights and labor organizing there, and the Central American situation in general. His dates are somewhat limited so please call soon if you'd be interested in having a house party. For more information, call Carol Baum at SPC (472-478) or 425-0629.

-Carol Baum

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

There are unlimited ways to participate in our work if you are interested and willing. A few hours once a month or weekly helps and there are a variety of things one can choose to do. Anyone with an interest in art could design a poster, make a banner and /or help us renovate our physical set up. There is work to do in our library, and resource files that should be maintained. Our mailing list needs to be updated on the computer. The book Store always needs people to bring books to community events. We also have annual projects people could help us on like Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day and Plowshares. The Peace Newsletter is another area where interested people could volunteer. We are also open to your ideas... Stop by and have some iced or hot coffee, we are open 9:30 am to 5:00 pm Mon.- Wed, Fri. and 9:30 am to 9:00 pm. on Thursday.

- Carrie Yates

THANKS FOR THE HELP!

The joint SPC-Madre Material Aid Campaign for Nicaragua wishes to thank everyone for their generous help and donations during the past year's Educational Supplies Campaign. As of the end of June we have collected approximately 20 full heavy boxes of supplies and \$1,500 cash. We are in the process of organizing the shipment of the

supplies and shipping costs will maximize the impact of the cash donations. We have had many positive contacts with national groups who are coordinating the shipping effort. Coupled with the \$1,700 raised for medical supplies the previous year, we are proud of our part in Central New York's struggle with oppression in Nicaragua. Central New Yorkers can make a difference! We are beginning to plan the next campaign to begin this fall. The form of our next effort is under discussion. The extent of our material aid campaign is limited only by the number of people involved. Please join us and experience positive political work with tangible results. Call the SPC House (472-5478) and someone from the project will get back to you. Again, thanks to the many who have helped these past two years.

- Peter Scheibe



GARAGE SALE SUCCESSFUL

This is a quick note to say the Garage Sale went very well, thanks to all of you. We had a lot of stuff, about three garages full. We were grateful it did not rain until late afternoon, since we had put a lot of the furniture outside. By the time we opened there was a crowd of people waiting to purchase things. Thank you everyone who bought items, who donated items, to those of you who called people, and to those who lent us your trucks, thank you all for your time and energy.

-Carrie Yates

UpComing Events

PEACE BRIGADES

Peace Brigades International, an international pacifist organization, is holding an eastern U.S. and Canada regional orientation and training program for people interested in supporting its two teams working in Guatemala and El Salvador. Volunteers serve as international observers and as nonviolent escorts to allow breathing space for organizations and activists working for peace and justice in these two countries. August 19- 21, 1988 will be a weekend of general orientation followed by a training session, August 21-23 for short and long term PBI volunteers. The events will take place in Albany, NY. Cost is \$55- 80 (including food and housing). For more information or registration: Karen Beetle, Peace Brigade International, 51 Alexander St. Albany, NY 12202 (518) 436-7492.

- Karen Beetle

DAYS AGAINST THE DRAFT

Two days of decentralized activities against the draft and registration are planned for Oct. 16, 17 1988. Celebrate resistance and the resister on Sunday, demonstrate resistance on Monday in schools and communities. Important themes: the continuing militarization of youth in school and culture and by direct military recruiting; the federal "blacklisting" of resisters and the return of military channeling in the form of "National Service." For participation, endorsement, encouragement, input or further information, write The Peacemaker, Box 627, Garberville CA- 95440.

-Paul Encimer

HIROSHIMA / NAGASAKI EVENTS SYRACUSE

This year's Hiroshima/Nagasaki day in Syracuse will be "A Day of Forgiveness and Healing". Events will begin at 8:15 am when all churches with bells are asked to ring them at the exact moment the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. At 11:30 August 5 am a parade led by Open Hand Theatre will begin at And arrive in Columbus Circle at noon. There flowers, and literature addressing why the bomb was dropped and disarmament issues will be distributed. A candle representing the Eternal Flame will be lit and flowers will be placed on a table in memory of the victims of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombings. At 12:30 pm there will be a moment of silence and afterwards Dr. Edward Swift of Physicians for Social Responsibility will make a statement about the initiation the International Comprehensive Test Ban Campaign, which begins that day. Volunteers are needed for the parade: Geoff Navias

SAVE THE DOLPHINS

Three hundred and fifty thousand dolphins are killed each year - from tuna fishing! To raise awareness and funds to stop the unnecessary killing of the dolphins, a temporary coalition has been formed. The coalition has planned a benefit to be held at the Orange Grove, Aug. 17 at 9:30 pm. For only two dollars you can hear the Neverly Brothers, Robin Fear, Jamie Notarthomes and Chris Chroma perform. For more information contact: Jamie 463-5014, or Chris 463-1490 or 437-1271.

472-1777 and the main festivities: Ann Cardamore 424-8344.

SENECA ARMY DEPOT

As a remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Seneca Women's Encampment will stage a legal presence at the main gate of the Seneca Army Depot in Romulus with possible civil disobedience, August 6 at 10 am. For more information call Ellen Grady (607) 277-6932.

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Vigils, ringing of church bells, meditation and public education in remembrance, and a call for total disarmament. Call Mobilization for Survival (212) 533-0008.

AUGUST DESERT WITNESS IV

To commemorate the bombings and protest weapons testing at the Nevada Test Site. Contact: Nevada Desert Experience, PO Box 4487, Las Vegas, NV 89127 (702) 646-4814.

PROSPECTS OF A PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT

by Bassam Abu Sherif
Advisor to Chairman Yaser Arafat

Everything that has been said about the Middle East conflict has focused on the differences between Palestinians and Israelis and ignored the points on which they are in almost total agreement. These points are easy to overlook, hidden as they are under a 70-year accumulation of mutual hostility and suspicion, but they exist nevertheless and in them lies the hope that the peace that has eluded this region for so long is finally within reach. Peel off the layers of fear and mistrust that successive Israeli leaders have piled on the substantive issues and you will find that the Palestinians and Israelis are in general agreement on ends and means: Israel's objective are lasting peace and security. Lasting peace and security are also the objectives of the Palestinian people. No one can understand the Jewish people's centuries of suffering more than the Palestinians. We know what it means to be stateless and the object of the fear and prejudice of the nations. Thanks to the various Israeli and other governments that have had the power to determine the course of our people's lives, we know what it feels like when human beings are considered somehow less human than others and denied the basic rights that people around the globe take for granted. We feel that no people - neither the Jewish people nor the Palestinian people - deserves the abuse and disenfranchisement that homelessness inevitably entails. We believe that all peoples - the Jews and the Palestinians included - have the right to run their own affairs, expecting from their neighbors not only nonbelligerence but the kind of political and economic cooperation without which no state can be truly secure, no matter how massive its war machine, and without no nation can truly prosper, no matter how generous its friends in distant lands may be. The Palestinians want the kind of lasting peace and security for themselves and the Israelis because no one can build his own future on the ruins of another's. We are confident that this desire and the realization are shared by all but an insignificant minority in Israel. The means by which Israelis want to achieve lasting peace and security is direct talks, with no attempt by any outside party to impose or veto a settlement. The Palestinians agree. We see no way for any dispute to be settled without direct talks between that parties to that dispute, and we feel that any settlement that has to be imposed by an outside power is a settlement that is unacceptable to one or both of the belligerents and therefore a settlement that will not stand the test of time. The key to a Palestinian-Israeli settlement lies in talks between the



Palestinians and the Israelis. The Palestinians would be deluding themselves if they thought that their problems with the Israelis can be solved in negotiations with non-Israelis, including the United States. By the same token, the Israelis - and US Secretary of State George Schultz, who has been shuttling to the Middle East for discussions on his peace proposals - would be deluding themselves if they thought that Israel's problems with the Palestinians can be solved in negotiations with non-Palestinians, including Jordan. The Palestinians would like to choose their Israeli interlocutor. We have little doubt that we could reach a satisfactory settlement with the Peace Now movement in a month. We know, however, that an agreement with Peace Now would not be an agreement with Israel, and since an agreement with Israel is what we are after, we are ready to talk to Mr. Shimon Peres' Labor Alignment, or to Yitzhak Shamir's Likud Bloc, or to anyone else the Israelis choose to represent them. The Israelis and Mr. Schultz would also prefer to deal with Palestinians of their own choosing. But it would be as futile for them as for us to talk to people who have no mandate to negotiate. If it is settlement with the Palestinians that they seek, as we assume it is, then it with the representatives of that people that they must negotiate, and the Palestinian people, by the only means that they have at their disposal, have chosen their representatives. Every Palestinian questioned by diplomats and newsmen of the international community has stated unequivocally that his representative is the Palestinian Liberation Organization. If that is regarded as an unreliable expression of the Palestinians' free will in a manner that will convince all doubters: arrange for an internationally-supervised referendum in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip and allow the population to choose between the PLO and any other community wishes to nominate. The PLO is ready to abide by the outcome and step aside for any alternative leadership should the Palestinian people choose one. The PLO will do this because it is *raison d'être* is not the undoing of Israel, but the salvation of the Palestinian people and their rights, including their

right to democratic self-expression and national self-determination. Regardless of the satanic image that the PLO's struggle for those rights has given it in the United States and Israel, the fact remains that this organization was built on democratic principles and seeks democratic objectives. If Israel and its supporters in the US administration can grasp that fact, the fears that prevent them from accepting the PLO as the only valid interlocutor toward any Palestinian-Israel settlement would vanish. Those fears, as far as I can tell from what has been written and said in Israel and the United States, center on the PLO's (reluctance) to unconditionally accept Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and on the possibility that a Palestinian State on the West Bank and Gaza would be a radical, totalitarian threat to its neighbor. The PLO, however, does not accept Resolutions 242 and 338. What prevents it from saying so unconditionally is not what is in the resolutions but what is not in them: neither resolution says anything about the national rights of the Palestinian people, including their democratic right to self-expression and their national right to self-determination. For that reason and that reason alone, we have repeatedly said that we accept Resolutions 242 and 338 in the context of other UN resolutions, which do not recognize the national rights of the Palestinian people. As for the fear that a Palestinian State would be a threat to its neighbor, the democratic nature of the PLO - with its legislative, executive and other popularly-based institutions - should argue against it. If that does not constitute a solid enough guarantee that the State of Palestine would be a democratic one, the Palestinians would be open to the idea of a brief, mutually acceptable transitional period during which an international mandate would guide the occupied Palestinian territories to democratic Palestinian statehood. Beyond that, the Palestinians would accept - indeed insist on - international guarantees for the security of all states in the region, including Palestine and Israel. It is precisely our desire for such guarantees that motivates our demand that bilateral peace talks with Israel be conducted in the context of a UN-sponsored international conference. The Palestinians feel that they have much more to fear from Israel, with its mighty war machine and its nuclear arsenal, than Israel has to fear from them. They would therefore welcome any reasonable measure that would promote the security of their state and its neighbors, including the deployment of a UN buffer force on the Palestinian side of the Israeli-Palestinian border. Time, sometimes the great healer, is often the great spoiler. Many Israelis no doubt realize this are trying to communicate it to the rest of their people. As for us, we are ready for peace now, and we can deliver it. It is our hope that the opportunity

that presents itself today will not be missed. If it is missed, we have no choice but to continue to exercise our right to resist the occupation, our ultimate aim being a free, dignified and secure life not only for our children but also for the children of the Israelis.

The preceding statement, originally prepared for the Washington Post in late May, distributed at the Arab Summit in Algiers, and reprinted since then in the N.Y. Times, is nothing shy of the P.L.O. political equivalent to the ongoing "intifada" itself. Seen as a conciliatory "trial balloon" which answers most major questions posed by the U.S. and Israel to the P.L.O., the author is a close aid to Arafat who has himself informed the U.S., through a third party that he approved this statement. U.S. official response was positive, considering it "constructive", but fell short of the acceptance which would have encouraged clear public approval by Arafat, something the U.S. viewed as a precondition to U.S. acceptance, although politically unrealistic.

On the plus side, neither the P.L.O. executive committee nor council has rejected the statement and most Palestinian reaction has been positive. Unfortunately, the Israeli government rejected it outright, though the Israeli Peace Movement considers it as another positive sign. Despite the intransigence of Shamir and Peres, 15 prominent American Jewish leaders issued a statement which called this "the clearest expression, so far, by any Palestinian official, of a readiness to negotiate between Israel and the Palestinians."

In a further development, Jerusalem sources have responded that a Romanian envoy informed Shamir and Peres that talks in Bucharest with Arafat show the P.L.O. now willing to engage in direct negotiations with Israel aimed at achieving an autonomy-type interim agreement.

With these new efforts by the P.L.O., let's push the U.S. and Israel to also reach out so that the Occupation will be ended and peace will become closer and closer to reality.

- Brent Bleier

PEACES

PRIORITIES FOR PEOPLE, NOT BOMBS

by Donna Hoffman

The time is now to Send Back the Bombs. Fresh from the Democratic Convention with Pat Rector, the "Priorities for People, Not Bombs" banner with its new handprints - blue, green, brown, red - progresses across the states with Donna Hoffman on an outreach pilgrimage to the Pantex Nuclear Weapons plant near Amarillo, Texas. The Peace Council and SANE/FREEZE of CNY sponsored the pilgrimage which set out Thursday, July 28 to present five workshops with prearranged groups and some less formal displays in parks. Before leaving, Donna exchanged information between Nukewatch's Madison, Wisc. office, the Seneca Women's Peace Encampment, and the Pantex Peace Farm.

The pilgrimage route roughly parallels H-Bomb transport truck routes between Pantex, the final assembly point for all nuclear weapons made in the U.S. and Seneca, the largest U.S. Army nuclear weapons storage depot in the world. Workshop participants will be asked to help reverse the flow of nuclear weapons on our highways, that is, to send back the bombs from Seneca to Pantex. After all, workers at Pantex already dismantle outmoded weapons, but produce more than they take apart. Economic conversion for them would mean discontinuing all nuclear weapons production and continuing jobs dismantling tens of thousands of nuclear warheads, then salvaging the resources to produce contributive human goods.

Upon arrival at Pantex, the banner's presence outside the plant will testify to handprinted commitments from the hearts of individuals along the route. The pilgrimage will maintain correspondence with workshop groups while on the road, after arrival at Pantex, and at key action times during the Fall.

Energies should focus on encouraging political candidates to produce a Comprehensive Test Ban and No First Strike policy.

July 28 Pittsburg, Pa	Aug. 1 Clarksville, TN
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WV	Aug. 4 McAlester, OK
Speak Out! radio pgm. Draft resisters' group	Pittsburg County Choctaw Indian Nation July
30 Lexington, KY	Aug. 5 Arrive Pantex!
Park display	Aug. 6 Peace Camp presentation

VETERANS' PEACE CONVOY..en el camino a Managua!!

The Great Veterans' Peace Convoy left the USA on July 13, this time without government interference. It's due to arrive July 26 in Managua where it will deliver symbolic amounts of food, medicine, and clothing as well as the trucks to the non-governmental distribution system for the 700,000 war-torn Nicaraguan children. Meanwhile the Center for Constitutional Rights, in their lawsuit against the US government, has obtained a ruling from the Judge that forces the Government to prove that such aid is NOT humanitarian aid. Each of us should continue to devise ways of using this "American-as-apple-pie", people-to-people effort for outreach with friends and acquaintances. I would like to recommend that you invite a few over for a housemeeting, both to view a new video of these same veterans at work in Nicaragua and to explain this on-going effort to End the Embargo against Nicaragua. "The War in El Cedro" works with any but the far right ideologies. So call SPC and ask me to help you with your housemeeting.

- Hank Strunk

WOMEN'S BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Women's Information Center will publish a directory of women professionals, businesses and services this fall as both a fundraiser and an important community service. Advertising will be solicited from women-owned businesses, women professionals, non-profit services and businesses whose primary customers are women. Our hope is for the directory to become an annual fall project for the center and a well established channel for communication in the women's business community. We are currently compiling our mailing list and soliciting advertising. If you want to receive more information call or write the Info Center 478-4636/Women's Business Directory c/o Women's Info Center, 601 Allen St. Syracuse, NY 13210.

- Nancy Wart

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Beyond)
Call for complete list.

RECYCLE FIRST UPDATE

by Patrick Starke

Even though opposition to Onondaga County's garbage burning plant is mounting, our elected officials continue to spend public funds on a costly, toxic gamble. In fact, our legislators recently voted for a public education program which will spend money to fight so called "misinformation" being spread by groups like Recycle First. Instead of spending public funds on an aggressive education program which could be used immediately to help industry and businesses develop waste reduction strategies, teach citizens how to reduce their household waste stream, and educate the masses on the importance of reusing and recycling our resources, our taxes are being used to quell public opposition to a project which literally thousands of citizens believe is unacceptable. This seems more like a dictatorship than a democracy. For the past 15 years, Onondaga County officials have concentrated their efforts on promoting mass-burn incineration without researching other alternatives. More than 410 million has been spent on consultants and various studies for the proposed incinerator, and yet, the county still does not have an effective plan for removal of toxics before burning, or for a comprehensive and effective recycling program. Although the county is talking

about recycling, it is only giving lip service to it. Twice our legislators have voted against spending money for recycling. Our county leaders are still committed in burning most of our garbage and burying the toxic ash residue in a landfill somewhere in Onondaga County. If our elected officials fail to serve the people they represent then we will put new ones in office. Recycle First is constantly pushing elected leaders to introduce legislation which would ensure that adequate funding be spent on an aggressive recycling program, that packaging be reduced, and that there is fairness and compensation for citizens living proximate to a proposed landfill. Recycle First has been taking its campaign to the people with an aggressive door to door public education campaign. We have been handing out literature, articles and recent studies which show that mass-burn incineration is the problem and not the solution. Even the Wall Street Journal, in a June 16 feature, seems to agree with us. By educating the citizens on the facts and exposing the horrible track record of the incinerator industry, we hope to overthrow a misguided political process. In order to accomplish this aggressive agenda, we need support from the community. We need people power as well as financial contributions to support a full-time staff person. Individuals wanting to make a donation of time or money can contact us at Recycle First PO Box 115, Jamesville, NY 13078 475-1197.

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OPINION

WHY THE PEACE MOVEMENT SHOULD EMBRACE THE MARIJUANA ISSUE

by Andrew Seltser

One of the most interesting parts of a recent trip to Washington D.C. for the annual NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Law) Convention was telling people where i was going and watching their reactions. My favorite was a sudden loss of facial inflection as if in some distant dream a bubble burst releasing the sudsy cartoon-words: marijuana reform. It seems only yesterday that is was just a matter of a few short years before marijuana would be legalized, before your friends would stop being thrown into prison cells like unlucky animals for smoking a weed, before police forces could concentrate on whatever they are ideally being paid to concentrate on, before you could live without being watched by real or mythical narcotics agents ready to use archaic drug laws as an excuse for the political handcuffs... but yesterday has a way of slipping into decades, and twenty years after Haight-Ashbury in a nation of 30 million pot-smokers, the substance remains illegal (albeit undergoing various forms of decriminalization in choice spots), the smokers remain surveiled and jailed.

The Peace Movement is big on rights, as it should be: Women's Rights, Gay and Lesbian Rights, Minority Rights, Animal Rights...but mention Pot-Smokers Rights and you get that funny reaction: half-smile(you're joking)/half-disapproval(not political enough). Here's a few attempts to show that it IS political, and that is not a joke: 1) consider all the people jailed or to be jailed by a vengeful government for possession of a weed; 2) Marijuana laws prop up the tobacco monopoly; 3) Noriega gave millions of dollars to right wing extremist to organize the eradication of domestic marijuana production so he (Noriega) could pump this country full of coke with the help of 4) CIA/Contra drug connection, and all other examples of pharnapolitics sponsored by US government and costing lives and freedom for people around the world; 5) Marijuana laws are more harmful to society than the drug itself: there are no proven adverse psychological or physical damage caused by short or long-term use, and the government is spending \$10 billion a year to keep this substance out of the hands of its citizens, while it could be collecting \$50 billion in taxers to rebuild society. (Solar power plants aren't cheap, you know.) The history of drugs and politics is long; the most obvious concern to the Peace Movement is the war, the war on drugs. How can a Peace and Justice Movement worth its weight in political correctitude ignore a war that is so drastically cutting into the national coffers, and so drastically cutting into consitutional rights and personal freedom.

After Judge Ginsburg's admission of past inhalations, *Time* magazine wrote of a "parade of politicians confessing that they too had experimented with the evil weed. They all insisted that this was youthful indiscretion that they deeply regretted, and they were all awarded little stars for courage and frankness." Where are the truly courageous who will admit that s/he enjoys smoking pot, and does not especially regret it? I don't expect it from politicians, but what about the bakers, the professors, the musicians, the activists..? Marijuana activist Dana Beall dates the marijuana movement back to NYC, 1967, Thompson Square Park, scene of inter-communal rioting between newly-settled hippies and



Puerto Rican residents. The first smoke-in emerged, what Dana describes as "equally a political protest and an attempt to bring peace...a wave of peace swept over the park as we passed out the marijuana..." Until the mid-seventies the intimacy between marijuana and the anti-war movement remained. But now it seems the peace movement has turned its back on the lonely leaf. They talk of justice and injustice, but refuse to see the connections between addict/slaves on cheap cocaine, soaring IV-caused AIDS cases, repressive marijuana laws that legitimize the seizing of all possible marijuana thus drying up the pot market making the drug of availability (and therefore the drug of choice and use) cheap crack and cocaine being brought up to the addict/slaves by Noriega/Bush/Contra/drug cartel which would have been exposed to the general public (via the Christic Institute Suit) except that the case was thrown out of court last month by a federal judge appointed by Richard Nixon. (one of the 10 most censored newspaper articles in 1987.)

As in any political struggle, organization seems to help. NORML is quickly transforming from an educational organization to an active political organization. I encourage all interested to contact them: NORML, 2001 S. Street, NW, Suite 640, Washington, D.C. 20009 (202) 483-5500.

TOP TEN STORIES CENSORED BY MAINSTREAM MEDIA

by Andrew Seltser

Here's a quick run-down of this years 10 most censored news stories as listed by Project Censored.

1. THE INFORMATION MONOPOLY: The media chose not to report on the findings of Ben Bagdikian that revealed half or more of the U.S. media business controlled by 50 corporations in 1982 were, by December '86 controlled by 29, and by June '87 controlled by 26. Some Wall Street analysts are predicting that a mere six companies will control most U.S. media by the 1990's. "The fact that General Electric (a major manufacturer of nuclear power and nuclear weapons technology) now owns NBC wipes one network from covering the nuclear power issue with any real objectivity." (Project Censored director Carl Jensen, professor, Sonoma State University, California.)

2. THE U.S. CONTRA DRUG CONNECTION: "Contra narcotics smuggling stretches from cocaine plantations in Colombia, to dirt airstrips in Costa Rica, to pseudo-seafood companies in Miami, and finally to the drug ridden streets of our society." The Christic Institute story received spotty coverage at best.

3. SECRET DOCUMENTS REVEAL DANGER OF WORLDWIDE NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS: A previously secret list of 250 nuclear accidents was published by German magazine DER SPIEGEL clearly showing that Three Mile Island and Chernobyl are not isolated incidents. One month after NBC, owned by nuclear power plant manufacturer GE, ran a broadcast praising France's nuclear power system, accidents at two French nuclear facilities injured seven workers.

