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## In This Issue

It would be nice to be able to reflect on the past decade's events but as the eighties go out with a bang the next decade could be even more of a challenge. This issue reflects the many ways our community has been active in response to the current round of crises.

As we live through the cold time of the year it must not escape us that the homeless are still out there. Racism and sexism remain entrenched.

In this next decade we must deal with our species' effect on the rest of nonhuman life and on the planet. So much needs to be done and the list could go on and on. The challenge is to stay on top of it as individuals and as a community.

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The PNL strives to serve some basic functions as the internal organ of SPC, as a forum for articles which discuss issues of concern to the peace movement, and to facilitate community interaction. The opinions expressed in the PNL reflect the diversity of opinions within SPC itself. While we are not able to print every possible viewpoint, we do welcome your letter and article submissions as well as suggestions and assistance.

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### ¡Panama Invaded!

*SPC Statement to the press 12/20/89*

**The Syracuse Peace Council strongly condemns the use of military force by the US as the means for solving conflicts in Panama.** We do not see the need to resort to intervention in the affairs of sovereign Panama; it is illegal under the United Nations Charter. It is ironic that the US resorts to violence to implement change while at the same time praising nonviolent methods of change in Eastern Europe.

**The Syracuse Peace Council deploras any military intervention that will have the effect of reversing recent successes in ending the Cold War.**

The US's concern about the dictator Noriega and democracy in Panama is somewhat new. It did not concern the US when Noriega was working for the CIA under then CIA director George Bush and later when Bush was vice president. Noriega was a friend of ours at that time.

Among other things he:

- allowed the US to abrogate the Canal treaties by increasing US land use for troop training of the contras
- allowed the US to coordinate air strikes on El Salvador and spy on Nicaragua from US Southern Command
- took part in drug smuggling and money laundering for the contra supply network

Noriega has since diverged from his previous tactical support of US policy arousing criticism due to:

- his possible exposure of Bush's dirty dealings with drug funding of the contras
  - his starting of cooperative ventures with East Germany, Cuba, and Nicaragua
- Bush had previously announced plans to remove Noriega, considering assassination plots, and encouraging and assisting rebel army factions in attempting to remove Noriega. It is no wonder Noriega declared war on the US, a country actively planning ways to remove him.

The US says it acts to save American lives. This is only the case in countries where we don't like their politics. Otherwise Americans are on their own as in El Salvador with Jennifer Casolo.

We suspect the military action had more to do with assassinating Noriega than "bringing him to justice" because if Noriega had his day in court it would lead to the exposure of President Bush's role in the recent Iran/Contra crimes committed by Bush and Reagan.

# Driven By A Cloud - - - Or By A Man's Eyes

by Mary Eileen Wood

Syracuse witnessed the life of veterans, and the issue of nuclear war, from a new perspective October 30 through November 3. Jim Lerager, author and photographer of *In the Shadow of the Cloud: Photographs and Histories of Atomic Veterans*, brought his show of the same title to us, and the richness offered can only serve to strengthen our work against war.

Dr. Edward A Martell, director of radiation effects studies in four series of atomic bomb tests for the Department of Defense (1951-54), gave this synopsis: "Jim Lerager's timely and well-illustrated book describes the tragic plight of many atomic veterans- radiation victims abandoned by the government they served. The Veterans Administration has denied their well-adjusted claim for compensation on the basis of grossly inadequate assessments of their internal and external radiation exposures. The myriad of chronic and genetic health effects of ionizing radiation on atomic veterans and their children are harbingers of the impaired quality of life for survivors of a nuclear war."

A remarkable consortium of sponsors made Jim's coming possible (see listing). The variety of concerns represented in that array perhaps best demonstrated the universality of the issues Jim forces us to face.

Called a "dedicated photojournalist" by the *American Photographer*, Jim Lerager stepped through to this part of his life when he met Anthony Guarisco, a survivor of the 1946 nuclear weapons testing at Bikini Atoll. "He was a 19 yr. old sailor then, and a fine athlete. His stories from his tour of duty in Bikini, and his subsequent medical history, stunned me. I hope never

to experience the pain he has carried in his body for decades. But it was his eyes that held me.

future. This man's experiences have stirred him as profoundly as his photographs have us in the general public.

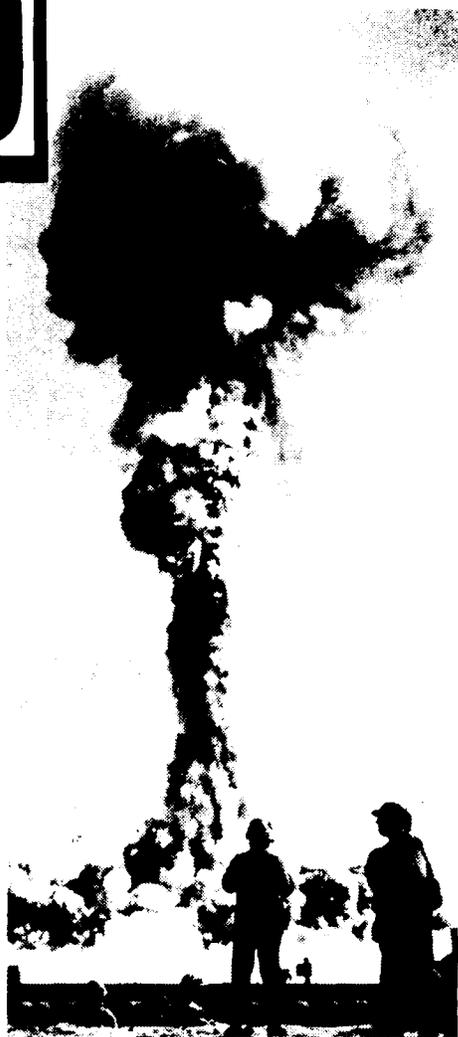
FEAR NOT! You haven't missed the opportunity to hear his message. The Front Room Bookstore is stocking the book *In the Shadow of the Cloud*, and videos are available of his archive talks at Brockport (call John Curry at 716/637-9284, \$15 a copy) and the "Good Afternoon" program he did on WCNY (call Mary Eileen at 315/468-1025.

## IN THE SHADOW OF THE CLOUD

Jim Lerager

I was to see those eyes over and over again for most atomic veterans have them.'

Those initial steps have carried Jim into commitment that is remarkable for its breadth as well as its intensity. In the five days of his public life in Syracuse, this one man offered his show to the entire campus of Onondaga Community College, spoke at OCC at the opening ceremony of their Veterans' Recognition Month and the photography department, at Syracuse University for the Peace and Conflict Studies class, for the campus at LeMoyne College and at a dinner for examination of peace issues, at Westhill and at Henninger High Schools to photography students and the entire Junior and Senior Classes! The topics? The art of photography, the cruel victimization of the atomic veterans and the inhumanity of the government capable of such action, the looming threat of nuclear war on our small Spaceship Earth, the inadequacies of current radiation dosage- and-effect correlations and how they impact us in our present and



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## SPC Responds To Panama

The Peace Council put together a response to the outrageous invasion of Panama by our country. A small gathering of people drew press to the Federal Bldg on the night of the invasion (where the Salvador vigil was still continuing). We sent out press releases and talked to most of the local press to get the word out.

*Special thanks to K. Rumpf, H. Strunk, B. Griffin, & G. Weinstein for help in the response.*

*We need people to be available to speak to the press on a rapid response level and to organize demonstrations or other acts on short notice. Contact us.*

## Plowshare A Success

The 19th annual Plowshare Craftsair was a fine time for all and produced a good amount of funds for the operation of the Peace Council. Thanks to Barbara for coordinating the enormous task and to all the volunteers who greeted people, worked at the SPC table, sold raffle tickets, set up and cleaned down. Next year is the 20th anniversary, a celebration in itself! Contact us to get involved.

## Are You Getting The Picture?

If you are sick of the mainstream media misinformation consider these weekly publications that offer excellent coverage and analysis on national and international news: the Guardian, the Nation, and In These Times. All are available in our reading room for your use.

## Book Reviews Anyone?

If you like to read then why not write about it? We need to share the important books in the struggle with others and need people to write reviews. Read a good Chomsky book lately? Or one by Holly Skylar? Then get the word out! Call SPC to take part.

## Discussion Group- Guatemala

The next SPC discussion group will take place on January 18th at 7:00pm here at the house. It will involve a slide show and talk on Peace Brigades work in Guatemala. Peace Brigades volunteers accompany leaders of popular organizations whose lives have been threatened. Their work focuses on Central America and the Occupied Territories in the Middle East. Join us!

## SPC Material Aid Project

After having sent significant amounts of money and goods to Nicaragua's daycare centers over the past year- \$1200 in cash and \$500 worth of purchased school supplies, plus donated supplies worth about another \$500, we have wound down this project of working through Madre's twinning program (that links U.S. and Nicaraguan daycare centers). The reason is that, due to transportation difficulties in Nicaragua, the degree of kid-to-kid communication that Madre had expected and we were looking forward to facilitating, just isn't possible.

So, we have recently written to several other groups that work in Central America for information on material aid projects of theirs, that we could possibly help with. Any folks reading this who know of some other great material aid project, tell us about it.

-Marge Rusk

## Polluters & Poachers

TIPP DEC is a new statewide hotline for reporting fish, wildlife and environmental crimes. Inform the Department of Environmental Conservation if you witness, or have knowledge of, activities such as: 1) dumping in wetlands; 2) stores selling endangered species or products of an endangered species; 3) out of season hunting or fishing; or 4) illegal dumping of hazardous waste.

The 24 number is 1-800-847-7332 (TIPP DEC).

## Boycott Salvadoran Coffee

Neighbor to Neighbor has instituted a boycott of all coffee from El Salvador. Its aims are 1) No U.S. aid to the murderous Salvadoran Government. Immediate cutoff of all U.S. aid, including current aid on the way; 2) Cut off the consumer dollars that pay for the Salvadoran military and death squads.

There are four main companies that purchase Salvadoran coffee. They are Proctor & Gamble (Folgers, High Point), General Foods (Maxwell House, Brim, Sank, GF Intern'l), Hills Brothers (Hills Bros., Chase & Sanborn), and Nestle (Nescafe, Tasters Choice, Soca, Brava).

Both Hills Brothers and Nestle have agreed to suspend purchase of Salvadoran coffee for the next 30 days due to their "deep concern about human rights abuses." They all need pressure in the form of letters and calls. **If you want a copy of the boycott packet to organize, with call SPC at 472-5478.**

Addresses:

1. Proctor & Gamble, 5th and Sycamore Streets, Cincinnati, OH 45202, 1-800-344-7490.
2. General Foods, 250 North St, White Plains, NY 10625, 1-914-335-2500.
3. Hills Brothers, 2 Harrison, San Francisco, CA 94105, 1-800-323-2503.
4. Nestle, 100 Manhattan Ville Rd, Purchase, NY 10577, 1-800-637-8537.

SPC page by Andy Molloy

# Of Nuclear Reactors and Radioactive Dumps,

## Two Ends of the Same Issue

By Todd Rogers

Central New York has long been friendly territory for the nuclear industry. Niagara Mohawk's nuclear reactors at Nine Mile Point have operated with limited public dissent despite frightening performance records at both the Nine Mile 1 and 2 facilities.

However, events during the past couple of weeks have signaled the beginning of a new era of rocking Ni Mo's nuclear boat. The rebellious refusal of Cortland and Allegheny counties to accept a low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) dump (98% of that waste would come from the state's nuclear power plants) have overshadowed some less colorful but equally important actions in Syracuse aimed at closing down Nine Mile 1 for good. These two developments indicate the growing fears Central New Yorkers have over both the operation and disposal ends of nuclear power. The fear has turned to outrage, the outrage to action.

This article cannot go deeply into the details of these issues. I would ask you to be in touch with one or more of the groups I list at the end to further educate yourself. I want to briefly recount the significant events of the past couple weeks in order to illustrate what I see as two movements that need to work closely with one another.

Wed. Dec. 6, Thurs. Dec 7:

### **DR. ROBERT POLLARD SPEAKS IN SYRACUSE**

Dr. Pollard of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), used to work for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) as an inspector of nuclear power plant emergency backup systems. He came over to UCS after becoming disenchanted with the NRC's unwillingness to insure the safety of the public and the environment. Now with UCS, he provides expert testimony and speaks to ensure that people get

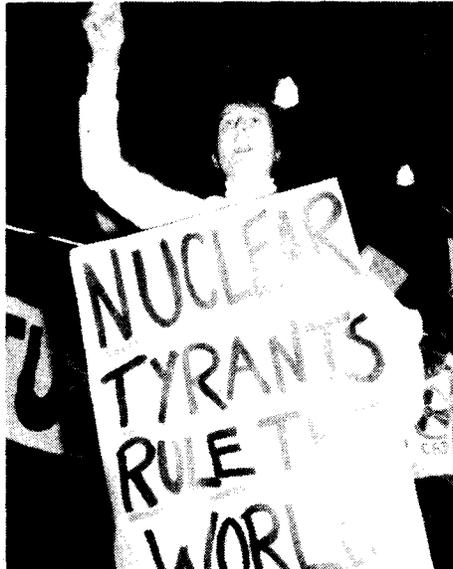


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the facts about nuclear power.

Some of the points he made were:

- The Nine Mile 1 reactor's containment building has a 90% chance of failure in the event of a core meltdown, resulting in a release of radiation that could devastate the entire region.

- The NRC testified before Congress in 1985 that there was a 45% chance of a major nuclear accident in the U.S. in the next 20 years.

- Nuclear power as it exists in the U.S. cannot survive in a free market economy and is thus heavily subsidized by our tax dollars.

- Nuclear power is being pushed by the industry as a cure for the greenhouse effect because of its low CO2 emissions. However, if every watt of U.S. electricity were produced by nuclear power, we would decrease global CO2 levels by, at the most, 7.5%.

Mon. Dec. 11:

### **GOV. MARIO CUOMO COMES TO TOWN**

At Cuomo's \$100 a plate campaign fundraiser in Liverpool, Cortland CARD (Citizens Against Radioactive Dumping) activists joined with many supporters from Syracuse to protest Governor Cuomo's continued support for the LLRW dump siting process.

He reaffirmed this support at a two hour meeting with CARD representatives prior to the fundraiser. He went on to threaten that he would come down on protesters with the full force of the law if they tried to physically block the siting commission's efforts to carry out testing on the proposed dumpsites.

Before entering the Sheraton Inn, the governor walked a gauntlet of over 100 very vocal protesters and answered a few people's questions. Though he vowed not to let another nuclear power plant open in New York state, he refused to hear any talk of shutting down any existing plants claiming, "it would destroy this state," because, "we need the power."

Tues. Dec. 12:

### **RETIRE NINE MILE 1 ANNOUNCES ITS FORMATION**

At a press reception on the S.U. campus, Retire Nine Mile 1 announced their intention to mount a public education campaign and work to prevent the Nine Mile 1 plant from ever being restarted. Niagara Mohawk is currently attempting to get permission from the NRC to restart the aging and troubled plant. If necessary, the group plans to sue NiMo.

The group's organizers include local playwright, Tom Walsh, author of the play, "Plutonian Ode", Rosemary Pooler of Atlantic State Legal Foundation, citizens from Oswego

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## ¡El Salvador In Crisis! *Hank Strunk*

El Salvador is back on the January Congress' mind, with bills that would cut off military aid to the repressive Cristiani government. But Congressman James Walsh has shown a slowness to change. Angela Sanbrano, National Director of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) in a December interview at SPC, said that our support over the next 6 months is crucial. The future will belong to either the right wing, with its US-sponsored bloodbath, or to the oppositional majority whose goal is a socialist-pluralist democracy.

Ask yourself how, what, when and with whom can you help tip the scales with Walsh, with Elmira-Corning Rep. Amy Houghton, and other swingvoters. Those who joined and continue Kathleen Rumpf's Federal Building vigil meet regularly and invite you to plan a broad campaign to greater Syracuse, with mall posters, walk-thrus, Route 81 overpass banners, and petitioning.

New videos "El Salvador in Crisis" and Nicaragua's "Slender Crosses" are now available. Show them to living room guests, church groups, school classes, PTOs, lunchtime work scenes, etc.

SPC-TV (Cook Cable 7) has shown "El Salvador in Crisis - Central New York's response" featuring local activists Kathleen Rumph, Aggie Lane and Ed Kinnane. Get a copy from SPC to share with friends/ have a house party.

Your thoughts will reach many by sending copies of your letters-to-the-editor to ALL the papers, and to ALL your Congressional representatives. Call their offices and let them hear.

Carry the new neighbor-to-neighbor boycott of Salvadoran Maxwell, Hills, & Folgers coffee to the supermarkets and your friends with flyers, and alternative Nicaraguan coffee.

Is the grassroots Material Aid effort to El Salvador-Nicaragua-Syracuse homeless more deserving than your upcoming income tax return of which \$1.5 million per day goes to the Salvadoran death squad government? [see page 13]

Can you phone your friends who rarely hear the buzz in advance? Would they welcome the chance to join in?

We know that there is power in solidarity across issues. The SU Human Rights Violations **Cont'd on page 15**

## Central American Coalition Vigil for El Salvador

by Harvey Pinyoun

*God said to Isaiah, "On your walls, people, I set watchmen. Day or night they must never be silent." Is. 61:6*

People from all over Syracuse have been actively watching federal elected officials to see whether they will remember that people are dying in the war in El Salvador. The purpose of the vigil is to keep us all

from forgetting that we are paying for the daily war deaths of the Salvadoran people. If the U.S. military funds would stop tomorrow, the war would begin to subside and the reluctant Salvadoran military leadership would be forced to negotiate with the resistance (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front).

This vigil at the federal building has been voluntary and we

can withdraw at any time, but the Salvadoran people cannot withdraw from this war. In this vigil the cold has been uncomfortable but in this war there is grieving and loss that is irreparable. Seventy thousand people have died in this ten-year war! How many deaths will it take to stop it? In Vietnam the U.S. lost 50,000 people over approximately ten years before we finally withdrew (This of course doesn't include the Asians who died). In El Salvador there are only "little brown people" dying.

How many should consider the "racist death formula": **one white American = three "little brown people"**; so if we use the numerical guidelines from Vietnam the American people will stop the military funding at the magic number - 150,000 "little brown people." At the present dying rate in El Salvador, the war will stop in 2003. Just exactly when will we have had enough deaths?

There was considerable American response to the deaths of six Jesuits, so maybe if brown people with credentials die it will make a difference. Do-you think we would have heard about this incident had the cook, Juana Elba Ramos and her 15-year-old daughter, Celina Ramos been the only people in the house and the only ones killed? Maybe we should create an additional "racist death formula": **six brown Jesuits = 70,000 "little brown people" = considerable response from the American public.** Unfortunately, it still doesn't seem to be enough death.

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photo by Paul W. Pearce

## S.N.I.P.P.

Syracuse Network for Israeli-Palestinian Peace

The astonishing events in Eastern Europe may have eclipsed recognition of the second anniversary of the Intifada, but not for a lack of local activity! A commemoration program, 12/5/89, with a Palestinian and a Jewish speaker went well and was informative about the civil liberties and economic aspects of the Intifada. The following evening's human rights panel at S.U., almost ignored by the media, showed the connections and solidarity of the Palestinian struggle with the struggles in El Salvador and South Africa. An Israeli activist from "Women's Organization for Political Prisoners," described various abuses of Palestinian (and Israeli) women in prison and detention. Given Israeli government stalling, speakers stressed the need to encourage our own government to put pressure on Israel to get things moving.

Speaking of moving, the first upstate New York "MidEast Witness" delegation leaves on 12/23/89. Also, the ambitious University College course, "Ending the Arab-Israeli Conflict" did finish with mixed reviews, but deserves another run! (Bravo to its moderators.) "Women in Black" once again stood in their Dewitt monthly vigil protesting the occupation. Our network's next monthly meeting will be in January. Please call 479-5393.

*Brent Bleier*



**HOMeward CONNECTION**  
Christopher Community

Homeward Connections, an Interfaith ministry with homeless families, seeks volunteers to spend 2 hours per week with a family in transition. Training will take place January 20 from 9am - 12:30pm. Preregistration required; call Stacey Smith at 424-1821.



## Fur-Free Friday

"Fur-Free Friday" was celebrated in Syracuse on November 24, 1989 when 30-40 protesters with People for Animal Rights (PAR) picketed Girogio's Luxury Fur Salon in downtown Syracuse. We chanted, "Don't buy fur because fur is dead!" Mimi Olech turned a donated fur coat inside out, removed the lining and counted the number of animals who had died to make it. She wore it with lettering saying, "Death toll: Approx. 75 Lives." Jimmy Olech carried a board with two mink neck-wraps nailed to it and photos showing the unnatural, caged lives of ranched fur-bearers and their painful death by electrocution or gassing. Others distributed leaflets showing the painful, prolonged death of animals caught in steeljaw, leghold traps. Signs asked shoppers to give life-affirming gifts this holiday and to be a "fur-free family."

If you want to know more about par, write to us at 148 W. Beard Ave., Syracuse 13205 (no walk-ins please), or phone Linda at 475-0062 (8am-10:45pm) or Norma at 492-0459 until 11pm.



It is especially urgent in the next two months that we make every possible effort to educate ourselves, the public, the media and Congress about the Nicaraguan elections and to confront the disinformation campaign and double standard being used by this administration to discredit the elections.

One way YOU can do this is to preview **"Slender Wooden Crosses: The War Continues in**

## Have you received a warning letter from Selective Service?

*Or know someone who may?* Millions of young people have received letters from the government alleging they have failed to register for the draft. A new four-page leaflet, **"Some Facts About Selective Service Warning Letters,"** describes these letters, their legal significance, and presents options for responding.

Produced by the American Friends Service Committee, the Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft, and the National Lawyers Guild Military Law Task Force, the leaflet will be of interest to young people and to all who counsel and guide them.

For a copy, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and 25 cents to the address below.



**AFSC**  
**Youth and Militarism Program**  
**1501 Cherry Street**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19102**

*Nicaragua,* a new documentary video (24 min.) produced by Witness for Peace, that highlights recent contra attacks in the midst of preparations for the upcoming Nicaraguan elections (February 25, 1990). Then offer to organize a showing in your home, community, church, or synagogue or to high school/college classes or youth groups.

We can arrange for you to view the video and give you any additional assistance you might need in making further use of it including providing a speaker for your group.

Call Joan Goldberg (673-1083)  
or Mary Keough (422-9244 or 476-0048).



## Energy Fair

With gloomy reports regarding global warming, acid rain, oil spills and the horrors of radioactive waste disposal, it is high time that we curb our insatiable demand for energy. Energy conservation - not more polluting power plants - is the only way to solve our energy problems.

The Energy Fair will be held on February 3rd and 4th during Winterfest in Exhibitors Hall at the Onondaga County War Memorial. Come learn about energy conservation from vendors and suppliers who will be exhibiting their products and services which promote energy conservation and energy efficiency. An overall assortment of displays will be on hand which include energy-efficient lighting for homes and businesses, alternative fuel technologies, high efficiency furnaces, and a variety of other products.

Energy education workshops will be conducted throughout both days, and will teach consumers about purchasing energy-efficient furnaces and appliances, do-it-yourself weatherization tactics, indoor air pollution, and more.

Come to the Energy Fair and learn how you can save money on your energy bills while helping our environment. The Energy Fair will run from 10am to 6pm on Saturday, February 3rd and from 11am to 6pm on Sunday, February 4th. For more information, call the Energy Clearinghouse at 470-3320.



## The Pink Paper

A NEWS PUBLICATION FOR THE ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY OF SYRACUSE FREE

### Gay/Lesbian Radio Program Debuts in Central N.Y.

A new gay/lesbian radio program titled "This Way Out" is being aired on Oswego's WRVO radio station 89.9 on the FM dial. Broadcast on over 40 stations in five countries, the program can be heard in the Central New York area on Mondays at 2:30 p.m.

The weekly half hour program is produced in Los Angeles by Greg Gordon and Lucia Jappell and includes news about AIDS along with feature stories on the diverse gay/lesbian community. Each show is comprised of modules which vary in number and length. The segments are created by producers from around the world in both hard news and entertainment formats. Included in "This Way Out" is "Newswarp", a five minute report on some of the major news in or affecting the gay/lesbian community. The program is limited to noncommercial broadcast stations. Gordon reports that stations adding "This Way Out" to their program schedules have attracted additional financial support in the process. Individuals or businesses wishing to make a contribution to WRVO for the continued broadcast of the program may do so by calling 1-800-336-3690.

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### Taking Democracy to the Streets

Our theme will be organizing for direct democracy and effecting political change.

We will hear from people involved the "Dump the Dump" movement in Cortland and Allegheny counties working to stop the development of a "low level radioactive waste" dump now slated for one of five sites in those two counties. In addition, we will also hear from people involved in the recent, and ongoing vigil at the Federal Building in Syracuse calling for the halt of all aid to the government of El Salvador because of the death squad activities and other human rights problems in that country.

We will hear of what it is like to be in the thick of the fight. We have heard from some of these people on the local news, evening after evening, talking about what it is like to spend the night out in sub-zero weather to call attention to the need for policy changes. Now you will have the opportunity to hear and discuss with them the reality behind the "newsbite." *This meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, at 7:30 at the May Memorial Unitarian Society.*



# The Philippines: A Nation in Trouble

John D. Brulé

Since the breakdown of democracy in the Philippines with the declaration of martial law by Ferdinand Marcos in 1978, the people of the Philippines have seen the deterioration of their freedom, security, and economic well-being. Marcos overstepped the bounds set by the powerful when he refused to step aside after his two terms in office, as required by the constitution in effect at that time. He and his cronies stole billions of dollars from the people, and now the country is faced with a double tragedy - they do not have any of the benefits of the loans they are saddled with, and they must repay them plus the interest.

In 1985, Marcos' power was being challenged, and he made a political blunder in calling for snap elections early in 1986. The right wing of the military, known as the Reform the Armed Forces Movement (RAM), was maneuvering to displace him from power during this time. Secretary of Defense Juan Ponce Enrile was caught in the act of agitating with RAM to overthrow Marcos. To save himself he brought Fidel Ramos onto his side, and they appealed to the people to save their skins. So was born People Power, which secured the election of Corazon Aquino and led to the exile of Marcos. While Enrile and the RAM movement seemed to side with Aquino early in her tenure as president, it was not long before he was dismissed

from her government. Further, her running mate in the 1986 elections, Doy Laurel, has again sided with the Marcos clique, and is attacking her while he is the vice president of the Philippines.

Since the turmoil of 1986, the RAM movement has continued to flourish, adding to the difficulties of Aquino as she attempts to bring peace and stability to the Philippines. The country has a far left movement of Communists still waging a war in the countryside, a movement of trade unionists, farmers, and other sectoral groups, the middle ground, vigilante groups on the right that Aquino has permitted to have status within the country, the pro-Marcos pack that are well-funded by his thieveries, and the military RAM group that has led several coup attempts against the Aquino government. Of course, the Muslims in Mindanao are yet another active group as they seek independence and autonomy for themselves.

It is within this environment that the Filipinos are struggling to find their own future. This is a fertile ground for people of good will to assist the government, as one would hope the U.S. would. However, our view of the Philippines is restricted to how the U.S. can keep our military bases at Subic Bay and Clark Field. There is widespread feeling in that country that these lands should be returned to productive use by Filipinos. The communists and the left certainly feel this way, and the RAM people are using Aquino's acceptance of the offer of the U.S. to intervene in the latest coup attempt as an indication that she is weak and not worthy of being President. It seems possible that time is fast running out on the Filipinos to gain control of their future - let us hope that it is not already too late.

*John, longtime activist and Peace Council supporter, works with the Friends of the Filipino People.*

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# We Shall Not Be Moved!

War Tax Refusers' Support Committee

Will the U.S. Government seize its citizens' homes and sell them to pay for its military programs? The Internal Revenue Service auctioned a home belonging to Bob Bady and Patricia Morse of Colrain, MA in November. The sealed bid auction resulted from Bady and Morse's refusal to pay for weapons and war preparations via the federal income tax.