4. REAGAN'S MANIA FOR SECRECY: The Justice Department worked hard to overturn a court ruling that limited Nixon's ability to control the release of his White House documents. A NATION editorial pointed out that attempts to weaken the act could be used by Reagan to prevent public disclosure of information on the Iran-Contra scandal. Three other documents have been published that show the attempt to keep presidential papers secret is part of a pervasive effort by the Reagan administration to restrict public access to government info.

5. BUSH'S ROLE IN THE IRAN ARMS DEAL: Former oilman George Bush actively promoted the Iran-Contra drugs-for-arms deal, suggests an article from Pacific News Service. His goal was to stabilize falling oil prices by developing a pricing agreement between the U.S.

and other oil-producing countries, Iran included. Included in the evidence is a memo from NSA advisor Poindexter to Ollie North asking North to postpone his trip to Iran at the request of the VP.

6. BIOWARFARE RESEARCH IN UNIVERSITY LABORATORIES: The government has been disguising biological warfare research as food research in order to comply with the 1972 Biological and Toxic Weapons Convention. Such research has been accelerating quietly in the shadow of Star Wars.

7. BIASED PRESS COVERAGE OF THE ARIAS PEACE PLAN: Eighty per cent of the articles published during the first six weeks after the plan was signed (in seven major U.S. dailies) focused on Nicaragua, covering even minor violations by Nicaragua while ignoring serious violations by other signing nations. Published articles relied almost solely on administration, contra, and pro-contra sources and editors generally acknowledged they allowed the Reagan administration to set the tone for Central America "news" coverage.

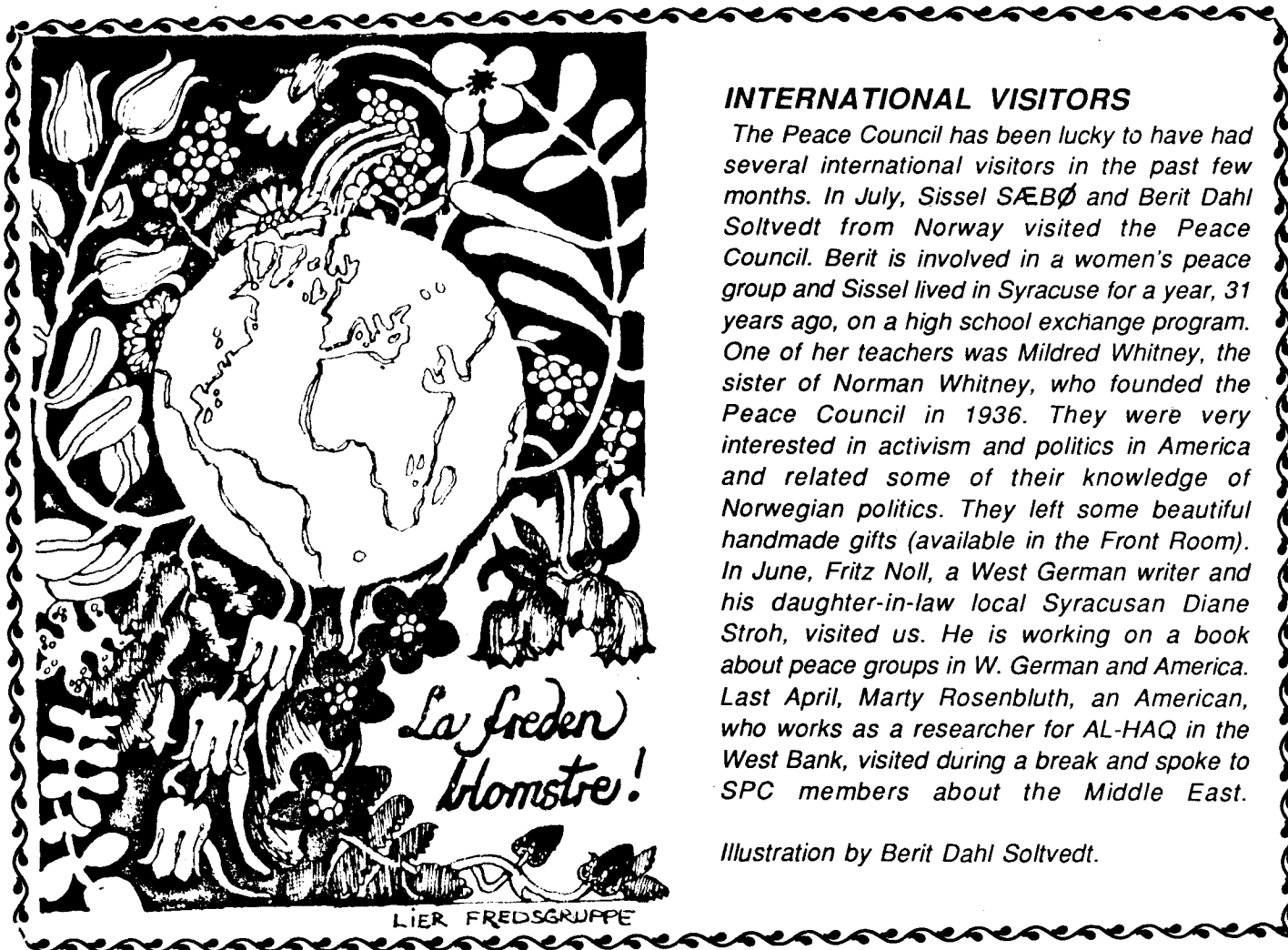
8. TOXIC WASTE DUMPING IN THIRD WORLD: A "shadow-industry" of firms ship U.S. generated toxic wastes abroad. A Philadelphia ship carrying 600,000 tons of toxic ash from its municipal incinerator to Panama, where the ash would be used as landfill for roadbeds was stopped by the Panamanian government thanks to the article by the Center for Investigative Reporting.

9. TORTURE IN EL SALVADOR: A 165-page report on torture in the Mariona Prison was smuggled to an interfaith task force in California. The report included drawings of American observers participating in the torture sessions.

10. SPACE SHUTTLE TO CARRY LETHAL PLUTONIUM: The shuttle scheduled after the CHALLENGER explosion was to carry 46.7 pounds of plutonium. (One pound of plutonium evenly distributed could induce lung cancer in every person on earth, according to Dr. Helen Caldicott.) The shuttle, Project Galileo, is still scheduled to continue as planned--plutonium and all.

Excerpted from the San Francisco Bay Guardian /Valley Advocate Newspaper in Springfield, MA

Project Censored is a brainchild of Carl Jensen, professor of communications, Sonoma State University in California. For 12 years Jensen and his students has published lists of the top ten underreported stories in the media.



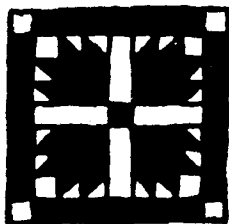
INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

The Peace Council has been lucky to have had several international visitors in the past few months. In July, Sissel SÆBØ and Berit Dahl Soltvedt from Norway visited the Peace Council. Berit is involved in a women's peace group and Sissel lived in Syracuse for a year, 31 years ago, on a high school exchange program. One of her teachers was Mildred Whitney, the sister of Norman Whitney, who founded the Peace Council in 1936. They were very interested in activism and politics in America and related some of their knowledge of Norwegian politics. They left some beautiful handmade gifts (available in the Front Room). In June, Fritz Noll, a West German writer and his daughter-in-law local Syracusan Diane Stroh, visited us. He is working on a book about peace groups in W. German and America. Last April, Marty Rosenbluth, an American, who works as a researcher for AL-HAQ in the West Bank, visited during a break and spoke to SPC members about the Middle East.

Illustration by Berit Dahl Soltvedt.

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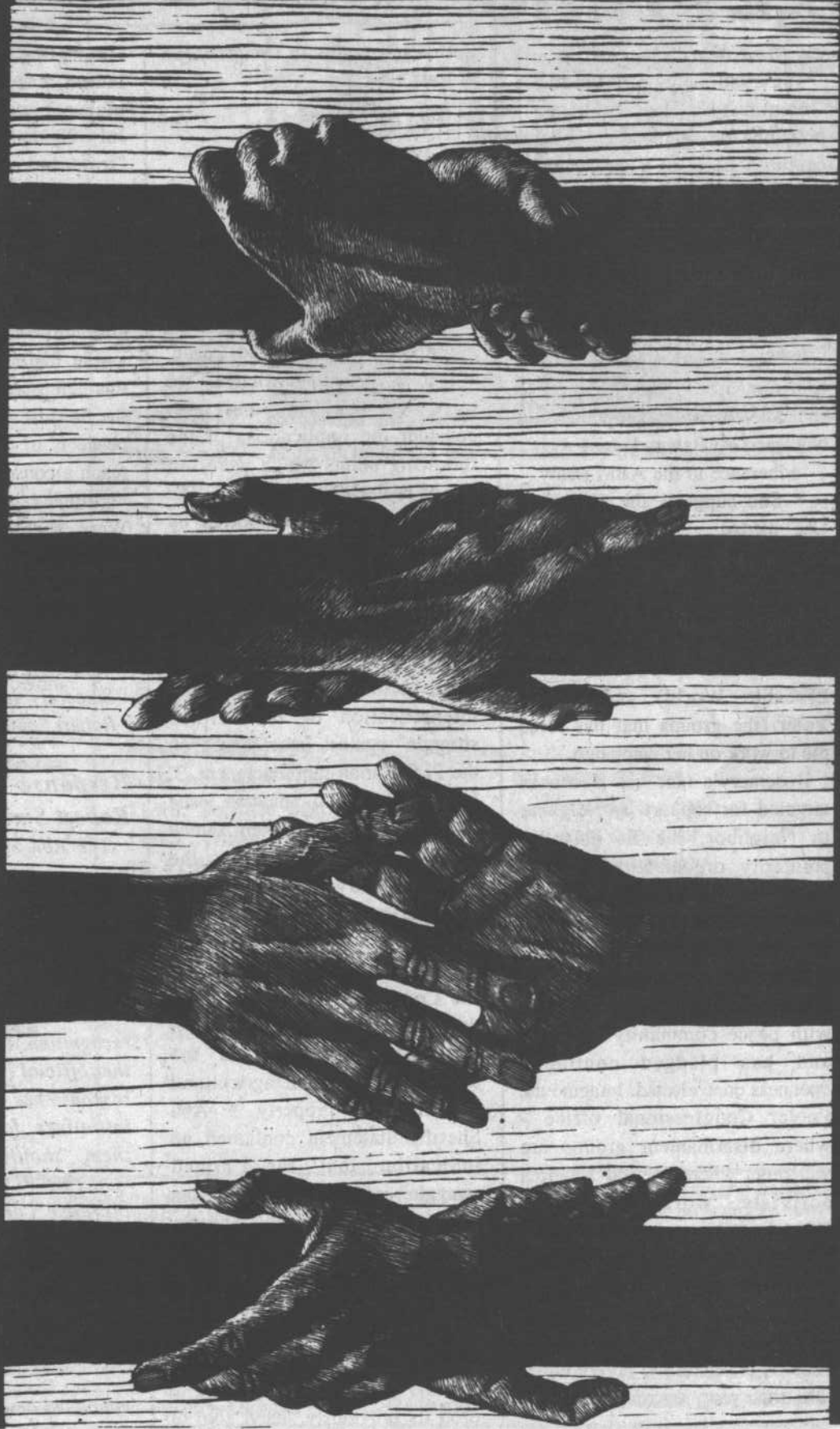
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LETTERS

To the Editor,

The 1988 election is the Peace Community's last chance - probably for the remainder of this century - to elect a disarmament candidate to Congress from the 27th District. Consider the democrat Rosemary Pooler's checklist:

- * She opposes Star Wars testing, demonstration and deployment.
- * She opposes the MX and Midgetman missiles.
- * She favors a comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban and strict adherence to the ABM treaty.
- * She supports the "No First Use" pledge.
- * She backs a verifiable 50% reduction in long-range missiles.

Candidates don't come much better. She's been endorsed by Peace PAC (Council for a Liveable World) and Freeze Voter (the groups that has hired me to work on her campaign).

Rosemary's race has also been targeted for support by Neighbor to Neighbor, the El Salvador solidarity organization and by Priorities PAC, the Central America organization Dr. Charles Clements helps guide. She is OUR candidate. It's OUR seat to win.

Rosemary has consistently met with peace community members and has pledged continued openness once elected. Imagine the Pooler Congressional office - where disarmament groups are welcome, where Central America activists work with the Representative, where our peace and social justice issues are genuinely embraced.

Imagine this possibility and then call 476-1988 to get involved as soon as possible. Do it. We either win this year, or remain locked

out of any access to Congress for at least a decade

- Gary Weinstein

To the Editor,

Along with Brent Bleier (Peace Newsletter 8/88), I welcome Abu Sherif's statements as an indication that some components of the PLO are moving towards acceptance of Israel and Peace. However, I believe that if we truly seek peace we must also consider the implications of the following points which were left out of Bleier's discussion: 1. The statement was not supported by any PLO body such as the PLO executive committee or the Palestinian National Council. 2. On May 8 the official PLO organ Filastin Al-Thawrah printed an article recommending intensification of the "armed struggle" against Israel based on the PLO-Syrian rapprochement. 3. In the Filastin Al-Thawrah issue of June 5 PLO spokesman Ahmed Abdel Rahman stated that the "Arab military option must be resumed and the eastern front revived." 4. Virtually alongside Abu Sherif's paper, Flyer #19 of the Committee for the Uprising designated June 22 as a "day of burning" and called for the destruction of Israeli agricultural and industrial property. 5. Abu Sherif's statement contained no indication that the "armed struggle" is to be set aside, even during the period of negotiations, and 6. The statement was published in English rather than Arabic. Hence it is not surprising that Abu Sherif's statement did not convince skeptical Israeli's that the PLO is truly prepared to drop its previously stated goal of

eliminating the state of Israel. Indeed, even Egyptian President Mubarak stated in a speech on July 20 that other PLO officials "trampled the Abu Sherif initiative as if he lived alone on a secluded island."

In the Israeli perception, threats of destruction are weighed more heavily than promises of peace, and unfortunately there is very ample historical justification for this defensive approach. Therefore the logical way to bring about peace is to convince the PLO to reach a consensus that accepts the legitimacy of Israel's existence. Were such a consensus to be reached and communicated unambiguously to Israel than I am confident that peace and Palestinian self determination would follow quickly.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Smith

Response to letter from Robert Smith:

The Abu Sherif statement must be seen in the light of other "peace feelers" and attempts by the moderate, realist elements of the PLO since 1970 to signal to Israel the option of a peaceful solution based on mutual recognition. Up until the present, the official Israeli government response has been to ignore these initiatives for to acknowledge them should strengthen the moderate PLO factions and thus increase both internal and international pressure on the government for a settlement with the Palestinians, which has not been an aim of any recent government.

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This issue focuses on prisons, from behind and beyond the bars. Two articles are from people in Central New York Correctional Facilities, several are articles about some of the many groups available for the ex-offender and loved ones. We also have interviews with Congressional candidates Rosemary Pooler and Stephen Bowman

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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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!Plowshares!

December 10th and 11th, a Saturday and Sunday, have been reserved at Plymouth Church for the Syracuse Peace Council's Annual Plowshares Craftsfair. If you want to help in any way please call Carrie at 472-5478. We are setting up committees now, and should be getting applications out soon to crafts people.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day

The Syracuse community commemorated Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day as a day of healing. This year many different people and groups contributed. The Sane/Freeze took a large role along with Open Hand Theater in planning the event. A good size crowd gathered at noon and were joined by the voices of the Community Choir. There were many flowers surrounding an eternal flame which captured the attention of people passing by. Open Hand Theater lead a dramatic parade into the circle further setting the tone for the day. Thanks to all it was a thoughtful day.

Mid-East Network Update

At our July meeting we discussed a proposal for a group dialogue based on an existing program in Los Angeles known as "The Cousins Club". While Jewish/Arab-Palestinian/Christian dialogue groups have operated locally since 1969, particularly the "Syracuse Area M.E. Dialogue Group", the thought behind the "Cousins" proposal is to have larger, more open events where different (even extreme) points of view can be aired and confronted by both the opposite and other opinions, in a moderated forum with clear ground rules. The advantages of having also a women's dialogue group came up. We'll be investigating the specifics of how this was done elsewhere before proceeding, but the consensus was that getting a larger local dialogue started between the mainstream local Jewish community and the local Palestinian-Arab community is our objective.

In a similar vein, the "C.N.Y. Interreligious Comm. on Peace in the M.E." sponsored a public dialogue in July between Rabbi Sherman and Mr. David Shomar. The committee will sponsor this again and is working to bring a U.S. State Dept. representative to town sometime this fall.

Compiled by Carrie Yates

Also this fall, S.U. Prof. Rod MacDonald (443-5862) is offering His. 400: a historic examination of the Zionist-Palestinian conflict in the 20th Century; Thursday, 7-10 PM.

Periodicals and books on the M.E. are available at the S.P.C. office. Loans or grants to help us expand our selection are always appreciated. Our September meeting of the M.E. Network will be Monday, the 19th, at 7:30 PM, location to be announced, call 472-5478

Dr. Ashrawi's visit to Syracuse

Dr. Hanan Ashrawi, of the West Bank's Birzeit University, spoke to a large audience here in Syracuse on July 12th. She explained that the "intifada" is democratic and revolutionary in nature cutting across all lines and distinctions, being a unique experience in the Arab world while exposing the true nature of the Occupation to the rest of the world. The "intifada" is carried on by popular committees and an alternative structure, without traditional ties or traditional leaders. While affirming the human rights of the Palestinians, the "Intifada" is the means by which the people hope to enlist the international community in the achievement of their long-term goal of self-determination. Dr. Ashrawi's talk was sponsored by the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee.

- Brent Bleier

FCC VS. The Syracuse Peace Council

In December, 1984, the FCC ruled that WTVH, owned by Meredith Broadcasting Co. violated the Fairness Doctrine by not allowing the Peace Council air time to counter the utility advertisements. Meredith Corporation asked the FCC to reconsider its decision, and more broadly, requested that the commission examine the constitutionality of the doctrine itself. The FCC agreed to look at the constitutionality of the doctrine but declined to reconsider its ruling. The FCC abolished the doctrine 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 US Court of Appeals in NYC. The oral argument in this case is scheduled for September 13. Call the Peace Council 472-5478 for more information.

Syracuse Sanctuary

Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary invites all interested people to attend part or all of the Sanctuary Movement's Northeast Regional Meeting at Plymouth United Church of Christ, 262 E. Onondaga St., Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 (Fri. - Sun.). 9:30 am, Saturday, Salvadorans and Guatemalans will discuss the present reality in their countries. For more details call Paul Weichselbaum at 478-1592.

Saturday evening will be a welcoming service for the recently arrived Salvadoran refugees who have joined Syracuse Sanctuary. We hope once again the Syracuse Community will demonstrate their support by being present. Please look for an announcement in local papers and/or mailings. - Kathleen Skoczen

Food for Peace

20 million Americans experience hunger while 15-20 million people die of hunger world wide each year. 2% of the US military budget would wipe out malnutrition or what the world spends on arms every four days: \$6 billion.

The Central New York Food Arsenal Project is a coalition of local organizations that will demonstrate the connection between military spending and hunger by collecting one can of food for every weapon in our nuclear arsenal; 30,000 cans of food will be put into a "silo" and then distributed through the food bank and the Interreligious Food Consortium to food pantries and agencies throughout Central New York. The collection campaign welcomes everyone to kick off the event in downtown Syracuse, Thursday, September 8 at noon. There will be a closing ceremony at Thanksgiving time, with events during Peace and Justice Week (Oct 16 - 24) to tie in with World Food Day and the Crop walk. Please call 445-9680 if you would like more information or would like to help out.

Peace Brigades' Member Liam Mahony

will be talking about the work of the International Peace Brigades in Guatemala and Central America to the Syracuse Sanctuary Movement and other interested parties on Sept 8th at 7:30 and at SPC Potluck, September 13.. For more info call Shirley at 446- 6099 and the Peace Council at 472-5478..

Steps to Freedom

El Salvador, Steps to Freedom...Sponsored by CISPES, SANE/FREEZE, etc September and October ACTION..local/national Walk-A-Thon to support the people of El Salvador culminating in Oct. 17 action at the Pentagon with local parallels. This Project needs you! Call SPC (Hank Strunk 472-5478 and check flyer insert).

- Hank Strunk

The National Congress of Neighborhood Women's Regional Training Conference

sponsored by Syr. Neighborhood Women's Project will be Sat., Oct 1. The theme is to give women a grassroots opportunity to present their views & priorities on problems they & their communities face. Includes leadership training, building alliances, and defining needs & priorities. For more info contact Rosemary Collins, 621 Fellows Ave, Syr., N.Y. 13210.

Moving beyond the Cold War

a National Working Session, sponsored by Institute for Peace & International Security will be held Sept. 23-25. A working session in Denver, Colo. will be simultaneously broadcasted nationwide to regional sessions. Explore Common Security through workshops, learn grassroots organizing & implementation. For more info contact Institute for Peace & International Security, 91 Harvey St., Cambridge, MA 02140, (617) 547-3338.

The Roots of Hunger and the Struggle for Justice in the Phillipines

is a Food First Reality Tour sponsored by Food First. It will explore the reality of hunger & poverty and examine the root causes of these conditions in the Phillipines. For more info contact Food First Reality Tours, (415)864-8555 or Kathryn Inoferio at the Center for Global Education (612)330-1666.

- Compiled by Kathleen Skoczen

Upcoming Events

Mesa Grande Refugees

Twelve hundred refugees have returned to El Salvador from Mesa Grande, Honduras. Despite governmental opposition, the refugees have maintained their right to repatriation and have sought national and international support from religious leaders and organizations. Although capitulating to the refugees' requests, the government has been highly critical of accompaniment and financial support. Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary asks that supporters send the following message by Telex to President Duarte (202-45-RSSAL) and General Blandon (20446-CEFA):

"We strongly denounce the Salvadoran government's attack on religious leaders in the US on the Going Home Campaign. We reaffirm the right to provide humanitarian aid and pastoral accompaniment in response to the refugees themselves and the church bodies serving them. In the spirit of Esquipulas II, allow national and international accompaniment of repopulators. Respect their rights to rebuild villages free from militarization."

Send telexes through BAUD 9600, call toll free 1-800-544-0052. Telexes are \$5.50 per minute, and they really make a difference!

-Kathleen Skoczen

Ben Linder Lawsuit

Attorneys from the Center for Constitutional Rights have filed a lawsuit against the contra leaders responsible for the murder of Ben Linder.

In April 1987 Linder and six Nicaraguans were killed by contras at the construction site of a hydroelectric plant. The assassination was part of a policy designed to murder civilians working in education, health and development programs in order to destroy the gains of the Nicaraguan revolution. Trial testimony could reveal the extent of CIA management of contra operations. A victory would mean the contras will be judged guilty of murder before the entire world. All money in court-awarded damages will go to projects like Ben's, repairing the destruction caused by the war.

To send a tax-deductible contribution, or for more information, write: Ben Linder Justice Committee, Center for Constitutional Rights, 666 Broadway, 7th Fl., New York, N.Y. 10012.

-Shelagh Clancy

September Speakout On Proposed Trash Incinerator

An important opportunity to speak out about Onondaga County's proposed 900-1,000 ton per day trash-burning plant will be public hearings in the fall. Recycle First, Sierra Club, Jamesville Positive Action Committee (JAMPAC) and many other local groups have stated their opposition to such a plant for environmental, health and economic reasons -- urging instead a comprehensive program of reduction, reuse and recycling along with a landfill located in the most environmentally suitable area available.