Sold to L.A. and S.A. Watts, their bid of \$4,846.16 was slightly higher than the IRS minimum bid requirement of \$4,700. It was the only bid received in the IRS attempt to recover \$26,800 in taxes and penalties from Bady. Bady and Morse, tax resisters for nineteen and eight years respectively, pay local taxes, but donate to human service groups instead of paying federal taxes, over half of which go to finance the military.

The sale will fuel an ongoing controversy over political ideals and property between the federal government and war tax refusers. Community opposition to bloated military budgets and intervention in Central America has been sharpened by the recent auctions of war-tax refusers homes. Bady and Morse do not view the sale as legitimate and plan to stay in their home, resisting eviction non-violently if

necessary.

"Our government has been using taxpayers' money to finance the murder of priests and civilians in El Salvador and Nicaragua," said Morse. "We are glad to pay our share to support productive and life-affirming activities, but we won't give up

**Blood and psychotherapy are not legal tender.**

our home to pay for murder." If carried through to an attempted eviction, the sale of Bady and Morse's home, like that of the neighboring home belonging to fellow war-tax refusers Randy Kehler and Betsy Corner, will have few if any precedents. In the few prior auctions of homes belonging to war-tax refusers, most have been redeemed by the owners or by friends and supporters during the 180-day buy-back period stipulated by the IRS. At the Kehler auction, a support committee bid more than \$21,000 worth of food and community service work for the house. But that bid, and others including origami peace cranes, a dozen pints of blood donated to the American Red Cross and

psychotherapy for IRS staffers, were rejected as "not legal tender."

The home belonging to Bady and Morse sits on land owned by the Valley Community Land Trust, a non-profit organization which owns 250 acres of land in area townships and is dedicated to removing land from the speculative market and ensuring perpetually affordable homeownership opportunities. The Trust takes no position regarding war-tax refusal and was not formed to shield war-tax refusers from tax collection. However, attempts by the Watts to take possession of the home may be complicated by the fact that Morse still owns an interest in the home and in the land lease. The IRS seized and auctioned only the property belonging to Bady.

Concludes Bady, "It's hard for me to believe that the Watts pair are fully aware of their actions, either financially or morally. At best, they've bought an interest in only half a house which sits on land they cannot own. And morally, they are using money that will be used to finance murder to buy a house the government stole from us."

Contact Bob Bady and Patricia Morse at (413) 624-3776 for further information.

Your W-2 forms are arriving this month. Do you know where your taxes are going? Your tax money is funding the invasion of Panama and the killings all over Central America. The Syracuse Peace Council is again planning our annual Tax Day protest, to be held around April 15. To help organize and participate, contact us at 472-5478.

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County and a representative of a statewide farmer's organization among others.

The group is looking for people who want to be involved. Although no meetings have been set yet, check the end of this article to find out how to be in touch with this group.

### **Wed. Dec. 13 Thru the present: CORTLAND AND ALLEGHENY RESIDENTS PUT THEIR BODIES ON THE LINE**

On Wednesday morning, the governor's threat of coming down with the full force of the law was put to the test. In Allegheny County, state officials attempting to conduct walkover inspections of a proposed dumpsite were "chased and cornered for about five hours," according to a Post Standard report. Meanwhile in the Cortland County town of Taylor, about 150 protesters blockaded several key locations in an effort to stop the inspections at two other proposed sites.

After conducting their inspection of a portion of the first site (under heavy harassment), they were prevented from going to the other site by protesters who encircled their vehicles. Held at bay for 2 hours, the inspectors called off the rest of the day's work. The Cortland County Sheriff Dept. reluctantly arrested 20 protesters who were given tickets for disorderly conduct and

immediately released.

"Radioactive waste should be everyone's concern," says Andrea Martin, one of the arrestees from Truxton. "The siting commission admits that the dump will leak eventually and millions of people will be affected. The water here runs all the way to the Chesapeake Bay...I have to do anything I can to stop the dump or I couldn't live with myself."

The blockades in Cortland are still up every day since no one knows when the state will be back to conduct more inspections. In court Friday, the state was granted access to several parcels contained in one of the proposed sites after a suit filed by landowners to keep the state out was defeated.

### **PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER**

The events of the past week show that action is taking place rapidly and simultaneously on these two issues and the connections between them couldn't be stronger. Indeed, they are two ends of the same issue.

Retire Nine Mile 1's organizers are experienced and talented and have the support of several prominent organizations such as UCS and the Nuclear Information and Research Service. Dr. Pollard will also be supporting their efforts. All that is needed to make this group fly, seemingly, is

the support of the community. If they are successful in their efforts, they could set a trend for the nation.

CARD is doing us all a big favor in their refusal to accept a dump. The transport of nuclear waste through Syracuse poses a direct threat to our area. In addition, if we allow the nuclear industry to site a dump, we give them an incentive to continue and expand their operations.

We need to support CARD's efforts in any way we can. It would have been nice to have seen a stronger show of support when Cuomo came to town. It would be nice to see more people going down to Taylor to put their bodies on the line.

Here's an opportunity to strike the first blow at nuclear power. As the industry poises to make a comeback, it's important to take the offensive and Nine Mile is the place to start.

Here's where to get involved:

•Retire Nine Mile 1: Write to P.O. Box 563 University Station, Syracuse, NY 13210.

•CARD: Contact myself at 478-5993 or Noel Johnson at 696-6199. These are the contacts for Onondaga Earth First! which is a Syracuse group participating in the Taylor blockades.

•Or call the Peace Council

*Todd Rogers is a member of Earth First! and Recycle First*

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**Vigil cont'd from page 7**

Why don't we attempt one more "racist death formula": one white Jesuit = six brown Jesuits = 70,000 "little brown people" and the American public would stop the military funding of the war, but only if the responsibility for the death of the white Jesuit can be proven to be the act of the Salvadoran military. This investigation would follow the same procedure as those for Archbishop Romero, the four Catholic laywomen, six Jesuits, and numerous other leaders who have died; all investigations in which the responsible parties have not been found.

What are we to do? The death of all those "little brown people" is not enough to make us stop the funding, so maybe we can get the attention of the American public through the money. \$1.4 million a day funds the war in El Salvador. That same amount would build, at \$65,000 per house, 20 new houses on the Southwest side of Syracuse daily; 7,040 houses in one year.

Therefore, if we just don't mention the color of the new homeowners, we can redirect this \$1.4 million per day to the housing of poor people. Do you think the American public will pay attention to this? This is why the watchmen "must never be silent."

Part of the Central America Coalition's actions (of which SPC is a part) involves the circulation of a petition to end all military aid to the ARENA government of El Salvador. The petitions will be collected and delivered to local Congressman Jim Walsh. As an insert in this month's PNL, you will find a copy of this petition. Please circulate it among your friends and whomever else you meet. Over 2000 signatures have been obtained so far. Return them to the Syracuse Peace Council when they are filled, the sooner the better.

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Thursdays - 24hours, 7:30 am to Friday 7:30am at the Federal Building

**Crisis cont't from page 7**

Forum of December 6 demonstrated the common vision of the African National Congress, the Intifada-Israeli Peace Movement, and the El Salvador opposition. Likewise, locally, the nuclear low-level dump and Central America protesters have begun wearing both hats. Two hats increase numbers, enthusiasm, new friends, a clarity of vision. **Two or more hats give louder voice to We the People!**

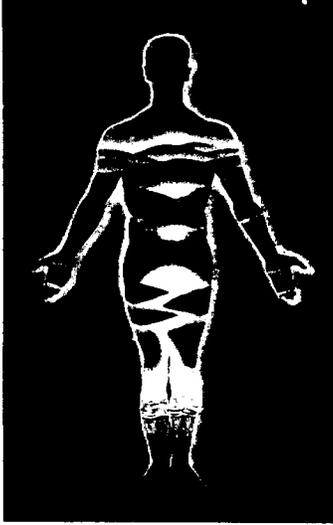
If you have not yet felt the rush of the apple-barrel brainstorm for justice, the spirit of the picket line for principle, the magnetism of solidarity and goodwill across artificial boundaries, then isn't it perhaps time to accept her call of your heart, to put your body, your resources, your creativity on the line?

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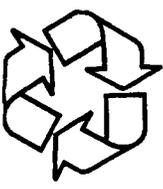
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<p><b>7</b> Dismantling Racism workshop led by Robin Smith 1-4:30pm open to men &amp; women, at Women's Info. Center, 607 Allen St. 478-4636 to register. \$10</p>	<p><b>8</b> 1912 African National Congress Women in Black (Jewish) vigil. E. Garneau &amp; Erie Blvd. 4-5pm Call Linda at 472-9386 Sierra Club monthly mtg. Topic: "Soviets on the Mississippi" by Lillian Kinney. 7:30pm Illick Hall Rm. 005 ESF Catrious, Syracuse</p>	<p><b>9</b> EVERY TUES. Lesbian &amp; Gay Youth Program Support Group meets 6-9pm call 422-9741 EVERY TUES. AIDS Support Grp. 7pm AIDS Task Force of CNY 475-2430 EVERY TUES. Meeting with those infected with HIV/AIDS AIDS Task Force of CNY</p>	<p><b>10</b> EVERY THURS. 24 Hour Vigil for El Salvador at Federal Bldg. downtown Syr. Call to sign up for 1 or more hrs. 474-5478 Socialist Forum 7pm at ECHO</p>	<p><b>11</b> EVERY THURS. Arise Women's support group. 10-11:30am call 472-3171 EVERY THURS. 24 Hour Vigil for El Salvador at Federal Bldg. downtown Syr. Call to sign up for 1 or more hrs. 474-5478 Socialist Forum 7pm at ECHO</p>	<p><b>12</b> Lesbian Support Grp. Women's Info. 7-9pm 478-4636</p>	<p><b>13</b> Folksmarch at Highland Forest, 8am-noon YMCA 474-6851</p>
<p><b>14</b> Folksmarch at Highland Forest, 12:30-3pm YMCA 474-6851</p>	<p><b>15</b> Birth of Martin Luther King, Jr., 1929</p>	<p><b>16</b> PAR Mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0062 or Jane 478-9521 Lecture &amp; Debate on the virtues of drug legalization led by Princeton professor Ethan Nadelmann. Call for time and location in Rochester, NY 315-478-2001</p>	<p><b>17</b> 1/17-1/20 Beaver Lake Nature Center "Winter Birds" from the Sharing Nature with your Young Child Program, for kids 3-5 yrs. accompanied by 1-2 adults. Times Wed.-Fri. 1:30-3:30pm. Sat. 10:30-noon. Pre-register 638-2519</p>	<p><b>18</b> "Levitation" a haunting &amp; evocative memory play by Timothy Mason, 8pm at the Main Theatre, Metro School for the Arts, 320 S. Montgomery St. Syracuse. Tickets: \$6, \$5. Call 475-6866 for info.</p>	<p><b>19</b> "Levitation" see 1/18 1/19-1/21 Spirituality &amp; Resistance Retreat at St. Francis deSales Center, Utica, NY. Organized by Seneca Campaign, Pax Christi, &amp; Griffiths Peace Community. Childcare provided. Call 315-337-5265 for more info.</p>	<p><b>20</b> "Levitation" see 1/18 Training Session for volunteers to assist homeless families in transition, 9am-12:30pm preregister w/Stacey Smith at 424-1821</p>
<p><b>21</b> Women Harvest Open Meeting to plan 1990 15th anniversary 2-4pm at Women's Info. Center 478-4636</p>	<p><b>22</b> 1973 Supreme Court legalizes abortion</p>	<p><b>23</b> EVERY TUES. New Envision, Assoc. Meditation 7:30-9pm 475-4188 EVERY TUES. Evening with Arabesque - Arabic television show. Channel 7, 7pm Rainbow Coalition 27th C.D. mtg. Hopps Memorial, 1110 South State St. 472-4331</p>	<p><b>24</b> Women's Support Group at Women's Info. 7-9pm Call Kathy 478-4636</p>	<p><b>25</b> PNL Mailing Party! Come join the fun! 5-7:30pm Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822 1925 Birth of Nicaraguan poet Ernesto Cardenal EVERY THURS. AIDS Bereavement Grp. AIDS Task Force 7pm EVERY THURS. Central America Vigil 7:30pm, Fed bldg. America 475-5478 for info.</p>	<p><b>26</b> EVERY FRI. Act -Up ECHO 7:30pm "An Extraordinary Evening with the Syracuse Community Choir" 7:30pm, Plymouth Congregational Church, Wheelchair accessible. Call 472-9386 for info.</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>
<p><b>28</b> EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 9pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618 1853 Birth of Jose Marti, hero of Cuban independence</p>	<p><b>29</b> EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171 Moving? Please save us 30c and let us know before hand.</p>	<p><b>30</b> EVERY TUES. Meditation at Stockum House, 45 min. sessions at 7:15am, 12:15pm 5:15pm, 7:15pm. Call Sister Patricia Bergen 475-2811 EVERY TUES. Yoga Class 7-9:30pm Women's Info \$3</p>	<p><b>31</b> If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.</p>	<p><b>EVERY THURS.</b> Central America Vigil 7:30pm, Fed bldg. America 475-5478 for info.</p>	<p><b>EVERY THURS.</b> SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm, Lots of fun, 472-5478 for info.</p>	<p><b>EVERY FRI.</b> Act -Up ECHO 7:30pm</p>

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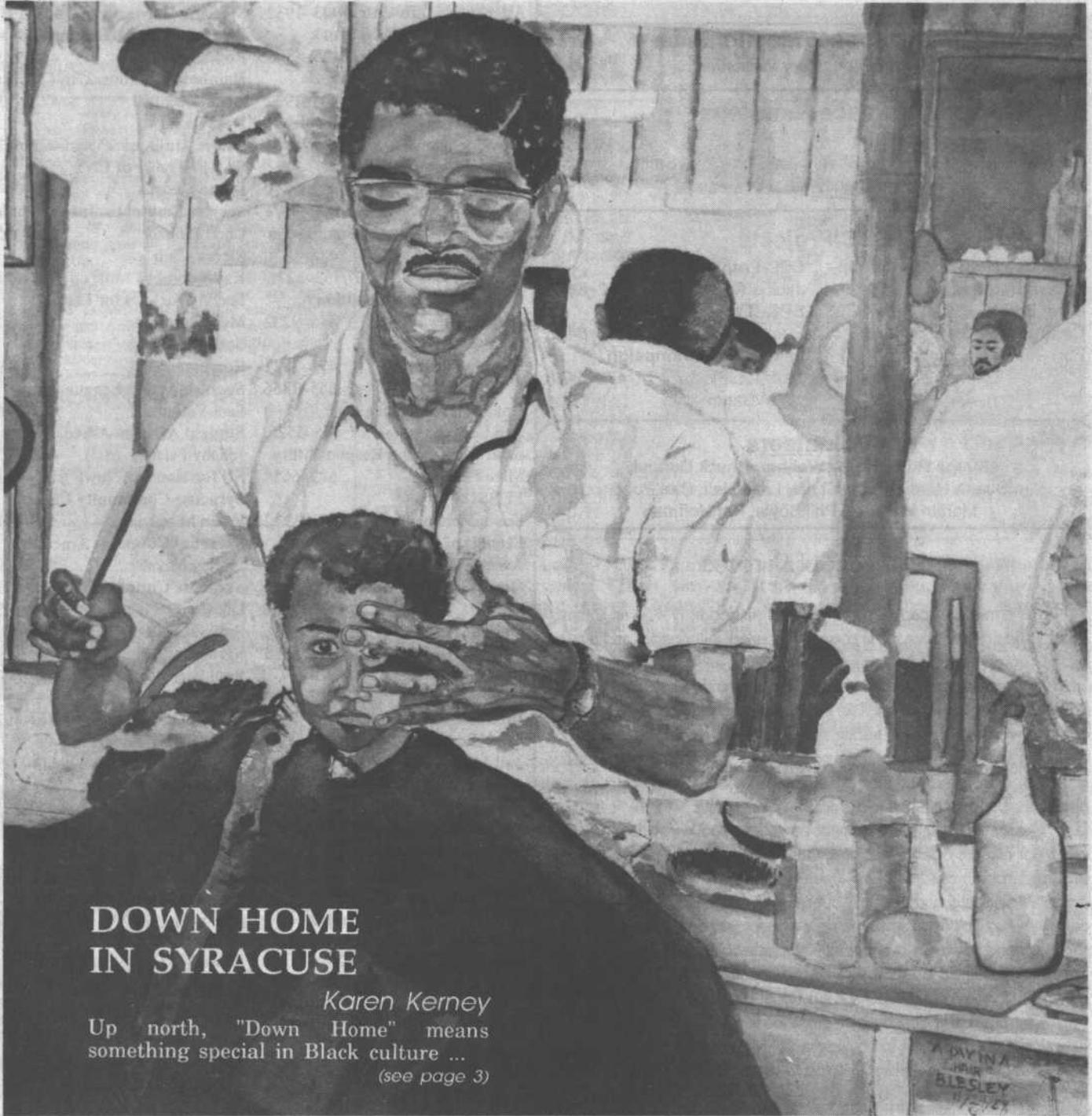
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## DOWN HOME IN SYRACUSE

*Karen Kerney*

Up north, "Down Home" means something special in Black culture ...

*(see page 3)*

## In This Issue

As we celebrate Black History Month, take a look at our front cover. The art is by a local African American artist. The accompanying story tells a view of being black in Syracuse in this day and age. Let's preserve what Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X stood for in our minds and actions. Keep the dream alive!

*Congratulations to Val Smith and her new baby girl!*

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• *Vision: After eating six cookies per day and thanking God for each one of them, I began to paint... That is all I needed to enjoy my self in effort to continue my work for the Lord. The Art of painting is very challenging. But before I can actually touch that surface... The Painting is done.*

*The Cookie Monster.  
Bobby Lee Lesley 1/15/90*



watercolor painting "A Day in a Chair" B. Lesley (29x20")

• *Vision: My Art is very universal. I like American Art and of course American ideas. My themes are also universal. I try very hard to not let the content overpower the visual imagery. I love when my painting speaks to the viewer. This gives me a true indication that my work is being seen through everyone alone with an appreciated value.*

*B. Lesley 1/18/90*

(continued from cover) "Down Home" is southern cooking, Mississippi, Sunday morning singing, covered dish dinners, front porch gospel, back yard haircuts, dressing up, getting down, kicking it... "Down Home" the Black community is big, the experience is shared, the roots are strong.

Up north, that river is wide. What was black and white in the South became shades of gray. Displaced and scattered, the struggle to survive at the bottom of the melting pot took on frontier qualities of independence, a chance to make it...don't look back...everybody for themselves...integrate, blend, let go. Surrounded by a man culture based on alienation, money, and making it, a little "Down Home" means something special.

The Blue Brothers Barber Shop in Tallman Street sits alone on a Block of vacant lots across from the Centro Bus garage. "Spice" was the word Andre Matthew, a local minister at the Evangelical Church of God in Christ used to describe the place..."colorful...down home...a pivotal place in the Black community." Reverend Blue and his brother James are two of twelve barbers. Clipper cuts start at \$5.50, and you may have to wait.

In this sanctuary of Black culture, not everyone comes for a cut...in between the music on the box and the snapshots on the wall, an unwritten tradition of Black history fills the air in a language everyone speaks. The stories flow...old ones, new ones, big ones, little ones.... the place feeds the soul, frees the anger, releases the dream to be shared. To the child in the barber chair this is a taste of down home. Surrounded by brothers and sisters, this world of being Black takes hold...a little stronger now...a little freer now.

*Karen Kerney wants to thank Bobbie, Michele, Andre, and James for the sharing of time together.*

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You've tried me and you've tread me and you've everything but freed me  
Many mountains loom before me and I won't stop now.

Naomi Long Magdett

# What About The Panamanians ?

Ed Kinane

Every few years the U.S. invades and occupies a tiny tropical nation. Invariably, whether in Central America, the Caribbean or South East Asia, it's a nation of dark-skinned people. We seldom know much about them, which probably makes easier the bombing and the burning.

These days the media is full of our current exploit. Missing in this coverage, except for the looters, are the Panamanians. Even their elected leader, Guillermo Endara, said by Mr. Bush to be "in charge", remains in the shadows.

Our mighty military has gutted whole neighborhoods. Tens of thousands have lost their homes. Hundreds have been killed. Many of these - the latest crop of Central America's disappeared - now lie in mass graves, unclaimed by their unnotified families.

Panama, like other U.S. targets, isn't much larger than one of our smaller states. It has fewer people than Brooklyn. Panama's very being, of course, derives from the 110-foot wide, 50-mile long canal which bisects the nation. The canal links the Atlantic and the Pacific, shortening sea lanes by the length of a continent. Commercially and militarily, the canal's value is beyond measure.

The U.S. so completely dominates Panama that our dollar is its currency. Before the economic sanctions imposed by Mr. Reagan, direct U.S. investment there was \$4.5 billion. In 1986, 531 U.S. companies operated in Panama. Eleven U.S. military bases guard these corporate interests and the U.S.-controlled canal.

The nation of Panama was born in 1903...in the White House. Theodore Roosevelt was its founding father. Panama was once a region of Columbia. When Columbia refused to let the U.S. build the canal, Roosevelt

engineered - and backed with gunboats - Panama's secession.

Five days after "independence," the first canal treaty was signed. It gave the U.S. the right to do forever what it had already been doing for decades: run Panama's internal affairs.

In 1977, Panama, impatiently coming of age, negotiated a new treaty requiring

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**"We bought it; We intend to keep it."** Reagan

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the U.S. to give up the canal on December 31, 1999...or that's what the piece of paper says. During his presidential campaign, Mr. Reagan said of the canal, "We bought it, we paid for it, we built it, and we intend to keep it."

Since the 1981 death of Gen. Omar Torrijos, Panama's de facto ruler has been Gen. Manuel Noriega. Until the December 19 invasion, Noriega controlled the PDF, the Panama Defense Force, a plug-ugly army that nonetheless has built "many schools, roads, wells and other civil projects."

The Reagan/Bush administration has long been alarmed by the growing

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**Noriega:  
Creature  
of the  
United  
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independence of both Panama and Noriega. Like Panama itself, the wily but complex Noriega is a creature of the U.S. He studied psycho-logical military operations at Fort Bragg and attended the School of the Americas in Panama. He earned hundreds of thousands of dollars working for the CIA - which, like Noriega, is widely known as a big time assassin, drug dealer, gunrunner and deposer of heads of state.

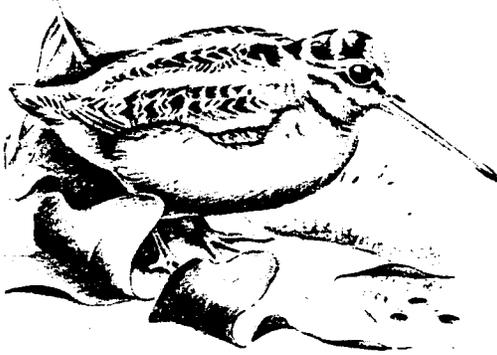
In the mid-1980's Noriega, an intense nationalist, began straying from his CIA script. Playing off both sides, he maintained ties with Cuba and Nicaragua. In 1986, Noriega had the cheek to confiscate a shipload of weapons being smuggled to the Contras. Even worse, Noriega was one of the four Latin American leaders involved in the Contadora peace process. Contadora is the island off the coast of Panama where this aborted diplomatic initiative began. It ran afoul in the U.S. because it sought to end U.S.-financed wars in the region.

On June 12, 1986 the New York Times published a front-page story by Seymour Hersh. The article, based on White House documents, accused Noriega of gunrunning, money laundering and drug trafficking. Unnamed U.S. officials say John Poindexter leaked the evidence to undermine Noriega for refusing to support U.S. policy in Central America.

In June of 1987, Col. Roberto Diaz Herrera, recently ousted PDF second-in-command, accused Noriega of corruption, electoral fraud and killing political opponents. Diaz claimed that Noriega, with the help of U.S. officials, rigged the plane crash that killed his predecessor, Gen. Torrijos. Diaz said that the then-Vice President George Bush knew of the plot to blow up the plane.

The Bush administration claims it invaded Panama to depose Noriega, and try this criminal and tyrant in court. Considering the links between Mr. Bush, a former head of the CIA, and Noriega, the claim is suspect. It's unlikely that, once in U.S. hands, Noriega would live to come to trial. He knows too much.

*Last minute news: That wasn't cocaine that we found in Noriega's house and it wasn't even his house!*



## Thank you, Anonymous

In January we received an anonymous donation of \$1500. Needless to say we don't know who it is from but would like to extend our thanks to whoever (s)he is. That sum of money puts us assuredly in the black and was much needed.

## Volunteer Corner

Recently we have had the assistance of two volunteers, Duane Hardy and Chuck Durand, who come in every week providing all manner of help. If we had 'volunteers of the month' they would be nominated for the last three months. And we also thank another long time volunteer, Marge Rusk, for coming in weekly to answer the phones for as long as I've been here.

Things we can use help with:

- PNL mailing parties
- typing articles into computer for PNL
- help on large mailings (one is coming up in Feb)
- work on filing magazines
- computer filing & updating
- inside house improvements ie. painting, sheetrock taping

## Wanted

Our bookkeeper sure could use a 2-drawer filing cabinet to keep SPC's financial records in order. If you have an extra one and would like to donate it please call SPC.

## February Potluck 1

In early November Ed Kinane was part of a North American delegation providing protective accompaniment to hundreds of Salvadoran refugees going home to El Salvador.

The massive caravan overcame severe obstacles- hunger, illness, deaths from exposure, arrests, military harassment-- as it traveled by bus from the Mesa Grande refugee camp in Honduras to repopulation communities in war-torn El Salvador.

Join Ed at a SPC potluck at the Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave, 6pm Wednesday, **February 14**. Ed's informal talk will begin at 7pm. Join us!

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## February Potluck 2

Our 2nd potluck will focus on Nicaragua and the elections which will take place the day before. There will be a slide show and discussion. The date is **February 26th**, at the Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave at **6pm**. For both potlucks bring a dish to share and if you need a ride or more info call SPC at 472-5478.

## Telex Update

During January our Rapid Response Network sent telexes in people's names on the following occasions:

- when 3 Peace Brigades Volunteers were attacked and stabbed by assailants waiting for them as they walked outside their residence, in Guatemala.
- protesting the kidnapping and death of the Deputy Secretary General of the MNR, part of the Democratic Convergence in El Salvador, by death squads in Guatemala where he was passing through.
- demanding that wounded FMLN combatants, that were occupying a cathedral in El Salvador calling for treatment and first aid as required by the Geneva Accords, be treated fairly and allowed passage out of the country.

## Plymouth Benefit

The Peace Council has signed on to a March 31 event being coordinated to benefit Plymouth Congregational Church. Plymouth has lent its facilities to SPC yearly for our Plowshare Craftsfair. We will help to give some of the good will back along with other community groups during the two day event of art, theatre, and music. Please mark your calendar now and look for more information in the next PNL.

There are 6,000 threatened species of plants and animals in the US. Daily, their habitat is reduced and degraded. Do you hear this kind of information? Do you know what it means to lose the vast array of species besides humans, to watch as biodiversity shrinks, to feel life outside of human society's sphere disappear quietly, without even waving goodbye? Grab on to them before we permanently fall. Defend the Earth.

# Supreme Court to SPC: "Go to Congress"

Gary Weinstein

On Monday, January 8th, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would not hear the Syracuse Peace Council's petition for consideration on the necessity of the Fairness Doctrine.

The Court did so "without comment," leaving supporters of the Fairness Doctrine to fight for its passage once again in Congress where a stalemate has existed for years between legislators and the White House.

In December 1987 Congress tried passing the Doctrine by attaching it to a billion dollar "veto-proof" budget appropriations bill. Former broadcaster/actor and then actor/President Reagan, nonetheless threatened to veto the entire national budget due to inclusion of the Doctrine. Congress backed down and withdrew the Doctrine.