Many voices are needed at the hearings. It's important to not leave it up to the people who have already spoken about this issue many times.

You can prepare for the hearings or you can attend without preparation. If you choose to prepare, read the county document **Waste-to-Energy Facility Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement** available at the research departments of all public libraries in Onondaga County and at the Office of Research and Communications on the 13th floor of the Civic Center, downtown Syracuse. By law, the county must hold hearings on the Environmental Impact Statement to learn residents' concerns and objections. You can't take out the library copies but you can get your own copy from the Office of Research and Communications. Prepare oral and/or written remarks on the document, raising any questions or worries you have. Written testimony can be submitted even if you cannot attend.

Even if you cannot prepare, come to the hearings to show your concern. Who knows? You might formulate questions or statements in the process of attending the hearings.

Although late September is the probable date to begin the hearings, no precise date has been set as of this writing. To learn the dates and location and for information about interpreting the county document, contact Recycle First at 475-1197(days) or Linda DeStefano at 475-0062 (eves until 10:45 pm).

-Linda DeStefano

SRFC Credit available for child-care

The Co-op now offers credit for people who will do childcare for co-op workers in their homes. For more information call Regina Kanuso 478-2998

AIDS IN PRISON

by David Gilbert

AIDS is now the number one threat to the health and well-being of New York state prisoners. In 1986, 124 state prisoners died from AIDS, while all other causes of death totaled 62. The number of AIDS deaths has been rising sharply each year.

No one knows exactly how many prisoners are carrying the AIDS virus (HIV) or how fast it is being spread. Official studies indicate that 50% to 60% of New York City's intravenous drug users are carrying the virus and that 50% of New York state prisoners have been I.V. users. These estimates would suggest, as a ballpark figure, that something like 25% of state prisoners may be carrying the virus. (Prisoners from upstate would lower the percentage while the additional route of sexual transmission would raise it).

The actual spread of the virus in prison can not be measured precisely. While drugs and sex are officially prohibited, these activities are not uncommon. The conditions in prison mean that those who use hard-to-come-by needles are likely to share them widely, and without much access to proper sterilization. Sexual activity is likely to occur without proper safeguards and often with multiple partners. These realities indicate that the ongoing spread of the deadly disease is a very grave problem within New York prisons. Furthermore, in the closely packed and non-voluntary prison community, the rise of the disease is likely to cause increasing fear, panic and violence.

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Education has to be the front line of
defense.***

Given the prevailing political climate, some sectors of the public might just as soon see large numbers of prisoners die from AIDS. However, in addition to being inhumane (and thereby promoting criminal-type values), such a vindictive attitude is also self-destructive. The great majority of prisoners eventually return to society; if large numbers of them are carrying the virus and are uneducated about preventive measures, they will unwittingly contribute to the spread of the deadly disease in the outside community. Stopping the spread of AIDS in

prison is a problem that concerns all of us. For many reasons, technical as well as social, testing provides no magic panacea. Education has to be the front line of defense.

The New York Department of Correctional Services (DOCS) has made many public statements affirming its commitment to AIDS education. However, those of us behind the walls know that DOCS efforts to date have had almost no impact on the practices and the fears of the inmates of most prisons. The little material that DOCS does distribute tends to be more sporadic and far too general. More basically, prisoners tend to have a deep distrust for information coming from the state.

AIDS education must go beyond a few general ideas. Rather it requires working with people in a situation of trust and in a thorough and ongoing way in order to change the deeply ingrained high-risk practices. For these reasons, experts emphasize a key role for peer group counseling. These considerations apply doubly to a prison *situation where the very activities that must be discussed - drugs and sex - are punishable under DOCS rules.*

There is a burning need for an effective AIDS education program throughout New York's jails and prisons. We see three key criteria that distinguish a paper program from one that can really reach prisoners and make a change. Such a prisoner education program must:

- a) be sponsored by an outside (of DOCS) organization whose primary work is around AIDS;
- b) provide for extensive prisoner to prisoner education and counseling;
- c) be ongoing, thorough and persistent.

This issue is not solely for prisoners; the health and humanity of the people of New York are also at stake.

The preceding article was written in the summer of 1987 by three Auburn prisoners as part of an initiative to form a Prisoner Education Project on AIDS. The application was rejected by DOS. However, an initial flurry of outside support led to an August 1987 agreement by the Auburn administration to allow 30 prisoners to be trained (by the AIDS task force of Central New York) as peer counselors. I, as one of the initiators, was chosen as Inmate Coordinator of the program. This apparent breakthrough was followed by a period of
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bureaucratic hassles and delays, and our outside support seemed to wane. Then on Dec.22, I was suddenly transferred out of Auburn, even though I had been there for four years with a perfect disciplinary and work record.

Finally this spring a number of inmates did complete the training, about 20 of whom are still at Auburn. While their knowledge and concern have improved the climate, particularly around fears about casual contact, they are still having difficulty trying to establish the type of thorough and systematic program needed to reach people and change them around high risk practices.

People on the outside are incredulous that the prison authorities would be so resistant to a purely humanitarian project. But throughout the development of the AIDS crisis in the society as a whole, there have been colossal negligence by the authorities because the human beings being stricken were considered "undesirables" (See *And The Band Played On* by Randy Shiilts) Prisoners, predominately third world and poor, are pariahs in America of the 1980's. In prison, the authorities rule by maintaining prisoner passivity and divisions; they therefore automatically react against any form of prisoner initiative and unity - the very qualities needed to make a peer-counseling program work. Strong outside support will be crucial to the prospects for any meaningful AIDS education program in prison.

In 1987, 150 state prisoners died of AIDS. The numbers in 1988 will undoubtedly be higher.

David Gilbert is currently at Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora

Week after week, month after month, she languished in her cold concrete cell. The light was kept on day and night. There was no one to speak to and nothing to read or do. To keep her sanity she tore one of her blankets into pieces, thread by thread, and then wove the threads together, just as, in her childhood, she had watched her grandmother doing when making traditional mats with a grass called *shiso*. Her desperation was such that often she would scour the tiny cell to see if she could find an ant or a fly. "You cannot imagine the joy there was in seeing a living creature," she recalls.

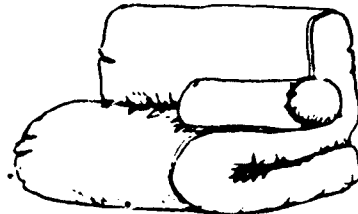
-Winnie Mandela while in solitary confinement



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A Prison Within a Prison

by Ronald Davidson

A prison within a prison describes it best. Solitary confinement, euphemistically called "Special Housing Units" by prison officials, but more commonly known as the "box" and the "hole" are the final stop in any prison.

Inmates adjudged guilty of "serious" infractions by prison kangaroo tribunals are removed from the general population and confined in solitary. Such "serious" infractions run the gamut from - possession of marijuana, cash, "shivs" (homemade knives) of fist fighting, refusing to work, taking extra food in the mess hall, insubordination and inflammatory remarks, homemade hooch - to prison murder. Solitary confinement is in addition to any outside prosecution and additional prison time that may result. Even if outside charges are not pressed or an acquittal ensues, The Supreme Court of the United States has held that prison officials can still punish inmates administratively (the "box") and usually do. This also includes parole denial and/or loss of good time (time earned off the sentence for good behavior).

New York prison officials (and the officials in most other states) are in a relatively unique position, in that they literally have unfettered powers to place an inmate in solitary confinement for one day to life (or the length of the inmate's sentence). One man is currently serving a 15 year sentence in solitary confinement in New York State upon a prison murder conviction. The average "hit" is 12-18 months with a 3-5 year box sentence relatively common.

While in solitary, prisoners are confined to a 6'x 8' furnitureless cell (except for a steel slab bunk welded to the cell wall) dank, dim, rat and vermin infested for 23-24 hours a day. The law requires one hour of exercise "in the out of doors". but this is honored more in the breach than in the observance. When "exercise" is granted it is usually in an open-roofed cell known as a "tiger cage" or "dog run". This cell is approximately 8'x 10' with four solid concrete bars on the roof. As the cells are never cleaned out, except when it rains, dirt and garbage and the stench of urine is ever present.

Needless to say, this exercise area is useless and after months and years, prisoners' muscles atrophy and health problems arise and are worsened, from the

lack of cardiovascular stimulus.

No access to religious services and virtually no access to legal materials is possible in the box, especially in the infamous Attica, Clinton (Dannemora), Green Haven, Elmira, Auburn and Comstock prisons. These are the state's maxi-maxi holes where even talking out of the cell is officially forbidden and punished when detected.

Guard brutality is rampant, with unprovoked beatings and tear gassings a daily routine. As a result of these practices, closed-circuit television monitors with recorders were ordered installed in many of these boxes by various courts, as a result of lawsuits filed by prisoners and resulting stipulations/settlements. But several boxes in New York refuse to install them, absent a court order or stipulation. These cameras would mean a great reduction in the use of unjustified force, for a permanent record of such assaults for outside police and court review would exist.

A typical day in the box follows. Attica will be the focus, as its representative of every maximum security prison in New York State (and most of America).

This significance cannot be lost, especially in view of Attica's bloody history, in large part based upon its brutal use of force and box conditions, as well as overt racism on the part of the guards and denial of religious services and religious intolerance.

As a result of the Attica riot of September 13, 1971 and the concomitant loss of life, a commission chaired by Dean Robert B. McKay released its report in September 1972. It found, among other things "...Attica is every prison, and every prison is Attica".

SCHEDULE

6 a.m. - Two ear-shattering bells announce the start of the day. This isn't necessary, as the lights burn 24 hours a day and sleep is most difficult if not impossible.

7 a.m. - The 7-3 shift arrives and announces its' presence by taking hammers and pipes and banging on the back steel walls of the cells for about 10 minutes. This is done solely to harass the prisoners greatly, and this is accomplished.

7:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. - "Chow" (Maximum security prisons never refer to meals as breakfast, lunch or dinner. Nor do we eat - we are fed) is fed. Those on "puppy chow" (bread and cabbage diet, known officially as a "restrictive diet", usually given

for 14-30 days as punishment. Consists of a small portion of bread and shredded cabbage, 2-3 times a day. Frequently, the cabbage is withheld. No beverage of any kind is given, with water allowed 2-3 times a day only) receive their diet only after the guards stand in front of their cell and sing "puppy chow for a full year 'til the nigger/spic/etc., is full grown". The "puppy chow" usually smells of urine. Only guards handle the food in the box. Regular half-rations frequently have spit, pebbles and even glass in it. The New York State Commission of Corrections, an independent "watchdog" agency, empowered to overlook the operations of the state's prisons and jails, have witnessed these events. At the end of "chow", approximately ten minutes after it is served, all cups and bowls must be turned in. Failure to do so results in the loss of the next meal "privilege". Therefore, no drinking of water or eating of solid food may be accomplished between meals, unless one uses his hands. Paper cups are not allowed either, for ""security" reasons".

9 a.m. - Prisoners are taken to the tiger cages, if the guards so desire. Prisoners must stick their arms through the cell bars and be handcuffed behind their backs before being let out of their cell. This is done solely to degrade and render the man helpless to defend himself against frequent "goon squad" assaults. The guards claim that the prisoners, handcuffed behind the back, attack them. Approximately 10 guards will be present whenever one handcuffed inmate is taken out of his cell. After such "attacks" take place, the guards restrain the inmates with fists, feet and nightsticks. And in this "card game", clubs are trump. Medical attention is then rendered 2-4 hours later, if at all. It is your choice of treatment - tylenol or aspirin. Time will heal the wounds, hopefully.

12 noon & 3 p.m. - "Chow" is fed again. All meals are fed in one 8-hour shift for the guards convenience. This violates state Commission of Correction rules and leaves one without half-rations for about 17 hours.

3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Outgoing mail is picked up, if the guards wish to do so. Its supposed to be picked up and delivered daily, but 3-4 times a week is the practice. This applies to legal mail to attorneys and courts, as well as general mail, such as from friends and family. Mail is a crucial means of communication with courts and loved ones, and is a right. It is also

one of the most common reasons lawsuits are initiated against the prisons and for which the prison officials are often held liable. Yet the practice continues as the legal achievements are often pyrrhic victories - courts very rarely assess personal damages against the prison officials, and the state covers the expense of all, other than personal damage awards.

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. - Once a week, showers, shaving gear, toilet paper, toothpaste, and changes of underwear are provided. These "privileges" are frequently denied by the guards with medical staff approval. They log it in as "inmate refuses shower, toilet paper, etc.". Should one run out of toilet paper during the week, the guards may issue 5-8 sheets of toilet tissue only after inquiring: "why do you want it?" with laughter.

This ends the day's "programming". The cycle continues indefinitely, for months and years on end.

Physical Plant

The box windows are left open and broken in the cold months and sealed during the hot months. Feces and urine is thrown by guards and inmates at each other (each side says the other threw first, but this is hard, if not impossible to determine) litter the floors in front of the cells, known as galleries. The waste matter is left on the floor for days at a time before it is cleaned up. The guards refer to it as "brown trout floating upstream" and take glee in making the inmates live with the odor. Medical staff making quick perfunctory walk-through rounds daily, simply side-step the mess and the issue. Only when Albany officials make "surprise" visits (notification is given to the faculty 7-14 days in advance) is the mess cleaned up and full rations distributed that day only.

A Comparison

The average decent citizen knows nothing about the punitive and onerous conditions which box inmates are helpless prey to and which really must be seen to believe.

By contrast, the Federal Prison system, never considered "easy" has strictly defined periods of box sentences, which rarely exceeds 90 days (few people having spent one day in solitary would consider 90 days a lenient sentence). Furthermore, the Federal Prison system allows showers three times a week, and in some facilities, daily, along with toilet articles and true exercise facilities. They attempt to provide minimum standard of cleanliness and humane

treatment, both in spirit and law (exceptions do exist of course, as in any prison system).

The Crux of the Matter

The major problem in New York's prison system is overt racism. While the vast preponderance of the prison population is black, hispanic and other minorities, not one black or hispanic serves at a policy-making level in the New York prison system. And the only remaining black parole commissioner has suffered blatant harassment as a result of his enlightened views.

This condition should come as no surprise, considering a recent statement by state prison chief Thomas A. Coughlin, III. who told an Albany newspaper reporter "the people who commit crimes are blacks and hispanics". This non-thinking, provincial and racist comment does not lend itself to a wide discussion or even warrant a defense. Suffice to say that any group of people, denied equal educational, housing and employment opportunities, will fill the prisons, as countless waves of immigrants and disadvantaged people have found out.

What does require soulful thought was Governor Mario Cuomo's response to Coughlin's remarks. Our state's chief executive said "I believe he tried to explain it (the problem) in a sympathetic way without knowing what he said".

Coughlin and Cuomo are both intently aware of the deplorable box and prison conditions. Both have read and rejected at least three independent reports critical of these conditions, put out by the Correctional Association of New York, Prisoner's Legal Services of New York and the New York State Commission of Correction. In fact the Commission of Correction has felt that the brutality problem has reached such epidemic proportions at Attica that it has utilized its mandated powers to station full-time observers (known as "monitors") in Attica's box since April of 1984, until such time as closed-circuit video monitors are installed.

If only one of these reports/groups were at odds with Coughlin's lauding assessments of the prison system, one might give the benefit of the doubt to Coughlin, et.al. But when three conservative, independent groups/reports reach the same conclusion, the doubts must increase as to the prison officials credibility.

CONCLUSIONS

If the prosecutors and legislators complain that



people don't get corrected in prison", it might be time to examine the mechanisms employed by said systems. The box is the backbone of any prison system and prisoners are ostensibly the backbone of any criminal justice-penal system. To assure even a modicum of success, one must improve and employ the state of art in correctional systems and management. And not just for a few show-case prisons, used for "meatball" cases and ex-cops and politicians and lawyers, etc., who ran afoul of the law. Showers, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, exercise, etc. should not be issues for New York's prison management in this modern day and age. Rather, education and marketable/relevant job skills (and therapy where indicated) should be.

In 1972, the McKay Commission examined most, if not all of these problems. With poignant insight it said:

"Examined separately, many of the inadequacies and frustrations of the inmates may appear insignificant. But their cumulative impact created a dehumanizing environment. There was no meaningful programming, employment training, psychological help or drug rehabilitation; and there was no real efforts to prepare inmates for society. If inmates were rehabilitated it was not because of Attica, but in spite of it." (McKay at 21).

Change the name on the report to today and it still fits like a glove.

Ronald Davidson is currently at Great Meadows Correctional Facility in Comstock. Ronald wrote the Peace Council asking for a renewal of the PNL and an ad in the Unclassified section. (See Unclassifieds) I wrote inquiring about the conditions at Auburn and Comstock and he responded with answers and this article

Protesting in and out of prisons

by Dawn Crandell

While all inmates are subject to harassment and dehumanization in the prison system, women in particular are faced with perhaps the most severe forms of victimization in which day to day life may become a struggle for survival.

Just ask Kathleen Rumpf. She has been in and out of prison for the last 18 years, not only in this state, but in others as well. The crime? Not robbery or murder...No, she has been arrested repeatedly for protesting the construction of nuclear weapons.

Kathleen had always focused on working in the nuclear disarmament area, but once she witnessed the brutality of the prison system first hand, she couldn't keep quiet. Now there was something else she had to protest about: women's rights in the prisons.

It all started six years ago. In an act of protest, Kathleen canoed up to a trident submarine at the Naval Base in Quonset Point, Connecticut. She was planning to hammer on the submarine, (a symbolic way of protesting which was derived from the Bible) but was arrested en route and later charged with trespassing.

Kathleen was then led from the scene of her arrest to the Niantic State Prison, where she would await arraignment. She was taken in chains to court and then back to prison. Before placing her in a holding cell, authorities told her that they were required to do a "routine cavity search."

Before Kathleen knew what was happening, she was ordered to disrobe, to lie on the examining table, and to put her feet in the stirrups. Kathleen was horrified at the unfairness of such a procedure: She was also very frightened, since she knew the instruments were not sterile and the danger of contracting AIDS or some other disease was ever present.

Determined to protect herself from such an abusive and dangerous situation, Kathleen refused to let the authorities perform the exam.

Of course, this made them very upset and impatient. Angered, they immediately sent her to a mental institution and forced her to remain there for 28 days. It was a very stiff penalty for such a simple act of non-compliance.

What Kathleen witnessed in that mental institution

was even more harsh than she had ever imagined. Gertrude, a survivor of Hitler's Germany, was thrown into the cell next to her. A homeless person who had been arrested for picking flowers, Gertrude ended up in the prison's mental institution because of her difficulties in dealing with a troubled past. The Deputies couldn't cope with mental illness, and would frequently taunt inmates. One Deputy walked over to Gertrude's cell and shouted out, "Okay, send her to the ovens!"

Nearby, Kathleen watched as another woman almost died. She was screaming and eating her own feces. Some Deputies simply laughed while others ignored her. Kathleen fasted in order to deal with the devastation around her.

After 28 days, she was finally able to go to court. (At this time she also appealed to the American Civil Liberties Union for assistance.) In the courtroom, the prosecutor began to blow up. He was outraged that Kathleen had been protesting and that she had refused the cavity search. He screamed, "It's people like you who will turn this whole country into total chaos and anarchy!"

After a few days, a legislative hearing was scheduled in order to examine the need for an upgraded psychiatric unit in the prison. It was here that Kathleen was finally given an opportunity to complain both about the cavity search and the conditions in the mental institution. At first, Kathleen was hardly given the chance to speak. Numerous legislators were jeering at her or laughing.

One of them stood up, and in an effort to discredit her testimony, he asked her why she had been arrested. Chaos broke out in the courtroom when he and the other legislators learned that she had been arrested for protesting against nuclear weapons. The legislators were shocked. They had assumed that she must have been arrested for a very serious crime. Before her suit in conjunction with the ACLU ever came up, the law was changed, and cavity searches were no longer conducted in the Niantic State Prison. The time that Kathleen had spent in prison was not wasted. Because she had the courage to speak out, women both now and in the future will have it a little bit easier as they struggle to endure the hardships of prison life.



Women in Prison

In New York there are four women's correctional facilities housing a total number of more than 1,600 women.

Kathleen explained the special difficulties which women inmates face on a daily basis. Many prisoners are incarcerated because they committed a crime either for or with a man. Despite this fact, women are reluctant to turn their lovers or husbands in, and frequently accept full responsibility for a crime in which both were involved. Kathleen said that lovers and husbands may keep in touch for a short period of time, but after awhile they will disappear, leaving the women alone to deal with the devastating consequences of incarceration.

Women undergo further isolation as they are separated not only from their husbands and lovers, but from their babies and children as well.

Women's facilities are often located far out in some deserted or hard to reach place. Families cannot afford to come out and visit on a regular basis due to the traveling and lodging expenses involved. On the rare occasions when they are able to visit, the mother cannot spend quality time with her children as there are no toys in the visiting room. Furthermore, parent-child programs are non-existent in this institution.

According to Kathleen, women who are pregnant or get pregnant while in prison are faced with far worse circumstances. Women are shackled to the hospital bed as they give birth: One or two days later, the mothers are separated from their newborns and are left alone to cope with the pain and emptiness that follows such an ordeal.

"In the institution, the staff spends their time wishing the prisoners out of existence," Kathleen

explained. If someone is stressed out, angry, or depressed, she has to deal with it alone as there is no counseling due to overcrowding. For 800 women, only one psychiatrist and one psychologist will be employed in the prison. According to Kathleen, these professionals do not want to see women crying or expressing any emotion. If a woman is having difficulties, she is medicated, and "all is solved."

The system encourages women to give in to sexual pressure. The deputies constantly make rude, graphic jokes thereby creating an atmosphere of intimidation and degradation. Kathleen has found that many women inmates have been sexually abused by prison workers, including deputies.

Through her experiences in coed prisons, Kathleen has found that discrimination against women is even more apparent in these institutions. While the men may have a regular diet including meat, women may receive no meat at all or meat that is inedible. Men get chicken: Women get gizzards of chickens. On holidays, men get steak: Women get hamburger.

Being in prison could be life-threatening for a woman if she currently has or develops a serious illness. Kathleen explained that if an inmate needs a gynecological exam, it will be performed by a man, who may sexually abuse her during the procedure. She added that many of the men who perform these exams and procedures are not medical doctors and are unqualified to assist prisoners. Furthermore, there is a great deal of control testing in which prisoners are used as guinea pigs.

It is obvious from Kathleen's account of her experiences and so many others like it, that discrimination of women is as serious a problem behind the prison bars as it is in front of them. The psychological, physical, and sexual abuse of women inmates has been a long-standing problem. Hopefully with increased awareness about these devastating issues, progress will be made towards eliminating this kind of discrimination forever.

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Project Exodus

by Shannon Kelley

Project Exodus, an 18-month old project sponsored by the Syracuse Area Interreligious Council, attempts to "assist the ex-offender to obtain and upgrade employment situations", and to help with the basic needs of education, food, shelter and clothing. But George St. Lewis, Project Exodus director, says that just as people make a decision to go to prison, they must also decide they want to stay out. And in so, they must make their own decisions.

"The system exists because we allow it to exist. That is, the men and women who are incarcerated come to some decision in their selves, in their souls, and say 'hey, I hate prison and the only way I'm going to see prison come to an end is to keep myself out of it,'" says St. Lewis. He says tactics in the 60's no longer work. "We could go out right now and blow up a prison...That solves nothing because if you blow up a prison they're just going to build another prison, a bigger prison."

What prisoners learn and don't learn in prison, they must unlearn and relearn once they get out. Because rehabilitation in prison is a myth and because there are very few educational, social programs, the ex-offender may come out with a great jump-shot but can't do simple, basic arithmetic. He/she may know how to defend her/himself with violence, but may not know basic social skills to obtain and maintain a job. Which is why 63 percent are reincarcerated.

And yet there are those who have used their time constructively and have obtained bachelors and master degrees while behind the bars. "Their whole view of the world has expanded through education," says St. Lewis.

Once the ex-offender gets out he/she must deal with a whole gamut of challenges.

"I tell them its ABC," says St. Lewis, "attitude, be prepared and commitment. Your attitude is the main thing. If you walk around with a chip on your shoulder thinking someone owes you something, you're out of here, just forget it. If you walk around in a suit of armor thinking you're some sort of

gangster or Al Capone reborn you're out of here. You can't come in every situation that creates discomfort and punch them out. Arms, weapons, Saturday Night Specials translated back into your own, you turn on the T.V. and there's Rambo killing up half the goddamn world, just one invincible man, if such a character exists we need to lock him up."

Social skills is one aspect of the counseling Project Exodus provides to ex-offenders who have opted to live to Syracuse. It also provides psychological and job counseling, as well as information on where basic material needs may be provided.

Project Exodus tries to focus on the grey area - the community. The black is the prisoners, the white is the guards. He says the community needs to open up and regard the ex-offender as a human being capable of change and nurture them.

Joe is an example of someone who has "turned around 180 degrees", says St. Lewis. Joe has been in maximum security prisons for nine years. Immediately after prison he obtained an associates degree at Syracuse University. Since then he has applied for several jobs but because of his record is constantly turned down. They give excuses of "over qualified" "under qualified" "anything but the job" Joe says. "Some people don't look at me as an individual, they say this guy's got a record so I'm going to get him out of here as quick as I can," he says.

"In my own determination, I changed, but the record will always remain the same," he says. Joe's determination came not from being in prison, but in spite of it.

"I don't think the bars did it cause the bars make you bitter, they make you hard, they make you cold, because no matter what you say and how hard you pray, the bars will always be there. So you got to put it in yourself and say I'm going to change, I'm going to be better cause I gotta beat the system, I can't beat it illegally, so I have to beat it legally," he says.

Project Exodus has weekly counseling sessions and individual counseling. Project Exodus meets at 2026 Midland Ave. For more information call 474-0203.



JAIL MINISTRY

by Karen Gamber

The Jail Ministry program "is a grass roots collective of people, spiritually motivated, involved in a direct person to person relationship with someone in jail". Volunteers of the Jail Ministry make regular visits and focus on responding to the prisoner's needs. They are not professionals, they are extensions of family and friends for the incarcerated person. The volunteers invest time and energy, and offer a willing ear.

The main interest of Jail Ministry is getting people out of jail and protecting the legal rights of prisoners. "Jails shouldn't exist as they presently do. They are unjust and an inhumane placement for people's lives," says founder Father Bill Cuddy. He believes confinement should exist only for the few people who are a danger to themselves and others in society. He would like to see more alternatives available to incarceration, such as half way houses, counseling, more community services and other rehabilitation programs in the community. Currently there is one half way house in Onondaga County, it has eight beds and is struggling to survive.

The people of Jail Ministry offer a wide variety of much needed services for people in jail. They bring toiletries and cigarettes for people with no money. They arrange monthly bus trips and weekly van trips to the state prisons so the families are able to visit as well. They do "hands and feet work", hitting the streets for those who can't. This may involve releasing an impounded car, closing an apartment, obtaining a marriage license or buying roses on Mother's Day. They offer a Sunday worship service and a low cash bail fund. The bail fund is an important work of the Jail Ministry since their beginning. It began as a symbolic gesture recognizing the economic injustices which exist in the criminal justice system. The Ministry serves people who are charged with petty offenses and have to stay in jail because they are unable to come up with a fifty or even a ten dollar bail bond. The Ministry will post bail up to \$500, considering each bail request carefully and basing their decision on the individual and their situation. Currently the Ministry has \$10,000 available for their low cash bail fund.

The Jail Ministry also has a drop-in office with daytime hours where people can come for referrals to



appropriate agencies. It offers a general meeting location. It is a place where one, once released from jail, can receive a voucher for clothes and a ten dollar gift to enable the person telephone and transportation money. The office can also arrange for a ride out of the city or a place to stay.

In addition to these services, the drop-in office is the headquarters for "Thursdays' Obligation" a quarterly newsletter covering the issues and concerns of those involved with the Jail Ministry. The main issues of their concern are the death penalty, jail conditions, prisoner's rights, peacemaking, and sanctuary. These are felt to be the primary concerns to prisoners and prisoners' advocates. The Jail Ministry is active with legal advocacy work on behalf of the prisoners. The Ministry volunteers train themselves in the criminal justice system to further assist the incarcerated. This work may involve research, court appearances or grievances on behalf of individual prisoners.

In September, the Jail Ministry will offer another training program for people who wish to get involved. The training program is three Fridays and two Saturdays. The Ministry would like potential volunteers to give a one-year commitment to their program. The training program involves a jail tour, court observation, exposition of the law and the workings of court, role playing of jail visits, simulated court scenes with a judge and defendant, training in listening skills, value clarification, and instruction of policing agencies. This instruction shows what these agencies are doing such as arrests, probation, and parole programs. It explores alternatives to incarceration such as community services, counseling and rehabilitation programs. People who are interested in the Jail Ministry program should contact Father Cuddy at 424-1877 or stop by their office at 208 Slocum Avenue.

Karen Gamber is a volunteer at the Peace Council. This is her first article for the PNL.

Family Matters

Family Matters Prison Project, works to reduce the stress and burden of the family and loved ones of the incarcerated. The emotional, psychological and financial burden of the family, etc, sometimes is so great, it becomes a matter of survival, according to volunteer Frank Woolever.

One of the basic needs the family or loved one has to deal with is the care for the person in prison. Often times the incarcerated is the bread winner, so not only is there stress for their own basic survival, but also pressure to spend the little money they have on care packages, tennis shoes, or even phone calls and visits. In one case the parents of a man in prison stopped visiting him because of the psychic energy and financial burden it cost them.

Family Matters, an 18-month old project spun off from a similar project at Cornell University and part of Project Exodus, provides trips to all of the 55 correctional facilities in New York State, usually on a matter of request, every weekend for \$10 round trip. A support group meets every two weeks to discuss anything from emotional stress, questions of legal rights, the facilities, about the sentencing and to how to tell their children. It also provides home visits.

"Within the context of the group sharing you can get a lot of emotional support," says Woolever. He

spoke of one case this year where four generations of the family of the incarcerated came to the support group: the wife, the mother, the grandmother and the daughter. The wife was suffering from cancer and wanted to make contact with her husband. She was able to visit him before she died later on in the year.

Often times the spouse or girl/boyfriend of the incarcerated may begin to question his/her relationship and may, possibly out of guilt, feel a tremendous burden to be loyal.

Woolever says that often the people who are experiencing these pressures will become deeper and more sensitive ... "a sense of moving toward a liberation. Using a Third World analogy: as they understand more about the prison life they understand more about the bondage they are in and the need for liberation. You see that sense of appreciation for freedom and a sense of empowerment in people who have been beaten down."

He says people can gain a better sense of self esteem and community through the support groups. "That's where you get the power of the term Exodus - a spiritual sense of empowerment and freedom."

Family Matters Prison Project meets at Trinity Episcopal Church, 523 W. Onondaga St.. Call 474-0203 for more information.

- Shannon Kelley



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Alternative to Violence (AVP) Workshops are held in the prisons throughout New York State by volunteers. For three days a team of inside and outside trainers facilitate a group of approximately 20 inmates in recognizing and strengthening their skills to solve conflicts non-violently. The thoughtful and thought provoking exercises, games, sharing, role playing, listening encourage the participants to form a community based on respect, trust and the appreciation of one's self and others.

For example, in the exercise called "How I have solved a problem non-violently" the participants break down into groups of four or five. Each person takes a turn to tell of a time in the past when they successfully intervened in a potentially violent situation in a non-violent way. After relating the story the group looks at the skills which were used to solve the problem. One person in the group writes down the skills used in each incident. The group then reconvenes as a whole and looks at the skills, such as verbal reasoning, humor, accepting a friends help, etc recorded in each small group

What are the assumptions of this exercise? Just doing the exercise assumes that each participant already has acquired many skills to assist them in this process. The assumptions, of course are absolutely valid and borne out. Doing the exercise reminds the participants of their past successes, and more importantly, reminds them of how much they already know about alternatives to violence.

This is just one exercise in three full days, usually the weekend and a Friday or Monday. AVP gives basic, advanced and training for trainer workshops within each prison they work in. At this point there is a much greater demand for workshops in NYS prisons than can be met by the present number of volunteers. The Central New York Council of the AVP is looking for more outside trainers. The path to becoming an insider or an outside trainer is to first participate in the three levels of workshops, and then assist in leading them.

If you are interested in being a participant in an AVP workshop as a possible step towards becoming a trainer, write to Alternatives to Violence Project/Central New York Council/500 Barnes Ave. Syracuse, NY 13207

- Elana Levy

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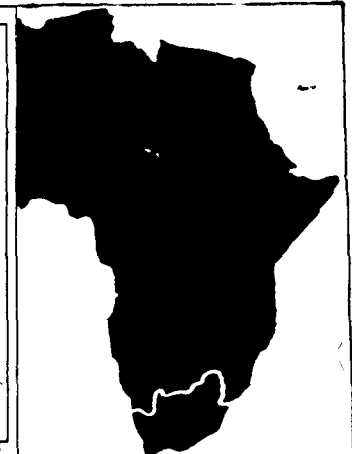


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Congressional Race

Bowman/ Pooler Interviews

Last May, Congressional candidate Stephen Bowman called upon the Peace Council to talk about the issues and to try to get support on his campaign. Calling himself the only "progressive" candidate and the "jobs democrat", Bowman showed up looking like, as he himself joked about, a Republican. Later we requested an interview with Pooler. She came to the Peace Council just hours after getting off the plane from the democratic convention. Here goes:

Contra Aid

Bowman: "I'm against contra aid 100%. I think its certainly illegal according to the Arias Peace Plan." He says he would not vote for any version of the bill, Pentagon or Red Cross. (Last month Bowman's office put up signs around town stating "No Contra Aid. Period.")

Pooler: "I'm not interested in keeping the contras alive as a fighting force". She may consider aid to the contras in a Red Cross version "I'm in favor of getting some food and clothing and medicine to the Nicaraguans," but not necessarily to the contras. Both Pooler and Bowman both said they would've voted no on both versions of the last contra aid bill

El Savador

Bowman: "I think Duarte's got a constituency group of 535 people and they all live in Washington, D.C., and of course the concern now is the rise of the right, but the rise of the right is still going to get stronger as long as we have a puppet presidency. We should stop subsidizing El Salvador and illegal aid as well, according to the Arias Peace Plan and the Guatemala accords and also pull out of there. It's not a friend of our national interests."

Defense Spending

Bowman: produced a 40 billion budget cut with 15 billion defense cut. Would cut Star Wars, the MX, Midgetman, Peace Keeper missiles, put a 5% freeze on programs, slowing of wages. "You can't just eliminate a budget. A budget is still different than being against things politically. It's got to be reflective of the time table and alot of things you can't cut until next year." Bowman would cut both conventional and nuclear arms. "Our economy is driven by the military industrial complex...the applicability of defense to the private sector has gotten so grave that it no longer works the way it did 30-40 years ago."



photo: Paul W. Pearce

Pooler: would cut the "waste, fraud and abuse" in the defesne industry, Pooler says. Specifically 3 billion from SDI, 3,000 Harpoon Missiles (which would go into national housing), the "Bradley Fighting Machine", MX, Midgetman and specific redundancies. She also favors interservice buying. "I'm in favor of a strong America but I think we haven't found a way to get there yet." She applauds the INF treaty and gives credit to Ronald Reagan for opening the way to build less nuclear weapons.

The Draft

Bowman: He believes the draft in regards to student aid is unfair. "The rich kid can have all the free speech he wants, the poor kid can't."

Pooler: "I think there's no need for the draft. I think in a time of war, which I hope I never see in any of our lifetimes, that there, may be a need. Even in World War II, which was a very popular war, people would seek to escape (the draft)."

Militarism and Jobs (i.e. GE)

Bowman: While Bowman calls himself the "Jobs Democrat" he says "I think I'm okay here". Most of the big jobs at GE are essential sonar/radar and modernization, he says, which he believes "promote security rather than insecurity" like Star Wars, etc. "I think it's conceivable that some company like GE is getting Star Wars contracts. I don't know how to deal with that."

Pooler: "It's clear to me that GE is going to find itself in a squeeze," because of cuts in defense spending. She believes that the radar contracts are positive. "We need better radar and this would be an example of some of the research we have paid for as a nation being put to a beneficial use for us all and that would be wonderful for our community" and employment situations, she said. *continued on next page*



The Military and Drug Interdiction

Bowman: supports military aid for interdiction on the war on drugs, but is not hopeful it will do a great deal. "I don't think it's the answer. It's a typical bandage on a hemorrhage. The answer is to spend more money on drug education and rehabilitation and jobs." On the war on drugs: "The Noreiga problem is a paradigm for policy in South America and Central America. Everyone of these countries are tolerating drug production and we know it and we're tolerating them. "We can't 'just say no' and tolerate these dictators." He says Reagan is spending alot of money on the drug problem and its not helping, rather its getting worse.

Pooler: "I don't want to see soldiers in every street and I don't think they should participate in this country. If they (the military) should participate with interdiction, that they alledgedly have these great strategic skills and weapons that we have paid dearly for, and they have hot radar that can see planes, then let them patrol the borders - I think we do need to stop the flow of drugs in this country" and stop dealing with drug dealing dictators. She said the drug interdiction program thus far has been poorly managed.

Exploration of Space

Bowman: I've always been criticized by my friends since I was in high school becasue I said that spending money in space was a bad investment and all my friends thought it was wonderful and adventuresome. I'm not against spending money in space although I would rather see alot more joint research going on. I'd rather spend money on expanding Head Start. They've got a waiting list of thousands." He says that under Reagan alot of defense programs are hidden under the auspices of NASA and the Energy Department. "40% of the Energy program is spent on the research of Star Wars. That's crazy and dishonest."

Pooler: Although she admits the military is becoming more and more involved with space programs, Pooler believes there is a difference. "It's very American", to want to know what's on the other side of the hill, she says. "It's the same spirit that took us from one coast to the other no matter what was in between." She, however, believes we must carefully analyze if we should be going to the moon when there are hungry, homeless people on the earth and if going to the moon can help in some way.



photo: Paul W. Pearce
Bowman adds his handprint to the "Send Back the Bombs" Banner at SFC Sponsored "Bomb Voyage" Party".

The Mid-East

Bowman: In a press release he highlighted several points: The Palestinian people should be represented by someone chosen by referendum, a prohibition of an Israeli standing army, a free trade zone, a claims commission should be set up for absentee voting for Jews living on the west bank and Palestinians living in Israel..believes a Palestinian state should be created in the West Bank.

Pooler: "I want Israel to survive very much. I want to see an end to the fighting and I want to do the thing that makes sure that there's peace. I'd like to see the next President of the US take on a meaningful role using Jimmy Carter as a model and the Camp David accords. I think they made a real difference. They were able to bring together heads of states and unfortunately Sadat gave his life for doing it but that it produced a lasting agreement and that's the model we'd like to see." When asked if the Palestinians should play a role: "The heads of states...It's real important to find the right people to negotiate wit." On the Iranian Jet Bombing: I don't think we should be the world's police person. But I do think there are principles of keeping the international waters open that really are worth protecting."

Other Important Issues:

Bowman: * No economic sanctions to South Africa
* reduce trade defecits
* opposes the death penalty for any reason

Pooler:: *opposes S.U. working on SDI contracts
* Supports a Welfare Reform Bill (including a trade bill, and child care during training

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The PLO (like Israel) is a multi-faceted, democratic organization, as are the intifada committees. Frankly, it is politically naive to expect within the PLO a consensus on the issue of mutual recognition while a forceful occupation is in place and "peace feelers" are continually rejected. The Israelis lack a consensus also, of course, with the government using the outdated Palestinian national covenant as a major propaganda weapon which undeniable has caused the Palestinians themselves great harm but is no less outrageous than Israeli manifestos for establishing "greater" Israel.

So, in a way, we have a vicious circle which the extremists on both sides use to their own advantage: They quote each other and thus help each other keep the realists on the defensive. I did not expect my background on the Sherif statement to be complete. More important was getting the statement out to the public, with which Robert Smith agrees. To be more aware of the internal political realities and subtleties on both sides, I recommend Uri Avnery's book "My Friend, the Enemy" (Lawrence Hill 1986).

Hopefully, the PLO will void some of the covenant, perhaps in a declaration of independence, but in the meanwhile let the Israeli government accept "peace feelers" as the positive efforts they are, and begin a dialogue with the PLO, as many individual Israelis, including Knesset members, have already done

- Brent Bleier

To the Editor,

Changes do happen! Drumlins Health Shoppe in Syracuse is to be commended for recently switching from plastic bags to paper bags, at least in part because some customers expressed a preference for the paper.

Some people have an allergic reaction to the plastic. In addition, plastic is a petro-chemical product and thus uses dwindling reserves of petroleum instead of conserving the petroleum for fuel and for essential plastic products.

Further, most plastic is bio-degradable and thus remains virtually forever on the land or in the water. This can be a danger to wild animals, who ingest it or get it caught around their necks. And it takes up landfill space or produces unhealthy by-products if burned.

Paper is easier to recycle than plastic. Recycling saves natural resources, energy, money and - along with re-use and reduction - should be the primary means of dealing with our trash crisis.

Commendations are also in order for Peter's IGA in Syracuse because that supermarket continues to provide paper bags and only provides plastic upon request. This practice is just the opposite at some other local supermarkets.

Customers can encourage this kind of business practice by letting businesses know you appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Linda DeStefano

Editor's note: Another plastic product that is deadly to the animal population, especially birds, is balloons. Activists and organizations should think twice when they release dozens of

helium balloons into the atmosphere. They do go somewhere, and often birds eat them and choke. Call 478-8521 for more information

Call For Support!

Voice your concern about the slow process of the clean-up of Onondaga Lake! Tell your legislatures that you will recycle your wastes in order to avoid an incinerator. Please direct your letters to your county legislator, county executive and the Syracuse Newspapers. These issues are near a crisis point. Your vocal support is urgently needed.

Unclassifieds

Lonely prisoner desires pen pal. Enjoy sports, art, music, animals. Ronald Davidson, Great Meadow Correctional Facility, Box 51, #76A1166, Comstock, N.Y. 12821-0051.

29 year old Anark needs your help. Incarcerated since age 18 - currently serving time for crime he did not commit. Has no legal assistance from attorneys, nor the support of family and friends. Needs letters of encouragement, and donations for legal fund. Write M.J. Stotts, #17829-034, Box 34550 M-U, Memphis, TN. 38184-0550.

For rent: small office suite, \$200 incl. utilities. Has bath and kitchen. Liz, 428-8724

Help Wanted: Part-time co-director, Women's Information Center, 20 hrs./week, salary negotiable, exp. with volunteer coordinating and fundraising. Send resume & cover letter by Fri., Sept. 16 to Management Team, Women's Info Center, 601 Allen St., Syr., 13210.

Politics of Intervention: The U.S. in Central America, 255 pp. Send \$11 (includes handling) to RECON, P.O. Box RN-14602, Phil., PA., 19134.

Conflict of Interest Plagues Star Wars. Half a Million U.S. Troops Abroad, and Top 10 Military Contractors in the summer issue of RECON. Free sample from RECON (address above).

Secret Pentagon Strategy. Send \$12 (includes handling) for To Win, a Nuclear War, 357 pp., to RECON (address above).

Lisie Fellowship (New York), Gandhi Peace Foundation (India), Vedchhi Institute for Total Revolution (India), and the Center For Women and Religion (Calif.) announce a Special Women's Delegation for Intercultural Experience and Exchange in India, Jan. 2-29, 1989. The purpose is to bring together North American and Indian women to explore alternatives to violence and the role of women in nonviolent social change communities. Contact Cathy Vahsen, 6262 Highland Ave., Richmond, CA 94805 (415-234-9530 or 415-841-4824).

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<p>4 Labor Day International Drum Festival & Parade, Forman Park corner of Genesee & Forman 11am-6pm 426-1837</p>	<p>5 EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171</p>	<p>6 Nuclear Freeze mtg, May Memorial 7:30pm Bath 445-1714 People for Animal Rights mtg, (P.A.R.) 7pm Jane 478-8521 or Linda 475-0082 Syr. Real Food Co-op Council mtg, 7pm 348 Roosevelt Ave, Brent 479-5393 Syracuse Green's mtg, 7pm 821 Euclid Ave AISC 437-8211</p>	<p>7 EVERY TUES, Yoga Class 7-8:30pm Women's Info \$3 601 Allen St. 478-4636</p>	<p>8 EVERY THURS: Central America Vigil 7:30am, Fed Bldg, America 475-5478 for info.</p>	<p>9 EVERY FRI: Gay Mens Support Group, Metropolitan Community Church at Grace Episcopal 7:30pm 471-6818</p>	<p>10 EVERY SAT: Lesbian & Gay Youth mtgs, 1-5pm ECHO</p>
<p>11 New Environment Association Pollack supper 6pm, mtg, 7pm 821 Euclid Ave, 446-8009</p>	<p>12 Rosh Hashanah New Year Pollack Dinner, 8:30pm discussion 720 Allen St. Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism, mtg, 7pm AFSC 821 Euclid Ave, 475-4822</p>	<p>13 SPC Pollack Learn Mahoney, speaking on Guatemala more info, 472-5478</p>	<p>14 Healing Emotions, Casteiran Prevention Movement mtg, 7pm Elmcrest Children's Cr YWCA 960 Salt Springs Rd, 471-6399 428-8838</p>	<p>15 Local Primary National Council of Negro Women 7pm, Dunbar Center</p>	<p>16 Sept. 16-18 Women's Harvest Weekend, Camp Lookout on Bradley Brook, brochure & info: The Women's Info, (315) 475-4636 Reg. deadline Sept. 4</p>	<p>17 S.A.V.E.S. Syracuse Abuse Victims Emerging in Strength 10pm, Ann Phillips 468-3260 Bring dish to pass if convenient.</p>
<p>18 EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 6pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6818</p>	<p>19 Annual Harriet Tubman Award Dinner, 7pm Sheraton Inn, Liverpool \$50 Rudy Dee, Ossie Davis, Urban League 474-5751</p>	<p>20 Greater Syracuse N.O.W. mtg, 8pm May Memorial 446-2229 Syracuse Green's mtg, 7pm 821 Euclid Ave AFSC 437-8211 Syr. Real Food Co-op Council mtg, 7pm 348 Roosevelt Ave, Brent 479-5393</p>	<p>21 Yom Kippur Break the fast w/dary Pollack Dinner 854 Livingston Ave, 7:30pm Reycle First, 7:30pm 475-1187 ARISE Head Injury Support Grp, 4pm 472-3171 N.A.A.C.P. mtg, 7:30pm 100 New St. 470-3300</p>	<p>22 EVERY THURS: Women's Info, Lesbian Hotline 7-9pm, 478-4636</p>	<p>23 Sept. 23-25 Rape Crisis Center Training 422-7273 EVERY FRI, Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal Church \$3 EVERY FRI: ARISE Women's Support Grp, 10-11:30, 472-3171</p>	<p>24 Moving? Please save us 30¢ and let us know beforehand. Sept. 30th Holy Near, Benefit for Child Care in Nicaragua & Tompkins Co, 8pm Bally Hall, Cornell Univ, contact Kathy Yosselson 607-273-8825 Tickets avail. @ My Sisters Words</p>
<p>25 New Jewish Agenda Brunch & Meeting 11am-2pm Info, Paul 446-6882</p>	<p>26 Middle East Network Mtg, 7:30pm Syr. Peace Council Brent 479-5393</p>	<p>27 Sanctuary mtg, 7:30pm Plymouth Unitar. Soc. 471-4672 Dean Simon Fartsani, S. African Religious & Political Leader, The Importance of Higher Educ. in S. Africa, eve, SUNY @ Brockport info: 716-232-6530 EVERY TUES, Women's Info expanded, info and referral phone hours 6-8pm</p>	<p>28 Dr. Robert Franklin (talk) 4pm more info, SU Afro-American Studies 443-4302 Dean Simon Fartsani, South African Religious & Political Leader, 11am RIT info: 716-232-6530 7:30pm Univ. of Rochester Interfaith Chapel</p>	<p>29 PNL Mailing Party Join the Party... 7-9 pm at SPC 472-5478 for info.</p>	<p>30 Sept. 30-Oct 2 New Environment Assoc. Fall Gathering at Vanderkamp 446-8009 May Memorial Unitarian Society 150th Anniversary Show 5-7pm 150th Historical Society 311 Montgomery St. 428-1882 Free</p>	<p>EVERY MON, Visual Disability Support Group, ARISE 601 E. Fayette St. 10am</p>

Food For Peace
Kickoff for The Food Arsenal Project

September 8th, 12 noon
Downtown Syracuse
For more info: Call 445-9680

Coming in October:

Oct. 2
"Samuel J. May, Syracuse Abolitionism and Women's Rights," May Memorial Unitarian Society Service 10:20 am
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EL SALVADOR:



Steps to Freedom

Will You do the Mid-October "3-Step" for El Salvador?

by Hank Strunk

Step #1. Pre-Dinner Video House Meeting Discussion ... video, "El Salvador.. Vietnam?" any day between Sun, 10/9 & Thurs, 10/13.