In June of 1987 both the Senate and the House had passed the Doctrine into law by wide margins, only to have Reagan veto it outright. Sufficient votes for override fell just short.

This past fall, Congress threatened again to attach a Doctrine rider to a larger bill but spinelessly backed down.

Some say that even among Congressional supporters there is fatigue in trying to pass the Doctrine. It may never pass both Houses with enough votes to override a veto. There may never again be a mandate for fair coverage of controversial issues by electronic journalists as there had been for nearly 40 years.

Until 1982, the Doctrine had been a requirement of television and radio broadcasters to serve the public interest by covering all sides of controversial issues.

Further, it mandated they allow time - usually free of charge - to groups and viewpoints who could not afford airwave access. That is, until 1982 when SPC drew upon the Doctrine to urge

stations to air our anti-nuclear message opposing the highly controversial Nine Mile Two plant (see background in Dec. 1987 PNL).

*Throughout eight years of struggle, SPC and our attorneys at the Media Access Project have held that the Doctrine broadens*

**wet T-shirt contests, diet hints, weather, personality profiles, holiday shopping guides, ski reports, sports, gossip, commercials, theme music, movie reviews, and travel tips.**

*and enriches speech rights by requiring that more, not fewer, voices be heard. We believe the audience's speech rights, not those of broadcasters, are paramount.*

Those who oppose the Doctrine (mostly, but not exclusively, broadcasters) complain it somehow "chills" speech; that broadcasters shrink from covering issues for fear of being charged they did not include all views.

We argue that electronic journalism is inherently different from print journalism. Opponents say they are basically comparable. But think about it.

Under the First Amendment anyone can write and print and distribute anything they want any time, without restriction. This right is sacred.

But the framers of the constitution never foresaw the inherent scarcity of access to electronic telecommunications. The airwaves, in contrast to print, are severely limited. Broadcasters are licensed for this very reason whereas newspapers are not. Broadcasters serve as public "fiduciaries" - as trustees - of the airwaves, which are a public domain. Their licenses can be revoked if they have not met a public interest standard. SPC has its own newspaper. We say whatever we want in it. You're reading it. But we can't and won't ever have our own

broadcast radio or television outlet.

The Fairness Doctrine recognized this inequity. It likewise validated organizations with radical, minority views like ours and mandated our inclusion in the public dialogue.

No longer. Broadcasters from Dan Rather to the undergraduate intern at your local station are now "free" to determine the content of "news"; free to exclude dissent without consequences.

And we're "free" to subordinately grovel to them for measly 20 second sound bites of incomplete sentences and half-thoughts, while they consistently leave the bulk of our message on the editing room floor.

No wonder half hour "news" shows contain roughly 8 real minutes of news, and 22 minutes of wet T-shirt contests, diet hints, weather, personality profiles, holiday shopping guides, ski reports, sports, gossip, commercials, theme music, movie reviews, and travel tips.

The Doctrine has been dead for over two years and, as Ralph Nader has said, we ought to have seen an explosive growth in news coverage since then. What with broadcasters now free of the "chilling" hand of the Doctrine, we ought to have seen an impressive expansion of "news" coverage. Right.

"Info-tainment" is the medium today. The Fairness Doctrine was the last hope we had of holding broadcasters to any expectation of coverage of critical issues. Congress may still act this spring or summer if we get lots of persuasive mail and phone calls to them.

*Gary is Director of Booth House, the County Runaway Shelter, and an SPC member since 1977.*

# Jacobs Denied Parole

by Andrew Molloy



Timothy Jacobs, the Native American activist from Robeson County in North Carolina who is serving time for taking part in the occupation of a local newspaper office to call attention to widespread drug running and abuse by local county officials and law enforcement personnel, was denied parole on December 15.

Many of you have heard of Tim because he sought refuge from Robeson County here in Central New York. After an extradition hearing in Wampsville he was sent back to face state charges stemming from the occupation. It is interesting to note that Tim was acquitted of all charges by a jury in federal court only to have the state bring up its own similar charges thus endorsing a bizarre case of double jeopardy.

Jacobs feared for his life if he would have to go back to North Carolina because of the county's abuse and maltreatment of people held in custody and the local government officials who allegedly had knowledge or assisted in the drug trade (which is very bad especially among children in that county).

Tim was sentenced to six years as a Regular Youthful Offender. He and everyone else expected him to be released on parole before Christmas. His character references are impeccable and many of us who got to know and meet him while he was here in New York know what a fine, dedicated person he is.

To bring this all up to date we unfortunately heard that Tim's parole was denied. This disheartened him and his family, who have put up with the strain this has all brought them. Tim had every reason to believe he would be paroled and was even told he had a "very good" chance of being paroled. At present he is on work release at a restaurant, working long hours where almost his entire pay is taken by the state for lawyer fees. Rosalie Gaskin, who has worked to keep Tim's story alive here in Syracuse said,

"His spirits are m a z i n g l y enough are still good and he has every hope that he will be paroled in March."

That is where we all come in. We must write to the commission, or write again if you already

Tim and his family and let them know you are still behind him.

Rosalie writes, "Tim Jacobs stood up for what he believed. He is paying the price but is it fair that we should let him do that alone? This young man was brave, idealistic and humane. He has much to offer our society." Let's all stand with him until he is free.

Write to the following:

- North Carolina Parole Commission, c/o Wanda Garrett, 831 W Morgan St, Raleigh NC 27603-1613
- Timothy Jacobs, Camp Green, PO Box 668327, Charlotte NC 28266
- Eleanor Jacobs, PO Box 91, Pembroke NC 28372

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**Original artwork by Timothy Jacobs** will be on display at the Syracuse Peace Council on **Feb 21 and Feb 28** in the afternoon. They are being raffled to raise money for Tim's legal and family expenses. People will be on hand who are in constant contact with him and can discuss the latest developments in his bid for freedom. Come in and buy a raffle for \$1 on these beautiful pieces of art.

have before, and let them know you were disappointed with their denial of parole and that you expect his prompt release in March. And write to

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## SYRACUSE COVENANT SANCTUARY

**On El Salvador** Stopping US involvement in the war in El Salvador and assisting refugees in transit continue to be the primary foci of Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary. Distributing petitions and collecting signatures are concrete ways of making public opinion known to government officials. Three hundred petitions are being delivered weekly by our members to Congressman Walsh's office. He claims that he has really not been hearing from his constituents on this issue. Our plan is to remedy the situation until he votes to stop sending military funding to this ravaged area. Then we'll thank him!

SCS was also a part of EFFECT- the Ecumenical Fast for El Salvador in Churches and Temples, from January 20th through the 27th. Members kept the fast and prayer vigil

individually as they felt moved. Services were held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception throughout the week.

Creative and risk-taking souls among this group have been making banners on the subject of the US involvement in the El Salvadoran war and then hanging these near strategic highways about the city. The life-span of these works of art may not be long, but it is hoped that the messages will be read and taken to heart by those passing in cars.

Our group has also agreed to be part of the "thank you" day being planned by Geoff Navias at Plymouth Church, on March 31st. SCS will run the dance, providing the Latin rhythms and our own disc-jockey, Paul Weischelbaum, to keep the evening moving. We hope to see many of our friends dancing with us.

A new year of interesting activities starts up for Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary. Anyone interested in joining our work is welcomed to attend our meetings, on the third Tuesday of the month, 7pm at May Memorial Unitarian Society.

*Jacqueline Manler*

## S.N.I.P.P.

Syracuse Network for  
Israeli-Palestinian Peace

Somehow, 1989 ended on a positive note, to quote: "In a mood of friendship and good will, at least 15,000 Jews and Palestinians danced, sang, laughed and talked to one another today as they formed a human chain for peace that snaked two and a half miles around the walls of Jerusalem's Old City" (New York Times, 12/30/89).

Earlier, on "December 9, 1989, the whole of the Gaza Strip and large parts of the West Bank were under curfew - imprisoning a million people in their home - to prevent 'disturbances' on the 2nd anniversary of the Intifada. Fresh military forces were brought in to help enforce the curfews; in Nablus, more than 2000 soldiers conducted house-to-house searches. The peace movement also mobilized. Demonstrations took place in Nazareth, KafrKasm, Umm-el-Fahm and smaller Arab towns and villages in Israel. Hundreds of Jews and Arabs formed a human chain across downtown Haifa. In Jerusalem, 5000 marched under the slogan Make Peace Now - With the PLO! At the head of the march, 143 large photographs were carried - those of all the 143 children, Palestinian and Israeli, killed during the Intifada. (The Other Israel, #39, available at SPC).

Locally, we are discussing a new campaign to bring the Occupation to the public's attention. Ms. Elana Levy, back from a three week stay in Israel/West Bank/Gaza, is available as a speaker.

*Brent Bleier (479-5393)*



Amnesty International

## Prisoners Released!

**Good News!!** TWO prisoners of conscience adopted by Central New York Amnesty groups are free!! Utica/Rome's Wolfgang Schneider of East Germany wrote a thank you note to Carol Sours of 372 in response to her birthday card to him! The prison staff had carefully saved the card for him, delivering it upon his release. While he was imprisoned, he learned English, so the letter was his own.

The other prisoner is Camillus' Zeljko Macan, of the hugely successful Freedom Banner Campaign. Over 5000 petition signatures went to Yugoslavia on his behalf (actress Whoopi Goldberg and actor Patrick Stewart were among them). London says we may write him... with picture postcards mentioning the fact that he did not seek Amnesty's involvement.

So, now what? Actions are available concerning the rapidly deteriorating situations in Latin America which have had relatively little media coverage given the dramatic happenings in Eastern Europe. The CNY groups have Indonesian and Soviet assignments this month as well. Call AICNY at 315/422-3890 or your nearest group (see calendar listing). Help us **FREE MORE PEOPLE!**

*Mary Eileen Wood, Area Coordinator*

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**Chernobyl: Implications for Syracuse**

Tuesday, February 6, is the regular SANE/FREEZE meeting at 7:30pm at May Memorial Unitarian Society, 3800 E Genesee St. The program will be a presentation by Judith Johnsrud, nationally reputed expert on radiation and its effects. This special program is co-sponsored by Physicians for Social Responsibility and Retire Nine Mile I Coalition.

Judith Johnsrud has recently returned from a research trip to Chernobyl, where she made her own measurements of the current levels of radiation which remain from that accident. She also brings slides taken of the area as it is now.

Most Central New Yorkers are not aware of the sobering fact that Syracuse is not significantly further from the Nine Mile I and II reactors than the city of Chernobyl is from the ill-fated reactor of that name, or the fact that the Nine Mile I containment vessel is of the same type as the one which failed in the USSR.

Nor have many followed the development of new deregulation practices which the NRC is proposing: because nuclear waste generators cannot bear the costs of safety regulations, they want to change the regulations. This would mean that "low level" radioactive waste declared to be "Below Regulatory Concern" (BRC) could be either 1. Dumped in ordinary solid waste landfills 2. Incinerated in ordinary garbage incinerators 3. Dumped in the sewage system if liquid, thereby into the water supply 4. Recycled into all sorts of consumer products, each of which would be

"only slightly contaminated."

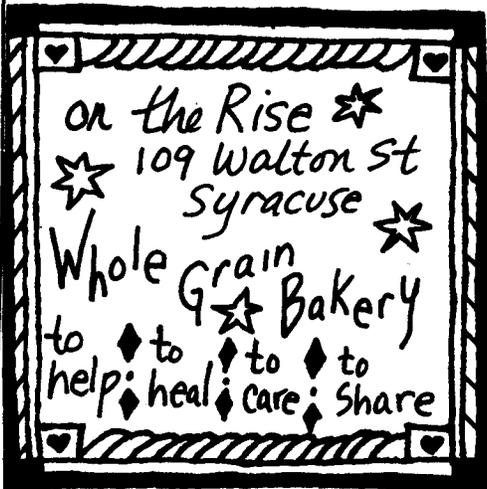
All this, just after a report from the Academy of Sciences declares that there is no safe radiation level; that the embryo and fetus are far more sensitive than previously understood; and that overall low dose radiation exposures are at least 3-4 times more hazardous than previously recognized.

The distinctions between nuclear power and nuclear weapons are blurring. We are as much in danger of destroying our population from within as of having it destroyed from without. As Ms. Johnsrud states, "The uses of nuclear energy are fully capable of causing destruction without detonation."

**Central America Coalition**

The Central America Coalition, with other local groups, is organizing a major public forum on U.S. involvement in El Salvador. Nationally known speakers will present, from different points of view, about our interests in that war-torn nation.

The forum will be held at *LeMoyne College* on *Thursday, March 15, 1990 at 7 pm*. Please reserve the date and look for further details or call 471-4672 for more information.



**The Pink Paper**  
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**dirty something?**

When ABC Television decided to air an unusual episode of the Emmy Award winning show "thirtysomething" last November, the network lost a reported \$1.5 million in advertising. The episode that caused the raucous depicted two gay men in bed together, a first for prime time broadcast television. The actors are shown in bed after lovemaking, with a sheet covering them to their waists. Each is sitting up and talking about friends they know who are ill, and those who have died.

The advertisers which declined to sponsor the episode were not identified. However, the advertisers which chose to endorse the episode include: US Air, Ragu Fresh Italian Pasta Sauce, (Juan Valdez) Colombian Coffee, US Sprint, Dare fragrance for women, Pop Secret Microwave popcorn (Betty Crocker), Stella D'oro Bread Sticks, and Ultra Slim Fast.

While other network television shows have been boycotted by advertisers because of sex or violence, and because of pressure by outside groups on the advertisers, in "thirtysomething's" case the advertisers pulled out on their own. This is allegedly because of fear of losing their market.

Viewers of "thirtysomething" are encouraged to write their support of the network and the advertisers which sponsored the gay episode, and to MGM/UA Television which produces the show in Los Angeles.

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# Cortland County: A Winning Community

To the Editor:

Once again, I am pleasantly surprised by all the good feelings generated by participation in the CARD rally on January 3 at the Governor's State of the State address in Albany. A group of about 70 county residents chose to volunteer a day out of their busy lives for the communities' efforts to keep our environment NUCLEAR FREE.

It's amazing how much media attention a group of mostly shy people can attract while at the same time developing quality person-to-person contacts. I believe most participants experienced a sense of accomplishment, self-worth, and pride while learning more about their lives happen rather than ones who merely adjust to what life brings. This pro-active approach is the primary characteristic of what is called the "winning attitude."

Having grown up in Cortland in the sixties I have experienced the winning feeling and attitudes that can exist in our county. We made the world's best trucks, the best typewriters, had the state's best farms. People from Ithaca and surrounding communities came to Cortland to do their shopping, our schools and college were at their peak when we were growing bigger and better than any other community in rural New York State.

Everyone knew we lived in a special place - Crown City had real meaning. With the 70's and a decline in manufacturing, I believe residents lost much of the winning attitude which allows people to stay on top. The 80's have been a step by step struggle to develop the good feeling of a winning community on the move.

The low-level radioactive dump issue, while being a horrible, horrible burden for our county, can also be the catalyst for once

proud communities to regain the winning attitude. Cortland county has the opportunity to lead our nation, our world, into a new environmentally conscious decade.

Most of us who have followed this issue now know that our whole country must become aware how dangerous and costly

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**The sheriffs could be the first sheriff department in the country to get nuclear-free "flu" all at once.**

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the proposed quick fix policies to nuclear waste are for present and future generations. Better for us to sacrifice a little now versus sacrificing a lot in generations to come. Our community does have the resources to win this fight. We do have the creativity, the stamina, and the caring people it will take to prevent the dump and allow Cortland County to shine brightly in the history of saving our planet's environment.

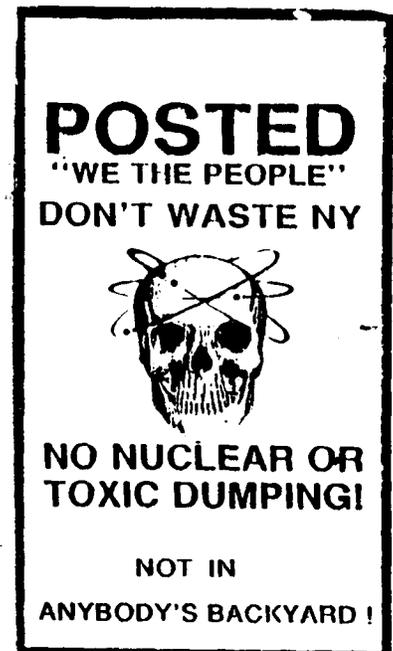
We don't know, but Cortland could be the **first** area where service clubs like Rotary could choose to get actively involved in saving their environment. Or where the schools allow their students to develop a sense of personal importance and self-worth by letting them become active in their environmental future. Professionals such as doctors, nurses, and educators in our community could set an example for professionals throughout the nation by joining together in groups to block the siting process. Our county could be the **first** area where people who participate in saving the environment get widespread discounts in stores, restaurants, and for professional services. Our county could be the first county where the majority of elected officials get arrested protesting for a nuclear-free environment. The sheriffs could be the first sheriff department in the country to get

nuclear free "flu" all at once. The possibilities for drawing media attention are endless and as we choose to be pro-active in a quality way, Cortland will shine for the world to see.

There is little doubt the 45,000 plus residents of Cortland County didn't want the dump, yet it's been the efforts of a **few** people over and over that has maintained our fight. Now is the time for **more** people to get involved. Now is the time to decide to become active in making a winning future.

Anyone who's seen television coverage, read the Standard, or heard radio reports know that those involved in our fight are personally growing; getting better and better. Those individuals who stuttered in front of mikes are now articulate spokespersons. editorials have become more eloquent and probing. If you enjoy growing, learning, being a winner, and having a say in your future, make the choice to get more involved today.

Sincerely,  
John D. Place  
Truxton, N.Y.



# Nicaragua 1990

Ron Shuffler

On February 25th, the people of Nicaragua will elect a president, vice-president, legislative assembly, and officials of municipal governments. More than ninety percent of those eligible (anyone over sixteen) have registered, and voter turnout is expected to be very high for Nicaragua's second round of national elections since the revolutionary triumph in 1979.

Few Americans will remember the Nicaraguan elections of 1984, deemed "free, fair, and democratic" by more than five hundred international observers. At the time, the Reagan administration, with the help of a compliant media, successfully preempted most news of the electoral process. On election day, U.S. television reports and 24-point headlines screamed about an imaginary shipment of Soviet MIG fighter planes to Nicaraguan ports, and the election conveniently disappeared down George Orwell's "memory hole."

## New Tactics

This time around the disinformation is a bit more sophisticated (kinder and gentler?) and a whole new dimension has been added: the Bush administration, with the assistance of Congress, has mounted an all-out effort to buy the election, pouring millions of dollars into the coffers of the opposition coalition they hope can seriously challenge the Sandinista Party at the polls. Congress has allotted \$12.5 million dollars to the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) for the purpose of "ensuring free and fair elections in Nicaragua." That is the equivalent of another country injecting \$2 billion dollars into a U.S. electoral campaign. (And Newsweek has reported that the CIA has added at least \$5 million to the total.)

The NED was set up by the Reagan administration in 1983 as an instrument to bolster U.S. foreign policy objectives through

direct political intervention in other countries. Funded wholly by Congress, NED operates by approving grants -- in close consultation with the State Department -- to different U.S. organizations in order to promote the creation and/or growth of pliant political institutions in other countries. Although its charter defines its purpose as "promoting democracy abroad," its 1985 annual report outlines its work as "planning, coordinating and implementing international political activities in support of US policies and interests relative to national security."

NED has facilitated droves of US political advisors, electoral "experts," campaign managers, media specialists and public relations consultants pouring into Managua in the last several months. Their objective is to forge political loyalties and literally buy votes by flooding dollars through a grassroots opposition structure set up by painstaking U.S. political intervention.

As part of the efforts to manipulate public opinion, here and in Nicaragua, biased and bogus polls have been published, wildly inflating support for the opposition, hopelessly compromised "bipartisan" organizations, like the misnamed Center for Democracy (which gave its Sentinel of Democracy award to opposition candidate Violeta Chamorro in 1987) have sent "observers" to report on the election campaign, and President Bush has even resorted to open blackmail, publicly announcing that he would end the destructive embargo against Nicaragua if Chamorro is elected.

## The War Front

Meanwhile, the contras keep killing. While the mainstream press and TV network news have completely blacked out the continuing war of terror against the civilian population, the casualties have continued to mount. Last April, the White House and Congress made a deal: if Congress would send them another \$49.5 million in "humanitarian" aid, the contras would not conduct "offensive military actions" in Nicaragua. Since this "bipartisan accord," more than two thousand contras have reinfilitrated Nicaragua, where they continue their nine-year-old campaign of kidnapping, rape and murder. According to UN observers, contra attacks tripled in the period since the beginning of the election campaign.

On October 21st, a contra ambush took the lives of eighteen young reservists on their way to register to vote; a nineteenth died later of wounds suffered in the attack. Five days after, four campesinos were murdered in an attack on their farming cooperative. The Nicaraguans had had enough; President Daniel Ortega announced the end of a cease-fire that the government had unilaterally renewed monthly since May, 1988, during which time more than seven hundred Nicaraguans had been killed.

## U.S. reaction predictable

The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly, and the Senate unanimously, to condemn Nicaragua for daring to defend the lives of its citizens! The State Department called Ortega's action "an affront to the hemisphere." President Bush resorted to racist name-calling, and angry editorials appeared in major U.S. dailies denouncing Ortega. The New York Times referred to contra attacks as "pinpricks" -- quite a

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**"We do not consider it an acceptable cease-fire when we cease and the contras fire."**

*President Daniel Ortega*

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## Nicaragua

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description for the equivalent of the murder of 50,000 U.S. citizens!

Recent contra violence has been directed mainly against election workers, Sandinista candidates and their supporters, and government officials, but spilled over on New Year's Day to take the lives of two nuns of the order of St. Agnes -- one Nicaraguan, the other American; the story lasted about a day and a half in the U.S. press. Contra terror, like the "mistaken" ransacking of the home of the Nicaraguan ambassador in Panama, has as its main purpose forcing the Nicaraguan government to take security measures that can then be denounced as proof that the government of Nicaragua is inherently undemocratic and can never claim legitimacy.

For all its meddling, however, the Bush administration has not been able to make any dent in the massive popular support of the Nicaraguan people for their government. The latest electoral polls, by organizations respected for their honesty and accuracy, show the Sandinista Party and its presidential candidate Daniel Ortega with a commanding lead over the U.S.-backed UNO opposition. A poll released in early January by the University of Central America showed Ortega leading Chamorro by a huge margin (47.7% to 14.5%).

### Our Task

The next few weeks will be crucial to the future of Nicaraguan democracy. It is difficult to predict what the U.S. government will do; one possible scenario is a rerun of 1984 -- UNO, hopelessly behind, could drop out of the voting, claiming a free election is impossible. Real or orchestrated violent incidents at campaign rallies, duly reported by "unbiased" U.S. observers, would provide the excuse. The election would then be denounced as illegitimate and an excuse for continued U.S. hostility and intervention by a long list of administration officials and members of Congress, always willing to join the "bipartisan" stampede.

Fortunately, hundreds of legitimate election monitors from international delegations, the Organization of American States and the United Nations will be on the scene -- the Nicaraguan election will be the most observed election in history. Members of Congress must be urged to pledge respect for the conclusions of such truly unbiased observers. Please take the time to call Representative Walsh in Washington (202) 225-3701 or at his district office (315) 423-5657 and ask that he sign such a pledge. It is high time to hold our government officials to account, to demand that we live by our stated beliefs in true democracy and allow the Nicaraguans to have the government they choose, free of further U.S. interference.

*Ron is currently working with Witness for Peace in Washington, DC, but the temporary job ends in March. He is thinking of running for Congress, but would be willing to consider an honest job.*

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## GREEN CORNER

Jim Foley

In this space each issue, a column will appear which describes the activities, values, and politics of the Greens. The Greens are most commonly known as a West German political party which has won representation in the Bundestag (legislature) for environmentalists. On a broader scale, the Greens weave environmental, peace, social justice, and grassroots politics into a single movement, a movement whose activities extend well beyond electoral campaigns.

The Green movement, in existence in Europe for about a decade, is now gathering momentum in the United States. National gatherings of activists interested in Green ideals have resulted in the creation of a network of hundreds of local groups. This network is called the Green Committees of Correspondence, incorporating the name of the network of rebels who, in the 1700's, helped create an independent United States of America. The Green CoC's are now working to build national agreement on a comprehensive

set of goals and positions. There are some unifying values which bring together people under the "Green" banner. Four of these have been called the "four pillars" and are known to Greens around the world: ecological wisdom, grassroots democracy, social justice, and nonviolent action. In the USA, this list has been expanded to "ten key values" by adding the following six ideals: decentralization, community-based economics, feminism/post-patriarchal values, global and personal responsibility, future focus, and respect for diversity.

Future columns will discuss the specifics of these values and the actions they inspire. Greens comprise a movement which could have a large impact on what the world looks like in the future. There are already occasional reports on the Greens in the mainstream media. Until such reports are commonplace, this column can serve to spread awareness of realities and the potential of this unique movement.

*(Note: the author, Jim Foley, is a former representative of the Eastern Mass Greens in the New England Green Committees of Correspondence.)*

## Women & Girls of the '90s

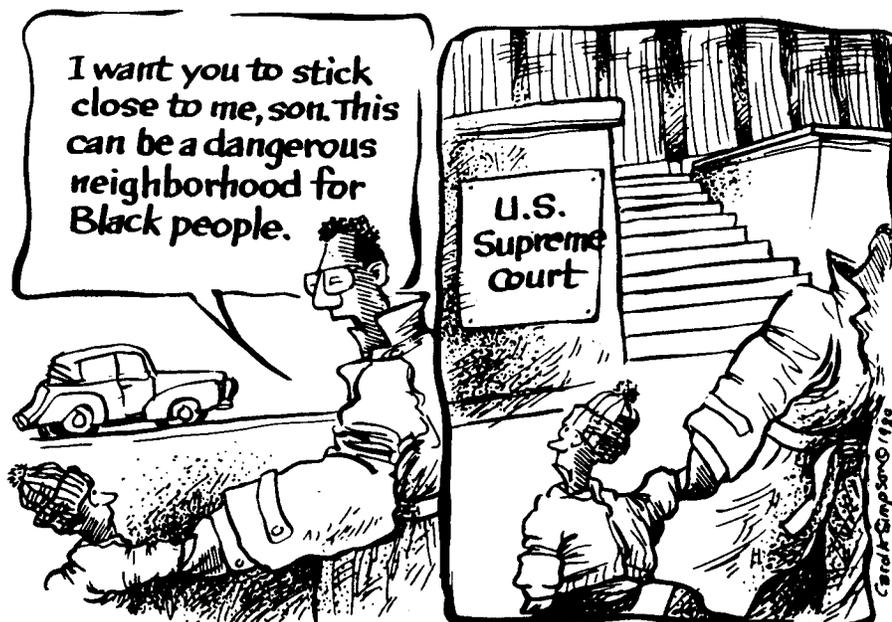
The activities of the '90s should show an improvement in the status of women throughout the world. The current movement that gives women the fifth to control their own bodies should continue to accelerate and to be evident in the elections of the future. Women and other candidates who hold an equalitarian viewpoint will be elected to office. As the sexist dinosaurs in government retire and die, they will be replaced by those who believe in equal rights and responsibilities for every citizen.

Because of the increasing problems of AIDS and other social diseases and teen-age pregnancies, there will be a greater stress placed on abstinence before marriage, responsible sexual behavior, and an expansion of sex education in schools and adult life. There will be better methods of preventing and dealing with rape.

I believe their financial status will gradually improve, with women finally being able to receive a comparable wage for their labor. They will become property owners and even more discerning consumers. More women will demand their acceptance in nontraditional jobs, and they will be allowed the option of serving in military combat.