Step #2. Central American Dinner with Premier Showing of "COVER- UP", the account of Bush's alleged involvement in drugs, IranGate, Iranian hostage release-1980, Christic's landmark lawsuit

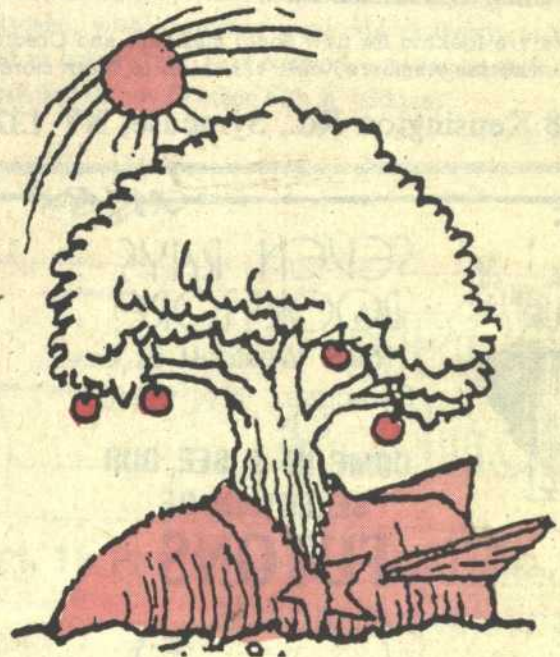
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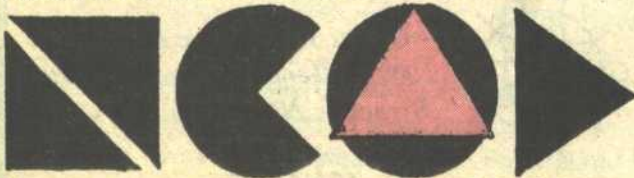
World Food Day will be recognized in Syracuse with the Downtown Crop Walk in conjunction with the Food Arsenal Project.

The crop walk, one of many to be held throughout the country is scheduled for October 16, 2 pm beginning at Columbus Circle.

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NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY



TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP

National Coming Out Day, October 11, is the first anniversary of the historic March on Washington. The goal of National Coming Out Day is to increase the visibility of the 20 million gay men and women in this country. The day will be celebrated locally at the Quality Inn North, 1308 Buckley N. at 7 p.m. There will be dancing, protest speeches and an open cash bar (and a press conference at 7 p.m.). The event is sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Community Organization. For more information call 682-7294.

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Send Back the Bombs follow up...

The pilgrimage this August to Send Back the Bombs from Seneca Army Depot presented 4 workshops in route to the Pantex plant in Amarillo, Texas. The most successful gathering in Clarksville, TN gave 14 people the opportunity to discuss the threat of nuclear weapons and to consider the potential for disarmament and conversion of the military-industrial complex. The participants, many of whom work at nearby Ft. Campbell, seemed relieved to air feelings about the huge base next door and were considering organizing a Clarksville disarmament group. I'm corresponding to encourage their action. Peace Farm people across from the Pantex plant in Amarillo say "Howdy!" to the people of Syracuse.

- Donna Hoffman 424-0288

AUTUMN AT THE PEACE COUNCIL

Autumn is fast approaching and the Peace Council is busier than ever. October 13, from 6 pm to 9 pm, there will be a phone-a-thon to help us raise money and make it to December. Please take note of the urgent fund appeal inserted in your Peace Newsletter. Volunteers are needed for the phone-a-thon, if your interested please call Carrie at the Peace Council 472-5478. Ed Griffen and Liz Nolan will hopefully join us in November for an SPC event on Central America. The Peace Newsletter (PNL) Committee is looking for new people to join and help contribute to the production of the PNL. If your looking for a good book to read, come check out our library. The Peace Council is a drop off station for can goods being collected for the Food Arsenal Project, please try and bring a can good when you come visit the Peace Council

- Carrie Yates

MIDEAST NETWORK COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting in September, we shared some background material on a two-day workshop offered by The Foundation for Mideast Communication, one aim of which ties into our previous discussions on increasing the dialogue among local Jews and Arabs/Palestinians. We decided to find out more on how reactions to the workshops have been elsewhere and to try to involve others in the planning for this event. To be

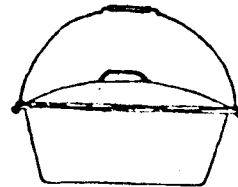
successful, a workshop for 30 to 40 people would need to be promoted to the larger community.

A proposal was made to hold a public observance on the first anniversary of the start of the "intifada", the Palestinian uprising, December 8th. We agreed to invite various local groups and organizations to an initial planning session, October 12, 7:30 pm at SPC to form a coalition with an agreed upon statement of principles. We think that advance publicity for this observance will refocus public attention on the Israel-Palestine tragedy in a positive way.

Please note that at this time, a talk by the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Richard Murphy, former ambassador to Syria, is scheduled for November 5th at S.U.'s Hendrick's Chapel at 8:00 pm. Murphy is the top State Dept. expert on the Mideast and his talk will be sponsored by, among others, the Syracuse Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Mideast.

We are pleased to welcome Peter and Dorothea Franck back to Syracuse, wish Dorothea a speedy recovery, and look forward to holding our next Network meeting at their home, 302 Berkeley Dr., on October 17th at 7:30 pm.

- Brent Bleier



SPC Potluck

Oct. 11: Pat Hoertdoerser \ United Nations Association

She will speak about a U.N. Non-Governmental Organization Conference.

Nov. 7: Phillip Covell \ Energy in the Dominican Republic

He will speak about Enersol Assoc. and their involvement in energy issues in Latin America and the Caribbean

at: **AFSC**

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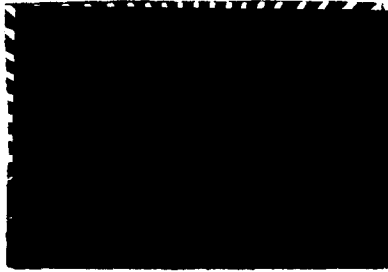
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landmark lawsuit against Reagan's "secret government"... after which there will be a live phone interview-update with Christic Institute.

Fri, 10/14, 6pm Dinner, 8 pm Premier ECOH, 826 Euclid Av., Syracuse
\$ 5.00 to \$ 50.00 DONATION

Step #3. Post-Dinner Video House Meeting Discussion ... video,

"The Last Empire-Women for America, for the World" any day between Sat, 10/15 & Sat, 10/22.

The sorry expectation is that President Bush or Dukakis will increase military aid to the Arena Party, expected victor in the upcoming Salvadoran March, 1989 election, thereby raising the level of suffering, death, and deprivation for most Salvadorans. Our new president will have an acquiescent "Cold War" congress that with few exceptions will vow to stop the so-called "Red Menace." Mid-October is our chance to raise money, raise awareness, raise protest... for the Salvadorans who are organizing for justice in that war-torn land.

Help reach the goal of 30 house meetings of 5 to 10 persons each to do the "October 3-Step."

Then consider house-reaching to your own less informed acquaintances using the SPC 12-video series, **Cold War Myths and Central American Realities.**

Can I convince you to do this "3-STEP?" The movement must grow in zeal if it is to grow in number.

House-Meetings can provide the person-to-person support/solidarity backdrop by which greater zeal, empowerment, and factual knowledge can thrive.

Call SPC, 472-5478 : to join or host a house-mtg, to help on the dinner, to do organizing & \$\$\$-raising to help on video-tapes

AND... if you want to go to Washington, DC for the October 17 **BLOCKADE OF THE PENTAGON** to protest US policy in El Salvador along with several thousands from across the country, call SPC before October 8th.

In conjunction with the El-Salvador 3-Step, a concert is being planned. Call SPC and see calender for details

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Anyone can participate by either walking or being a sponsor for a walker. The participants will be raising money for Church World Service/Crop to help feed the hungry all over the world. 25% of what is raised will remain locally to help feed the hungry in Central New York through the Interreligious Food Consortium. All walkers are asked to bring canned food to drop in the barrels for the Food Arsenal Project, an ongoing project to accumulate as much canned food as nuclear weapons in the U.S. arsenal. For more information call Jim Darling at 479-5590 or 463-4468.

In the same spirit and as part of Peace With Justice Week (October 14-24) there will be a concert featuring nationally celebrated recording artist Tom Chapin. Chapin is the brother of the late Harry Chapin and an activist on hunger issues.

The concert is cosponsored by the Westcott Nation Music Association,

the Food Bank of New York and a newly formed group One World Awareness. Proceeds of the concert will go to attempts to form a low power, community based radio station in CNY.

The program, to be held at Lincoln School Auditorium, 1613 James St., will be on October 22, 7:30 pm (children's show) and 8:30 (adults).

Tickets are \$10 adults, \$5 for ages 13-16, free for those 12 and under. Call Rosemary Dacko 469-8624 or Lee Spinks 428-0277.

Another benefit for the Food Bank/Food Arsenal Project will be a concert with Ben Tousley, singer and peace activist. The concert will be at 8 pm, October 4 at the Underground in the Schine Student Center. Admission is two or more cans of nutritious food or a financial contribution.

AIDS Awareness Month

Events are planned in Syracuse for AIDS Awareness Month. On October 1, there will be an AIDS Benefit Variety Show, sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Youth Group and the Women's Info Center, 7:30 pm at Syracuse Stage. Call Donna Inglima at 478-3821.

On October 11, The AIDS Film Project (in conjunction with The Names Project) will be shown at The Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina, at 7:30 p.m. only. Tickets are \$6.50 with \$2 from each ticket going to Persons With AIDS Support Fund of Central New York. Call 478-7980.

The Names Project/AIDS Memorial Quilt will be displayed at the National Mall in Washington D.C. There may still be buses traveling to D.C. through The AIDS Task Force of Central New York. Call 475-2430.

On October 26, there will be an AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service at 7:30 pm at 1st United Methodist Church. Call 465-2430 On October 27, AIDS awareness programming will be aired all day on 57-WSYR.

Free Jerry Again

On October 1, 1851, Syracuseans united to free former slave William "Jerry" Henry who had been arrested under the federal Fugitive Slave Law. This event earned Syracuse a place in national history as a leader in the Abolition Movement.

The Jerry Rescue Memorial Committee of the Syracuse Urban Arts Commission is raising \$100,000 to build a permanent monument for this historic day.

On October 1, 1988, the committee will announce the artist and design for the memorial at a celebration at Clinton Square - the future site of the monument.

For more information call 473-6605.



ABC - The Act for Better Child Care

The Act for Better Child Care (S. 1885/H.R. 3660) will bring the federal government into partnership with local and state governments, private charities, employers and families to increase the supply of quality child care at prices parents can afford. The act would allocate 2.5 billion in new federal funds in the first year. The session of congress will end in the first week of October. Call or write to support ABC.

150 Years of Unitarian Presence

The May Memorial Unitarian Society is celebrating its 150th anniversary of Unitarian Presence in Syracuse. An exhibit entitled: May No One Be A Stranger: 150 Years of Unitarian Presence in Syracuse, will run October 1 through January 15 at the Onondaga Historical Association Museum, 321 Montgomery Street. Call 428-1864 for more information.



Rape Awareness Week/ Take Back the Night

October 10-13 is Rape Awareness Week. Sponsored by the Syracuse University Women's Center, the events include: Oct. 10, Men Against Rape, 7:30 pm at 500 Hall of Languages; Oct 12, A film on rape: Rethinking Rape, 7 pm, room to be announced; Oct. 13, Take Back the Night rally, 7:30 p.m. at the S.U. Quad, with a concert by Judy Gorman Jacobs at 8:30 p.m., room to be announced. Call 443-4268 for more information.

Project Exodus

Due to the interest generated by the Project Exodus article in the September Peace Newsletter, the PNL has invited Project Exodus to write an update concerning their activities. See November PNL.

Annual Winter Pageant

Open Hand Theatre is once again starting work on the Annual Winter Pageant. This years pageant "The Nativity and Trials of Saint Anybody" explores the freedom in a personal, political and community frame work. The pageant is an extravaganza of music, giant puppets, masks and dance. The Pageant will be performed December 1 - 8. Artists, Musicians, Builders, Actors, Puppeteers and All Other Interested People are invited to participate in the pageant. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights and Saturday afternoons, starting October 5. Monday nights are building and mask making times. All rehearsals are held at 232 E. Onondaga St. (Plymouth Church) Syracuse, (315) 476-0466. Open Hand Theatre is an experimental theatre which focuses on social justice issues.

- Geoff Navias

Recycling Program at the Co-op

Start saving your cans, glass and newspapers - the Syracuse Real Food Co-op is beginning a recycling program. Members are working out the details to arrange for the co-op as a drop off point for recyclable goods. hopefully be the beginning of Novemeber. Volunteers are needed and co-op work credit available for this project.

For more information call the Co-op at 472-1385.

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<p>2 Eyewitness Week Oct. 2-8 Ave We Wining Morry? 7The Last Empire (40 Years of Cold War) Ch. 7, Cable 472-5478</p>	<p>3 NOW Steering Committee mtg. 107 Bradford Lane 6:30pm Civil Resistance Direct Action, Jericho, Vermont 865-8326 387-4805 Oct. 3-7 Video on Central Am. Plymouth Ch. 12noon</p>	<p>4 Nuclear Freeze mtg. May Memorial 7:30pm Beth 445-1714 Countering Homophobia: An Issue For All Of Us, 9am-4:30 Best Western Inn, East Hill Plaza, Ithaca, NY Ben Pousley singer/peace activist, to benefit Food Arsenal Project, 8pm Schine Ch. SU Canned goods or \$ donation</p>	<p>5 The AIDS Film Project, 7:30pm Landmark Theatre, 478-7980 Planning Session for Inlinda Anniversary at SPC, 7:30pm CNY N.O.W. mtg. 7pm Mar. Mid. Bank Rm. 560 Warren St. Casestudy Prevention Move, mtg. 7pm Einstein Children's Ch. YVCA 471-6399</p>	<p>6 Access '88 Fourth Annual Cont. Trade Fair, Contact: Resource Ch. for Independent Living 797-4642, Ulica, NY EVERY THURS.: SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm. Lots of fun, 472-5478 for info.</p>	<p>7 Concert: John McCutcheon, Benefit for CUSLAR at Cornell, Ithaca 807-277-4101 Discrimination & Diagnosis, talk Nancy Miller, Women's Studies Program 12noon, Speeder Rm. Bird Lib. SU World Count Day, Contact: PO 41606, St. Petersburg, FL, 33743</p>	<p>8 Oct. 8 & 9 Nurses Project/AIDS Memorial Quilt Next Mail, Wash. D.C. (202)332-6483 For buses call AIFCNY 475-2430 ASAP All Day Workshop on Nicaragua, Plymouth Church 472-5478</p>
<p>9 CIA Secret Wars 8pm Ch. 7 Syr. Cable 472-5478</p>	<p>10 Rape Awareness Week Oct. 10-13 Men Against Rape, 500 Hall of Languages, SU 7:30pm +43 +43 +43 Re-thinking Rape, 7pm 7pm Room TBA (Oct. 12)</p>	<p>11 SPC Potluck United Nations Association, Pal Hoendoverer, AFSC 472-5478</p>	<p>12 The AIDS Film Project, 7:30pm Landmark Theatre, 478-7980 Planning Session for Inlinda Anniversary at SPC, 7:30pm CNY N.O.W. mtg. 7pm Mar. Mid. Bank Rm. 560 Warren St. Casestudy Prevention Move, mtg. 7pm Einstein Children's Ch. YVCA 471-6399</p>	<p>13 Take Back The Night Rally, SU Quad, 7:30pm Concert, Judy Gorman Jacobs 8:30pm</p>	<p>14 Lesbian Support Grp. 7pm Potluck 8pm Women's Info. Oct. 14-24 Peace With Justice Week, contact: 475 Riverside Dr. Room 712 NY, NY 10115 (212)870-3347 "Cover Up" premiere showing, 8pm dinner, 8pm show, ECOH \$5-550, 472-5478 Women in Careers, Managing Multiple Roles, 12noon Bird Lib.</p>	<p>15 Pax Christi 10th Anniversary, 9am-4pm 446-1893 Unsung Heroines Awards Dinner of CNY, NOW, Sheraton Inn, cash bar 5pm, dinner 6pm Activists/Writers Workshops Community Writers Project, 10am-3pm Erwin Methodist Ch.</p>
<p>16 World Food Day Local Downtown Crop Walk, in conjunction with The Food Arsenal Project, 2pm Columbus Circle 474-4836 or 479-5566 Bring canned food!</p>	<p>17 Local Event: SPC Blockade the Pentagon/Stop the War in El Salvador, Wash. DC 472-5478 or (202)828-4140 Westcott East Neighborhood Assoc. mtg. Peat Br. Lib. 7-9pm Victoria Place Middle East Network Mtg. 7:30pm 302 Berkeley, Brent 479-5393</p>	<p>18 Sanctuary mtg. Plymouth Unitarian Society, 7:30pm 471-4672 Greater Syracuse N.O.W. mtg. 8pm May Memorial 446-2228 EVERY TUES. Yoga Class 7-8:30pm Women's Info \$3 601 Allen St. 478-4636</p>	<p>19 Recycle First, 7:30pm 475-1197 Toni Morrison, seminar, 3:30-4:45 Schine Ch., SU Rm. 304C, 8pm Hendricks Chapel, Cultural Forms & The Art of Black Fiction ARISE Head Injury Support Grp. 4pm 472-3171 N.A.A.C.P. mtg. 7:30pm 100 New St. 470-3300</p>	<p>20 Guatemalan Humanitarian Aid Day EVERY THURS. Alliance mtg. (Psychiatric System Survivors) 6-8pm ECOH corner of Euclid & Westcott, 475-4120</p>	<p>21 Sept. 23-25 Rape Crisis Center Training 442-7273 When Social Action Succeeds: Pitfalls, Pranks, & Pissants. Gary Spencer, 12noon Bird Lib. EVERY FRI. Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal Church \$3</p>	<p>22 PNL Production Oct. 22-24 Different Daughters, Louise Rullin, Alum. Lounge 443-4288 Tom Chason Concert, Lincoln School, 7:30pm & 8:30pm The 8th Cleve Grachten Conl. on Foklore, Literature & Storytelling, 8am-9pm, Hall of Languages, SU \$35 423-2911</p>
<p>23 Fire On The Mountain, The Heart of the Nicaraguan Revolution, 8pm Ch. 7 (Syr. Cable) 472-5478</p>	<p>24 United Nations Day International Disarmament Day</p>	<p>25 AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service 7:30pm, First United Methodist Church 475-2430</p>	<p>26 PNL Mailing Party Join the Party... 7-9 pm at SPC 472-5478 for info.</p>	<p>27 AIDS Awareness Programming all day on 57-WSVR 472-9797 EVERY THURS. Women's Info. Lesbian Hotline 7-9pm, 478-4636 Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822</p>	<p>28 10/28-10/30 Children's Creative Response to Conflict Program training, for workshop facilitators, N.Yark, NY info: Fellowship of Reconciliation (914)356-4601 Harvest Council & Dance 8pm spon. by Sanctuary Move, & Comm. Choir NECC 716 Hawley</p>	<p>29 EVEREY SAT. Lesbian & Gay Youth mgs. 1-5pm ECOH Moving? Please save us 30c and let us know beforehand.</p>
<p>30 EVEREY SUN: Friends of Mental Patients Alliance, 3pm, 735 S Beach St.</p>	<p>31 EVEREY MON. Visual Disability Support Group, ARISE 501 E. Fayette St. 10am</p>	<p>EVEREY TUES. Women's info expanded, info and referral phone hours 6-8pm</p>	<p>Toni Morrison, seminar, 3:30-4:45 Schine Ch., SU Rm. 304C, 8pm Hendricks Chapel, Comm. Fodder/Alto-Amer. Presence in Amer. Literature</p>	<p>EVERY FRI: ARISE Women's Support Grp. 10-11:30, 472-3171 EVERY FRI: Gay Mens Support Group, Metropolitan Community Church at Grace Episcopal 7:30pm 471-6618</p>	<p>1 World Vegetarian Day Women's Info Bennett Variety Show, Syr. Stage 8pm \$5-10, for AIDS Research 478-4636 Syr. Real Food Co-op Membership mtg. ECOH 5:30pm Potluck, 7:15pm meeting. Jerry Rescue Memorial Celebration, Clinton Square 473-6605</p>	

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Reagan/Bush FEMA plan to suspend constitution

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Bush or Bush clone?

Dear Mike Dukakis,

You want the presidency too much. Therefore, unless you make a 180-degree turn, you will never be president.

You have watered down your opposition to the Strategic Defense Initiative; stopped attacking waste and corruption in the Pentagon and been silent on cutting the military budget; you've earned the derisive laughter of reporters by posing helmeted in a tank.

You are so afraid of losing Bush voters that you are throwing away Dukakis voters.

If the country wants a war, dictatorship and death candidate, they have Bush. Who needs you? If the choice is between Bush and a Bush clone, why not take the real thing?