On the whole, however, women's increasing consciousness and activism will pay off. The work of the National Organization for Women and other feminist groups is beginning to show results. Their work will continue to expand and to improve life for women and girls for the '90s. It can't happen too soon!

Dora Lee Dauma, PhD  
NOW- NYS Chairperson



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<p>EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church Worship services 8pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-8618</p> <p>EVERY SUN: South Africa Now, weekly news from South Africa from WCNY Channel 24.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Volunteers needed to be servers at Unity Kitchen. Call Ann 475-6761</p>		<p>EVERY TUES: AIDS Support Grp. 7pm AIDS Task Force of CNY 627 W. Genesee St. 475-2430</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Meeting with those infected with HIV/AIDS AIDS Task Force of CNY</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Lesbian &amp; Gay Youth mtgs. 6-9pm</p>		<p>1 1989: Sit-in for Civil Rights begin at lunch counters in Greensboro, N.C.</p> <p>EVERY 1st and 3rd THUR. Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Syr. (GLAS) 7:30pm ECHOH</p>	<p>2 Lesbian Huper, Charge D'Affaires of the Nicaraguan Embassy speaking at SUNY Geneseo in the afternoon. Call 716-243-4002 for more info.</p> <p>Gay Mens Support Group, at Grace Episcopal 7:30pm 471-8618</p>	<p>3 Cont.: Health Hazards in Our Schools &amp; What to Do About Them 8:15am-4pm Northham High School \$15 registration. CNTCOSH 471-6187</p> <p>Energy Fair with workshops, displays, samples. Energy Clearinghouse/Exhibitors Hall. Onon. Co. War Mem. fees 10-6</p>
<p>4 Energy Fair, Onon. Co. War Mem. fees 11-6 (see 2/3)</p> <p>Book signing party with Mary Bush &amp; Patrick Lawler, Comm. Writers Project, Erwin Church Bldg. at Westport &amp; Euclid 2-4 Call Angela at 472-0400</p> <p>1989: Birth of Big Bill Hayward, a founder of the IWW</p>	<p>5 Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets, 7pm</p> <p>Speaker: Daniel Berrigan, "The Homelss &amp; the Arms Race" at Christ the King Retreat House, 500 Brookford Road Syr. 7pm \$10 donation 446-2860</p>	<p>6 Syr. Covenant Sanctuary Mtg. 7pm May Memorial Church Armory Int'l Group 373 Open House at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Canastota 7pm 422-6223 (evl)</p> <p>SAVAFREEZE mtg. w/program -A. Veit to Chatterbox: implications for Syracuse: next report on radiation &amp; effect. Judith Johnston, May Memorial Unitarian Society 7:30pm 478-7442</p>	<p>7 Film: Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing" (admission) Theatre 7:30pm (Landscape)</p> <p>16 Non-Violence &amp; Possible Solution in the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict? by Mubarak Awad, 8pm Hobart 8AM, Smith, Geneva 781-9418 for info.</p> <p>EVERY WED. Alliance meets at ECHOH 8pm 475-4120</p>	<p>8 Film: "Black History Lost, Stolen or Strayed" at Onondaga Historical Museum 12:15pm free</p> <p>Armory Int'l group 376 mtg. at United Methodist Church, Cortland 7pm 607-756-8931</p> <p>EVERY THURS. 24 Hour Vigil for El Salvador at Federal Bldg. downtown Syr. Call to sign up for 1 or more hours. 472-5478</p>	<p>9 Lesbian Support Grp. Women's info. 7-9pm 478-4636</p> <p>Reception for Photo Exhibition: Particular Voices: Portraits of Gay &amp; Lesbian Writers by Robert Gard, Menschele Photo Gallery, Schine Stu. Ctr. 6-8pm Jeff Hoone 443-1300</p> <p>EVERY FRI. Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episc. Ch. \$3</p>	<p>10 Full Moon Ritual, call Women's INFO Center for place 7pm 478-4636</p> <p>Valentine's Dance Sponsored by Women's INFO Center 9 pm - 1 am. May Memorial</p>
<p>11 EVERY SUN: Bagels &amp; 60 Malteds Cooke Gas Ch. 7, 472-5478</p> <p>2/1-2/12 Convocation for Peace in the Middle East, US Interreligious Comm. for Peace, NYC, call 212-727-1203</p> <p>Urban League Sunday honoring family of the year, with reception Call for time and place 472-6955</p>	<p>12 1909 NAACP Founded 1817: Birth of Frederick Douglass Women's Info. Valentines Dance, open to men, women &amp; kids. Snacks &amp; beverages provided. 9pm-1am May Mem. Church, Stirling scales \$5-10</p> <p>Silent Vigil to protect the Israeli occupation of the Gaza, by the Syr. Women in Black, corner of E. Genesee &amp; Erie, Call Linda 472-8396</p>	<p>13 PAR mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0082 or Jane 478-8921</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Evening with Arabesque, Arabic television show, Channel 7, 7pm</p> <p>Alternatives to Violence Project - Area Council Mtg. Pollock at 8pm, 7pm 500 Barnes Ave. 465-8954</p> <p>20 EVERY TUES. Yoga Class 7-8:30pm Women's info \$3 CNY NOW Marine Mtg. 7pm 360 S. Warren St. 455-7866</p>	<p>14 SPC Potluck Ed Krane on his trip to El Salvador to assist refugees returning home. Bring a dish to share at Friends Mtg. house 8pm 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>Parents Helping Parents support group for parents of pre-term &amp; critically ill infants &amp; children. Chrouse Irving Hosp. Cont. Rm 1A 455-2451</p> <p>CNY NOW Marine Mtg. 7pm 360 S. Warren St. 455-7866</p>	<p>15 Onondaga Earth First mtg. call Andy for specifics 471-7312</p> <p>EVERY THURS. Arise Women's support group. 10-11:30am call 472-3171</p>	<p>16 Bisexual Woman's Support Group AIDS &amp; Other Challenges to Independence in the 90's Conference. ARISE University Sheraton 472-3171</p>	<p>17 If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.</p>
<p>18 PNL Production 2/18-2/23 Call 472-5478 to help out</p>	<p>19 PNL Article Deadline Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets, 7pm</p>	<p>21 Lecture: "The Tragic Implosion of Hospital Medicine as a Result of the Humany Unrungsable Complexity &amp; Some Implications for Vulnerable People &amp; Their Allies" at Syr. Developmental Center, 3rd floor 8am-3:30pm. For info. call Mar. 472-6955</p>	<p>22 Death Penalty Vigil, noon Colburns Circle 475-4822</p>	<p>23 Writers &amp; Ethnically Series by Community Writers' Project. Join talk by Dr. Alan Berger "Shattering Paradigms" &amp; scholar Ritoda Lerman reading from her work. 7:30pm. Jewish Comm. Center, 1199 472-0400</p>	<p>24 1976: Anna Mae Aquash, AIM Activist, found murdered on Pine Ridge reservation</p>	<p>25 EVERY SUN: Support Group for people with Psychological Issues, Alliance 3-8pm Plymouth Congregational Church</p> <p>26 Arise Int'l Group 267 mtg. May Memorial Unitarian, Syr. 7:30pm 492-1064</p> <p>27 PAR mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0082 or Jane 478-8921</p> <p>1973: Wounded Knee occupied by Oglala Sioux. Rainbow Coalition 27th C.D. mtg. Hoppe Memorial 472-4331</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Meditation at Spicant House, 45 min. sessions at 7:15pm, 12:15pm 5:15pm. Call Slater Patricia Bergen 475-2811</p> <p>28 Urban League Workshop. Ways to Save Energy &amp; Program Available* sep. for those receiving public assist. 7pm 505 E. Fayette 472-6955</p> <p>3/1 PNL Mailing Party Come join the fun! 5-7:30pm EVERY THURS. Central America Vigil 7:30am, Fed Bldg. EVERY THURS. SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm. Lots of fun. 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>EVERY THURS. AIDS Bereavement Grp. AIDS Task Force 7pm</p>



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## In This Issue

March 8th marks International Women's Day, first recognized in 1908 to commemorate the New York City women's march for suffrage and against child labor.

The calendar events for this month are especially rich in women-oriented activities and provide ample opportunity to involve yourself in the issues and struggles of women in today's society.

On another note, all you who subscribe to the *Peace Newsletter* will notice a rather large insert, *The Other Israel*. We thought readers might welcome in-depth background material on the Israeli peace movement. *The Other Israel* is published in Israel and is made available to you as an SPC project, the Syracuse Network for Israeli-Palestinian Peace (SNIPP). We hope you enjoy it.

The Peace Newsletter (PNL) is published monthly by the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC).

The PNL strives to serve some basic functions as the internal organ of SPC, as a forum for articles which discuss issues of concern to the peace movement, and to facilitate community interaction. The opinions expressed in the PNL reflect the diversity of opinions within SPC itself. While we are not able to print every possible viewpoint, we do welcome your letter and article submissions as well as suggestions and assistance.

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## About the cover:

Jane is a slice of women's history rewritten and newly announced at the kind of debutante's ball she so rightly deserves. Jane is a poke at consciousness and an attempt to reclaim and redirect the calm, serious silence that has dominated centuries. We pay a surprise visit to our heroine - a heroine rolled flat by newspapers and appliances and whose identity has been historically concealed in the three-letter catch-all, "man." Jane is a stand for the extraordinary life of the woman next in line at the grocery store.

Amy E. Bartell is an artist/activist and societal voyeur living in Syracuse. She is a one-woman Committee for the Appreciation of Show Music and the Preservation of Bohemian Living.



# Letters

## Positive Feedback

Peace Council,

I caught a glimpse of your last newsletter. I thought it was great. I'm a member of the Salem State College Peace Institute where the copy I read was available. I would like one sent to my house as well, please. Keep up the good work!

Maril Costello  
Duxbury, MA



## Wegman's Paper/Plastic Bag Controversy

Maryellen Burris  
Corporate Office, Wegmans Food Store  
1500 Brooks Ave.  
Rochester, NY 14692

Dear Ms. Burns:

I was very happy to hear that Wegmans may consider another position in lieu of your recent "message" printed on your grocery bags. Needless to say the environmental community here in Syracuse is very, very concerned. Your "message" is contrary to our waste management position.

The use of plastics cannot be promoted as being environmentally safe. It is false to assume plastic is biodegradable in the true sense of the word. This process takes sun and irrigation, both of which are absent in a landfill. Your company's use of plastic bags means that there will be more plastic being burned in the county's proposed "mass burn" incinerator. (Mass burn means no source separation.) The residue resulting from this burning of plastic is unacceptable.

As a representative of the local Sierra Club, I have long been advocating a waste management system by corporations like yours that maximizes reduction, reuse, and recycling. This priority was endorsed by the EPA, who list landfills as a last priority. Therefore, we suggest your brown paper bags should be reduced, reused, and recycled. Here are some suggestions:

We suggest your store not offer plastic bags as an option.

We suggest you initiate a bag reuse program similar to what is being done now at the Syracuse Coop on Kensington Road. Like our bottle bill, you may want to throw in a monetary incentive, i.e. five cents per fifty bags returned to be reused. Only clean bags would be acceptable.

We suggest an aggressive recycling program, maybe in conjunction with your local town. Recycled brown bag paper could be used to wrap meats or even as clean bags again. There are a number of local consulting firms who specialize in this to help you get started. Call me if you need names.

We suggest you offer the customers whose grocery order exceeds \$50.00 (example) an environmentally sound string mesh grocery bag. These bags are very popular in Europe and the idea is that people would reuse this bag for all their future shopping. The cost per bag is low. We are in the process of putting in an order ourselves with an exporter. I would be glad to help you with this. You could even have a green label or message printed on the bag handle or (dare I mention) solicit our endorsement to say on the bags. "Wegmans and the Sierra Club - Working Together to Protect Our Environment." However, we could only give such endorsement if you retracted your "bag" statement and take up any one of these suggestions. I am

willing to meet with you, write, help, or do whatever it takes to get the "true" environmental message to the public.

A clean environment at home is a sound investment for the future.

Sincerely,

Eileen Clinton, President of Sierra Club, Iroquois Chapter

## Tools For Living

The public is invited to a day of workshops entitled "Tools for living; Personal and World Liberation" on Saturday, March 31, at 203 S. Beech St. from 9-5pm. The day will include over 16 workshops to choose from including topics such as Oppression and Liberation Theory, Disability Awareness, Parenting for a Better World, Eliminating Racism, Leading the World, Early Sexual Abuse and Classism. Some of the facilitators will be Marian Andressi, Phil Rose, Pat Drey, Karen Milhalyi, Andy Mager, Elena Levy, Robin Smith, Mio Hirano and Carol Resnick. The fee is \$30-80 depending on what you can afford. Childcare will be provided. Snacks and drinks will be available but bring your own lunch. The building is wheelchair accessible. The day is sponsored and facilitated by members of the Re-evaluation Co-counseling Community and is a benefit to raise money for a weekend on Racism scheduled for May. For more information and a brochure for the workshop day call 424-7930. Register soon! Limited to 50 people.

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# Freed Mandela: Omen or Amen?

Thabo Raphoto

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela was released after serving 27 years of a life term sentence for planning to overthrow the Apartheid government of South Africa. Winnie Nomzamo Mandela - who herself faced decades of harassment - accompanied by her husband out of prison on February 11th. Within the hour of his scheduled release, it rained in Soweto. For me, it was an omen.

## RECEPTION

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Nobel Peace Prize Awardee and doyen of South African clergy, could not contain his joy upon hearing about Mandela's imminent release. Archbishop Trevor Huddleston, veteran anti-apartheid activist, had already started to roll out the welcome mat on January 8th, when he announced the launching of the Nelson Mandela International Reception Committee. Anti-apartheid movements worldwide were then mandated to establish local committees within their constituencies. Syracuse launched its own on February 10th. The Reception Committee has a dual purpose; keeping the world spotlight on South Africa and continuing to demand the dismantling of Apartheid. Word went out that people should avoid the temptation of folding their arms; chanting Amen!... now that the world's famous prisoner was released.

The objective of this article is to shed light on what Mandela's release means for South Africa, what can be expected in the future, and the impact his release might have on media coverage about South Africa. Ted Koppel, Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Charlene Hunter-Gault have so far done an excellent job reporting on South Africa in the wake of Mandela's release. Thus I am spared the unnecessary task of recapitulating what you already

witnessed on television.

## MEDIA REACTION

In the U.S. this objective reporting was soon followed by irresponsible journalism. The two sample reports by Christopher S. Wren (New York Times, 2/18/90) and the syndicated columnist,

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**It is expected that Mandela's release will accelerate the momentum for systematic change in South Africa as never before.**

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Ken Adelman (Syracuse Herald American, 2/18/90), provide two examples. Wren treated us to litany of alleged misdemeanors surrounding the personality of Winnie Mandela, and Adelman delivered unsolicited injunctions to Nelson Mandela to first touch base with Eastern Europe before acting on President Bush's invitation to visit the White House.

Some cynical journalists have also been insinuating that there are deep divisions within the South African black community. They maintain these divisions are bound to militate against the vision of a nonracial democracy in a unitary free South Africa. Yet, as people gathered to welcome Mandela's return, we saw no manifestation of a people dis-united.



I wish Wren had also noted that subsequent public gatherings in Cape Town and Soweto were a far cry from the devout

wishes of the Joint Management Committees (South Africa's secret intelligence network). When the JMC accused Winnie Mandela of playing a role in the death of Stompie Moeketsi, a youth anti-apartheid activist, they hoped to drive a wedge in the black community. Fortunately, such machinations never worked.

People of goodwill were not taken in by this kind of unbecoming insinuations made against leaders who have proved their compassion for human suffering, as has Winnie Mandela.

It may interest Adelman, and others who share his opinions, to learn that Nelson Mandela's arrest was attributed to a U.S. consulate official who had a secret appointment with Mandela on the day he was arrested. It is generally believed that had the consular not reported Mandela's whereabouts to the South African police, Mandela might have escaped a fate that had him endure 27 years in prison.

In regard to what Mandela might learn from Eastern Europe, as Adelman recommends, Mandela is first and foremost a product of his organization the African National Congress (ANC), to which he claims unwavering allegiance. In his capacity as an individual, outside or inside prison, he owes no allegiance to ideologies of the East nor West. He has been molded by the objective realities of political oppression and abject poverty that exists in transnational corporations. These corporations have bolstered the apartheid economy. Surely since the advent of particular context of South African politics, Mandela has long overcome the ideological paradigms which Adelman seeks to draw into discussion. Adelman's suggestion is

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# Who Are the Casualties of the War on Drugs?

Marcy Waldauer

President Bush talks about "winning the War on Drugs." He just asked Congress for \$8.8 billion, an increase of \$1 billion over last year's budget, to "win the war on drugs." The country's foreign policy is determined, in part, by drug war tactics. The President asks the American people to endure hardships and give up rights to help win the war on drugs. All wars have casualties; who are the casualties of the war on drugs?

The Drug War has become synonymous with the fight against crime. Between 1981 and 1987 the federal government tripled its budget for drug enforcement. Moreover, while in 1980 56% of the drug budget went towards treatment and education, over 76% of the 1989 budget went toward law enforcement and incarceration. One of every five prison inmates is a drug offender; projections place the 1995 federal prison population as composed of 70% drug offenders.

In fact the war against crime has become the war on drugs. This is so in spite of government surveys which show that between 1980 and 1987 the rate of violent crime fell: burglary rates by 27%, robbery rates by 21% and murders by 13%. Today drug offenses are the number one reason for incarceration. Debate centers on the proposal to expand use of the death penalty to include drug offenses not involving death. Drug crimes are already among the most seriously punished crimes in the US Criminal Code; punishments are more severe for some drug offenses than for rape and robbery.

Just last week the US Coast Guard fired upon and disabled a ship in international waters. It was supposedly smuggling drugs. The Drug War determines foreign policy in Panama, Columbia, Mexico and elsewhere. Even within our country's borders, the military is deployed in the drug war. For instance, the Air Force

Reserve at Hancock Field is used in drug surveillance operations. The use of the military in domestic law enforcement raises serious constitutional questions as well as safety questions, as officers and enlisted men have no law enforcement training.

The Drug War is carving a "Drug Exception" to the Bill of Rights. In drug case decisions the Supreme Court has given the US government power to: use airport courier profiles which discriminate on the basis of race or nationality; stop, detain, question citizens without cause; subject travelers' luggage to sniffing by trained

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dogs without cause; conduct warrantless searches of automobiles and closed containers within a car; search *at will* ships on inland waterways; and obtain search warrants based on a secret informant's tip. The police now can rely on a "good faith exception" to the exclusionary rule, can use warrantless searches of backyards, open fields and residential mobile homes. Police can eavesdrop on portable phone conversations without a warrant.

Congress has been involved in the Drug War too. Recent bills introduced targeting drug offenders include bills to restrict bail, increase penalties for minor drug offenses, and advocate harsher treatment of drug offenders. Tenants, guests, family involved in any aspect of drug activity can now be evicted from federal public housing. Pretrial detention for noncapital offenses involving drugs was authorized by Congress in 1984.

There have been some victories in the Drug War, true. New records have been set in drug seizures, investigations, indictments, arrests, convictions, asset forfeitures. But the question remains, can the war be won? What does victory mean?

In a major victory, marijuana importation has been nearly eliminated. The result is that the US is now a major marijuana producer. Drug importers now smuggle cocaine instead, which is considerably more compact, easier to conceal and more profitable. According to a House Committee report, the supply of cocaine rose from an estimated 40 metric tons (at 12% purity) in 1980 to 140 metric tons (at 50% purity) in 1986.

Casualties are people, not statistics. The casualties in the Drug War are black and minority prison inmates who are arrested and incarcerated in numbers well above their representation in the general population. The NYS Substance Abuse Agency estimates that in 1987 whites composed 2/3 of the frequent drug users, but 91% of drug-related state prison commitments were Black or Hispanic.

Drug War casualties include substance abusers whose illness can land them in jail at any time, but who cannot find treatment facilities. Casualties are tens of thousands of people with AIDS who are turned away from treatment programs, and the many others at risk of infection who are afraid to seek help because doing so means admitting breaking the law.

The casualties are the nation's poor, whose "safety net" is constantly shrinking as resources are diverted to the Drug War. Since 1978 local, state and federal governments have spent \$29 billion to construct new jails and prisons. Considerably more money was spent last year on prison construction - \$8.5 billion - than was budgeted for housing;

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## Washington March

The Peace Council with the Central America Coalition has reserved a bus for the March 24th march to commemorate Archbishop Oscar Romero in Washington D.C. The objective is to press for a cutoff of all U.S. aid to El Salvador until the military *tandona* (the group of officers most resistant to negotiated solution to the war) step down from control and the country undergoes true escape from the violent, repressive governing party.

The bus will leave from Syracuse on late Friday evening and return late Saturday after the march. The cost is \$40. Call the Peace Council to sign up now before all the seats are taken. For more info see the ad on page 9 of the PNL.



## Discussion Groups

Thursday night discussion groups are informal gatherings here at the SPC house on a variety of subjects. We need people who have some interest in an area that they would like to share with others. What often works best is bringing a video or slide show to present followed by question and answer.

We've had some excellent ones most recently on Peace Brigades work in Guatemala, and another on the story of the Kurdish people.

Please offer us and your SPC freinds the opportunity to hear about your work.

## Earth Day

Our April PNL will be virtually all on the environment. If you would like to contribute an article or help put the issue out please call SPC.

In addition, the Earth Day Coalition is putting on a special event in the Civic Center featuring wildlife biologist, Ward Stone, the Syracuse Community Choir, and more. To get involved in the coalition contact Pat Rector at 446-2380.

## Wall Street Action

There has been a call for more radical actions around Earth Day to focus the attention less on tree plantings (abhoringly most involve planting non-native species) and more on the destructive system that exploits resources to the brink of ecological collapse.

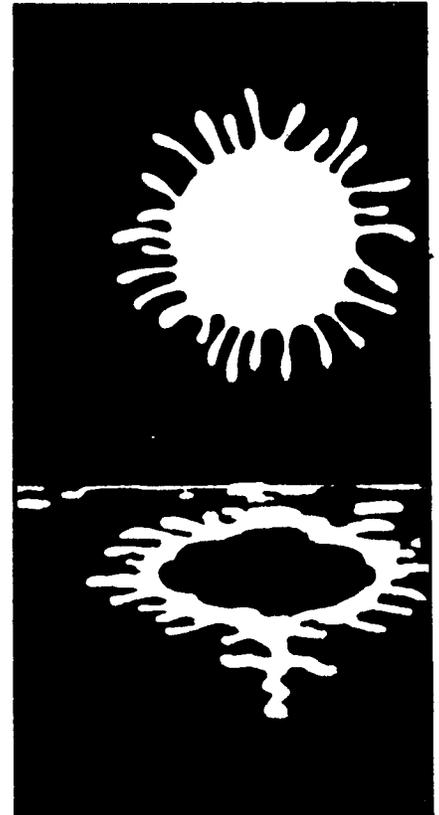
With this in mind a coalition of mostly Northeastern groups is holding a mass action with civil disobedience at Wall Street to attempt to disrupt the "nerve center" of the system and call attention to the real roots of the crisis.

Many people from Syracuse have expressed interest in traveling to New York City for this action. Contact Andy at SPC if you are interested. The date is April 24, the Monday after Earth Day.



## PNL Committee Looking

The newsletter committee is looking to expand their numbers. Do you want to contribute to a long running Peace movement publication? Want to improve your skills (and ours) in writing, editing, and desktop publishing? Call SPC today.



## Grant Proposal Writers

It has been my concern that the Peace Council operates on a shoestring and barely gets by. I would like to change all that. I'm looking and would work with people who would be willing to write proposals for grants to get much needed equipment, more money for staff and even more staff, etc. Is there anybody out there who would be willing to help? The Peace Council needs you. Please call Jackie Abrams at 474-6422. Thank you.

Jackie Abrahms

# Patti Michaels Diary... as LLRW Dump Activist, Taylor NY

Patti Michaels

Wed. Jan 3:

Picket in Albany at State of the State Address  
bring issue to public, talk to media, educate network with other environmental people... pass DWNV [Don't Waste NY] literature on ON-site storage and BRC to legislators.

Jan 4:

CARD Steering Comm Mtg... Cruised the roads by the sites. Someone thought they saw enemy activity. False alarm. Talked to local people (my neighbors) try and boost morale and spirit. We can win... if people stand up, we will win.

Jan 5:

We called NIRS in Wash, DC for connection in Wisconsin, where drilling rigs will be coming from. Called NUKEWATCH in Wisconsin to ask for their help in determining when they might leave the area so we may have advanced notice and be on guard. They will try to help.

Jan 6:

Went to Coventry (dropped from finalist sites) to get together for informal networking session on task force Coventry's 1st anniversary. Evening went to Chenango North meeting in South Otselic. Discussed lobbying bottle drive. Balloon (from earlier release) returned from Nantucket, MA!

Jan 7:

Gary, DWNV and Cortland County LLRW consultant and lawyer go to meeting in Allegheny to hammer out lobbying points to actively lobby legislator on upcoming lobby day. Point of meeting/to go in unified on what all can agree on.

Jan 8:

1st Anniversary of CARD, 11 people from 3 counties at 1st meeting. CARD general meeting/need

to step up involvement of encampment-- get ready they're coming. Need to keep the enemies from entering the sites. Need to make it clear to the nation that NY people will not accept any new radioactive dump. Lobby, educate; this is not a local issue. Our son, Jed, 9 yrs old, doing postcard campaign to Gov Cuomo. Also he draws editorial cartoons for "Toxics in Your Community" newsletter.

Jan 9:

Phone call-- Weston (slime that helps in building, engineering and clean up after they leak) wants to come to CARD steering comm. meeting. Consensus-- NO WAY -- nothing to talk about, discuss at Thurs. meeting. Call-- "they" will be coming this next week for walkovers and possibly following week (22nd if not sooner) with drilling rigs. War is around the corner. Discuss upcoming benefit with Tom Paxton in organizing stage. Stay tuned!

Jan 10:

Update phonetree for action-Gary goes to DWNV office in Norwich for Chenango Coalition mtg. Plan to go to solid waste hearing in Binghamton, Jan 16th 2pm to 7pm to educate about the NRC planned deregulation of radioactive waste (BRC- Below Regulatory Concern) which will affect everyone nationwide. It'll be everywhere even recycled incinerated solid waste, etc. Went through bag full of newspapers and clipped articles for our files.

Jan 11:

Received call from Mayor Crabb's office in response to speaking with her before elections. Spoke with Admin Assis and he will brief her and hope-

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## Radioactive Dump Protest Update

Hank Strunk

The DRILLING RIGS are coming to Taylor early March! YOU, from Syracuse, should be there to help blockade the roads. Yes, in solidarity with those who will be the immediate victims; but more than that, because nuclear waste will invade the health of EVERYONE's children and it is urban acceptance of a misguided energy policy that prolongs this long-lived health hazard.

The NYS Siting Commission rolls on, intent on opening an office in Cortland in early March. Help picket that office; and tell your state legislators [and Walsh, D'Amato, Moynihan] your displeasure and ask them to halt the commission funds. Shut down the nukes, obsolete if conservation is allowed equal funding and time. Letters to the Editor are important too.

Dance to the anti-dump beat March 9, 8 pm at Hiawatha Inn, Truxton, NY. Or at home to the NoNukeSongs Cassette, @ SPC.

Get a copy of Dr. Marvin Resnikoff's report summary @\$1.00 released at big press conference on Feb 22 by Don't Waste New York Committee re: NiMo incompetency and cover-up of radioactive spill discovered by media August, 1989.

Call SPC for info or CARD office, 607-753-6271..

Make checks out to SPC-CARD

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# Views of the Movement: On Into the 90's *Carrie Stearns/Tom Joyce*

On December 28th, members of the Griffiss Peace Community and Syracuse Pax Christi commemorated the beginning of the new decade by posting a large eight by four foot plywood sign outside Griffiss AFB which declared an end to the Cold War and demanded the removal of nuclear weapons from the base within thirty days. For us this action pointed the way for a new decade of disarmament work.

As we begin this new decade, it is natural to look back at where the 80's left us. Looking around us now we see a world filled with dramatic changes. We also see a world in which the United States is very much out of step.

The 80's began with a revolutionary government in Nicaragua. For the first time this century the people of this tiny country tasted justice. Then our government stepped in, forcing the Nicaraguans to put more money into securing rather than toward progressing with their revolution. In South Africa, the cry for justice was strong, and many possibilities for change were born, but the U.S. refused to consistently condemn apartheid. Instead, we were busy deploying the next generation of nuclear weapons and stretching the arms race into space. For many in the

disarmament movement, the deployment of Cruise and Pershing missiles to Europe was a focal point for mass demonstrations and civil disobedience. As one result, the INF treaty was negotiated. But as soon as the warheads were removed others were deployed at sea on Cruise missiles. Here in the United States we have literally seen no real or honest response to any of the major changes in Eastern Europe or to the innumerable initiatives offered by the Soviet Union. We think it is fair to say that the 80's were a decade of missed opportunity.

## Impact on our Region

The 1980's escalation of the nuclear weapons race and Third World intervention had a very significant impact on our region. Griffiss was the first Strategic Air Command base to deploy air-launched Cruise missiles and became a multi-million dollar space weapons contractor. The Seneca Army Depot was the transshipment point for the Pershing II missiles going to Europe and remains a massive nuclear weapons storage facility. The development of Trident nuclear reactors and training of submarine crews continued at Knolls Atomic Power

Labs.

Production of sea-launched Cruise missile guidance systems at Litton in Ontario began and ended in the 80's. At Fort Drum, the largest military construction project ever has transformed a summer National Guard training facility into a base for one of the army's newly created "light" infantry divisions.

Industrial production facilities, university research, and smaller advanced technology firms took advantage of the resulting huge military budgets. And from Binghamton to Cornell to Buffalo the economy continued to depend on military spending. The militarization of our society grew as poor youth saw the military as one of few options and graduate engineers saw mostly opportunities with military contractors.

During the 80's we have been part of a regional network of activists that attempted to connect these local centers of the military to each other and to the realities of the global community. We have attempted to integrate tactics and strategies more clearly than had previously been done in the peace movement. We also tried to deepen the movement to include related issues and our own personal lives and spiritual

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# Archbishop Romero

## ■ End all U.S. aid to El Salvador

Withdraw all U.S. advisors;  
Stop Repressing the People: Respect human rights.  
Support a negotiated political solution

## ■ End the U.S. war against Nicaragua

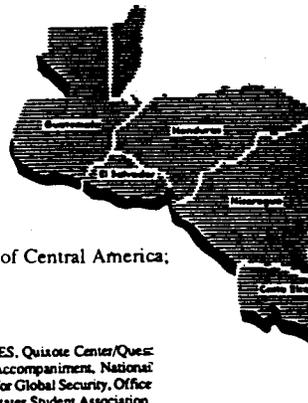
Respect Nicaragua's election; End the contra war  
Lift the trade embargo and normalize relations

## ■ No Invasions

End the occupation of Panama; U.S. troops and bases out of Central America;  
End military aid to Guatemala

## ■ Cut military spending; Fund human needs

Endorsers (Partial List): The Nicaragua Network, NISGUA, Pledge of Resistance, CISPES, Quisote Center/Quest for Peace, Building with the Voiceless of El Salvador, CRECEN, Interfaith Office on Accompaniment, National Agenda for Peace in El Salvador, National Rainbow Coalition, SANE/FREEZE, Campaign for Global Security, Office of the Americas, DC Student Coalition Against Apartheid and Racism (DCSCAR), United States Student Association, Pax Christi-USA, Madre, American Indian Movement, Mobilization for Survival



Assassinated  
March 24, 1980

## Commemoration and March to End the U.S. War in Central America

Washington, D.C.

Saturday, March 24, 1990

March from Capitol to White House

Assemble 11:00 am  
Rally at White House

Nonviolent Civil Disobedience  
After Rally

Marches in San Francisco,  
Los Angeles, and Austin, TX

Bus (\$40) leaving from Syracuse-- call SPC 472-5478

# Supermarket Waste

Todd Rogers

As we step into the make-believe land of the supermarket, our minds become dulled with smooth packages, slick ads, shiny floors and laser scanners. We're removed from the real world and enter into a pretend land of endless consumption.

As our brains deaden to the repeated assaults of the colorful products on the shelves, the people who make these products must create ever more exotic packages to bring us out of our daze and take notice. Thus, product packaging has become an industry in itself.

When all that packaging gets thrown out, it accounts for 1/3 of all the waste we produce. In Onondaga County, that translates to approximately 300 tons per day of packaging that is trucked off to the near-full Seneca Meadows Landfill.

Once we decide to take responsibility for reducing our own waste, we discover that our efforts begin, not in the home, but on the shiny, muzak-filled aisles of the supermarket. Here, we first encounter the raw materials of our own garbage production. And here, where we are often in a dizzying rush, we're faced with a confusing array of packages - What's recyclable? What's not? What's re-usable? What's made from recycled material? What's recyclable, but not being taken locally?

This is where the supermarket, itself can step in and help solve the garbage crisis. The supermarket is the place where we make the buying decisions that directly effect local efforts at waste reduction. It is, thus, the ideal place to educate the public on waste issues.

It is unfortunate, however, that all we've seen in the local supermarket chains are some misleading pamphlets and messages printed on grocery bags. These P.R. ploys serve only to polarize and confuse the community instead of fostering cooperative effort.

What is needed in the stores are signs which point up packaging that is reusable, recyclable, recycled or uses less material. We need stores that will encourage grocery bag reuse and offer reusable string grocery bags to customers who make large purchases. We need information in the stores that teach us about non-toxic alternatives to hazardous household cleaners.

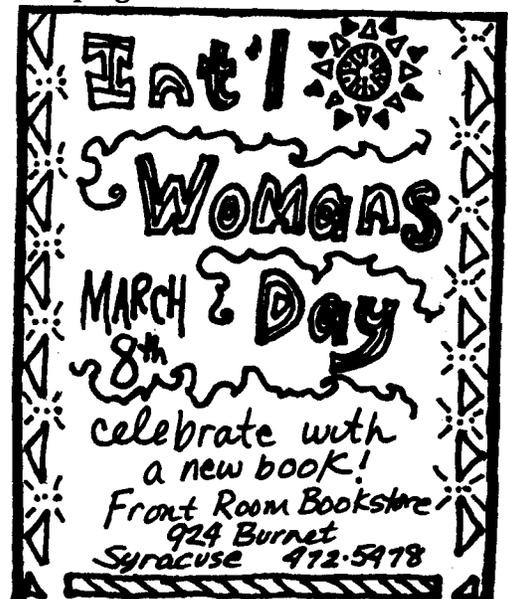
Recycle First is working cooperatively with Peter's Supermarkets to create such a supermarket at Peter's Nottingham Road store. Hopefully, the program will be received well enough there for it to spread into Peter's' three other stores in the area.

This program is a tool for change on many levels. First, it helps awaken those who have not yet become concerned with waste issues, while clearing up confusion about packaging for those who have become concerned. On a larger scale, once other area markets see a successful program at Peter's, they will be under pressure to keep pace. Positive feedback from shoppers at Peter's along with continuing pressure on other markets will accelerate this process. On an even larger scale, a proliferation of programs such as this one can put pressure on manufacturers to use reusable or recyclable packaging strategies. The stores, as the manufacturer's customers, wield more power with the manufacturers than individuals do. We can best pressure the manufacturers by pressuring the supermarkets.

The program has wider implications, as well. Other kinds of stores, as well as restaurants, are potential partners in community efforts to fight waste. However, it takes initiative on the part of individuals in the community to bring these businesses into the fold. The time is certainly ripe, as environmental consciousness is a selling point for business these days. In addition, many ecologically-sound actions that businesses can take can also save

them money. For example, if shoppers at Peter's reuse their grocery bags, Peter's stands to save on bag costs.

Ultimately, these kinds of cooperative efforts will go much further towards reducing waste than expensive and polluting incinerators and landfills. Recycle First is eager to work with area businesses on waste reduction and educational programs. We also desperately need individuals who are interested in working with area businesses. Please contact Recycle First at 471-2806 if you are interested in helping us.



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casualties of the Drug War must include the nation's growing homeless population.

Among the casualties are the Columbian judiciary in constant fear for their lives. The casualties include hundreds of people subjected to forfeiture of their property without due cause. Casualties are the numerous-law abiding Americans subjected to humiliating drug tests as a price of employment.

Casualties are the American people, whose individual rights are being eroded in the name of the War on Drugs, a war whose goals, tactics and advisability must be questioned.



**AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL  
USA**

### **Amnesty International -- Live in Syracuse**

Arn Chorn-Pond from Kampuchea (a former prisoner of conscience and founder of the organization "Children of War"), Scott Harrison (Urgent Action Network director for the U.S.), Craig Mokhiber (investigator of the West Bank) and Chief Harold Tarbell (VP of the National Congress of American Indians)-these are some of the speakers for us at the 1990 Amnesty International Area Conference at Syracuse University on March 31st!

Amnesty International's mandate is the skeleton of the conference... to seek the immediate and unconditional release of all prisoners of conscience, fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners, and an end to torture and execution worldwide. The desperate need of prisoners is the heart. Amnesty members are the muscle and breath. Without skilled and motivated people worldwide, this movement would be impossible. Those prisoners would be abandoned.

Scott Harrison opens the day by helping us understand the immediacy of the Urgent Action program-- an information network for letter writers. Roughly half of the prisoners for whom we write in Urgent Action are being tortured, and depend on our defense for their lives! Arn Chorn-Pond will by his presence alone prove how vital it is that Amnesty members be relentless in their work. When he speaks of the death camps in Kampuchea, we will see the fire within him and find ourselves ignited as well.

Craig Mokhiber, for his tour of duty with the Eye Witness Commission investigating the West Bank, will reveal an *intifada* far

removed from that the U.S. press has shown. He closes as we began -- with people opening our eyes and fueling our determination.

A round-table forum on Native American human rights concerns and Amnesty's mandate will be open to us. Chief Harold Tarbell of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council and Vice-President of the National Congress of American Indians will participate! The forum will identify areas of potential mutual involvement on these issues.

Workshops expand on the array of response opportunities for us -- always taking our mandate and helping us be its muscle and breath. Included: an "ABCs of Amnesty" for people new to Amnesty, who want to know its "what", "how", "why" and "where"; "Children's Rights", in which we find the creative ways humanity has found to deny life and hope to its own future; "Intro to the Death Penalty", to explain Amnesty's abolitionist position and encourage careful examination of the issues; "Faith in Action", for communities of faith to live their beliefs by acting through Amnesty; "Human Rights Education" for seeing what is already available and how best to make it accessible for faculty and students of all levels (including adult new readers); "Our Refugee Mandate", a sort of preventive human rights workshop, examining what Amnesty members can and can't do for refugees within our mandate; "Women's Rights", with the double perspectives of what happens to women and how women can work for their sisters.

Our video show will provide us with an array of options for accessible useful tapes on human rights. One will be a video produced by groups in Corning, Cortland and Ithaca which has already been picked up by a number of cable systems!

Interns will unveil the first AICNY newspaper for b-r-o-a-d public distribution, and projects on specific countries such as Guatemala. Groups will prepare

actions on behalf of many prisoners and on a range of issues. (At a recent meeting, one such action had attendees signing "letters" on fluorescent posters to President Bush, Senators and Congressmen about human rights violations in China. No one can possibly miss those letters!) Groups will sell t-shirts, bookmarks, autographed books, even Amnesty notepads.

Now, why is this dissertation in the Peace Council's Newsletter? Perhaps because both the opening plenary and refugee forum are open to the general public. Perhaps because registrants can attend some terrific workshops... and you, Gentle Reader, can register.

Or perhaps because we are free... and the unfree need us never to forget them.

## COMMUNITY CHOIR

### **Women's History Concert**

The public is invited to a concert and celebration for Women's History Month on Wednesday, March 21, Plymouth Church, 232 East Onondaga Street at 7:30pm. The evening is sponsored by the Community Choir, Syracuse University Women's Studies Program and the Women's Information Center. It will include music, readings from members of the Community Writers Project, dance and lots of inspiration! The cost is \$4-10, sliding scale at the door, it will be interpreted for the hearing impaired, and the hall is wheelchair accessible. Childcare will be provided and a reception will follow. Everyone is welcome!

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Wanted: Car

Poor student/activist needs car for commuting to college. Will consider any make, model, or year. Phone 476-FMIN

In the Salvadoran countryside, women and children are particularly affected by the U.S. financed war. Amidst repression and poverty, each day is a struggle for survival. Torture and imprisonment by the military is common. Starvation, disease and infection take many lives.

Poor communities in El Salvador lack even basic medical services. Knowledge of health care and hygiene is limited.

That is why the Union of Salvadoran Women is promoting a Rural Health and Hygiene Campaign. The Campaign trains women as health educators and distributes health and hygiene-related supplies such as soap, toothpaste, sanitary napkins and medicines. The women then return to their villages as leaders and teachers of hygiene, human sexuality, family planning and disease prevention.

In solidarity with the women of El Salvador, we invite you to join in this Campaign.

\$5.00 Will provide one round of antibiotic treatment

\$10.00 Will provide meals for one woman during a 10-day training workshop

\$25.00 Will provide two months worth of supplies for one health educator

\$40.00 Will provide the total cost of the training and two months worth of supplies for one health educator

Listen to a woman health care worker from Guazapa: "It's of great value to us that women... show their solidarity. This strengthens and inspires us."



# Romero

## The Spirit of Romero Lives On!

March 24, 1990 will mark the tenth anniversary of the assassination of Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, a man who courageously gave his life for peace and the Salvadoran people.

Your group is invited to join with others in our community to participate in a memorial celebration for Archbishop Romero to be held 5:00 P.M. March 31, at Le Moyne Athletic Center, Springfield Road entrance of Le Moyne College Campus.

As a show of encouragement, solidarity, and hope from the people of Syracuse to the world, you, as a group, family or individual is asked to make and display a banner (average size 2'x3') of the theme PEACE\ONE WORLD. Because these banners will be sent to El Salvador after the ceremony we ask that your group's name, address and contact person be inscribed on the back to encourage communication with the groups or families who will receive the banners in El Salvador.

Over a thousand people are expected to attend this liturgy which will focus on the work of Archbishop Oscar Romero and all the Central American Martyrs, sending a message of hope and peace to all parts of the world.

This program will be videotaped along with others nationwide to be sent along with the banners.

Your participation can change the world!

For more information contact Le Moyne Campus Ministry Office at 445-4110.

Please make checks to the Central American Material Aid Committee. Send to MADRE c/o 827 Sumner Ave, Syracuse, NY 13210. Call 673-1083 for more information.



HOMeward CONNECTION  
Christopher Community

On an average night in Syracuse, over 450 people find themselves homeless. Increasingly, this population is composed of women and their children. Female-headed families become homeless for various reasons. All too frequently, domestic violence forces a family to flee the abusive husband or boyfriend. Many times the income from a minimum wage job or from Public Assistance is too low to cover rent, food and all the other expenses. Occasionally a woman is actively addicted or going through a period of emotional/psychological disturbance and she is unable to keep a household together. Whatever the exact reason, becoming homeless can be a terribly painful and overwhelming experience.

Homeward Connection is an inter-faith ministry with homeless families. We accompany families as they move into permanent housing and stable situations. We offer basic assistance, advocacy, information and emotional support.

Often families have few possessions and no money to furnish their new home. Basic items such as beds and kitchen tables are hard to find.

HOMeward CONNECTION IS  
LOOKING FOR...  
furniture mattresses housewares  
linens lamps etc

Everything we collect is given to families as they move into their new homes. If you have anything you would like to donate please call Stacey at 424-1821.





Although promoted as rough, tough contests of human skill and courage against untamed beasts of the wild West, rodeos are actually nothing more than displays of human dominance over helpless animals.

People for Animal Rights (PAR) distributed leaflets to people attending the rodeo on Friday, January 26th and Saturday, January 27th at the Syracuse War Memorial. The leaflets, published by the Humane Society of the United States and People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, described the cruelty and abuse rodeo circuit animals are subject to, on the road as well as in the arena.

After contacting the sponsors of the rodeo (Agway, Marine Midland, 95X) and the stock contractor, Ed Peck, P.A.R. representatives were invited backstage to see "what goes on." Mr. Peck seemed confident that we would not find any cruelty or abuse. Mr. Peck was mistaken. We were allowed to see an area inside the War Memorial, at one end of the

arena, where some broncs, steers and calves were temporarily kept, perhaps for our observation.

We witnessed cramped quarters for the steers, broncs, and bulls. We saw the animals being punched, poked, kicked, and hit with sticks. We saw tails being twisted by rodeo workers forcing the animals to obey. In the arena, during the show, we witnessed calves, limping and frightened, after being roped in the calf-roping event. We saw two bulls heavily scarred, and a third with a very fresh wound on his forehead. We saw steers dragged, tripped, roped and twisted until they fell to the ground. We did not see anyone caring for the animals. It therefore remains our firm belief that rodeo circuit animals are forced to live an existence wrought with inhumanity, cruelty and abuse. We did not see anything that alters this view.

We hope this rodeo does not set a precedent for future events in Syracuse. Surely there are enough alternatives to entertainment of this type that we do not have to choose to support this type of exploitation.

If you want to know more about PAR, write to us at 148 W. Beard Ave. 13205 (no walk-ins please) or phone Linda at 475-0062 (8am to 10:45pm) or Norma at 492-0459 until 11pm.

## CENTRAL AMERICA COALITION

On February 17, 150 stalwarts processed from St. Lucy's on the west end of Gifford St. to the altar of the Cathedral at Columbus Circle. Leading with a giant puppet of Archbishop Romero carrying his "no more military aid" letter to President Jimmy Carter of ten years ago; a mid-section with local clergy carrying eight caskets commemorating the murdered Jesuits with their cook and her daughter, and the slow murder of the countless Syracusans succumbing in a society in need of redeeming action; 75

crosses symbolic of the 75000 dead Salvadorans; and a tail banner, "Not One Dime for the Death Squad Government of El Salvador"... many thanks to all of us in the Central America Coalition who made this possible, especially Harvey Pinyoun and Kathleen Rumpf who continue their bread and juice fast.

We found on-lookers interested in the facts, we had great coverage on the evening TV 5 & 9 news, and our reflections together in the Sanctuary quickened our determination to creatively bring the message to more Syracusans. That same spirit of love and concern is yours as well... won't you join us?

## Central New York Chapter New York Civil Liberties Union

Presidents Reagan and Bush have taken an all-out offensive against substance abuse entitled the "War on Drugs." The ten year war has cost billions of dollars, and President Bush is asking Congress to once again *double* the appropriation for law enforcement and incarceration to "Win the War on Drugs". Just who are the casualties of the Drug War? After all, wars have casualties.

Gary Kelder, Professor at Syracuse University College of Law, will moderate a panel discussion touching on the civil liberties raised by the drug war. The program plans to address civil forfeiture and other questions involving search and seizure of drugs: is there a "drug exception" to the Bill of Rights?

The President's program emphasizes law enforcement; but what about people who need substance abuse treatment? Is decriminalization an alternative to war? And what about the war's disproportionate impact on the poor and minority communities?

Who are the overseas casualties of the drug war? And how does our foreign policy affect the war? The government is increasingly using armed forces in the drug war: this raises civil liberties questions about military entanglement in domestic law enforcement.

The panel discussion will include representatives from law enforcement, substance abuse education and treatment, and the international law community. Featured are Judge Kevin Mulroy, Richard Southwick, District Attorney, Dan Braveman, Associate Professor at SU School of Law, and others.

The program will be held Wednesday evening, March 14, 7:30 pm at Nottingham High School, 3100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse. It is free and open to the public.

# RECYCLE FIRST

## Recycle First: On the Move Again

Yes, it is true. Recycle First can no longer afford the overhead for a staff person and rent. But the good news is, there is a spirited group of ten board members, who have come together to see the group through this staff-less time. The Board meets every two weeks (for incredibly long periods of time) and is busy working on projects, attending meetings, and contacting members in the interim.

To reduce our overhead, we have moved out of the Peace Council-(to whom we extend a big thank you for the short, but good working environment/relationship) and have set up our phone in one of the board members homes, and rented a PO box for our mail.

So... the new info is:

Recycle First  
 PO Box 6457  
 Syracuse, NY 13217  
 315-471-2806

Projects we are currently working on include:

- Public Education Program at Peters Groceries in Nottingham Plaza. You may have already seen the big sign across the front of the store- "Peters Supports Recycle First"! Inside, we're working with Peters to display signs throughout the store which help consumers identify recyclable or recycled packaging, and identify ways to reduce and reuse items. Soon... RF will be selling reusable string bags in the store.

- Working with the Resource Recovery Agency, which was set up to oversee all aspects of the County's solid waste program, to see that they have the necessary information to make intelligent, informed decisions.

- Gearing up for Earth Day 1990 where we will be putting on a recycling demonstration in cooperation with the Sierra Club Iroquois Chapter.

- Attending legislative and committee meeting to keep abreast of all issues regarding solid waste disposal and inform the public.

- Activating legislative phone network to alert our common council members to issues coming before the legislature urging them to contact their representatives.

- Lots of researching, networking, and planning to respond to the issues facing our community.

If you would like more information, would like to get involved, or would like to share information with us, we would love to hear from you!

## SYRACUSE COOPERATIVE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union (SCFCU) will hold its 1990 annual meeting on Sunday March 18 between two and four p.m. at Erwin Methodist Church, 920 Euclid Ave in Syracuse. The meeting will have reports on the credit union's operations as well as discussion of how the SCFCU can use its resources to encourage development of cooperative businesses, and how to meet housing needs.

The SCFCU is a member-owned organization; members will be voting to elect the individuals who will serve on the board of directors, and supervisor and credit committees.

The "Women in Black of Syracuse" (WIB) vigil every month for an hour in DeWitt at the intersection of Erie Blvd and E Genesee St. Jewish women of diverse backgrounds, some children of Holocaust survivors, stand in support of the Israeli Women in Black who, in 25 locations, every Friday, stand in protest of their government's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

A call for an international Women's Day hour of solidarity with Jerusalem's WIB, on March 8 or 9, has been received. For time or information on local WIB, call Linda at 472-9386.

Men, and non-Jewish women supporters, are welcome, particularly to help leaflet during the monthly vigil.



# Peaces

COME JOIN our March 4th Nicaragua Election Party with National Project Satellite Daniel Ortega's speech of March 3rd with interviews on the election from Nicaragua. Celebrate with Nicaragua! Sunday, 7pm, Plymouth Congregational Church. Bring a dessert to pass.

Join the national boycott of Salvadoran coffee.. [Folgers, Hills, Nestle's Maxwell-House] &&& buy Nicaraguan coffee at SPC at \$5/lb in 24 1/2 lb. case included \$.50/lb for local organizing.

A Movie Must--- "Roger & Me" here is a delightful mainstream movie that drives home the downside of rampant capitalism in Flint, Michigan. Take your friends, help us flyer it, hold a dessert discussion after the ball.

## Support Us Support Plymouth Geoff Navias

Throughout the last twenty years Plymouth Church has been one of the very few facilities in downtown Syracuse which has opened its doors to the Peace council. How many events, dinners, concerts, and meetings have we had there? This next year will be the twentieth year of Plowshares! And the Peace council is just one group out of many which have used and appreciated this unique downtown facility. With a long history, being one of the early stations in the Underground Railroad, Plymouth continues to serve that role for those fleeing from Latin America today. The years of heavy use have taken their toll on the building.

The Peace Council has joined with a number of other groups including the Sanctuary Group, Open Hand Theater, and Plymouth Day Care to honor the church. On March 31, starting at 3:00 pm there will be a whole afternoon and evening of great events to raise funds for some of the much needed repairs at Plymouth. But beyond being great events, it is important that you come and demonstrate your support for this important building.

As we head into 1990 it is with great appreciation for the past and looking forward to the future events that we are participating in this festival. So consider how

you might help out: First and most important, come!; Second, tell others about it and invite friends; Three, could you volunteer any time, we need help with cleaning up to serving food to watching children and more. Call Andy or Glenda at 472-5478 for more information.

The events on March 31st are part of a larger weekend, *The New Arts Spring Festival*, a collaboration between Taste of the Arts and Open Hand Theatre. A partial listing of events is included below.

### March 31 Events

3:00 pm Kids Concert with Dan Duggan. A program of fun songs and delightful stories. Dan Duggan is one of the finest Hammered Dulcimer players in the country, his stage presence, music and mirth are irresistible. (Recommended Donation \$2.50 Adults, .75 Children)

4:00 pm Open Hand Theatre presents "Why?" or Jitterbugging with the Universe, with special musical guests The Swing Club (Admission: \$4.00 Advance Tickets, \$6.00 at Door, Children \$2.00)

5:00 pm Dinner Concert with Dan Duggan and Tom Seiling

6:00 pm Dessert with the Community Choir (Donations)

7:00 pm Malache, A Contemporary Theatre of Syracuse production, this moving one-woman play stars Annette

Adams-Brown, directed by Donna Inglima. Australian playwright Virginia Jane Rose has created a vibrant story of a third world women's determination to survive a war and drought. (Admission Free)

8:00 pm Open Hand Theatre presents "Why?" or Jitterbugging with the Universe, with special musical guests The Swing Club. A new comedy which has cleverly disguised itself as a puppetry show and is nervously getting ready to go out on its first date with the Universe. Featuring toe tapping big band sounds and puppets from six inches to twenty feet tall. (Admission: Advance Tickets \$4.00 \$6.00 at the door, Children \$3.00)

9:00 pm Dance the Night Away, Dance music of all styles and tastes - dust off those dancing shoes (Admission: \$2.00)



GRAPHIC BY SIMON MORRIN-GROSS

# The Women's Movement in South Korea

The Committee for a new Korea Policy

Today in South Korea, you see many women at factories, schools and demonstrations, who are committed to gaining human rights for women and their country. Contrary to the traditional image of docile and submissive women found in both Korean and western cultures, these women are articulate, active and defiant. Above all, they have firm belief in the future that they are vigorously building.

The Korean women's movement first sprang from women's recognition of the decay of Confucian rule and of the threat of foreign intervention at the turn of the century. Women were defiant protesters in the March 1st Independence uprising in 1919. The contemporary women's movement in South Korea carries this spirit, fighting against the military regime and U.S. intervention, as well as for the true human rights of women in a democratic society.

Since 1983, many progressive grassroots women's organizations have formed; among them, the Women's Hotline, the first group to deal with the problems of battered women and the Korean Women Workers Organization, which fights for the rights of women workers.

Women's labor struggles have been an integral part of the labor and women's movements since the 1970's. South Korea's export-oriented economy has been built through the sacrifice of workers and farmers - a substantial number of whom are women. Taking advantage of government policies favoring multinational enterprises, American firms have made large profits from the high productivity of low-wage, non-union workers. Many U.S. companies have concentrated on labor-intensive industries such as electronics, which employ almost exclusively women. When workers attempt to organize a union for better wages, the companies employ all possible methods to break the unions. In July of 1988, a number of women at the Tandy (Radio Shack) cor-

poration were trying to organize a union. Tandy responded by hiring more than 100 men for a so-called "Save the Company Corps." The women were brutally beaten and sexually harassed by these brutes. As a result, 20 women were hospitalized and 4 union workers were arrested. Only 2 of the men were arrested. In response to growing violence against women workers, the Korean Women's Society for Democracy launched a campaign against 'Save the Company' squads. Other labor, church and women's groups joined this struggle.

With growing anti-American sentiment in South Korea, women's organizations actively support the struggles of women workers at U.S.-owned plants through publicity, picketing, and education efforts to reveal the exploitative nature of current labor laws.