If on the other hand, the country wants a peace, democracy and life candidate - I do for one! - that candidate has to come out of his corner fighting for the things we want. When Bush challenges you to endorse Reagan's subversion of the Constitution in the attacks of Grenada and Libya, tell him Reagan should have been impeached for those actions: the Constitution gives Congress, and Congress alone, the right to decide whether our country is to be at peace or at war.

About face, Mike Dukakis. And then -CHARGE!

*Sincerely
Angus McDonald*

And Yet...

Should President Ronald Reagan and Vice President George Bush have been impeached? It is too late, of course, to do anything except wonder about it.

But many people suspect that these men have committed major crimes, including subversion of the Constitution, misapplication of government funds, and taking actions



specifically prohibited by Congress. No serious effort to impeach these men has ever been made. This means that if these crimes have been committed they are no longer crimes, but permissible behavior, for the next president.

One example: Under President Reagan's orders the tiny island nation of Grenada was attacked, its elected government overthrown, and a new government installed. The Congress was not even consulted about this action.

According to the U.S. Constitution, only Congress has the power to decide whether the United States shall remain at peace or be committed to war. The President stole that power from Congress. In so doing, he subverted the Constitution and violated his oath of office in which he swore to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. George Bush has not merely defended the Grenada action but has boasted about it several times.

Any American voter who wants to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution can, in effect, impeach George Bush by voting for Michael Dukakis.

Angus MacDonald

Just Say No - to unsafe incinerators

To the Editor:

Applause for some and boos for others on their vote Oct. 3 in the Common Council and County Legislature on a flow control contract between Syracuse and Onondaga County.

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the essence of the contract is that it commits Syracuse's trash to the county, making it more likely that the county will have enough trash to build a 990 ton-per-day trash incinerator.

Citizens at the Common Council meeting pointed out the scanty and bad record of the recent wave of incinerators in the U.S. They made it clear that a vote for the contract would be a vote for making incineration the centerpiece of trash management instead of reduction, re-use and recycling, which would play a secondary role. (A landfill will be needed in any case, but incineration will add toxic ash to a landfill.)

It appeared as though the contract were dead and would have to be re-negotiated when Councilor Nader Maroun, who had described the proposed incinerator as a monster which would have to be fed, made a technical procedure of "objection," which would have killed the contract. But Councilor-at-Large Joe Nicoletti and Council President Jim Walsh teamed up to save the contract when Walsh called a recess, during which Nicoletti convinced Maroun to rescind his objection.

This is open government? Citizens wait tensely in the Council chambers while pressure politics are played behind closed doors. I'm appalled and disgusted.

I question the reality of representative government in this city after seeing Councilor Charles Anderson cast the deciding vote in a 5-4 decision for the

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SPC Event with Ed Griffen

Many people in the Syracuse community have read the letters of Ed and Liz Griffen-Nolan in the publication *Somos Vecino's - We are Neighbors*. Both Ed and Liz have spent three years working in Nicaragua for Witness for Peace. Specifically, they worked on documenting the effects of the contra war. In the summer of 1985 they were kidnapped with 29 other Witness for Peace volunteers by the contras on the Costa Rican Nicaraguan boarder.

On November 19th at the Northeast Community Center Ed Griffen-Nolan will give an evening talk on his experiences in Central America. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome. See the inserted flyer for more information or give us a call at the Peace Council.

-Carrie Yates

Network Plans Network Intifida Observance

Our Mideast Network is helping to coordinate an observance of the December 8th anniversary of the beginning of the Palestinian intifada or uprising. Representatives of local groups, including SPC, The Rainbow Coalition, New Jewish Agenda, the Arab-American Anti-discrimination Committee and the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse have met and formulated these initial, tentative points of agreement: 1) support for an independent Palestinian state and the State of Israel living side by side with mutual peace and security; 2) a U.N. sponsored peace conference; 3) recognition of the Palestinians's own representatives, the PLO; 4) an end to the Israeli Government policy of mass violence, brutality, and violation of human rights; 5) an end to U.S. support of the Israeli occupation of the W. Bank & Gaza. Additional points being considered are: a) an end to all random violence against innocent Palestinians and Israeli citizens; and b) the rights of Palestinians living in exile outside of Palestine. The Committee welcomes the participation of other organizations and seeks comments on the above points. Speakers, a dinner, and a prayer service are also being discussed.

- Brent Bleier

PLOWSHARES

As your November PNL arrives on your doorstep, the Peace Council is a whirlwind of activity with preparations for our 18th Plowshare Craftsair set for Saturday and Sunday, December 10th and 11th.

Wait..."What is Plowshares?" Well, Plowshare is the Peace Council's annual community craft extravaganza held every December at Plymouth Church in downtown Syracuse. With

a wonderful array of colorful crafts by Central New York's finest crafts people, crafts ranging from ornate stain glass, painted silk clothing, hand crafted wood work and a stunning collection of jewelry makers.

Besides all of the fantastic crafts, there is great hot food, full lunches served both days, and while you shop there is music in the air from our friendly plowshare minstrels.

If this sounds like a great way to spend the afternoon, we have an even better offer for you. You can be one of the few (hundred) volunteers that are needed to make the craftsair a success year after year. Just call Carrie at 472-5478 for more details.

Remember the Plowshare Craftsair is the weekend of December 10 - 11, so be sure to stop by, the admission is free and there is free child care both days for kids age eight and under.

- Cletus Pinti

USER FRIENDLY?

Don't let anyone tell you that computers are "friendly". Useful?- yes, Time saving?- sometimes, friendly?- debatable. The machines aren't very friendly but the people who helped us acquire and install our system made a difficult process almost enjoyable. Thanks to all in the community who contributed both their expertise and money to this project. We hope you like enjoy the new look of your Peace Newsletter which was composed and formatted on this computer. Anyone out there using a computer and wishing to contribute to the newsletter or have typesetting/printing done by SPC Press should inquire about importing your information directly from disk over our phone modem.

Our budget was (is) very limited but thanks to the skills and generosity of Bruce Webber we managed to configure a very adequate yet manageable system. Bruce is a computer consultant, political activist and good friend of the Peace Council. Using 'batch' files and other computer raz-mataz he has programed our PC Clone to act "as friendly as a Mac". For anyone out there struggling with a computer or wishing to invest in one without the struggle we highly recommend getting Bruce Webber on your side. You can reach him at (315) 422-0681

- Paul Pearce



On Strike at Hotel Syracuse

H.E.R.E. (Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees) Local 150 of the AFL-CIO has been on strike at the Hotel Syracuse since Oct. 6. Management, in an attempt to bust the union, is trying to force an "open house" situation allowing non-union employees. This would weaken the union considerably and leave employees vulnerable to pay and benefit cuts. Manager Joe Murphy, Jr. currently refuses to renegotiate several important concessions.

You can support the union by joining the picket line at any time. The Rainbow Coalition support group pickets on Saturday mornings at 10 am. For more information, call Local 150's International Trustee George Papageorge, 437-0373 or call Rainbow Coalition organizer Larry Alcott, 425-1162.

- Donna Hoffman

Freedom of Speech Trial in Rome City Court

Tom Joyce will face trial for disorderly conduct on November 7 at 10:30 as a result of being arrested while leafletting at the entrance to Griffiss Air Force Base. Tom will argue on behalf of the Griffiss Peace Community that, after 14 months of weekly leafletting with tacit approval by police and base security, the issue is not where he was standing but what peace activists are saying. The fact that significant numbers of base workers take leaflets and are striking up a relationship with peace activists is obviously threatening to someone. To offer support contact the Griffiss Peace Community, P.O. Box 4194, Rome, NY 13440. (315) 337-5265.

- Tom Joyce

Send Hurricane Relief to Nicaragua

The people of Nicaragua sorely need your help to recover from the damage wrought by Hurricane Joan on October 22. Please send your check made payable to "Let Nicaragua Live" to: Nicaragua Network, 2025 I St. NW, Rm. 212, Washington, DC 20006. For further information, call the Network at 1-202-223-2328.

- Donna Hoffman

Upcoming Events

Card Carrying Members Celebrate

To celebrate its 25th anniversary the CNY chapter of the ACLU will be holding a Bill of Rights Cabaret, Nov. 19, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. at May Memorial Unitarian Society, 3800 Genesee. A special gourmet dinner and musical entertainment will be featured. Tickets are \$15 - \$20 on a sliding scale. A limited number of tickets are available at a reduced cost.

Rigoberta Menchu

Guatemalan Indian Rigoberta Menchu, (of the book "I, Rigoberta Menchu" available at TFR) known for her work with CUC, a Peasant Union in Guatemala, will be speaking in Ithaca, Dec. 4. at 8 p.m. at Kaufman Auditorium in Golden Smith Hall at Cornell University. The talk is a benefit for CUSLAR. For information: (607) 255-7293.

Food Arsenal Benefit

Rebecca Armstrong, folksinger and story teller, will be performing Nov. 1, 8 pm at Schine Student Center's Underground as a benefit for the Food Arsenal Project. Bring canned food donation.

Rod McDonald

Folksinger Rod McDonald will be performing at the Underground, in the Schine Student Center, Nov. 19, 9-12 p.m. The Westcott Music Association is sponsoring the popular musician's performance. Tickets are \$5 donation.

Comic Relief

Three major comedians will be performing at the Wise Guys Comedy Club, Nov. 2, 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. as a benefit to the Persons With AIDS Fund, a not-for-profit group devoted to helping persons with AIDS through support and finances. Tickets are \$10. For information call 445-8838.

Women's Directory

In November, the Women's Business Directory will be available at several distribution points. If you are interested, call the Info Center at 478-4636.

Lesbian and Gay Heroes Day

To commemorate Lesbian and Gay heroes and heroines, a Memorial Celebration is planned for Nov. 20, 7 p.m. at Columbus Circle. Call 682-7294 for more information



What's war really like?
Walk a mile in my shoes. Interview a Vet.
CONTEST

"I didn't really know what happened in Vietnam. It started before I was born and ended before I was five. School history class hadn't caught up with it yet. Few people that I knew would say more than 'it was a mistake.' So I called the only Vietnam veteran I knew, Dale Reich."

Kevin Strauss won \$100 after writing about his talk with Dale Reich.

"Vietnam was not like in the movies, where you get zoom shots of the enemy. The rule was to shoot first and ask questions later, just like in the Old West....War is a traumatic, shattering experience. In this society, if you are in danger, somebody will probably come to your aid. But in combat, it's just you and your weapon, oftentimes having to fight against an enemy that may be overwhelming in odds, or may have superior firepower, and there's nobody to come to your aid. You can't get bailed out, you can't just turn off the television set when you're in combat, you can't just turn off the stereo or the radio. They play on and on uncontrollably, and sometimes you die because you can't shut them off. Those kinds of things linger." —Dale Reich

If you've ever played with toy guns, fought battles on video screens, dreamed of going to war or simply want to know what the people around you have been through, this contest is for you! It is your chance to sit down face to face with a Vietnam veteran and hear how the war affected the life of this one person—and then let us know what you think.

Ages 15-23—22 Prizes

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\$100

To enter: Send for the Interview a Vet Contest Booklet

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Housing and Federal Priorities

This month's Peace Newsletter focuses on housing in Syracuse and the surrounding area. As one of Syracuse's strongest anti-war organizations, the Peace Council believes the obvious connection between the lack of low-income housing and the military budget must be made - especially during an election year when we are faced with the possibility of a continually rising nuclear and conventional military budget.

Contributed articles include discussions of issues such as homeownership in the innercity, bank reinvestment and "redlining" practices, community housing plans, rural housing programs and land trusts. The contributors attempted to provide informational profiles of housing agencies, programs and issues with some attention to "the politics of housing". Our research for this issue, discussions at the PNL Committee meetings and conversations with several local housing professionals indicated that there are several major concerns about the direction, and possible shifting direction, of government housing policy.

Most obvious is the declining federal commitment to housing programs. Since 1980, several federal programs have been eliminated, others have been cut, and the real dollars

available for housing programs has become limited. Within existing state programs aimed at assisting poor people and toward serving the middle class. A related shift in policy promotes new construction versus rehabilitation of existing structures.

In New York, these two developments are perhaps best exemplified by so-called "affordable housing" programs which encourage construction of new single family homes that are "affordable" only to the middle (often upper-middle) class. Whatever the benefits of such programs, they are growing at the expense of repair and rehabilitation programs or construction of low-income housing to serve the poor.

Our review of the articles and research into government housing policies raised many questions. Among them were: What is governments' level of commitment to providing decent housing to its citizens? Who will the programs serve (or ignore)? How will the programs be administered?

- Mike Reilly

Housing Plan

by Tim Brachocki

Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN) organized a coalition of churches, community groups and neighborhood residents which has formulated a comprehensive housing program for the innercity. The coalition was formed after the city seized a group of properties for back taxes. This was the first time that the city took possession of a number of tax delinquent houses before they had buyers for them. We were concerned with the impact that these and future seizures would have on housing in our neighborhoods.

When we began to examine the problem with tax delinquent property in the innercity, we saw that there were many interrelated problems which needed to be addressed. After discussing these problems with tenants, home-owners, city officials and housing groups we developed a comprehensive housing plan entitled, "Community Housing Proposal." This proposal is designed to make home-ownership affordable to low income people, provide stable and quality housing for the poor, increase owner-occupied housing in the innercity and rid our neighborhoods of slumlords.

The 19-page proposal makes many recommendations to improve existing programs and several innovative ideas to increase low income owner-occupied housing. The first new recommendation is for the creation of a "Community Planning Coalition". This group would be composed of interested groups and individuals in the city who would advise the city on neighborhood development and help plan and implement new housing programs. This planning group would help insure that neighborhood people and groups would have real input into development in their neighborhoods.

The cornerstone of the proposal is the creation of a Lease with Option-to-Buy (LWOTB) program which would make home-ownership affordable to low income families. The large number of tax delinquent properties are a wonderful opportunity for those families because most of these properties sell for less than \$25,000. This is affordable to low income people (generally rent is \$250-\$400/month) but there are two hurdles that need to be overcome.

The problem is that poor families do not have the cash for the down-payment and closing costs and/or they have some problems in their credit history. To solve these problems we proposed the LWOTB program to eliminate the need for cash up front. A local non-profit group would oversee the property and enter into the lease with an interested tenant. A portion of each month's rent would be set aside for the down-payment. The prospective buyer would also be required



to enter into a structured program which would teach them the skills necessary to become responsible homeowners. This would include information on financing, taxes, insurance, maintenance and repairs and credit counseling. After a set number of years the tenant would buy the property from the non-profit group.

The third major proposal has already been implemented. After the various groups involved pushed the Common Council of Syracuse, they passed a new law which requires the City to give preference to prospective owner-occupants when they sell tax delinquent property. The person who says they will live in the property will win the bid as long as they meet the appraised value, even if a developer has a higher bid. We felt that this was very important since developers will usually be able to outbid a low income family.

We will be pushing the City to implement our proposals in the near future. We have been getting endorsements of the Community Housing Proposal from various church and community groups. If you are interested in helping to improve the housing situation in Syracuse, get whatever groups you are involved in to endorse the program. When we meet with the City again we need to show that we have widespread support in the community. It is especially important now that the Mayor has taken our ideas of the Lease with Option-to-Buy program but made fundamental changes to it. He wants it to be controlled by a board composed mainly of bankers and millionaire developers. Also the financing mechanisms would place it out of reach of low income families. If we are going to be successful in improving housing in the innercity, we need to include neighborhood residents in the planning and implementation of the programs and help the poorer families get control of their lives and own their own homes.

Tim Brachocki is a community organizer for Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN).

Bank Redlining

by Bob Tompkins

Redlining. It's a word that many socially conscious people have heard, and some may even be familiar with, but few fully realize the devastating effects that redlining, or disinvestment, have on low, moderate, and blue collar neighborhoods.

Redlining is the conscious practice of refusing to make loans to, or insure, individuals based on the geographic location of their residence or potential residence. During the 1950's and 1960's, redlining was a plank on the civil rights platform. Banks, mortgage companies, and insurance companies would literally draw red lines around certain neighborhoods, primarily black neighborhoods, and tell their loan officers or insurance agents that no business will be done in that area. As a result of the efforts of the civil rights movement, laws were passed both in N.Y. state and nationally to make redlining illegal.

Unfortunately, making redlining illegal was not enough to stop it. It only forced lenders and insurers to resort to more subtle and benign methods to reach the same result. Banks often make no effort at all to attract innercity residents' credit business, yet are more than willing to accept them as depositors. Insurance companies make up across the board rules that coincidentally eliminate innercity neighborhoods from being eligible for coverage.

Neighbors have not sat back idly allowing these atrocious practices to continue. In 1977, after many years of battling, neighborhood groups from across the country won a major victory. At that time Congress passed the Community Reinvestment Act, known to the redlining activists as CRA. CRA requires that before a bank can expand its territory in any way, either by merger, acquisition, or building a new branch, it must show the Federal regulators that it is meeting the credit needs of the community it is already in. These 12 criteria are spelled out in the ACT. Shortly after, Congress also passed the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, or HMDA. HMDA requires all lending institutions to report to their Federal regulator, by census tract, the number of mortgage and home improvement loans made in that tract, and their total dollar amount.

With these tools, the anti-redlining movement has been waging a war against disinvestment nationwide. In order to avoid prolonged investigations of their current practices by

the Federal regulators, many banks have agreed to meet with community organizations and negotiate 'Lending Agreements' which commit the bank to renewing lending activity in neighborhoods long ignored. nationwide, community groups have negotiated over \$500 million of annual lending commitments from some of the largest banks in the country, many allow for below market interest rates and other considerations to benefit modest means people and small businesses.

Here in Syracuse, Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN) has already negotiated the first CRA agreement in the city with Key Bank of Central N.Y. The results of this agreement are already being felt in innercity areas. SUN and Key Bank have forged an agreement where Key Bank will set aside up to \$5.5 million per year in below market rate loans for innercity mortgages, home improvement loans, and commercial loans. These rates are only available in targeted neighborhoods, and come with other terms and conditions designed to serve the credit needs of people in those areas. In the year prior to the SUN/Key agreement, Key Bank of Central N.Y. had made loans totaling \$500,000 in the targeted areas. In the first full year of the agreement, Key's lending amounted to \$1 million.



They must turn their attention to meeting the needs of our neighborhoods where their investments are safer.

SUN is committed to getting innercity neighbors the credit service they need. We look forward to the day when the entire \$5.5 million set aside by Key Bank will be used. We also don't hold Key Bank responsible for meeting all the credit needs of our community. Several major banks in this city are not lending in the innercity, and SUN's Banking and Reinvestment Committee intends to challenge them to stop taking local people's money and investing in far off projects, many of which have gone bust. They must turn their attention to meeting the needs of our neighborhoods where, coincidentally, their investments are safer.

Interested? Want more information? Call the SUN office at 476- 7475 between 9 am and 5 pm.

Bob Tompkins is a senior staff organizer for Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN).

Housing

The Dream of Home Ownership for the Innercity

by Diana Ellis

In the last several years a remarkable number of community groups have moved into the activity of house building in the city. (For an overview of groups, see insert). Their efforts are both a natural evolution of their attempts to improve their communities, and also a response to the void left by a 76% cut in Federal funding for housing in the last 7 years. The large number and variety of these groups is an inspiring testimony to grassroots organizing in Syracuse. It also presents an alternative vision of economic development for our city that we should both know about and support. Origins of the Problem

The origins of the housing crisis in Syracuse go back to the post-World War II period. A variety of factors converged over the decades of the '50s, '60s, and '70s including: people moving to the suburbs, Urban Renewal-induced displacement and relocation of the downtown population, the rapid deflation of house values on the Near West and South sides reinforced redlining of districts and bank disinvestment. The excellent housing stock of these areas deteriorated rapidly as many properties were increasingly owned by absentee landlords or owners who would not or could not maintain them.

As houses deteriorated they were abandoned, the object of arson, and eventually demolished. One hundred houses a year were being demolished in Syracuse throughout the '70s. These homes were not replaced because of the reluctance of banking and insurance interests to invest in these neighborhoods. For example, no new houses have been constructed by private investment on the Near West side since 1955. There are now 150 vacant lots in this neighborhood alone. A graphic result: today, only 20% of housing in the Near West and South side neighborhoods is owner-occupied, compared to 65-70% homeownership in other parts of Syracuse. The Solution: "Affordable" Homeownership

The solution to the housing problem must have many facets, community groups point out. It must include: code enforcement of penalties for tax delinquency so that more homes can be saved from abandonment and demolition, city-wide reassessment (see article by SUN staff-member Tim Brachocki), political empowerment of the neighborhoods so that they can effectively demand city services, renewal of private investment in the neighborhoods, more Federally funded HUD housing, and providing "affordable" homeownership to low-income neighborhood residents.

Community and neighborhood groups have been addressing all these issues since their formation in the early '70s -- part of the national as well as local response to housing problems and demands for political and economic enfranchisement by the poor. Of all these issues, however, many feel that increasing home ownership is critical to turning their communities around. With homeownership comes pride and responsibility in the health and upkeep of one's community, as well as greater stability in the population and better living conditions. In addressing this need, the key question is how to make homeownership "affordable" for many community residents. For without this, the danger is one of gentrification of neighborhoods and merely relocation low-income people to other parts of the city.

"Affordable" housing necessitates some form of government or non-profit funding. Most neighborhood groups get funding through City-administered community development (CD) monies. Others draw upon the financial commitment of area churches. Both local government officials and church leaders were instrumental in the founding of many neighborhood groups.

Initially, in the '70s, housing efforts focused on rehabilitation. Syracuse Model Neighborhood Corporation (SMNC), which grew out of the 1972 Model Cities Program, has "rehabed" over a hundred houses, mostly on the Southside. Rehabing was further by the City's Homesteading program, by which someone can purchase a house for a dollar and fix it up with low interest CD loans, if one agrees to live in the house for at least three years.

Beginning in the '80s, old and new groups began to rehab or build new homes from scratch because of the accumulation of hundreds of vacant lots and the increasing need for more housing. Rehab groups have attempted to meet a variety of housing needs for example, senior citizens, the disabled, and large families. They have rehabed small commercial properties and large apartment buildings, as well as one family houses. They have searched for creative ways to make housing more affordable -- through the creation of cooperatives, an urban land trust (see Time of Jubilee, pg.16), establishing their own lending sources (Habitat for Humanity), and using students or volunteer labor.



Some Local Success Stories

A recent success story is Westside Inncity Association (WIA). They started rehabing houses just a year and a half ago and in that brief time have finished several houses. Students for Central Tech provided the labor -- "a super job, up to trades standards" notes staff person Pat Nolan. As a result, a brand new house on Elliott St. could be sold for the \$24,500 it cost to rehab it. The mortgage payment of \$120/month is definitely affordable for neighborhood residents.

Also on the Westside, the Spanish Action League (SAL) started rehabing its first house this summer. SAL Housing Coordinator Sam Velasquez says the neighborhood organization is attempting to meet the housing needs of large families. Thus, at 216 Kellogg St., SAL is rehabing what was previously a two-family, two-bedroom house and making it into a one-family, four-bedroom house.

Northeast Hawley Development Association (NEHDA) has been involved in rehabing since 1979. It has rehabilitated 21 properties and built 14 new ones. NEHDA has attempted to meet the needs of an economically diverse community. In addition to providing primarily middle-income housing, it has rehabed a former school (Cleveland School on Winton Ave.) into apartments for single individuals, many of them senior citizens. It has also rehabed commercial buildings, such as those on the corner of Hawley and Crouse and the Avon Theatre, fostering the preservation of small businesses in the area and creating new services, such as NEHDA's thrift store. Like other community groups, NEHDA also advocates for residents in their dealings with landlords on code violations, does tenant organizing, has a food pantry, and was instrumental in the founding of the Northeast Community Center on Hawley Ave.