There are 43,000 U.S. troops stationed at 40 bases throughout South Korea. Wherever U.S. bases have been constructed, towns have also formed to provide services to the soldiers. Whether the basetown is big or small, prostitution is the core part of social and economic activities in the town. Hoping to earn enough to get out of poverty, young women become prostitutes. Their wishes never come true.

The women's movement has broken its uneasy silence and now demands change. Women activists now criticize the violent crimes of the U.S. soldiers against women as well as the government's tacit approval of prostitution. However, as one prominent woman activist argues, the ultimate solution is the withdrawal of U.S. troops from South Korea.



## Green Corner

Jim Foley

At a Unitarian Church in Auburn, twenty-five people came together on a Saturday morning to learn about the Green movement and to get involved. What they experienced was an eloquent exposition of Green values, followed by an opportunity to immediately organize Green activities.

Participants arrived in Auburn from up to two hours away, coming from Bath, Skaneateles, Corning, Elbridge, and Syracuse. People introduced themselves as Greens, as animal rights activists, members of environmental action groups, Unitarians, vegetarians, teachers, socially-conscious consumers, and people simply interested.

After discussing the ten key Green values and briefly learning the Green consensus process (both to be discussed in future columns), the group brainstormed problems and issues that an Auburn-area Green group might address.

From this list, three priorities were chosen for small groups to work on: community awareness, Earth Day planning, and dealing with racism in Auburn. This third group had the most immediate task: to build support for a local March Against Racism the following Saturday (Feb 24). This will help build multi-ethnic alliances in a broader framework of ending domination and concentration of power, a value that Greens and civil rights activists share.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 3, from 9-11am, at the Unitarian Church on North Seward Street in Auburn. Meetings will continue every two weeks thereafter. For directions and other information, call Lanny Kendrick-Bowser at 1-689-3867, or Jim Foley at 426-9961.

# SU Recycling Program Attempts a Foothold

Allison Slater

The July 1 deadline for mandatory recycling in Onondaga County leaves Syracuse University less than a semester to set up a program which can deal with the problems of trash separation on a college campus. For example, if individual families don't separate their trash, the county can simply refuse to pick up their garbage. If one person in a dormitory throws an apple core into the paper bin, the paper for the entire floor is contaminated.

A committee of student representatives, faculty, staff and administrators formed to oversee the recycling program and try to deal with some of these difficulties. Although the committee officially has 20 members, including high-position administrators, only a few students and one university staff member, Alice Keefe, regularly show up to meetings.

The first steps toward recycling have already been taken. The offices and computer clusters on campus already started to separate paper. A few residence halls began pilot programs with recycling bins for each floor. The Schine Center phased out its use of styrofoam take-out containers and coffee cups.

But a much more comprehensive program needs to be in place when the students return for the fall 1990 semester, if the university is to meet county regulations. Trash separation will be mandatory in all residence halls, dining halls and campus buildings. Fraternity houses and off-campus students will most likely deal with their trash separation individually.

To emphasize reduction over recycling, the committee is planning a campaign to encourage student to by reusable coffee cups and shopping bags. Some of the more idealistic students on the committee are looking into the possibility of setting up composting centers for dining hall waste, banning polystyrene on campus and encouraging the university to buy more recycled paper.

Of course, the specific problems on such a large campus all stem from the same obstacles facing

the county in general; extra costs and a population which is generally uneducated and unconcerned about solid waste issues.

Obviously this small group of token representatives cannot make the recycling program successful and more than Recycle First can run Operation Separation for Onondaga County. Eventually, the entire student body will have to become educated and the administration will have to be willing to bear the extra costs (or pass them on the students!). Hopefully, those activists in the community working on recycling issues will get involved in the SU program so that when the Class of 1994 arrives they will be starting their education at a more environmentally aware university.

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# In Celebration of Women: A Month of Events

In celebration of International Women's History Month, Le Moyne College is highlighting activities dedicated to women and women's issues. The theme for the month's activities is "Talking Back: Silence, Speech and Resistance."

## MAR 1

### READING THE SLENDER BODY: CONTEMPORARY IMAGES AND THEIR CULTURAL MEANING

Slide presentation and lecture presented by Susan R. Bordo, Le Moyne College Philosophy Professor, exploring the cultural meaning of slenderness through discussion of the technologies of weight control and exercise, eating disorders (obesity, anorexia nervosa and bulimia), historical perspectives and gender issues.

8pm, Shanahan Chapel, Grewen Hall.

## MAR 2

### EATING DISORDERS: THE FEMINIST CHALLENGE TO THE CONCEPT OF PATHOLOGY

Lecture by Susan R. Bordo examining the cultural and political reasons behind eating disorders from a feminist perspective.

8pm, Shanahan Chapel, Grewen Hall.

## MAR 5

### FOODFRIGHT

A musical comedy set in cabaret style, "Foodfright" explores the thoughts and feelings of millions of women who are trapped in a "secret" life of bulimia, anorexia, overexercise and food fixations. Discussion will be led by Gisele L'Italien, composer-lyricist and original cast member, and Susan R. Bordo.

8pm, Shanahan Chapel, Grewen Hall.

## MAR 7

### CHRISTIAN RESOURCES FOR POSTMODERN WOMEN

Lecture by Nancy C. Ring, Religious Studies Professor, discussing the resources within the Christian tradition which support women living in contemporary society.

8pm, Reilly Room, Reilly Hall.

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This hand you have observed  
Impassive and detached,  
With joints adroitly curved  
and fingers neatly matched:  
It doubles to a fist. -- Elinor Wylie

## MAR 9

### WOMANIST THEOLOGY'S CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH AND CHRISTIANITY

Lecture by Kelly D. Brown, Howard Divinity School.

8pm, Shanahan Chapel, Grewen Hall.

## MAR 10

### SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK

A concert in celebration of Multi-Cultural Awareness Month and Women's History Month. Sweet Honey in the Rock, a group of black female singers, began performing in Washington, D.C. in November, 1973. Their sound and repertoire is rooted in the tradition of Black American unaccompanied choral singing. They have performed for sell-out crowds at New York City's Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, Town Hall, The Bottom Line, the No-Nukes Concert at Madison Square Garden, as well as many other cities throughout the country. The performance will be interpreted for the hearing impaired.

8pm, Anthony A. Henninger Athletic Center, Admission is \$10 for the general public.

## MAR 11

### SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Workshop led by Beth Rubin, second degree black belt and Le Moyne College Industrial Relations instructor. The workshop is based on the premise that all people have the right not to be harmed or dominated by others.

2pm-5pm, Reilly Room, Reilly Hall. Advance registration required, 445-4496.

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## MAR 12

### CREATING THE "VICTIM" MIND

Lecture by Janice McLane of the Philosophy Department at Villanova University. Presenting an instance of the teaching of passive non-responsibility "victimhood" to young girls. McLane will analyze victimhood and show how it is both imposed and chosen by women as a strategy for dealing with oppression.

8pm, Shanahan Chapel, Grewen Hall.

## MAR 27

### THE CIVIL WAR AS A CRISIS IN GENDER

Lecture by LeeAnn Whites of the History Department at the University of Missouri-Columbia. White has her Ph.D. from the University of California, where she wrote her dissertation, "Southern Ladies and Millhands: Class Politics, and the Domestic Economy, Augusta, Georgia, 1870-1890."

8pm, Shanahan Chapel, Grewen Hall.

## MAR 29

### ROCKING THE SHIP OF STATE: TOWARD A FEMINIST UNDERSTANDING OF PEACE

Lecture by Ynestra King, writer and peace activist from New York City.

8pm, Shanahan Chapel, Grewen Hall.

All events are open to the public, accessible to the handicapped, and free of charge unless otherwise indicated. For more information, contact Lynne Arnault at 445-4496.

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fully will set up a meeting to let her know what we've learned & ask for he help in educating Binghamton. Steering committee mtg (CARD) Definite NO to meeting with Weston nothing to be gained. They want a dump. The people don't. Herb Holland, Republican candidate for Gov. is coming to Taylor on Sunday and wants to meet with CARD. Probably wants to use the issue for political advantage. We will do our best to educate him. Try to mobilize Taylor for upcoming invasion.

Jan 12:

Call some landowners in Taylor. Try to find out when "they" are coming. Flip over news of re-opening West Valley as dumping ground, that makes a lot of sense-- we know it leaks there! Figure it's a political ploy to conquer and divide and let affected people think they're off the hook. We will try to expose this maneuver. Working on ad for upcoming legislative lobby day to go in Legislative Gazette in Albany which goes to all legislators and many others.

Jan 13:

Get recyclable goods together for delivery. Finance committee mtg. 11:30-- order new buttons.

Jan 14:

Work on ad for legislators-- call around for approval-- looks good. Went to Taylor to met with Herb Holland-- Republican conservative hopeful for governor. He supports on-site storage in aboveground facilities. Told him about BRC-- wants document from NRC-- can't believe it. Read Solid Waste Management Plan draft-- promotes re-use, recycling and reduction. No mention of BRC (Below Regulatory Concern, the deregulation of radioactive waste.) Will try to make hearing in Binghamton on Tuesday to bring BRC to light.

Jan 15:

Gary goes out to get the ad laid

## Book Review

Shelagh Clancy

Women Together, Women Alone  
The Legacy of the Consciousness Raising Movement  
By Anita Shreve  
275 pp. Viking Press

In 1968, the New York Radical Women began a process which changed the lot of women unalterably. It was called consciousness-raising (CR), and its main tenet was "the personal is political." It grew out of women's disenchantment with their position in left politics and came to embrace women from many walks of life.

Anita Shreve recounts this history with obvious affection in Women Together, Women Alone. She traces the lives of eight women from a CR group to illustrate her narrative analysis of what caused CR, what it accomplished, and what it means for women today.

Women came together to talk about their lives, using a format designed to establish equality and intimacy among diverse personalities. We still use it. Chapters of the book reflect

out. Wrote a happy 1st anniversary letter at tonight's meeting. Candlelight vigil at Allen Hill tonight. CARD general mtg. State troopers are riding the roads looking for ways in & out among seasonal roads.

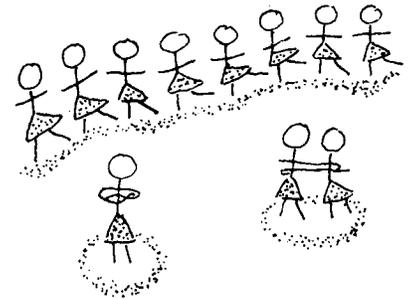
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Independence Day--- 4th of July, 1989---

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common and important topics discussed in CR: sex and sexual identity, beauty, being alone, motherhood, rape, men. When women shared their experiences and saw the patterns, it was radicalizing on a very personal level, and there was no going back. These uppity women went forth and demanded what they had come to realize was theirs: equality in the work force, in the family, in sexual relation. It worked so well that young women today have a hard time understanding what all the fuss is about. For them, most doors are not shut.

But the topics of CR are timeless and the collective forum for them is gone. Particularly in personal relations, women feel the need to continue understanding and changing things. Most compelling in this book are the voices of the women who experienced CR and mourn its demise. Shreve examines the causes of the diffusion of the Women's Movement and rallies for a second wave of CR. For the women who were involved in it, for their daughters, for all our sisters, this is a valuable book.



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particularly inappropriate at this time, when the U.S. is striving to distance itself from its previous Cold War stance.

### SIGNIFICANCE OF RELEASE

Mandela's release has thrown the South African population, and the world at large, into an evaluation process of many dimensions. Before his release, Beyers Naude, immediate past Secretary General of the South African Council of Churches, had said in another context: "What is important now is to take note of what basic moral, political, and economic issues are at stake. That, basically what is being tested in South Africa is our whole value system, our concepts of justice, of love, of human concern."

It is expected that for starters, Mandela's release will accelerate the momentum for systemic change in South Africa as never before. As a freedom fighter who has tenacity and sagacity, he is well-disposed to build an atmosphere for teamwork in negotiations between the African National Congress and President de Klerk's government.

De Klerk has invariably been given the credit for releasing Mandela. It is significant to note that before the release he had a promissory note from leading financial institutions conceding to extend bank loans owed them by South Africa. It is not readily granted that credit is really due to effort of the anti-apartheid movement at home and abroad, who, by calling for comprehensive and mandatory sanctions, helped carry forward the processes that led to the release of Mandela.

Margaret Thatcher's stand, alone among 12 members of the European Economic Community and 49 members of the Commonwealth, is using the release of Mandela for another opportunity to campaign for lifting economic sanctions and for a visit to South Africa to claim the big prize. De Klerk is scheduled to meet with selected leaders of independent African States-- now that he has

made an attempt to achieve a semblance of political normalcy by restraining his police.

In parallel with de Klerk's meeting in Zaire, scheduled for February 24th, Nelson Mandela will meet, for the first time with the exiled members of the National Executive Committee of the ANC in Zambia. While the de Klerk/Mobutu meeting in Zaire holds little promise of conforming to the Harare Declaration made by the Frontline States and accepted by the UN General Assembly, the ANC meeting with Mandela in Zambia clearly will use that set of guidelines for planning negotiated settlement.

One of the overlooked aspects of Nelson Mandela's speech at the public rally in Soweto on February 13th was his call to students. He exhorted them to go back to school, "where learning should of necessity take place." Print media here paid scant attention to that appeal-- choosing instead to dwell on banalities. The children of South Africa are called to emulate the exiled students at the Solomon Mahlangu Freedom College (SOMAFCO). Solomon Mahlangu, one youth singled out by Mandela as he paid tribute to all those in struggle, is now immortalized in the school named for him (see PNL, Nov. 1989). It is not a coincidence that the day following his speech, the black teachers of Soweto staged a protest march in downtown Johannesburg to high-

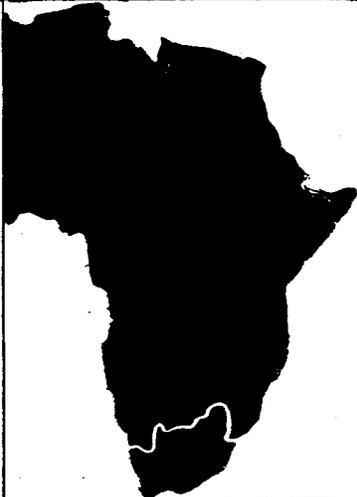
light decades of neglect of African education.

### FUTURE PROSPECTS

No one knows when apartheid will be dismantled. By the end of de Klerk's term in office, events will have moved so fast that South Africa will have hopefully crossed the threshold of bitterness and mistrust in human dealings concerning its disenfranchised masses. This will be, because as Africans are wont to say, "Nobody can stop the rain."

Although the release of Mandela has been welcomed the world over, several issues still remain to be addressed urgently. First, the state of emergency must be ended. This alone will go a long way toward creating a climate conducive to moving forward to tangible negotiations and verifiable peace. Second, de Klerk must release all remaining political prisoners and detainees. Third, de Klerk must order an independent judicial inquiry into the crimes of police death squads-- which were carried out per official mandate.

Meantime, solidarity actions with those struggling daily to remove the political constraints discussed above, should be increased to exceed all previous levels. International sanctions have provided the catalyst for change in South Africa's attitude toward a universally recognized negotiated settlement.

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beliefs, thus creating a nonviolent movement for change.

### Commitments During the 80's

The tactics of local organizing, peace conversion, and direct action have been important to us in the 80's. We feel strongly about being involved in change at the local level. Changes occur in the most positive ways when people see a need for them where they live. Beyond our "neighborhood" we think it crucial to combine efforts with like-minded people close by. Our common sense tells us that the larger movements are only as strong as their small parts.

Promotion of peace conversion takes seriously the fact that peoples' economic lives play an essential role in their moral decision making. Direct action (demonstrations, civil disobedience, public education) shakes up the society until possibilities for change become real.

Because we bring who we are into the movement for change it has been important to know ourselves and to continuously grow as individuals. Thus, seeking a healthy mind and body has been part of our journey through the 80's. We have discovered how deeply connected our spiritual lives are to a movement for change.

We have chosen to work for change through non-violence - the active willingness to stand for justice and to confront the conse-

quences of violence, hatred, and mistrust. While working with many people, we strive to be in the spectrum of those who see non-violence as a way of life and an all-consuming passion.

### Direction for the 90's

So, where do we go in the 90's? Nationally we desperately need a unified voice *demanding* disarmament and an end to our nation's intervention policy. Right now we have the greatest opportunity ever to bring the Cold War to an end; yet our voices seem scattered, distant, and sometimes even faint. A major march on Washington and civil disobedience at the Pentagon is in order.

Regionally we must begin to stretch ourselves and begin working more closely together. We need each other's support to meet the challenge of the times. There are two networks in upstate New York with which we are involved. One is the Weapons Facilities Conversion Network and the other is a network of spiritually based activists. Both (and others in Upstate) contain many possibilities for our working together in the 90's.

Locally, we are settling in for a decade of influencing local politics and decision making with our peace and justice outlook. As long as Griffiss remains a military base we will continue the work of challenging and talking with workers and community members. Economic conversion needs

to become a part of this community's agenda. We hope to initiate a conversion task force this year. On a more personal and spiritual level, community building in our household and among friends and neighbors remain a priority.

The 90's present us with many challenges and possibilities for change. Let us work together to make this the decade of worldwide disarmament.

Carrie and Tom have been active in peace and justice work throughout upstate New York and southern Ontario for many years. In the summer of 1987 they moved to Rome to begin the Griffiss Peace Community. Aside from the work talked about in their article they enjoy vegetable gardening, hiking and cross-country skiing.



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<p><b>11</b> EVERY SUN/Peoples 80 Minutes/Contra Cable Ch. 7, 8pm 472-8478 Country Dance w/ Margaret Mathews &amp; band. Benefit for SNAE/FREEZE 7-10pm 478-7442 for place \$10</p>	<p><b>12</b> Silent Vigil to End the Occupation by Jewish Women in Black, 5-9pm corners of E. Genesee &amp; Erie Blvd. Linda Genesee &amp; Erle Blvd. Linda 472-8288</p>	<p><b>13</b> PAR mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0082 or Jane 478-8821 Sierra Club, general mtg. 7:30pm Black Hall ESF Campus, Syracuse</p>	<p><b>14</b> Network is -Pal. Peace mtg. 2111 E. Genesee St. \$3 7:30pm 479-5393 The Empire/Universities But Poorly Recognized Oppressive Control Structures in Society &amp; Human Services" at SDC Aud. 1pm-4:30pm Call Mtg 473-6365</p>	<p><b>15</b> EVERY THURS: Central Am. Vigil 7:30pm, Fed bldg. Open forum discussion Gay &amp; Lesbian Student Assoc. at SU 8:30pm 750 Ostium Ave. 443-8399</p>	<p><b>16</b> New Jewish Agenda/Poltuk 6:30pm 479-5393 PNL Calendar &amp; Ad Deadline</p>	<p><b>17</b> Maple Syrup Festival w/musical entertainment, refreshments at Baltimore Woods Nature Ctr., Marcellus noon-9pm 873-1350 Peace Child Chorus singing before youth theatre production of "Thousand Cranes" 10:30 &amp; 1:30 call 478-7442 for place and tickets \$4</p>
<p><b>18</b> PNL Production 3/18-3/24 call 472-5478 Sy. Cooperative Fed. Credit Union annual mtg. Erwin Methodist Church, 820 Euclid Ave. 2-4pm 478-8290</p>	<p><b>19</b> Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets 7pm</p>	<p><b>20</b> EVERY TUES. Yoga Class NOW fundraiser, rally w/Who's Your Hero? at NOW at Erwin, 8pm 472-8294</p>	<p><b>21</b> Concert and Celebration for Women's History Month by Comm. Choir &amp; Comm. Writers Project at Plymouth Church 7:30pm \$4-\$10 tickets avail. 478-4188</p>	<p><b>22</b> Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822 "The Role of Women in Historical Societies in the 19th Century" by Mary Stanley 12:15pm at Orion, Hls. Soc.</p>	<p><b>23</b> EVERY FRIDAY Ad -Up ECHO 7:30pm EVERY FRIDAY Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Eps. Ch. \$3 Market Collective at SU see 3/9</p>	<p><b>24</b> Archdiocese Ocean Romero Assisted in El Salvador</p>
<p><b>25</b> EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 8pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618</p>	<p><b>26</b> E.M. Ram, Jr. TV correspondent "Peace Prospects," JCC 7:30pm/79-5393</p>	<p><b>27</b> PAR mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0082 or Jane 478-8821</p>	<p><b>28</b> "Homegrown" reading series featuring Howard Gordon, viewing Black Armer, lives &amp; Aglaa Shalibi All reading own poetry, OCP, Galanter 7pm info. 472-0400</p>	<p><b>29</b> PNL Meeting Party 5-7:30pm "Women's Issues in the 1980's" lecture by Charlotte Cohen, Orion, Hls. Soc. 12:15pm Game: "Therapeutic" Gay &amp; Lesbian Student Assoc., SU 8pm 443-8399</p>	<p><b>30</b> 3/8-4/1Eco Justice Conference, Sustainability &amp; Economic Development, Must We Choose? Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell Univ., Ithaca 607-255-4225</p>	<p><b>31</b> Memorial Service for Archbishop Romero of El Salvador, LeMayne Athletic Center, 8pm 445-4110</p>
<p><b>EVERY SUN</b>, South Africa Now, weekly news from South Africa 9pm WCCN Channel 24.</p>	<p><b>EVERY SUN</b>, Volunteers needed to be servers at Unity Kitchen, Call Ann 475-6781</p>	<p><b>EVERY TUES</b>, Lesbian &amp; Gay Youth mtgs. 6-9pm</p>	<p><b>EVERY TUES</b>, Meditation at Stockton House, 45 min, sessions at 7:15pm, 7:45pm 5:15pm, 7:15pm, Call Sister Patricia Bergen 475-2811</p>	<p><b>1979</b> Near Meltdown of Three Mile Island, Pa. Worst US Nuclear Disaster to Date</p>	<p><b>EVERY THURS</b>, 24 Hour Vigil for El Salvador at Federal Bldg., 1823 W. Redstarters League Founded</p>	<p><b>EVERY SUN</b>, Volunteers needed to be servers at Unity Kitchen, Call Ann 475-6781</p>

"American Pictures" multi-media slide presentation on racism and American underclass. March 9th 6pm-11pm. free, but reservation only. Call 472-5478. at Northeast Community Center



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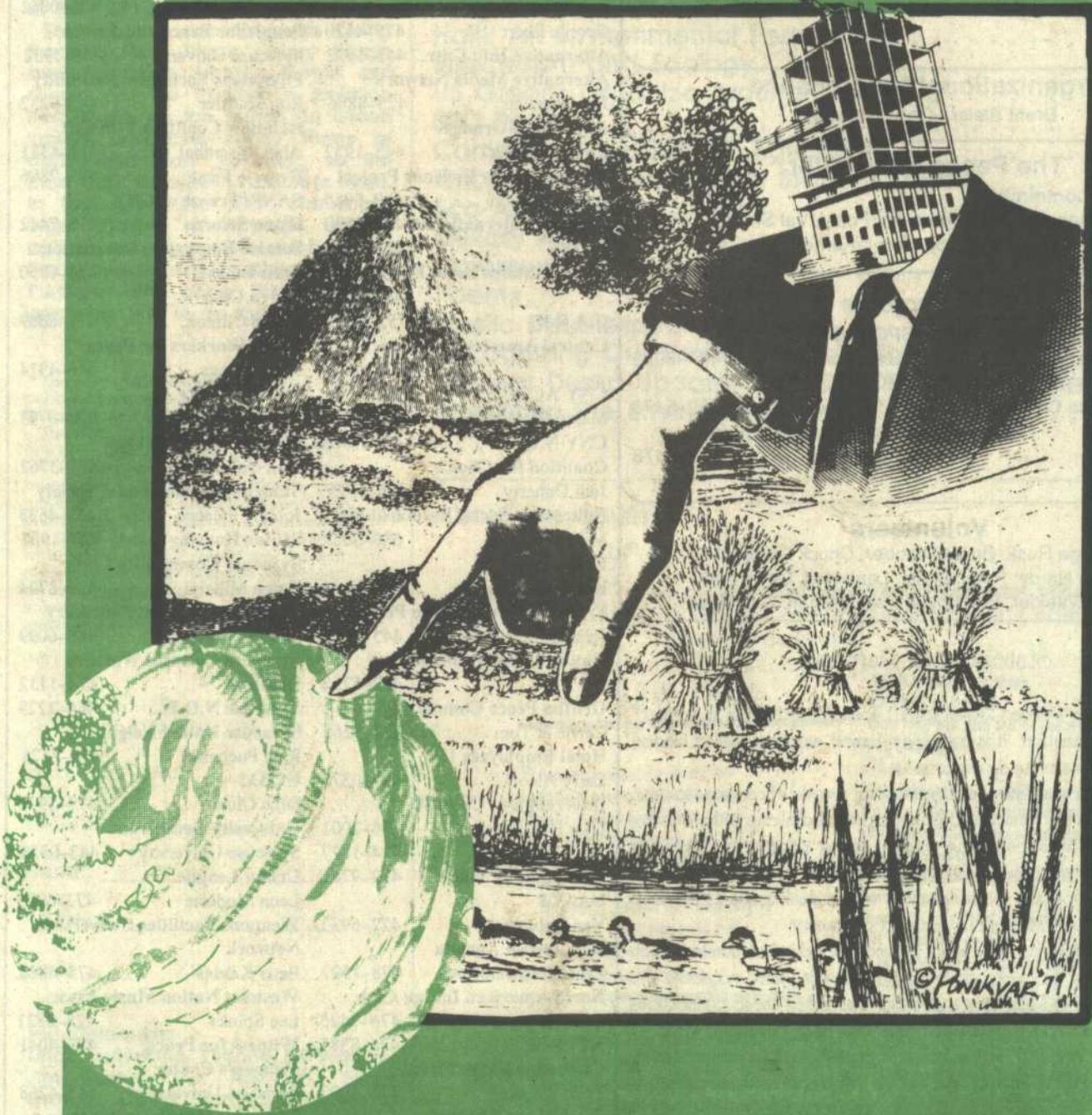
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3/13 Housing Now Project-painting at Booth House, youth runaway shelter. Meet at Noble Firm, Hendricks Chapel at SU to campout. 7:30am info. Jeanne 443-1932 on Tuesdays 10-12:30  
3/22 Films of 20th Century Class Struggle & American Imperialism/inside "Inside the CIA" & discussion in Rm. 115 Hall of Languages, SU Box 423-9736  
3/23 Writers & Ethnicity Series featuring talks & readings by Cuban born poet & scholar, Olga Mendell & Jorge Guirán at White Branch, Orion, Pld. Lb. 763 Buttenuit St. 7pm 448-4700  
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## In This Issue

This issue celebrates Earth Day! As we have heard even in the mainstream media, April 22, 1990 is the 20th anniversary of the first Earth Day. Included in this issue are articles describing what Central New Yorkers are doing, on Earth Day and on an ongoing basis, to embody the ideals of the 1970 Earth Day activists.

This month's consciousness-raising theme follows Black History Month and Women's History Month but should not be treated in isolation from them. As the article on Green values describes, many forms of domination work together, so we must work together to address them. In that spirit, the SPC "challenges unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between the environment." (Statement of Purpose) We hope these articles empower you to do the same.

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by Karen Kerney

The "almighty" urge to "develop" our resources has become a cancer in our civilization. EARTH DAY celebrates our healing crisis -- Educate, Agitate, Organize... Dance, dream, do!!

## HOW LONG

Jackson Browne

When you look into a child's face  
And you're seeing the human race  
And the endless possibilities there  
Where so much can come true  
And you think of the beautiful things  
A child can do  
How long would the child survive  
How long if it was up to you  
When you think about the money spent  
On defense by a government  
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You might think it was paradise  
If you didn't know  
You might think that it's turning  
But it's turning so slow  
How long can you hear someone crying  
How long can you hear someone dying  
Before you ask yourself why?  
And how long will it be 'till we've turned  
To the tasks and the skills  
That we'll have to have learned  
If we going to find our place in the future  
And have something to offer  
Where this planet's concerned  
How long?