The City's Role

Because many of these efforts depend on government funding, and part of the boards and staff of some groups are city-appointed, the role of the City administration is critical

to neighborhood development plans. The deterioration of housing also affects the City administration by removing a very important source of revenue: property taxes.

Many neighborhood groups feel the Young administration has made a commitment to neighborhood development. The comment of Father Hal Avery of Time of Jubilee is typical: "from the beginning he saw the need to focus on neighborhoods." The Mayor's Tax amnesty program brought in a windfall of back property taxes. This was followed up by more aggressive enforcement of tax delinquency -- often the first manifestation of absentee landlords' abandonment of their properties. The City has seized 86 tax delinquent houses. There remain, however, 700 houses that are more than two years delinquent in property taxes.

The City has been much more aggressive in code enforcement, notes Pat Nolan of WIA. In the first year of the Young Administration, he points out, it collected ten times the amount of fines that were collected during the whole tenure of the Alexander administration. The City's new receivership program is part of its code enforcement. When a building has been cited for many violations that remain unfixed, it can be taken out of the landlord's hands and put into receivership. Rent is then used to make repairs. As yet, however, the program has not been used extensively.

The City's Ambitious Housing Plan

Recently the City unveiled a very ambitious Housing plan, called the Syracuse Housing Partnership Loan Program. Its goal is to expand "affordable" homeownership in the innercity by building 900 new houses in six years. It attempts to do this by enlisting private investment. Pyramid Co. has already pledged \$200,000 a year for 5 years to the effort. What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of this plan?

All groups felt that the City's attempt to get private investment back into city neighborhoods was a good thing. As Tom Francis, Director of SMNC points out, banks are needed to finance mortgages, real estate companies are needed to list and sell houses, and insurance companies are needed to insure homes. (See also article on SUN's investment efforts, pg.)

"Affordable" housing in the City's plan, however, is primarily middle-income housing. The cost of most new homes would be \$40,000. The program appears to be geared to attracting people from the suburbs back into the city. Neighborhood groups see this as a compliment to their efforts to provide low-income housing. They wonder, however, whether CD funds used for the new program will take away from funds already used by neighborhood housing groups. They wonder also at the possibility of gentrification of neighborhoods.

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The magnitude of the City's plan, if it can be carried out, will have a major impact on city housing. As Tom Francis of SMNC notes, in their best years, neighborhood groups have only built or rehabed 30 houses. The city's plan calls for 150 new houses a year -- a five-fold increase. How will these be built? How will the City insure quality building standards? What will be the role of developers and construction companies? Will it be possible to sell this many houses?

A progressive aspect of the City's plan is analogous to that proposed by SUN's housing plan earlier in the year. This is the lease-with-option-to-buy provisions. It would significantly reduce the cost of a home through subsidies and allow for a tenant over the course of seven years to accumulate funds for the purchase of the house. This would open homeownership to the low-income. Another recently-enacted City Council ordinance, successfully pushed by SUN, gives tenants first option in buying tax delinquent houses the city has foreclosed on.

Community groups point out that any City plans, to be

successful, must enlist the knowledge and resources of neighborhood groups. Housing plans must also be compatible with the neighborhood. At present, the City's plan provides for limited and largely unspecified representation from community groups.

This is a critical juncture for housing and neighborhoods in Syracuse. It may be a positive turning point or it may turn out to be an opportunity lost. There is the little-researched question of priorities of development: i.e. What is the cost in city revenues of flashy projects like the financially troubled Hotels at Syracuse Square, the Galleries, and soon, Oil City? Can this form of development be complimentary or will it end up taking precedence over the use of city resources for neighborhood development? Is Pyramid's \$200,00/year pledge to housing really "no strings attached?" Only public debate and neighborhood involvement will answer these questions and guarantee that homeownership will really become more than a dream in the innercity.

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contract even though neighborhood organizations Syracuse United Neighbors and Southeast University Neighborhood Association representing many of his constituents clearly told him that they oppose the contract. Who is Anderson listening to?

Applause is in order for councilors Bob Cecile, Nader Maroun, Joan Christensen and Theresa McCarthy for voting against the contract. Among them, they stated such concerns as: not having access to an important report by a special committee of the County Health Department on the health problems of citing an incinerator at Rock Cut Road; not trusting either the county or the state to protect their constituents from pollution emanating from an incinerator, and an arrogant attitude on the part of some county officials.

Meanwhile, the county legislators were not to be outdone at ignoring the clear voice of so many residents - about 700 of which came out at the Sept. 27 hearing to say **NO INCINERATOR AT THIS TIME**. The only legislators to vote against the flow control were Doris Chertow, Dave Lasda, Tom Auffhammer, Terry Pickard, Bernard Kraft and Don Colon. Especially to be applauded are Chertow, Lasda and Auffhammer, who spoke to some of the gut issues pointed out to them by their constituents.

- Linda DeStefano

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Waiting in Line for Housing



by Kathleen Skoczen

Revitalization of the innercity has changed the face of Syracuse over the last five years. Owner-occupancy programs have helped what in fact are usually middle-income families become first time home owners. But what effect does owner-occupancy have on the large number of renters in the city and what's being done to meet their needs?

Low-income people, the working poor, and public assistance recipients, have little hope of becoming first time home owners. These people compose a population of renters who may be affected indirectly through the new homeownership. Public assistance recipients are a basically stable group of renters and have little prospect for homeownership. They can, nonetheless, be affected when the percentage of homeowners increase and the available rental units decrease. Ironically, when a neighborhood is improved, rental prices increase. As the availability and affordability of rental units decreases families may be forced to stay in conditions that do not meet their needs.

Although there may be an increasing rate for rentals, rarely do budgets raise to meet these needs. Sixty-five percent of public assistance recipients pay more than what they are allotted for rent each month. Food, clothing, and living expenses are often used to supplement high rents. A family of 5 on P.A. receives \$319 per month for rent with heat included. A survey of the Sunday Herald Journal classified ads reveal zero three bedroom apartments available at that rate and one two bedroom. The average three bedroom listed costs \$445 per month.

Section 8, a federal program, alleviates the burden of high rents; qualifiers pay no more than 30% of their income on rent, the balance is paid through subsidies. This program is available through Syracuse Housing Authority (SHA). SHA also offers help in relocating for those who can demonstrate a need. Christopher Community is a similar program that is designed to help with housing outside the city limits. The Villages of North and East Syracuse also have programs to assist families in locating and affording housing for low income families.

These services, however, are sorely overburdened partially due to cuts in Federal spending during the Reagan years. The waiting list for a three bedroom apartment is at least two years, for a two bedroom you may wait one year, and for a one bedroom there is usually a six month wait. There may be

other drawbacks as well: affordable housing may not meet the needs of the family, a large family will have a particularly difficult time finding housing, if the family relocates they may be out of reach of vital services, and a move to the suburbs may be accompanied by additional problems, i.e. transportation, lack of job potential, etc.

Social Workers agree there is a housing shortage for low-income renters. Many people need to move but there is no appropriate housing to move into. Housing projects or complexes that accommodate this population have a vacancy rate of zero percent. During the application period this year for Section 8 housing 1,000 new applicants were added to the waiting list. As of May 1988 1,400 applicants were waiting for 150 available spots.


At P.E.A.C.E. Inc. on S. Beech St. a full time volunteer works to help relocate people who must move. Depending on the circumstances there are various levels of assistance in locating a new place to live. Surprisingly they are able to serve the people who come in.

Nonetheless, there are a significant number of people in need of better, affordable housing whose needs are not being met. If the present trend continues there will be more people living in unsuitable living conditions. While human service agencies struggle to meet their needs, the poor are often overlooked or neglected by the mainstream. This, however, does not solve the problem. A serious look at the consequences of this situation needs to be addressed by the community as a whole.

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Jubilee: Land-Trust-Community

by Frank Woolever

The land is sacred. It is given to us for common usage. It is to be shared and cared for. It is never to be exploited.

These concepts of the "sacredness" of the earth come to us from our Native American forebearers. They form a foundation for the concepts of community land trusts in general, and of the Time of Jubilee land trust in Syracuse. Helping some families experience the fulfillment of their dream to own their home.

Starting back in 1981, six of us came together to form a Land Trust to work toward the modest goal of some housing rehabilitation and to hold "in trust" a piece of property on the City's Southside for some religious Sisters living in a community setting called "Amos House". During our early years, we also agreed to hold St. Francis Farm "in trust". On this property, donated by Unity Acres, a small group of individuals were trying to put together a shelter for homeless and battered women in the Oswego area. That was our beginning.

Our existing structure and philosophy, plus the biblical notion of liberation which the "Jubilee" name implies, caught the attention of the Downtown Clergy and Ministerial Alliance, who were interested in being part of a concentrated effort to replenish some of the housing stock for families of modest means near the downtown area. Discussions took place through much of 1985. They culminated in January, 1986 with the expansion of the Time of Jubilee board to 25 members, including substantial representation from the "target" neighborhood. From that board came representatives to merge with two representatives of the City to form a Development Corporation, Jubilee Homes, to serve as a bridge between the Land Trust and the City of Syracuse.

With the guarantee of back-up funding from several major Church denominations, the combined effort began in mid-1986 with the groundbreaking for two new structures on South Avenue. Subsequently, four more houses have been built on White Street, around the corner from the first ones. After the extensive delays working through applications, bank mortgages, etc., they are now occupied with families that are already beginning to demonstrate considerable neighborhood interest and involvement.

Like other substantial undertakings by community boards, agencies and institutions, a large amount of blood, sweat and tears were anticipated. It has come to pass, much to the frustration of the waiting families, Time of Jubilee board members and some City officials, who expected the pieces to come together more quickly.

Once the expanded Time of Jubilee Land Trust was in place, Community Development gave it a considerable boost with a \$200,000 grant that allowed the first two houses to be constructed and a staff person to be hired. They have also arranged for money from the N.Y. State Affordable Housing fund to be made available to moderate income, first-time home owners.

It is anticipated that ground will be broken for six new homes in the same neighborhood within the month, with Syracuse Model Neighborhood Corporation being the general contractor. The Chairperson of Time of Jubilee is the Reverend Hal Avery, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, 523 W. Onondaga St. The parish house, located in the same neighborhood as the new homes, served as the office for our Land Trust over a two year period. Now the office is located in

the heart of the project at 204 South Avenue (one of the first structures to be built). It is staffed by Walter Dixie, who brings much energy to the endeavor. He can be reached at 428-0070. He welcomes visitors and inquiries.

From the beginning the expanded Time of Jubilee board have tried to make this effort a true "jubilee" experience by sticking to the philosophy and spiritual values of a land trust, and by working toward a sense of trust and honesty among themselves. This sense of shared stewardship of the land is new to many of us, too. But the need to develop some decent housing for the rebuilding of a once proud neighborhood is not foreign to any board member and the exploitation of property by absentee landlords has been experienced by many of us personally.

Our real hope is to give the old-timers and the new arrivals in this neighborhood a new sense of community that will prove to be something to shout about with their children, their friends, their relatives and their neighbors.



Frank Woolever is one of the original members of Time of Jubilee. A "native" Syracusan, he is a pastoral counselor at Onondaga Pastoral Counseling Center.

Housing Rural New York: The Rural Preservation Program

by Mike Reilly

In 1980 the State of New York initiated several programs designed specifically to address the housing needs of rural New Yorkers. Concern over rural housing issues was spurred by two developments. First, numbers provided by the 1980 Census suggested that rural New York was facing a housing crisis - nearly 50,000 occupied, substandard homes in rural areas and hundreds of thousands of dwellings lacking adequate water, sewage disposal and heat. In addition, over a quarter a million rural New Yorkers lived below the poverty line.

At the same time, 1980 marked the beginning of a decline in federal programs and dollars committed to housing, a decline that has continued throughout the Reagan years. A variety of programs were eliminated, while others absorbed severe funding cuts. Federal funding for rural housing is now limited primarily to programs administered by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and the Department of Agriculture (USDA), and even these agencies receive limited funds for programs that are often difficult for rural residents to access.

Among the efforts by the State to address this situation was the establishment of the Rural Preservation Program (RRP). Administered by the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR), this program provides administrative funds to allow community-based groups in rural areas to create and staff not-for-profit corporations known as rural preservation companies (RPCs). Since the inception of the program, RPCs throughout New York have provided a wide variety of services aimed at improving housing conditions and opportunities for low-income residents of their communities. These services include home repair and weatherization, counseling and advocacy, tenant organizing, housing cooperative development, low-income rental property management, major rehabilitation of vacant homes and commercial structures, and even the construction of "affordable" new housing.

There are now 85 rural preservation companies in 47 counties around the state. Onondaga County residents are represented by two RPCs. Northwest Neighbors Preservation Corporation was established in Baldwinsville in 1986 and serves the towns of Lysander, Van Buren and Elbridge, while the Southern Hills Preservation Corporation, based in Tully, has been working in the southern portion of the county since 1985. Several other RPCs are located in Central New York, including organizations operating in Cortland, Auburn and Ithaca.

Both Northwest Neighbors and Southern Hills were organized with the assistance of P.E.A.C.E., Inc., each is governed by a local volunteer Board Of Directors, and each offers similar services. The two groups distribute free smoke detectors to unprotected households, provide counseling and technical assistance for home repair and financing, operate summer paint and repair or lawn care programs for the elderly, and help individuals in preparing grant and loan applications for state and federal housing assistance programs. Northwest Neighbors and Southern Hills have each established low interest "revolving loan funds" that can be utilized by eligible residents to finance needed housing repairs and rental security deposits. Northwest Neighbors also maintains a unique "tool library" which allows residents to borrow hand tools for a variety of repair and maintenance projects.

Recent budget debates in the Legislature and DHCR's desire to "get the most bang" for its housing dollars, have resulted in the State encouraging RPCs to provide fewer of the "soft services" mentioned above and to concentrate on housing development. Emphasis on developing new housing units has led local RPCs toward what DHCR calls "bricks and mortar" projects. At present, Northwest Neighbors is attempting to purchase and rehabilitate a vacant commercial structure in Baldwinsville to provide low-income apartments. The group is also considering sites for possible new construction. In Tully, Southern Hills is also planning to acquire a property that will include low-income rental units.

While all these projects will provide improved housing options within the communities, volunteers and staff in each area hope the new push toward housing development will not occur at the expense of providing other needed, albeit less glamorous, housing services to the rural poor. For example, while State funding for new construction has increased, it is difficult for RPCs to obtain funds to provide the necessary repairs to existing, owner-occupied homes. In Baldwinsville and Jordan villages, much of the housing stock is aging and deteriorating and Northwest Neighbors views repair of existing homes as the most pressing need in these areas. Further, a recent decision to allow private contractors to access State housing dollars for development projects has raised concern that community-based approaches to local problems might be de-emphasized in favor of rapid

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construction of "units" for the sake of meeting rather arbitrary "cost-effectiveness" quotas.

New York's Rural Preservation Program won praise in March 1988 with the release of the report of the National Housing Task Force, "A Decent Place To Live." Indeed, the RPP's development of community based organizations to address the housing needs of poor persons in rural areas was promoted as a model for other states to emulate within the context of a national housing strategy. The program, while relatively young, does represent a promising effort on the part of New York State to develop the capacity of community-based organizations to solve community problems. Realizing the goals of the program - to guarantee safe, sanitary, affordable housing to all - will depend upon both the continued commitment of the State, and the efforts of groups such as the Northwest Neighbors and Southern Hills Preservation Corporations.

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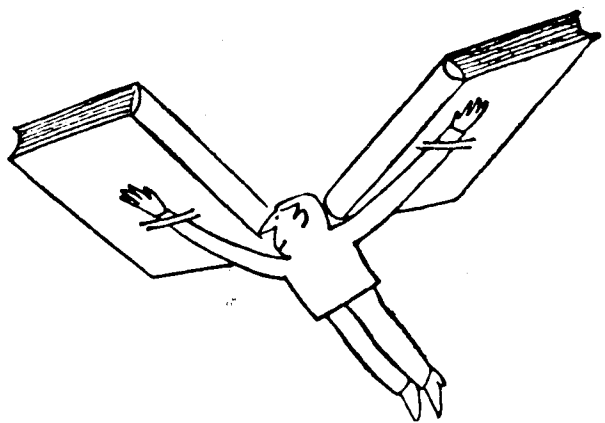


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Both newspapers, Chan. 9 and 24, and WAER came to our preview library showing of "Cover-Up" as did 150 people to the Central American Dinner and showing Cover-Up at ECOH. On Oct. 12, Ron Shuffler and Hank Strunk discussed Cover-Up and CIA Covert Operations on Channel 24's Good Afternoon. (Cover-Up is available at SPC along with all the Chan.7 series tapes.)

Our efforts to get Cover-Up widely viewed has put us into national networking, trying always to combine local with national organizing. John Stockwell and other ex-CIA people, through their ARDIS (Association for Responsible Dissent), are strategizing nationwide to get media exposure of the Bush-Cover-Up connections; but they are still checking out the evidence for an ironclad case. We, however, feel that the public perhaps will act upon the ample circumstantial evidence given the danger of electing Bush who will subsequently be impeached when the charges go to Congress. SPC has Cover-Up packets with many articles documenting the allegations (\$6).

SPC began a national phonetree to get cities organized around the Oct. 27 3-hour radio talk show on the CIA designed to convince moderate Bush fans to vote for Dukakis, urging listeners to get the video "Cover-Up" and use it widely. We also have been in the phone-net started by FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting) to protest disinformation and biased media reporting. Jeff Cohen, FAIR director starred on CNN Buchanan Talk Show last week protesting the media bias.

About 60 people joined our Oct. 17 Federal Building protest of US Policy in El Salvador, held concurrently with the Pentagon protest in which Syracusan Kathleen Rumpf joined with 240 others arrested in civil disobedience. From our ECOH evening we are sending \$300 for organizing efforts in El Salvador. El Salvador deserves more from Syracuse: in donations, for "urgent action" telex pre-authorizations, in use of El Salvador video for awareness building (housemeetings, classrooms, business

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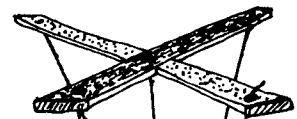
groups) Send checks to "SPC-El Salvador"

The U.S. will soon have only two choices in El Salvador since the far right will gain power in March, we will either escalate the repressive war at its request or we will stop aid to El Salvador thereby setting the stage for internal negotiations. But we have much work to do. In spite of the fact that more than 60 cities engaged in protest and fundraising in the Oct. 15 "Steps to Freedom-El Salvador", it was hardly covered by the media. We should escalate our protest and our creative energy in solidarity with our own sanctuary refugees from El Salvador and in behalf of our brethren everywhere, here and afar, who suffer under the boot of U.S. profit-taking policy.

We urge everyone to use all of these videos with a few friends or come to someone else's housemeeting. Outreach to middle-of-the- roaders at work or play. Everyone yearns for some meaningful, non-threatening connecting interaction. Small group discussion can begin that process and is important in our efforts to slow the slide into fascism. And, naturally, we need more donations for "SPC-TV" to cover the costs of the unique effort

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A Radical Viewpoint

Ron Ehrenreich

Every four years we face a choice between two presidential candidates that both represent the conservative mainstream of American politics. In election years, there is much exaggeration of the differences between Democrats and Republicans by candidates, pundits & even by progressives.

The plea is the same: support the Democratic candidate this time, because the Republican is worse. This "lesser evilism" is shortsighted, reactive & supports, however reluctantly, a system which oppresses us and others around the world.

MORE ECHO THAN CHOICE

Even the most divergent nominees of the Democratic and Republican parties share essential agreement in supporting corporate capitalism, an aggressive military empire, stinginess in social services, the paranoid national-security state, and having our future determined by markets and elites.

Are there no differences between Democrats and Republicans? There are, but they don't amount to much compared to their similarities. The Republicans are more stingy with social spending, but the Democrats are also stingy. The Democrats buy more than enough weapons to bully our way around the world, though Republicans would buy a few more. The Republicans fund the Contras, but Democrats are planning to reassert imperial control over Nicaragua thru destabilization and economic warfare. Differences exist but not over core issues, but from the perspective of making radical social change the differences amount to very little.

Although the platforms, rhetoric/and campaigns of the two parties depict vast differences, we shouldn't be fooled. The Korean War and the Vietnam War; the overthrow of democratic governments in Guatemala, Iran, the Dominican Republic, Greece, and Chile; funding the Contras in Nicaragua, Mozambique and Angola; the construction of 35,000 nuclear weapons; redeploying nerve gas; the stingy set of program slashing and tax-cuts for the rich--known as Reaganomics, ALL THESE were products of bi-partisan support.

THE MYTH OF DEMOCRACY--THE REALITY OF PLUTOCRACY

When it comes to free elections, we live under a two-party dictatorship. There is the appearance of choice, but in reality we are free only to choose the handpicked candidates of the ruling elite of plutocrats, managers, bureaucrats and party hacks. The degree of real choice is similar to the one-party dictatorship of the Soviet Union:

they get to vote yes or no on one candidate handpicked by a ruling elite of bureaucrats, managers and party hacks.

A successful candidate must be acceptable to large contributors. Even the Democrats, who often espouse populist sentiments, get over 70% of their contributions from capitalists and their PACs.

The matching funds system gives public funds to candidates who have already raised the most, magnifying the power of the wealthy. A campaign advocating radical change doesn't have a chance in either dominant party.

And third parties don't fare better--kept off the ballots by the combined efforts of the Republicrats. On the ballot or not, third parties are shut out of the debates and most media coverage. The League of Women Voters and the media dutifully tow the party line. Any way you cut it, the deck is stacked.

At the national level, radicals are therefore shut out of effective electoral politics and the political debate surrounding elections.

Faced with this bleak reality, progressives have tried various approaches. Some have tried to realign the Democrats, failing in each attempt and often embracing the system in the process. Others abandon an electoral strategy or wait for a real grassroots movement to be fully formed. For the most part, radicals have put our energy into other political arenas--single issue movements, community organizing, alternative institutions.

TOWARD A RADICAL STRATEGY

Is a fruitful strategy possible, that includes electoral politics independent of the capitalist parties? Ultimately a broad third party with an anti-big business, anti-intervention and pro-human rights agenda built upon a coalition of popular movements and progressive community organizations seems our best strategy for a social transformation from below.

Building such a coalition and party will require us to spend at least a few years in the wilderness of American politics, outside of the two party system and confronting the myth that we can change things from within. For the first time in this century we are well positioned for this challenge, as it becomes more apparant that the Democrats will be unable to win the White House due to the realignment of the southern states. "Lesser evilism" will carry less weight as it becomes clear that we truly have nothing to lose but our chains.

Jerry Rescue

by Irene Baros-Johnson

This year's momentous Jerry Rescue Anniversary on Sept. 30 was celebrated with the selection of the design of the Jerry Rescue Statue. The design, created by Sharon Bumann of Central Square is a bronze figure breaking out of a brick wall symbolizing the breaking out of slavery and stepping out to freedom.

The abolitionist partnership of Syracuse was more than the dramatic event of the Jerry Rescue, though certainly it should be symbolized by its success. In 1851 Jerry Henry, an escaped slave was rescued from arrest under the Fugitive Slave Law and so was prevented from being returned to servitude. The abolition triumph of that night, with the support of a large crowd, occurred because Syracusans had been working for over a decade and sponsored hundreds of meetings to inform the public.

The partnership between members of the Syracuse community for human rights of 150 years ago have been forgotten. Instead local newspapers have written about Samuel J. May, the great abolitionist, every few years. It seemed as if he was an enlightened exception instead of one of a large community of support. Forgotten were other leaders and the church communities with which they worked.

This year, both Congregationalism and Unitarianism are 150 years old in Syracuse. We know that Congregationalists (including Ira H. Cobb, a founder of Plymouth Church 15 years later) were definitely involved in abolition in 1838 because members left the Presbyterian Church to practice their abolitionist ideals.

The house at which the founding covenant of the Unitarian Church was signed in 1838 and belonged to Lydia and Elihu Wallace. They were abolitionists and were known as some of the first people in Syracuse to host integrated social gatherings. There were also Dr. Hiram Hoyt, who presided. Twelve years later, it was in his office that a planning meeting for the Jerry Rescue was held.

But, the abolitionist point of view must not have been central in the beginning. In 1844 Rev. John Storer, the first Unitarian minister in Syracuse, complained about an abolition convention held at the Unitarian Church in a letter. He said, "the whole band of reformers and Liberators are among us. They have turned our Chapel into a council Chamber and hall of angry contention." The biography of Rev. Jermain Loguen, the escaped slave who became an educator, A.M.E. Zion minister and head of Syracuse's underground railroad, notes that John Wilkinson (another Unitarian) started out as a



Samuel J. May



Rev. J. Loguen

disrupter of abolition meetings but later became a supporter. In fact, Wilkinson was on the committee that chose the Rev. Samuel J. May, as the Church of the Messiah's second minister after he preached on abolition.

Since May has left one church after it refused to continue to hold abolition meetings and another after the questioned their separate pews for black members, he wanted the congregation in Syracuse to know what to expect. A Boston friend, William Lloyd Garrison wrote to him that he liked Syracuse even though one of his abolitionist meetings had once been mobbed there, May soon experienced this opposition. In 1846, May opposed the Mexican War as an offense against religious teaching and as a pro-slavery strategy. May gathered over 100 signatures on a petition of protest that he placed in the newspaper. The meeting reconvened in the Congregational Church. Someone from the crowd outside fired off a cannon, without damaging the church.

While May and the Wesleyan Methodist minister Luther Lee debated about differing views on the trinity during several evenings, in the daytime they cooperated in holding abolition meetings. On the last night of their debates, May declared that abolition reformers like Rev. Lee and the Quaker preacher Lucretia Mott were to be admired. He said that, their devotion to the cause of crushed humanity was Christianity, not dogmas which "would not comfort the afflicted, nor clothe the naked, nor break the yoke of the enslaved." The abolitionist ministers, especially Loguen, received fugitives in the middle of the night and cared for them by binding up wounds, providing bathing and securing needed clothing and money.

For a decade after the the Jerry Rescue, members of A.M.E. Zion, Wesleyan Methodist, Congregationalist and Unitarian churches worked together to offer the public a program of speakers on October 1, the anniversary of the Jerry Rescue. Loguen, Frederick Douglas from Rochester and May usually spoke. Though women did not usually speak in public, radical abolitionist meetings were different. From Philadelphia,

Lucretia Mott, spoke at the first Anniversary Celebration. The first woman to be ordained, Rev. Antoinette Brown (then a Congregationist) spoke at least once. In addition, there was usually a winter abolition series.

The abolitionists did not disband with the Civil War. They raised funds, made clothing, gathered food supplies and recruited teachers to assist the newly freed slaves in the south and continued to do so for over a decade.

At present May Memorial and Plymouth Church, as well as the Friends, Pax Christi and others are in a new human rights partnership - the Covenant Sanctuary of Syracuse.

Irene Baros-Johnson, M.Div. is co-chair of the 150th Anniversary Committee of May Memorial and co-curator of the Onondaga Historical Association show "May No One Be A Stranger: 150 Years of Unitarian Presence in Syracuse, Oct. 1 - Jan. 15. She works at Laubach Literacy International.

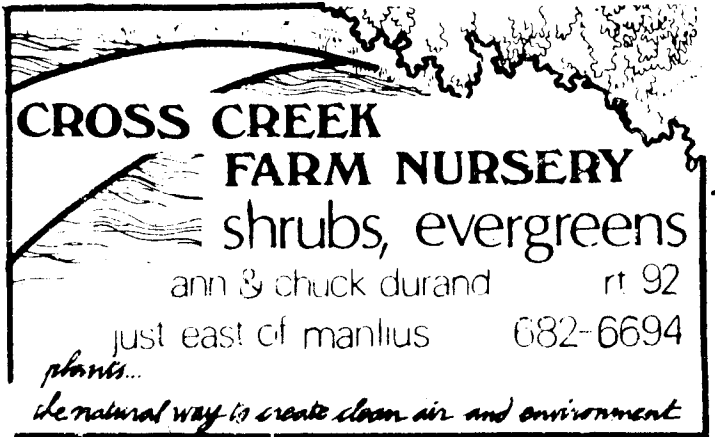
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13	New Environment Association Poetry 8pm, general mtg. -Spiritually 7pm Friends Mtg. House 821 Euclid Ave. 446-8009	14	PNL Deadline Poetry & Fiction writing for senior citizens, Community Writers Project, 447 S. Salina St. 5 weeks 2-4pm call 472-0400 or 449-4700 ext. 524	15	Greater Syracuse N.O.W. mtg, 8pm May Memorial 446-2229 Syracuse Greens mtg, 7pm 821 Euclid Ave AFSC 437-6211 Syr. Real Food Co-op Council mtg, 7pm 348 Roosevelt Ave. Brent 479-5393 People for Animal Rights mtg. (P.A.R.) 7pm Jane 478-8621 or Linda 475-0062 Sanctuary mtg, 7:30pm Plymouth Unitarian Society 471-4672 Lunchtime Discussion: "Can You Be A Feminist and Say 'No'?" Planned Parenthood 475-5525	16	Recycle First, 7:30pm 475-1197 Leslie Burns, Flutist & Composer Live music presentation & lecture, 4pm Schine Cir. Rm. 304C Free Alto-Armer, Studies Dept. 443-4302 N.A.A.C.P. mtg, 7:30pm 100 New St. 470-3300 ARISE Head Injury Support Grp. 4pm 472-3171	17	Annual Fast For World Harvest call (800) 225-5800 Gay & Lesbian Community Organization Mtg, ECHOH 7:30	18	Fri. Lunch Series: "Housework in the 80's" Mari DeVault 12N-1pm SU Bird Lb. Speaker Rm. free 443-3707 Urban League Open House 4-6pm 505 E. Fayette St. (new office) 474-5751 Talk: "Shame & Gender" 4pm SU Hall of Lan. Rm. 500 free	19	SPC Dinner: Ed Griffin & Liz Nolan, Central America, North East Comm. Cir. call 472-5478 Writing & Commitment Workshop, open to all writers wishing to explore writing as a social act. Comm. Writers Project 472-0400 \$25 10am-3pm Ewin Mnth. Ch.
20	PNL Production New Environment Library Working Mtg. 2pm 1200 Euclid Ave. 475-4188	21	EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171	22	PNL Mailing Party Join the party, 7-9 pm at SPC 472-5478 for info.	23	If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.	24	Native American National Mourning Day Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822 EVERY THURS: Women's Info/Lesbian Hotline 7-9pm, 478-4636	25	EVERY FRI: Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episcopal Church \$3 EVERY FRI: ARISE Women's Support Grp. 10-11:30, 472-3171	26	EVERY SAT: Lesbian & Gay Youth mtgs. 1-5pm ECHOH Moving? Please save us 30c and let us know beforehand.
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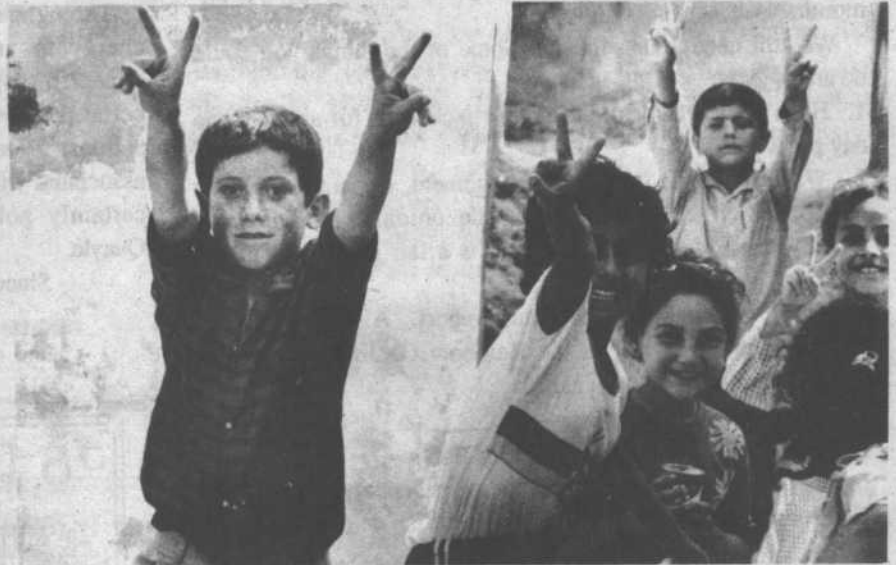
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A Central New York Voice for Peace and Social Justice

Independence!

On November 15, 1988, the Palestine National Council, the parliament in exile of the P.L.O., declared the independence of the State of Palestine, to be located adjacent to the State of Israel. The Syracuse Peace Council, in accord with our position of supporting mutual recognition, security, and self-determination for both peoples, congratulates the Palestinians, recognizes the legitimacy of the State of Palestine and the State of Israel and urges both nations and peoples to now directly negotiate a positive, lasting peace between themselves with the full support of the United States and the nations of the world.



Intifada Anniversary Observance

A newly formed coalition, "The Syracuse Coalition in Observance of the First Anniversary of the Palestinian Uprising, the Intifada" is pleased to announce the visit of Rabbi Susan Einbinder, a Reform rabbi, and Riyad Mansour, deputy permanent observer of the PLO Mission to the U.N. They will discuss "Areas of Agreement between the Palestine National Council and the Israeli Peace Movement" at 7:30 pm, Thursday, December 8th at the Parish House of First Presbyterian Church, 620 W. Genesee St.

The Syracuse Coalition is composed of groups with diverse backgrounds which have worked to overcome differences and misunderstandings in order to jointly support the legitimate aspirations of the Palestinian people while planting the seeds of peace with the State of Israel.

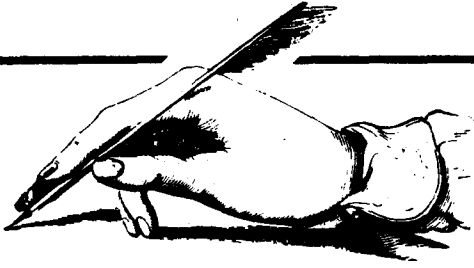
We call for:

- 1) A U.N.-sponsored peace conference including all concerned parties;
- 2) Recognition of the Palestinian Liberation Organization as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people;
- 3) An independent Palestinian State living side by side with the State of Israel in mutual peace and security;
- 4) An end to the Israeli government's policy of repeated violence, brutality, and violation of human rights;
- 5) An end to U.S. support of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza;
- 6) An end to all armed violence against innocent civilians.

The Syracuse Coalition includes the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, New Jewish Agenda, the Peace Council, and S.U.'s People for Peace and Justice. Tentative members are the Mideast Task Force of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse and the Rainbow Coalition.

For more information about the Intifada Anniversary Observance, contact Abraham Kharroubi, 445-0875 or Brent, 479-5393.

Letters



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are writing to thank you for your support Friday, Oct. 28th, 1988. The spirited rally and picket sent a clear message to the hotel's management and the city that we have support inside and out of labor and we are serious in our fight. It also served to lift our morale as we enter[ed] into our second month.

We still need your support. Some of the things you could do are:

1. Have your organization join our picketline for an hour one day per week.
2. Write letters to the hotel management, the mayor and the newspaper either in support of the union or stating your refusal to use the hotel until there is a fair settlement of the strike.

Again we thank you for your support. Also, if you need members of Local 150 or the Rainbow Coalition to support you...all you have to do is call.

We are fraternally yours,

Larry Alcott, Thomas Barkley,
for the Nat'l. Rainbow for the Membership of Local 150
Coalition, 27th CD

Note: When the Syracuse Symphony held a benefit dinner at the Hotel on Nov. 12th, some members of the musicians' union and many others joined the workers' picket. Other organizations refuse to use the facilities at all. For example, NY State United Cerebral Palsy cancelled a planned conference there. Since we are the landlords of the Hotel, (That's right - Hotelier Joe Murphy rents from the City of Syracuse. For \$1 per year!) its time now the people of Syracuse speak out in support of the workers' just requests.

~Donna Hoffman

To the Editor:

I was extremely surprised to see the cheerleaders and band of my school performing at the recent rally to support the Republican Vice Presidential Candidate, Dan Quayle. It is not that I would deny my fellow students the right to support the candidates of their choice, but they did not appear just as students for Quayle, they appeared as the East Syracuse-Minoa cheerleaders and the East Syracuse-Minoa band for Quayle. It seemed as though these students were acting as representatives of my entire high school, which is somewhat inaccurate: I myself am not a supporter of Quayle, and I am surely not alone.

Throughout all the years that I have donated my time and energy to various "political" organizations, I have never expected support from my school district, and I have certainly never claimed to represent my school in such actions. Would all the students of my school be happy to be associated with my political beliefs? Certainly not, and I am certainly not happy to be associated with supporters of Quayle.

Sincerely, Arden Kirkland

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Material Aid Campaign

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In November, we packed the educational supplies we collected to send to Nicaragua. In all, we're sending 38 boxes of supplies: hundreds and hundreds of pens and pencils, reams of paper, crayons galore, and notebooks. The grand finale was our visit to BJ's Wholesale Warehouse, where we bought about \$300 worth of supplies. What a pleasure to explain to the cashier where it is going! These boxes will be sent to the national Madre warehouse, then to Nicaragua. Our thanks to everyone who distributed collection boxes and contributed money and supplies.

Also in November, we discussed our future direction. We are joining the Twinning Project, an activity of national Madre in which U.S. day care centers are matched with Nicaraguan day care centers. The Material Aid Campaign is clearly not a day care center but we'll be working with them here. We are also open to expanding our attention beyond the day care center in Nicaragua to its surrounding community, getting to know the community and its needs by focusing on the day care center first.

We would love to have more people involved! For more information or to help, call Carol at 472-5478 or 425-0629.

~ Carol Baum

Witness for Peace Delegation

Witness for Peace and The Fellowship of Reconciliation National Delegation (FOR) is hosting a delegation to El Salvador and Nicaragua, Jan. 22 - Feb. 11 (from Mexico City) and a seminar in El Salvador March 5-13.

Witness for Peace is a grassroots, politically independent, faith-based movement committed to changing U.S. policy toward Nicaragua through non-violent action. It has maintained a continuous presence in the Nicaragua war zones since Oct. 1983. FOR is a 70 year old, religious-pacifist organization. Delegates will observe, participate in meetings with various groups and leaders and bring back those experiences to the public.

Anyone is invited to attend. Fees are \$1,000 (seminar) and \$1325 (delegation). For more information call (315) 422-9299 or 471-4703.

~Mary Keough and Peter Wirth

WFP needs volunteers, M-F, 9-5 at 250 Lincoln Ave, 13204. Call Peter Wirth, 422-9299.

Witness for Peace position open

Witness for Peace (WFP) is seeking an experienced administrator to oversee the staff, programs, finances and general operation of WFP. Location: Durham, NC or Washington, D.C. Salary: \$14,400/year plus benefits Send Resume (by Dec.9) to: Yvonne Dilling, WFP Personnel Chair, 1451 Dundee Ave. Elgin, IL 60120. Call (312) 742-5100 for more information.

Peace Pilgrimage

For the Purification of Mother Earth

Jun Yasuda, a Buddhist monk from the Nipponzan Myohji order, embarked on a Peace Pilgrimage to raise awareness of the dangers of nuclear power and waste on Oct. 13 in New York City. The walk is a continuation of The Run for Land and Life, in which Native Americans ran from the Onondaga Nation last August to San Francisco, then from Hiroshima to Horonbe in Japan, as a statement for protection of the land from nuclear wastes.

On October 26th, I met Jun Yasuda, Nara Greenway from the same order, and Leann Irwin, a former SPC staffperson, at the Onondaga Nation. The next day, we walked, prayed and beat the Japanese prayer drums from the Nation to Syracuse, arriving in time for the Dan Quayle Rally at the Civic Center. The nuns sat outside and prayed, while I went inside to negotiate.

- Shannon Kelley

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After a festive evening potluck with Pax Christi folks, the walkers journeyed to Central Square on Friday and Mexico on Saturday. On Sunday, Oct. 30, they walked from Mexico to Oswego via the "NineMile Point" nuke plants in Scriba. At Niagara Mohawk's Energy "Information" exhibit building, students from SUNY-Oswego joined them for the 8-mile hike into Oswego. Journalists from Syracuse and Oswego interviewed the nuns and students, and joined in a tour of the Energy "Information" building, led by a Niagara Mohawk staffer. The Buddhists had polite questions for the NiMo representative; I added a few bits of information - not much appreciated by the NiMo tour guide - for the benefit of the media folks.

The walk continued, ending on Nov. 12 at the abandoned, but leaking, nuclear waste site at West Valley, NY.

- Marge Rusk

On Campus

Syracuse University

People for Peace and Justice, "CIA - OFF CAMPUS!"

On November 2nd, the People for Peace and Justice issued citizens' warrants to arrest C.I.A. recruiters at S.U.'s Schine Center. Approximately 100 student and faculty protesters maintained an hour-long chant demanding the C.I.A. get off campus. The following day, both the *Daily Orange* and Ch. 9 gave disinformation about alleged "violence" at the protest.

-Donna Hoffman



photo by Dempsey Rice

Paul Dalton and James Criveau at SU Nov. 2nd dressed as bloodied representatives of countries which the C.I.A. has violated.

LeMoyne College

Breaking Racial Barriers

Faculty, administration and students at LeMoyne College systematically oppressed a minority of their population for one week in the beginning of November.

A majority of the students were issued red armbands and a minority were given green. Passbooks, representing those required in South Africa, were also issued.

The students with green armbands were denied certain rights, and those caught without their passbooks were punished.

This was all part of an anti-apartheid teach-in organized by a coalition of eight student groups on LeMoyne's campus, said David McCallum, one of the project's co-ordinators.

Since student demonstrations in the U.S. have no direct effect on what is happening in South Africa, McCallum said the goals of the teach-in were to "help break down racial tensions and to motivate people to start looking beyond themselves."

In addition to the experiment with the armbands, the coalition sponsored a discussion with two South African students, a showing of the movie "Cry Freedom" and a march on Sunday, Nov. 13, which was attended by 150 people and caught the attention of local media.

McCallum said he thinks that by having so many different groups work together and by bringing the activities into the classroom, they were able to reach people who otherwise would not have participated.

He also said that he found there do have to be limits on such awareness-raising activities. "There is a need to challenge people, but I learned that you can't impress or impose your values on other people."

-Allison Slater

the peace council page

In Memory...

We are saddened by the death of Dorothea Franck, who initiated our Mideast Network Committee and loaned materials to our library. Her optimism, graciousness, and commitment to Mideast peace will long be valued by her friends at the Peace Council. Peter Franck is continuing her good work. ~ Brent Bleier

The Peace Council & the PNL, 1989!

January's PNL (Peace Newsletter) will assert a renewed commitment to coalition building in Syracuse. Watch for an update of the Groups List and more input from the different groups that make up our coalition.

SPC BBS

We are now providing a computer Bulletin Board System (BBS) allowing you to share information, coordinate activities, discuss positions via modem. Times available: 8pm-9:30am, Mon.-Thurs. Our system runs Procomm+ with which you can read and leave both public and private mail, and upload or download files. Call Paul Pearce, 472-5478 or Bruce Webber, 422-0681, to find out more. ~Paul

SPC Needs Bookkeeper

Sadly, Lynn Taylor will be leaving the Peace Council as our bookkeeper. She has done an amazing job juggling the books in the past couple years and we appreciate her work. SPC is now looking for someone to fill the bookkeeper position. Part-time, paid. Give us a call at 472-5478. ~Carrie Yates

Griffiss Trials

Long time SPC activist Marge Rusk and Peter Kardass of AFSC have been travelling to Rome, NY to join the Rome Peace Community in leafletting at the gate of nuclear-ready Griffiss AFB. Marge was arrested there on Fri., Nov. 4th and charged with "obstructing traffic". Marge wanted to get her leaflets' critical message to the workers and expected a warning from the Oneida sheriff's dept. like other activists have always received. In the meantime, the same charge against Tom Joyce of the Rome Peace Community was dismissed in court on Nov. 17th for lack of evidence. For more information about Marge's case, please call SPC.

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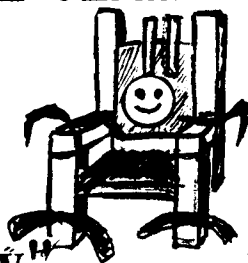
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Saturday, Dec. 10th, 10am - 5pm

Sunday, Dec. 11th, 12noon - 5pm

December Potluck

Dec. 14th, 6:30 dinner, 7 pm talk by Barbara Kohlman - "Peace and Ecology Movements in Poland: A Personal Account". Barbara has worked at the Polish Peace Committee since 1986, has traveled extensively as a member of the U.N. Student Association in Poland, and a year ago finished a masters degree in Economics focused on non-governmental organization. At **klub polski**, 526 Teall Ave. Bowling - an option afterwards.

Volunteer Night

Dec. 15th, 6-9 pm Please come help us liberate the upstairs, PNL layout room of its overabundance of STUFF. Who knows, you might inherit some stuff! The result will be a brighter, roomier space in which to work on the newsletter and other projects.

Inaugural Protest

Jan. 20th, Please contact the Peace Council if you're interested in working on some form of inaugural protest around the call to "IMPEACH BUSH!"

Volunteers Needed: **Potluck Coordinator**, responsible for program content & coordination of monthly SPC potluck presentations. **PNL Production Folk:** Word processors, Proofers, Graphics & Pasteup Artists, Distributors. Choose, Be vital, Have fun!

Thank you Erwin!

SPC wants to thank Erwin Reiner for his great work on the porch. Erwin rehabed and repainted the front porch of the house last month. He also helped clear out some debris from the basement and stairs. Thanks Erwin! ~Carrie Yates

Anticommunism and the U.S.

On Nov. 11-13, six SPC activists attended a conference at Harvard, "Anticommunism and the U.S.: History and Consequences", sponsored by the Institute for Media Analysis. The conference used the word anticommunism "in its broadest sense, to describe that set of fears and prejudices which has come to serve, to everyone's detriment, as a substitute for real debate on actual issues." Panels and workshops featured academics, activists, foreign ministers, and journalists: Alexander Cockburn, Angela Davis, Gus Hall, Jessica Mitford, Jack O'Dell, and Howard Zinn, among many others (including several Rainbow Coalition leaders!). We want very much to share the history, analysis, and strategies we gained there. Audio cassettes are available at SPC.

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