# Haiti: An Environmental Perspective

Mike Seifert

I was asked a lot of questions before leaving for my two week tour of Haiti. Are you nervous about the country being in a state of siege? Did you know people are getting shot in Port-au-Prince? Are you aware that Prospero Avril has proclaimed himself president for life? The answer was yes to all of these questions since these events were all in the newspaper the week before my departure. I also heard that Haiti is the poorest country in this hemisphere. However, I tried to concentrate on positive things like escaping the cold of Central New York in favor of a warm climate. I pictured an island surrounded by sandy beaches enclosing beautiful mountains.

This held true to some extent. Haiti has some of the most stunning natural beauty I have ever seen. Alongside this beauty, however, is widespread devastation of the land. It seems as though much of the hardship for the Haitian people exists not so much from political oppression as from the environmental problems.

Nearly all of the trees have been cut down. From an aerial view the mountains of Haiti look like a big brown sandtrap. Along with the removal of the trees was the protection for the topmost layers of the earth. Erosion has taken its toll leaving behind a hard, clay surface. There are few wild animals, and I never saw a bird. Since there were no trees, birds were an easy prey for hungry people. Much of the land is now useless for farming though there was a time when Haiti was a large producer of sugar and other crops. Before the revolution in the early 19th century, the French made a handsome profit by exploiting the arable land

that was farmed by slaves. This in turn forced the slaves to cut down the trees on the mountains to use the land for their own farming. The wood was also used as fuel and lumber for houses. The land that has been spoiled will take decades if not centuries to regenerate. The loss of this land has seriously limited the country's agricultural output. This means that Haiti has little to offer other countries in terms of trade. For this reason Haiti relies heavily on help from other countries like the United States to obtain necessities.

Because of the many environmental setbacks, the Haitian people have developed a remarkable capacity for making the most of whatever they have. Their ability to improvise and substitute is uncanny. Unfortunately there is no substitute for fresh water. The water shortage is also a result of the environment in that the mountains are too high for drilling wells. The country is not fortunate enough to have an efficient electrical pumping system.

There are many far reaching effects due to the lack of fresh water. I saw people defecating in the streets, washing clothes in the river, and bathing in rivers. These conditions are the breeding grounds for parasites such as ringworm and other diseases.

Disease and deprivation are inevitable in this environmental wasteland. This is the reality for the Haitian people. However, the United States has decided to look upon the previous political events in determining a reduction in aid for this country. Contrary to what we read in the paper about elections, government figures, and politics, the future of Haiti depends on its environment.



# Speciesism and Ecology

Linda Destefano

I'm defining ecology as the study of the ecosystem, especially on the level of the biosphere (whole earth). I'm defining speciesism as an attitude of humans in which they put their own species and its supposed interests above all other species and their interest even when the suffering or death inflicted upon the other species is greater than the benefit derived by humans from that deprivation.

If we look at earth as an ecosystem, we see that plants and animals, including the human animal, form a complicated network of interdependence among themselves and with their environment (water, earth, air, minerals, climate, etc.).

Unfortunately, many people think our species has the right to dominate the rest of the earth. This has led to such problems as human overpopulation and global pollution because humans don't think about the consequences of their expansion and production and consumption upon the rest of the ecosystem. Because they have a human-centered view rather than an ecocentered view, they rape and subdue the earth rather than living in harmony with the earth.

Fortunately, in general, other species and some human cultures (for example, many traditional Native American cultures) have "earth-wisdom," an attitude of respect and conservation. There is a relevant Native American saying: The frog does not drink up the pond in which he/she lives.

It is the human species which has brought the entire ecosystem to the brink of disaster- whether by poisoning the biosphere with out deadly chemicals and radioactive garbage or by using up all earth's resources through overpopulation and extravagant, wasteful lifestyles, or by nuclear holocaust because of the ultimate ego-trip (that is, being willing to destroy everything rather than give up the childish fascination with human cleverness as manifested in the latest "advance" in weapons technology).

Human oppression of other species is a flaw which turns back on us because everything in the environment is related; the attitude and

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# US Greens Organize Around Values

Alan Kendrick-Bowser

In 1984 a European movement came to the United States which has the potential to transform the way Americans view the planet as well as the politics of how we relate to each other.

The Greens both in Europe and the US developed the radically new perspective that it is deep-seated attitudes and basic values held by most people at all levels of industrialized societies that created the environmental crises we face in the 1990s. These "paradigms" or worldviews have been ingrained in Western thought for hundreds of years. Therefore it is not simply a matter of raising political consciousness or combatting some onerous imperialistic empire. To save the planet we must radically transform our own lifestyles and our ways of interrelating with the biosphere in numerous ways.

The first Green gathering in the US developed a set of ten values which are guides to achieving the needed changes in our world. They are not meant to be prioritized or ranked in any order of importance; Greens stress the equal importance of all ten.

Basic to all of Green thinking is the idea that we must develop a greater

individual and collective actions. Americans, as consumers of 1/3 of the world's resources, are becoming acutely attuned to the consequences of our exploitation of third world resources, both natural and human. We must start to learn to live within the planet's limited resources.

As planetary citizens, not only bear global responsibility but a great deal of **personal and social responsibility**. How can we expect to solve our environmental difficulties if we cannot treat each other with dignity? We must attempt to teach and live by example, encouraging healthy, simple, moderate lifestyles more in touch with nature. We must attempt to take control of our own lives and our own communities in order to build bridges with our kin of all colors and cultures.

What we know about ecosystems at present tells us that the healthiest ones have a great variety of forms and species. The Greens try to echo this in their **respect for diversity**. They attempt to envision a society with institutions which not only tolerate alternatives and divergent ways of organizing but one which actually fosters and honors cultural, ethnic, sexual, religious, and spiritual variety. A truly creative culture is one which fosters alternatives in areas such as education, medical philosophies, energy sources, and creative combinations of interest groups and institutions.

As an integral part of the ecology (as opposed to its pinnacle), we must recognize that nature has no hierarchy. What we perceive as various food "chains" actually contain members which are all interdependent upon other parts of their "chain." This should be reflected in our political organizing as **grassroots democracy**. This is similar to the tradition of the Vermont town meeting in which decisions are made conjointly *first* by the citizenry. Greens advocate government by committee in which citizens of all types are encouraged to believe in their ability to control their own affairs through government. This empowerment is exemplified in the Greens' infrastructure. Green "Committees of Correspondence" or grassroots groups

have rotating facilitators and steer clear of developing "leaders" and "followers."

Key to this non-stratified structure is also the attitude that government need not be as centralized, impersonal, or unresponsive as was once thought. A more **decentralized government** would transfer the real power closer to the populace, making it more accessible and manageable on a more human scale. Greens would encourage the growth of regional cultures (or bioregions) to counter the oppressive effects of our commercial monoculture. Communities more in touch with their own local ecology would be better able to make decisions about their region. Again the Green infrastructure reflects this attitude in that grassroots groups are linked in a loose confederation of regions with a national "clearing-house" which serve as their only semblance of centralization.

In an effort to reinvest communities with lost power, Greens hope to encourage **community-based economics**. Their hope is that we would see more employee ownership of industry, more democracy in the workplace, more local ownership and control of businesses and thus a more responsive economy. Such a restructuring of the economy might entail restrictions on the size of corporations and the use of new technologies encouraging them to serve us in humane, liberating, ecological, accountable and responsive ways. These "municipalized" economies would be better able to help insure a basic economic security for all people in their region as well.

As we realize the unnatural aspects of our accepted notions of hierarchy, we destroy the notion of the patriarch-- the dominant male-- as well. Our old belief that we could dominate nature also led us to believe that we were meant to dominate our fellow humans. Greens are striving for a **post-patriarchal** society in which domination of all forms will end and those who have been oppressed should gain equal status: women, people of color, children, the poor, gays and lesbian, the physically and mentally challenged, Third World populations, the aged, and more. The term also implies the creation of a gentler political culture which respects feelings as well as

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## We can no longer view ourselves as being the "top of the heap."

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understanding of our planetary ecology. The current level of our **ecological wisdom** tells us that we are hooked into a great web of being in which we are interconnected to all ecosystems on the planet. We owe much to our Native American brothers and sisters who have always taught that we belong to the Earth - we are *hers*. Our idea of trying to dominate nature will never see fruition. As a species, *Homo sapiens* is only one segment of this vast biosphere. We can no longer view ourselves as being the "top of the heap."

Through our communications revolution we are becoming painfully aware that our actions in one area of the biosphere affect the environment in other areas, such as in the case of above-ground nuclear testing. In a sense, we all bear a certain amount of **global responsibility** for our

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rationalist approaches. By thus "feminizing" our political processes, Greens would encourage less aggressive ways of communicating and permit the more nurturing aspects of the human personality to come to the political fore. In their meetings Greens are very careful to ensure that all present become participants through their consensus process.

Because they are opposed to all forms of domination, Greens also believe strongly in **nonviolence** as a value. They would set as high priority the education of our young in peaceful ways, developing peaceful conflict resolution on all levels (family, community, nation), and the elimination the military/nuclear threat. Since Greens are committed to taking action both within the current political structures and outside them, the value of nonviolence also applies to civic protests. There is a deep belief among many Greens that societal change must involve strategies

which are a model of the world we are trying to create.

In general, Greens tend to take a long view or **future focus** to attempt to understand ecological/societal events and to motivate their activism. With dwindling and finite natural resources, they urge that we cannot continue to be environmental spendthrifts. Greens challenge the prevalent assumption, held in both Eastern and Western industrial nations, that economic growth at any cost is beneficial. They espouse a move to a sustainable economy, one which will sustain the greatest population for the longest time. This will involve not only a more equitable distribution of resources, but a redefinition of the word "progress." This is a view of resources as treasures which we have on loan, not which we can consume and then bury in the ground.

Equipped with the above values and a blossoming worldwide array of Green alliances, affiliations, and political parties, the Greens find themselves in an excellent position to be the truly global force needed to deal with our spreading world crises. Their unique ecological analysis of societal problems (and societal analysis of ecological problems) makes them an ideal movement to carry the banners of many single causes into the political fray. And, finally, the Green belief that we are personally responsible and empowered provides a vehicle for us individually to integrate an ecologically caring lifestyle with a viable method of acting on our political beliefs.

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behavior of one species influences the others, and eventually the result returns to initiator. For instance, there is the willingness of many persons to drive other species to extinction. **Example:** many plants are endangered. Research is being conducted on the potential treatment of cancer by plant extracts. Will we extinguish a plant species which could have treated cancer? **Example:** whales, dolphins, gorillas and elephants are among the many endangered animals. If they are decimated, we may lose more than the beauty and wonder of these earth companions. We may lose the possibility to learn from them a wiser way to treat the earth and each other. Dr. John Lilly (a medical doctor and scientist) has worked thought his Human-Dolphin Institute to develop a better means of communication between humans and dolphins, who he regards as probably more intelligent and ethical than humans.(1) If we drive them to extinction, we will never learn whether Lilly is right or wrong.

In many ways, people are very intelligent, adaptable, empathetic and loving. If we love ourselves and Mother Earth, let's use those traits to eradicate lethal ways of looking at the world, such as a speciesist view, and acquire an earth nurturing outlook. The survival of all of us depends on it.

(1) *Lilly on Dolphins: Humans of the Sea*, John C. Lilly, Anchor Books, Doubleday, Garden City, NY 1975, paper, \$3.50.

Linda is a member of People for Animal Rights.

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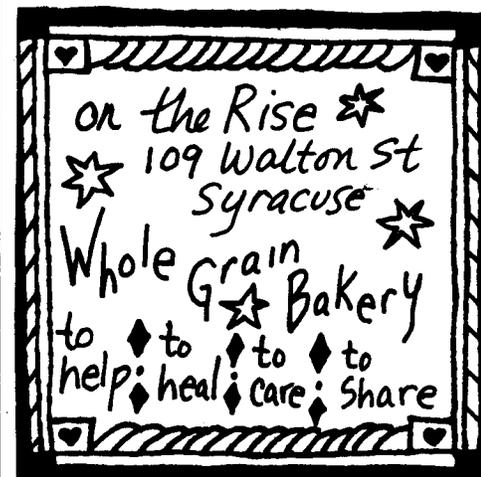


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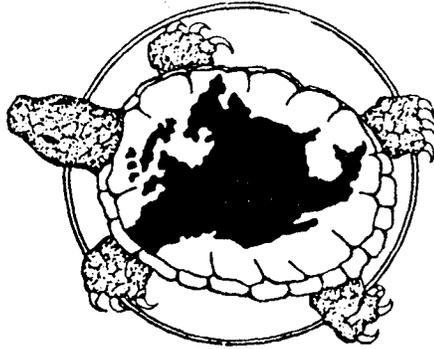


## Jacobs' Art Raffled

Timothy Jacobs' case is now in review again by the North Carolina Parole Commission. Tim is serving a sentence for his part in the takeover of the Robeson County newspaper offices to call attention to drug corruption and abuse by county and law enforcement officials. A federal jury acquitted him of all charges but the state later filed its own and convicted him. We in Central New York know Tim as he sought refuge in our area.

He was denied parole in December and this is his second review that could set him free. We are all very hopeful and the support letters you all have written help his case.

On another note, the winners of the original matted artwork done by Tim were picked. The raffle took place in March and money raised went to defray legal expenses that Tim and his family have incurred. The winners were Kathy Hinton, Alan Rosenthal, and Derrick Carr. Congratulations to them as they acquire some very beautiful pieces of Native American art.



## April Potluck

There will be an SPC potluck on April 14 at the Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Street. Marge Rusk will give a slide-illustrated talk about a few of the political and environmental problems in Nicaragua and Costa Rica. She visited Nicaragua with a Witness for Peace delegation shortly before the election, then continued to Costa Rica to see nature reserves, just in time for its national election. The potluck will start at 6pm and the talk at 7pm. Bring a food or drink item and call the Peace Council if you need a ride.

## Tax Day Protest

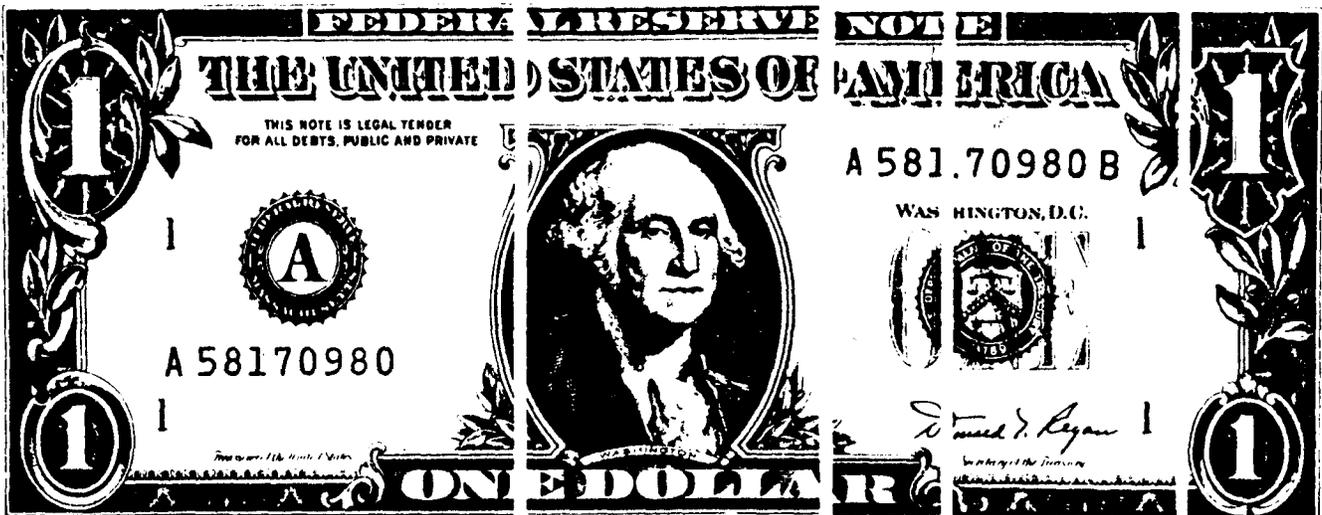
Show your opposition to our taxes paying for the military (up to 60% of the taxes collected according to the War Resisters League) by helping us leaflet at Post Offices on April 15. We will have a good two color flyer printed up and you can request some to leaflet at your post office or gather with us at Taft Road Post Office. Contact SPC at 472-5478. Remember, your taxes pay for war!

## Mohawk Peace Flyer

Help the Griffiss Peace Community distribute their Mohawk Peace Flyer to every house in Rome. Join and help out with this fun event anytime between April 16 and May 6. Phone 315-397-5265

The United States Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 1990

# WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES



CURRENT MILITARY	36 %	PAST MILITARY	25 %	PHYSICAL RESOURCES	8 %	HUMAN RESOURCES	21 %	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	10 %
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# Community Support for Agriculture

## A Project Proposal of the Sustainable Eco-Agriculture and Development Service

Many of us are increasingly aware that the present state of farming in the US is in serious difficulty. AgriBUSINESS is replacing agriCULTURE at the expense of human health and the viability and sustainability of the land. With the disappearance of family gardens and the demise of small family farms which grow food for their local communities, we are increasingly dependent upon, large, faraway, industrial food systems over which we have very little control.

### Community Support

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is an economic model in which a community of people wholly support a full-time farmer and helpers to grow their food for them using ecologically sound methods. In modern day food systems, the consumer supports agricultural practices that degrade the land through soil erosion, intensive use of petroleum based pesticides and fertilizers, and lack of crop rotation, manure spreading and water conservation. Modern industrialized agribusiness also degrades human resources through increased use of mechanized equipment, low wages and exposure to hazardous chemicals. The CSA model allows the consumer and farmer to build a direct relationship with each other and with the fragile land which we all depend on for our food production. Indeed, Community Supported Agriculture is not only an economic model, but an ecological and social model as well.

Traditionally, the farmer has had to bear the entire burden of food production for a hungry world. This burden includes the tremendous financial responsibility of purchasing all seeds, greenhouse plants, tools, fertilizer, pesticides, chemical application equipment, tractors and diesel fuel, plowing, planting, weeding, harvesting, processing, and storing equipment, all labor necessary to run the equipment, water and irrigation systems, insurance, taxes and any other overhead items. Additionally, on farms of today these costs are carried heavily on loans over the growing season that rely on a good harvest to repay the debts of the year. All risks associated with crop failure or a

depressed harvest market fall on the farmer as well. A central role of the CSA project is to distribute among the community not only the benefits of healthy food and land stewardship, but also the potential risks involved in providing those benefits.

"Support the garden and share in the harvest" sums up the CSA's method of building a community relationship between the three



primary participants in providing whole and healthy food: the consumer, the farmer and the Earth. It is essential that this relationship be an economically viable operation, too. This is accomplished by consumers buying "shares" in the harvest through SEEDS, or the Sustainable Eco-Agriculture and Education Development Service. SEEDS is a not-for-profit organization committed to educating and involving people in the search for sustainable agriculture systems and in the renewal of healthy people, healthy communities, and a healthy Earth.

Shareholders will receive their fresh organic vegetables, fruits, herbs and flowers weekly throughout the growing season (about mid-May through November). The cost of a share depends on the number of shareholders, but is roughly comparable to the average amount spent by a family for produce in a supermarket. But the produce grown from the CSA will be fresh, free of all chemicals and poisons, locally grown, and full of the nutrients nature intended to nourish us.

### Organic Farming

Organic farming involves a commitment to wise use of precious resources with an aim of growing the highest quality food possible. Organic methods work to build the soil, not deplete its life giving properties as conventional methods do. Organic farmers treat the soil as a living organism, caring and nurturing it toward becoming a complete source of nutrition for plants and dependent animals (including human animals). Central to organic farming is the use of natural fertilizers and pest control techniques. For instance, animal manure and compost preparations provide nutrient inputs and crop rotation and companion planting help prevent pest infestation. But, the most significant component of organic farming is the caring and hard work of the respectful farmer.

Ultimately, an organic farm can become a closed cycle of self-sustainable inputs and outputs with no need for importing seed, fertilizer, chemicals, water, or fossil fuels. Historical agriculture systems were able to remain self-sustaining and viable for centuries before modern people "reinvented the wheel." Studies have shown that well-managed organic-based farming systems are capable of producing as much volume of food per acre as their industrialized fossil fuel based counterparts; an important fact in a hungry, energy-intensive world.

SEEDS enables the supporting community to become involved in the process of food production beyond their financial support. Community awareness and involvement are encouraged by a number of SEEDS events aimed at building new community relationships. Planned activities include "festivals" held during planting and harvest seasons, open invitations for folks to visit and/or help at the farm, broad-ranging educational programs, canning/freezing learn-by-doing sessions, and organizational meetings to openly discuss logistics, policy and the budget.

Modern agriculture is the least efficient and most devastating form of agriculture ever invented. Therefore, farming - not toxic waste dis-

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# Onondaga Lake: Political Swimming Hole

John Solvin

On Earth Day 1990, people the world over will engage in activities such as tree planting and recycling to symbolize a global recognition of the need to preserve the environment. It will also provide an opportunity for people to pause and consider the complex nature of environmental problems, with emphasis on both the individual and the community required to solve them.

Quite simply, there are no quick-fix solutions -- no wonder drugs or miracle operations -- to restore the planet's health. It is only through the concerted effort of citizens that our natural resources can be protected from over-zealous human "development." Even then, citizens must work to prevent "compromises" that succeed only in compromising the integrity of our natural resources. Here in Syracuse, one need look no further than Onondaga Lake to observe the haunting legacy of human indifference.

Onondaga Lake holds the dubious title of "most polluted lake in America." For the better part of two decades, area environmentalists have made vain attempts to inform the local community of the need to halt the discharge of pollutants into the lake and initiate restorative actions. Recently, following years of frustration, a glimmer of hope appeared on the political horizon when US Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan introduced federal legislation to create a remedial project to be jointly funded by federal, state, and local governments. Although the bill failed to be approved, Moynihan obtained a \$500,000 federal appropriations as start-up funds.

Unfortunately, the glimmer of hope has turned out to be fool's gold. On February 13, Moynihan and Representative James Walsh convened a so-called Management Conference to outline the initial steps of the remedial project. The conference's high-profile participants included Governor Mario Cuomo, County Executive Nick Pirro, Mayor Tom Young, and representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, the Attorney General's office, and the Army Corps of Engineers. While the environmental community of Syracuse is pleased that the long-neglected lake is receiving attention, we are concerned that the project is misguided. The conference's first action was to commission a three-year study

by the Army Corps and others delaying corrective actions until at least 1993. Atlantic States Legal Foundation is concerned that this study will enable Onondaga County to further postpone actions required by a consent order signed with ASLF and New York State last year.

Even more worrisome is the management conference's failure to include a voting representative from the environmental community. Instead, environmentalists have been relegated to sit on a citizen's advisory committee that will invariably mar-

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ginalize their influence. It is highly ironic that the voices of those who first called for saving Onondaga Lake will have to struggle to be heard through a cacophony of conflicting interests. It is worth noting that the ostensible purpose of the conference is to discuss ways to clean up Onondaga Lake, not promote its development.

On March 22, Walsh held a hearing on the lake. Again, the environmental community was excluded. Suddenly only the polluters know how to clean up the lake! ASLF has taken the lead in organizing a coalition of environmental groups including Sierra Club, Audubon, Trout Unlimited, the Izaak Walton League, and the Adirondack Mountain Club to demand a more influential role in the planning process.

In addition, we are continuing our long-standing efforts to protect the lake through legal enforcement. Last year, the county agreed to upgrade its Metro Sewage Treatment plant, one of the largest polluters on the lake. This past December, we filed suit against Bristol-Meyers, charging them with repeatedly violating discharge limits for several pollutants. Rather than attempting to reduce its discharges, Bristol petitioned the county to ease its permit restrictions. Incredibly, the county complied with many of Bristol's requests, and ASLF is considering a suit against the county to reverse the illegal permit revisions.

However, all need not be lost.

Thanks to the efforts of Sen. Moynihan, Onondaga Lake has received the attention of the federal government as well as Albany. If the voice of the community is both loud and unified in calling for action rather than rhetoric to save Onondaga Lake, perhaps there is a silver lining to be had after all. So on Earth Day 1990, instead of nostalgically yearning for a lost era of youthful idealism, seize the moment to recommit yourself to actively supporting a movement whose ideas are penetrating the mainstream of our society. Earth Day 1990 is a call to action. If enough of us respond, maybe Earth Day 2010 will be celebrated along the shores of Onondaga Lake.

*Atlantic States Legal Foundation, a not-for profit organization provides technical, legal, and organizational assistance to communities and citizens opposed to pollution, cordially invites the public to attend our open house on April 22, from 4:30-7pm. We are located at 658 West Onondaga St. 475-1170.*

**"We are caught in a network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. What affects one directly, affects us all indirectly."**

**-Martin Luther King Jr.**

**"To make real progress, environmentalists must go beyond environmental issues; They must help people overcome their sense of powerlessness."**

**-Michael Lerner, editor, Tikkun magazine.**

**"Environmental, labor, community and other social movements are becoming more aware that they face the same general problem: a hypercapitalism, encouraged by governments, that neglects people and nature alike in its obsession with cost-cutting, markets and profits."**

**-James O'Connor, UC Santa Cruz, and editor of the journal, Capitalism, Nature, Socialism.**

**"Only by living locally, on a small scale, and as frugally and self-sufficiently as possible can we hope to restore generosity to the human economy."**

**-Wendell Berry**

**"No one has the right to legalize pollution...We must hold polluters directly and personally responsible."**

**"Polluting is a criminal act and should be treated as such."**

**-Lois Gibbs**

## Eco-Activism on Campus

Allison Slater

Syracuse is very much a college town, and as environmental awareness makes inroads into the community, it also finds its place on the campuses in the community. Students belonging to environmental groups find they can get more directly involved with the issues than those in other political or peace organizations can. As they work towards recycling programs and wilderness preservation activities, they learn the facts and attitudes which will make them environmentally aware citizens. They also learn the frustration of fighting college administration and apathetic peers.

The environmental groups on campuses address both local and global issues. At Syracuse University, the Rainforest Action Network focuses on deforestation in tropical countries, mostly by sponsoring speakers and writing letters. NYPIRG, on the other hand, is more concerned with environmental problems in Onondaga County. They lobby to pass bills which would affect city residents, such as recycling, clean air and clean water.

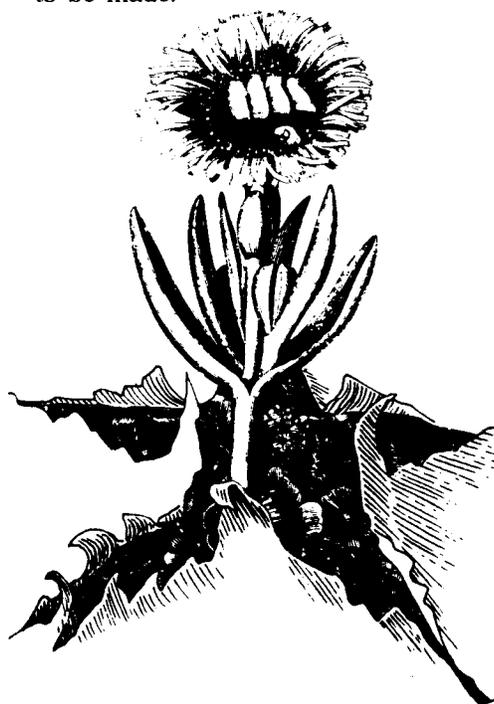
Not surprisingly, for a small college, the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry has a large number of groups working on wilderness and environmental issues. Although not all majors at ESF promote environmental sensitivity (i.e. the pulp and paper curriculum) the school obviously attracts a lot of students who do. Aside from undergrads and graduate students doing the research which will increase our understanding of ecology, there are also extra curricular groups such as the Bob Marshall Club, the Recycling Club, the Wildlife Society and the Earth Day Committee.

At Lemoyne College, students have formed an Environmental Coalition which sponsors speakers concerning local, national and global issues. Students at Lemoyne are also working for the Onondaga County recycling program and the Earth Day celebration.

Working towards a less destructive society is not something to be dappled in during liberal college years, but a struggle for society at large. In this light, some students have chosen to ally themselves with community

groups. Students from SU and ESF and residents of Onondaga County have recently formed an Earth First! group. To fight the battles too often ignored by more conservative groups, EFi has been protesting the radioactive waste dump in Cortland County and land development in Adirondack National Park.

The efforts of those involved in these groups is beginning to be visible. Recycling bins appeared in several dormitories, polystyrene disappeared from dining halls and more students carry their own coffee mugs rather than using paper or styrofoam cups, but the victories are small and have been slow in coming and the vast majority of students in Syracuse is still unaware or unconcerned. Political change can be made by a vocal, passionate minority. The changes needed to save the environment must be understood by everyone if any significant progress is to be made.



*"To be effective, this [environmental] movement cannot work in isolation; it must relate itself to other social and political problems afflicting our society."*

*—Joseph Shapiro, Fordham University physics professor.*

## Military Pollution Hits Home

Tom Joyce

Recent Reports of well water contamination causing cancers in the rural outskirts of Griffiss Air force Base prompted me to research the national scale of the problem. In recent years the degradation of the environment by the industrial operations of the nation's thousands of military bases has become widely feared. Government and scientific reports show that military bases generate between 500,000 and 700,000 tons of toxic waste every year. In 1989 the Pentagon reported to Congress that over 8000 sites at 897 active military facilities are potentially contaminated, of which 95 are on the National Priorities List (Superfund). Saul Bloom of the Arms Control Research Center writes that "In the past, the typical Pentagon response has been that while it strives to obey environmental law, in the final analysis, national security puts the military above the law."

### Creeks Polluted

Three years of testing rural wells and creeks in the town of Floyd, which borders Griffiss AFB on the east, have confirmed long held fears of local residents. Many are contaminated with solvents known to be routinely used in base operations. The most common, ethylene glycol, is used to de-ice B-52 bombers, thus allowing the Air Force to have planes airborne at every minute of the year. People, led by the Rome-Floyd Residents Association, have pressed for the extension of city water supplies. The residents association has considerable public prestige because of its opposition to the building and expansion of a trash incinerator. Although disputed by State health researchers, people believe that a high incidence of cancers is related to the water poisoning.

At a January public meeting Lt. Col. John Harvey, questioned about the extent of toxic waste, said that Griffiss is on the Superfund list with "in excess of 40 sites." Local residents have understandably been concentrating on an immediate clean water supply. However, no one has asked and the Air Force has not volunteered the information as to how and when they intend to stop the aquifer pollution.

**EARTH DAY 1990  
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CENTRAL NY**

Twenty years ago, a handful of people, mostly college students, participated in the planet's first Earth Day. Coordinated by Denis Hayes, from California, Earth Day events sprang up on a few campuses across the nation.

Many of us had other matters on our minds in 1970. The nation was still in the midst of the Vietnam War. Earlier that fall hundreds of Vietnamese civilians had been massacred at Mylai in South Vietnam. Those active in the civil rights movement were all still reeling from the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. We were two years into the bizarre and corrupt presidency of Richard Nixon.

To many movement people, Earth Day 1970, while harmless, was thought of as "hippie playtime," a counterculture "happening." It seemed largely irrelevant to other more urgent issues.

But times have changed. What has happened in the past twenty years to make such a difference?

\* Politicians have caved in to demands of big corporations and permitted our beautiful land, lakes, rivers, coasts, forests, and even the air we breathe to be polluted.

\* Global temperatures have risen alarmingly in the 1980s. While scientists acknowledge that assessing the causes for global warming is highly complex, the consensus of scientific opinion is that the "greenhouse effect" is man-made.

\* Americans are reaping the bitter harvest of the nuclear weapons and nuclear power industry. Plant sites are contaminated, those living near the plants are suffering higher rates of cancer, ground water has been spoiled. And our government still cannot find a safe place to store deadly radioactive waste.

\* The ozone layer has thinned. Scientists say that if depletion continues at its present rate, a chemical "flashpoint" will be reached, beyond which "irreversible" damage may be done to the protective blanket that surrounds the Earth. Increases in skin cancers, eye damage, crop loss,

and animal death (particularly at the vital lower end of the food chain) have been reported.

\* Our nation has not come up with environmentally responsible solutions to a) the trash problem, b) corporate addiction to the quick profits that fossil fuels generate, c) the problem of shifting to renewable energy sources.

And that is the short list.

On April 22, 1990, millions of people from more than 120 nations around the world will be involved in Earth Day activities. In Central New York, a whole week of activities are planned from Monday, April 16 through Sunday, April 22.

Earth Day 1990's global campaign is designed to promote new choices--sustainable choices--that can change the world. Our objective is to move policy makers beyond the rhetoric of environmental action. But policy makers alone are not the target of organizing. We are trying to change and mobilize ourselves.

Earth Day 1990 is rooted in the belief that people --individually and collectively-- do indeed count, and, working together, can accomplish extraordinary things. Earth Day 1990 will be the ultimate expression of the phrase, "Think Globally, Act Locally."

At press time, 39 local organizations were listed as endorsing/participating sponsors. The list is quite diverse-- from Brownie troops to labor unions, from the Rainbow Coalition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. By Earth Day, we expect dozens more groups will join the effort.

Elected officials at virtually every level of government have expressed interest in taking part. The New York State Department of Education is even making an Earth Day Curriculum packet available to every school.

What's most exciting is the willingness of people and businesses to volunteer their time, talent, and money to support this bridge-building community/global event.

Earth Day's culminating event-- "A Tribute to a Small Planet--Syracuse Celebrates Earth Day"-- will take place on April 22nd at 7 p.m. at the Onondaga County Civic Center.

The event will be a gala variety show with environmental themes, featuring local celebrities, music, comedy, and information. Keynote speaker for the event will be New York State Wildlife Pathologist Ward Stone, known across the state as intelligent and passionate in defense of our state's natural resources. Call

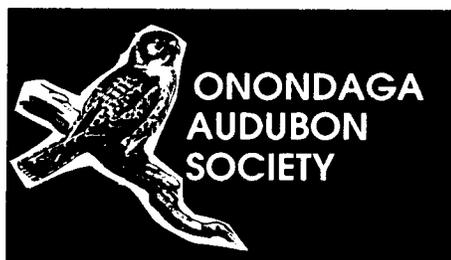
the Civic Center, Box Office, 425-2121, to reserve tickets for yourself and your family.

For information about how you can volunteer, call the SANE/FREEZE office at 478-7442. Groups wishing to have their activities listed in a master planning calendar should send a written description of their event to Earth Day 1990, c/o SANE/FREEZE, 658 West Onondaga Street, Syracuse, New York 13204.

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Celebrate Earth Week! One of the ways is to come to a "Dinner for a Small Planet" on Thursday, April 19. A vegetarian buffet catered by Cafe Margaux will be open from 5:30 until 6 pm at Plymouth Congregational Church, 232 E. Onondaga, downtown Syracuse. Adults \$8.50, children under 8, \$6.50. Reservations are requested by April 12 at 478-7442 (anytime) or 424-0664 (till 10 pm). Co-sponsored by SANE/FREEZE and People for Animal Rights. The film *Vegetarian World* narrated by William Shatner of Star Trek fame will be shown at 6 pm and again at 6:30 pm. An Environmental Forum will follow from 7 pm to 9 pm. There will be an open mike for adults and children.



Earth Day 1990 is coming and "What is OAS going to do?" we are asked. My mind wanders back to 1970. That was the year we organized the first walk to "save the county." It worked and eventually formed its own organization. No less than three OAS presidents have been involved with Save the County. In 1971 OAS petitioned the County Legislature to pass a recycling bill. That didn't work but now 19 years later we are finally seeing a recycling program begin. That issue had to get to a crisis stage before the lawmakers would act.

In the middle 1970s OAS acquired Noyes and Derby Hill sanctuaries. Ownership and management of these

two sanctuaries has occupied most of our time since then. By focusing on our sanctuaries we can spread the message to our members and visitors about wildlife preservation (particularly raptors) and habitat preservation along Lake Ontario (its dunes and wetlands). So, during the week of Earth Day we will be having field trips to our sanctuaries.

On Sunday, April 22, Earth Day, A get acquainted trip at Noyes Sanctuary will be led by Judy Linder and Ruth Knight. The trip will start at 8:30 AM. Call Audubon at 457-7731 for map of directions. There will also be an Open House at Derby Hill from 9AM to 3PM.

### Protecting Brennen's Fen

Brennen's beach and campground is a popular swimming spot and campsite on Lake Ontario just north of Selkirk Shores State Park. The wetland between the campground and Route 3 is a very unique nutrient poor fen containing rare plants and animals. Known as Brennen's Fen this 515 acre site contains the largest concentration of an uncommon orchid, *Arethua bulbosa*, known as dragon's mouth. There are probably

10,000 individuals of this pink orchid in the fen. The most unique species present in the fen is a buck moth of the genus *Hemileuca*. This fall flying orange-black moth is known to occur at only five sites in the world. The new York State Heritage program and the Nature conservancy have declared the fen a unique wetland worthy of preservation.

Mr. Brennen wants to increase his campground by several hundred sites and has asked DEC permission to run a sewage pipe across the fen to empty into the Salmon River. OAS, Nature Conservancy and other groups oppose this plan because of the seasonal human activity to connect and disconnect the pipe and the great possibility of leakage or spill of sewage into the fen which would destroy its unique features. The initial Dec draft environmental impact statement was favorable to the project - they saw no problems. We have vigorously complained that the draft statement was inadequate. We are awaiting the decision from DEC in Watertown at this time.



## SAVE THE COUNTY

### Karen Slotnick

Save the County, Inc. is a land trust that was established in 1972 to preserve unique natural areas in Onondaga County.

Our first Walk to Save the County was held that spring on Earth Day. Over a thousand students, teachers, school administrators and concerned citizens obtained sponsors and hiked 10 to 14 miles. Baltimore Woods Nature center was saved by the \$25,000 raised on April 22, 1972.

Since then the public's enthusiastic response to Save the County's work has enabled the organization to preserve over 800 acres of valuable green space in various parts of the county.

### New Acquisitions

Save the County has received a gift of land totalling 92 acres in the town

of Spafford. The site was donated by Dr. Barbara Rennick, Dr. Margaret Wilson and Dr. Mary Ellen Trimble. It is off Richards road and commands a view of Skaneateles Lake.

The area includes a wildlife pond, woods, farmland and dramatic ravines leading to a waterfall. It has been named High Hickory Wildlife Sanctuary.

Save the County recently purchased 97 acres of Elbridge Swamp, contiguous to STC's original 88 acres. Featuring hemlock and birch, the swamp, which lies north of Sunview Drive in the Town of Elbridge, has the flavor of an Adirondack wilderness.

The two new parcels raise STC's preserved properties to over 800 acres. Other areas include such diverse habitat as Baltimore Woods in Marcellus, Heron Marsh in Cicero and Clay, the Bigsby Drumlin in Onondaga and Old Fly Marsh in Pompey.

### Walk in 1990

Working with land preservation is a direct way to take environmental action. The results enhance the quality of life in Onondaga County now

and will for generations to come.

The Walk to Save the County is 19 years old this spring. Everyone who completes the hike will receive a small tree and directions on how to plant and care for the seedling.

There will be four walk routes: Green Lakes State Park, Onondaga Lake Park, Baltimore Woods and Heiberg Memorial Forest. For sponsor sheets and information write to Save the County at 5437 Springview Drive, Fayetteville NY 13066 or call Karen Slotnick at 637-6066. (2nd photo from flyer)



K. Slotnick

**NEW  
ENVIRONMENT  
ASSOCIATION**

**Building a Positive Future**  
Harry Schwarzlander

Many people have been struck by the deep roots of the environmental crisis. The surmounting of this crisis surely will mean far-reaching changes in society and in people. It appears that there are two basic directions in which to proceed:

- 1) Allow a compounding of environmental disasters due to inaction or insufficient action, and accept painful adjustments as a society and curtailment in individual rights and freedoms in whatever form they will be imposed through heavy-handed government response; or
- 2) On a voluntary basis, take concerted action to bring about a sane, humane, ecological world of the future.

It is for the purpose of exploring and sustaining a consistent approach in this second direction that The New Environment Association was formed here in Syracuse sixteen years ago.

In a society that thrives on the quick fix (one of the very things that will need changing), the second direction is anathema because it is inherently slow and requires a long-term commitment. Therefore, even if we do pursue such a course, because of the long lead times involved it really becomes a mixture of the two. There actually is a trade-off: the more willing people are to engage themselves on behalf of direction #2, the less we will be forced in direction #1. So far, however, direction #1 continues to be the overwhelming choice.

But what is it that actually needs to be done in order to proceed in direction #2? A great deal of thought has been devoted to this question within The New Environment Association and elsewhere. Much of the

Association's educational activities are concerned with it. Here is just one principle, which can serve as an example: in order to create a positive, life-affirming society it is necessary to build with positive rather than negative energy.

Every human being is able to tap into her or his own well of inspired, creative energy and to find joy in applying this energy in ways that make a meaningful contribution. That principle, then, calls for enlisting this aspect of the human being on behalf of the Earth, on behalf of the future. The emphasis should be on moving ahead and building together, rather than on resisting, controlling, or forcing. For instance, standing firm in opposition to pollution, while necessary, does not result in the new society, in a New Environment. What's needed is the creative cooperation of people in building a new way of life, one that does not require constant vigilance against potential polluters.

Clearly, such a new way of life will involve significant departures from the existing status quo. If, indeed, there will be no more need to watch out for polluters, then the economic incentives for pollution will have been eliminated. This, along with other considerations, suggests a largely cooperative economy rather than a competitive one. There must also be a much greater awareness and understanding of natural cycles and the capacity of the environment to sustain an abundance of life. This suggests that towns be of modest scale so that residents can easily maintain such an awareness.

The New Environment Association aims to develop and demonstrate such a new way of life in Central New York as part of an ecological village, on land that will be owned by the Association's land trust, and to widely disseminate the ideas involved and the experience that will be gained. More participation is needed to make this a reality! (For further information, write to the Association at 270 Fenway Drive, Syracuse, NY 13224.)



**SIERRA CLUB  
IROQUOIS GROUP**

The Sierra Club is alive and well here in Central New York. As we approach the 1990s and the "decade of the environment," I think our activity and credibility as a strong environmental group will heighten.

We take satisfaction in some of our successes of last year. We endorsed five nominees for County legislature, campaigned for them and all five beat their opponents. Starwatch 1989, an environmental awards banquet with keynote speaker Robert Abrams, was a big hit. Aggressive lobbying efforts on our part initiated a pilot recycling program which will lead to full participation in July. The list goes on...

In January, our group met in a retreat setting to formulate our goals for 1990. We will continue to support the three R's, work on water quality issues, maintain a good relationship with our elected officials, establish a conservation subcommittee in Oswego, and activate our growing membership. Already our group has done some things to promote these goals since the beginning of the year.

We wrote to Wegman's and met with their corporate public relations person. Wegman's will consider buying canvas mesh bags to sell in some of their stores. This is in line with our concern for reduction and reuse. Some of us have "adopted" a member of the newly formed Resource Recovery Agency in order to filter information to those making crucial environmental decisions. Finally, we have some great events planned for Earth Day 1990, April 22nd.

Our main event is a tree planting ceremony at Beaver Lake Nature Center from 1 to 4pm. Congressman James Walsh will be on hand to speak about the environment. In addition, there will be speakers on Global Warming and Techniques for planting trees. Leon Shenandoah of the Onondaga Indian Nation will perform a Native American tree ceremony in which a tree will be planted. Pam June will recite some poetry as we hand tree seedlings out to the first 250 people. All this will be followed by refreshments and Kaye Lindauer, master storyteller on earth issues. Please come on by.

# UN

## Earth Day: The UN Connection

Lil Kinney

As we raise the banner for Earth Day 1990 we look back to 1945 when the countries of the world gave the newborn United Nations an impossible mandate: "Turn us around. We're weary of war and destruction." Although moral support and funding has been inadequate, the UN has nudged us toward anew philosophy: we must be globally ONE or we shall be globally NONE. Many astronauts have remarked on their spiritual awakening to the beauty and fragility of our planet. They are dismayed by the pollution, so visible from above.

This pollution together with mass starvation and disease will accelerate as the birth rate continues out of control. The United Nations Population Fund (UNPF) has found the greatest increases occur in the large cities and in the poorest nations. Over 500 million women in the third world have no access to family planning or health care. (Our government must be urged to pay its arrearage to the UNPF.)

Another earth saving agency at work is the UN Environment Programme. Clean water to replace open sewer rivers of the world is their emphasis. They are coordinating resources from many agencies together with the World Bank to halt the rain forest destruction.

The World Health Organization (WHO) is another UN agency that has worked tirelessly to save the planet and its peoples. Collection of health data is essential to the effective fight against disease. They are active in the fight against the HIV (AIDS) virus, and substance abuse. They provide maternal health care as well as environmental education worldwide.

Successes in the UN Peacekeeping force are the ultimate in earth-saving. We in the United Nations Association have a vision. We believe that global cooperation shall lead us beyond our fixations with boundaries into the recognition that war is the ultimate in the degradation of humankind and the pollution of our planet. Let us transcend borders and say with astronaut Edgar Mitchell, "We went to the moon as technicians; we returned as humanitarians."

## S.N.I.P.P.

Syracuse Network for  
Israeli-Palestinian Peace

While media attention is focused on the reformation of an Israeli government, the Palestinian intifada continues, as do local efforts to support both Palestinian self-determination and the Israeli peace movement.

One local initiative may have national and international implications: the refocusing of public attention on Transtechnology, Inc. and its subsidiary, Federal Labs, a source of tear gas used by Israel in the occupied areas. Under intense pressure two years ago, Federal Labs halted shipments, but they have resumed.

There have been widespread reports of the improper, deadly **indoor** use of tear gas which has also caused respiratory illnesses and intrauterine fetal deaths, probably several hundred during 1988 alone! A national coalition is forming to again demand Federal Labs halt shipments. If an agreement is not forthcoming, demonstrations, etc. will be held this spring at both Federal Labs (Pennsylvania) and Transtech (California). Call SPC for an update on this.

SNIPP supporters will join with others for SPC's annual Tax Day leafletting on April 16. A flyer is being prepared that will include a call for Congressional hearings to investigate U.S. compliance with human rights provisions of the Foreign Assistance Act, particularly as regards the Israeli Occupation. Israel is certainly not the only aid recipient requiring scrutiny, with our tax dollars going to tear gas, not basic human needs.

Brent Bleier

*"Pollution is highest in black areas, because we tend to get thrown together with factories and highways. Now, you say you would rather fight for better jobs and education for blacks. But after your smart employed blacks move out of the polluted area, there are still going to be those who can't leave. Welfare doesn't clean the air; should we let our brothers and sisters choke?"*

*-adapted from 'Black Survival'  
(St. Louis guerilla theatre, 1970)*



## AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE INC.

The American Friends Service Committee, The Youth Action Group at Dunbar, and Dunbar Association are organizing a March Against Violence, dedicated to our young people, on Saturday, April 7, 1990. The march will start approximately at 12:00 p.m. at the Dunbar Center, and walk to Columbus Circle, for a rally with guest speakers and entertainment. Recently we lost a 14 year old young man from our Youth Action Group to the stupidity of violence. Violence has become a part of our daily lives, we have all been affected by the impact of a violent act. Our youth are especially influenced by violence, many view it as a solution, not a problem. It is urgent that we take action to prevent future similar incidents.

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OF PESTICIDE SAFETY!**

**PROMOTE  
LESS TOXIC  
ALTERNATIVES.**



# NYCAP

NYCAP is a rapidly growing grassroots network bringing together people and groups with experience, commitment and expertise in a variety of fields and pesticide issues. We have come together as a voice for public education and reform. Our goals include safe pest control for schools, hospitals, and other public places; reducing occupational exposure; safe food; farmworker protection; preventing groundwater pollution; environmentally sound farming; strict regulation of pesticides; and the right to say no to pesticide use. NYCAP intends to provide leadership on these pesticide issues to other organizations, such as PTA's, labor unions and general environmental groups.

NEW YORK COALITION FOR  
ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES

33 Central Avenue, Albany, NY 12210

The Noble Lake

I am a Noble Lake.  
Eons before Man I was created.  
Glacial seas, Mother Earth, an act of God.  
Briny pools manifest me a unique emerald jewel.

I outlasted Kings immemorial.  
My reign was in peace with the salmon and trout.  
Royalty savored my white fish.  
The relish of the global connoisseurs.

I knew the Red Man as he knew me.  
An honorable tribe shares my name.  
He fed of my waters in harmony.  
He trod my element with soft feet.

I saw tall ones fall when a fort was built on the hill.  
The structure had not the grace of the tree.  
The white Man had arrived, with hardened soles.  
At first I supposed he would not stay.

I watched him steal away in the night, in fear of the Red Man.  
He paddled across my belly.  
Through to the Seneca unto the Great Ontario.  
But he was soon reappeared.

I witnessed the birth of a new nation.  
Established on admirable principles.  
Proudly Syracuse supplied salt for all of America.  
There was much joy in the Salt City.

I gave freely as pipes sucked from my pools.  
Picnics of laughter and many colored boats glided about me.  
Fashions were showcased amid The White City.  
Lovers embraced, submarines raced.

I heard from the creeks Man made an unhealthy pact.  
Gradually a Great Shadow befell me.  
The metal giant dug into my western face gushing toxins.  
Human sewage slushed around in my pores.

I felt a horrible numbness.  
The fish died and my plants were heavily laden.  
Life was wrenched from within.  
A maddening sickness deadened me.

I no longer feel the human form enveloped in my waters.  
Mothers scold children to stay away.  
They warily pitch pebbles unto their parent's heap as,  
Joggers drip in summer heat, unable to cool.

I was born with a unique distinction.  
It was not, as is now, my role.  
Earth's quite probable most polluted lake, does not  
Bely my noble beginnings but rather casts aspersions on my community.



I fear Man will never cease the debate.  
Though granted Free Will he cannot decide which path to take.  
Men of Science, Industry, and Politics have failed me.  
Still today they'll not allow my natural remedies a chance.

I hope Man can rectify his own failures.  
As by his hand many of my sister rivers have perished.  
Come forth my champions of Society's Halls.  
It is all too easy to say there is no way.

I shout to awaken Man to the Life within me.  
This generation of Man must not fail me.  
I have much to give as I keep on giving.  
Return me to my majesty.

I shake the common individual to understand.  
Great numbers of Men must hear my call.  
Man must unite in this cause.

My plight, but a microcosm of planetary ills, my communal  
Salvation would be your best proof of intent.

I pray for the harmony of my beings.  
The paddle of feet buoyed up by my salts.  
Tune in to the Life force within me.  
Allow me to share my delights.

I am a Noble Lake, Onondaga.

Ellen Z. Altieri

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# Recognizing Our Environmental Mindset

Bill Miller

The environmental crisis has many villains-- multinational corporations, politicians, advertizing, patriarchy, overpopulation, industrialization, individualism, materialism, capitalism, anthropomorphism, bad breath, ring-around-the-collar. But however felonious these may be, they are only accessories. The real kingpin was fingered years ago by Walt Kelly in the comic strip Pogo. Attempting to quote the famous victory message of Oliver Hazard Perry, Pogo declared, "We have met the enemy and he is us." Never has a malapropism been so apropos. To fight effectively for the environment, we need to take a critical look at ourselves and our beliefs. In the late sixties, a popular slogan was, "If you're not part of the solution, then you're part of the problem." I think there is an equally valid variation: "If you can't see how you're part of the problem, then you'll never find the solution."

Because our environmental problems are so acute, we, quite naturally, tend to focus on taking action that will have immediate impact. I don't mean to discount the importance of this approach. If I had an appendicitis, I would want a surgeon, not a specialist in macro-biotic nutrition. At the same time, though, I think we need to look at the environmental symptoms we are experiencing systemically, to consider preventive treatments based on behavior modification.

In the exigency of our present predicament it is easy to overlook that the so-called crisis has roots as deep as human civilization itself. Since its inception, our species has tried to make sense, human sense, (and of late dollars, U.S. dollars) of our world. With every culture has come an elaborate system of beliefs, customs, symbols, and rituals

which impose human structure and organization upon Nature. This seems to fulfill a basic human need, as noted anthropologist Clifford Geertz emphasizes: "People depend upon symbols and symbol systems with a dependence so great as to be decisive for their creatural viability." These systems comfort, guide, and justify us in our dealings with the world about (and within) us, so much so that we come to regard them as reality itself. And that can cause trouble!

How we view the world controls what we do in it. And whatever post-modern, self-aware, free-thinking attitudes we may advertize, the truth is that today's ascendant world view is, in its essence, centuries old. Philosopher Theodor Gomperz puts it unequivocally: "You need not know of the doctrines and writings of Plato and Aristotle, you need never have heard their names, none the less you are under the spell of their authority. Our entire thinking, the logical categories in which it moves, the linguistic patterns it uses (being therefore dominated by them)--all this is, in the main, the product of the great thinkers of antiquity."

Science and religion are the two great repositories of human understanding. It is from these vast stores that we draw the technological, psychological, and theological nourishment that sustain our individual and collective existence. From the well stocked shelves of our scientific and religious warehouses we can select hearty, healthy, wholesome victuals; but we can also, and all too frequently do, select meager, messy, moldy junkfood.

For instance, within science we find an almost mystical reverence for the universe in the modern theories of quantum mechanics, relativity, mathematical unprovability, contingent

evolution, and cosmology. Yet it is from the Baconian section of science, with its image of science as subjugator of Nature, of a world in which anything beyond the colorless, tasteless, and odorless is merely our own projection, of a strict (human-based) utilitarian test of worth, that we most often shop. Likewise religion encompasses profound respect for natural processes in the teachings of Taoism, the practices of many Native American cultures, and the emerging notions of creation spirituality and liberation theology. Yet it is the Biblical image of dominion over the Earth that is our usual dining fare.

I could go on at some length, but that would obscure my main point, which is a very simple one. There are really **two** highly inter-related environmental crises. One concerns the physical environment, where we must cope with the likes of acid rain, global warming, vanishing rainforests, desertification, ozone holes, and garbage glut. The other concerns our cultural, psychological, and spiritual environment, where we must cope with the attitudes, practices, beliefs, values, ignorance, and mindsets that have **given** us acid rain, global warming, vanishing rainforests, desertification, ozone holes, and garbage glut. I think there is a lack of general appreciation, even (perhaps especially) among environmentalists, for how intransigent and pervasive the second crisis is. Just as many of the problems in our physical environment stem from a mistaken estimate of our power over Nature, so too do many of the problems in the other environment stem from a mistaken estimate of our power over the hegemony of history and tradition. To an alarming degree, the very philosophies and ideas that we deride and debunk

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w/ Isidor Wallimann	
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# Nuke Dump Update

Members of Citizens Against Radioactive Waste (CARD) in Cortland County have been effective enough to provoke the state to attempt an injunction against them. The injunction, proposed by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission, asks that 52 people be barred from interfering with the Siting Commission's work. Some of the names on the list are wrong, others are not active in opposition to the proposed dump, but all are expected to appear in state Supreme Court in Norwich May 11. According to the *Post Standard*, former CARD co-chair Joseph O'Rourke commented, "It's just a scare tactic on the part of the state, but it's not going to have any effect really. I'm going to remain as active as I've ever been."

Eighty people packed the Cincinnati Town Court March 21st when five CARD members pleaded not guilty to trespassing charges. The charges resulted from blocking the opening of the Siting Commission information office March 1st. The information office is being called nothing more than the state's attempt to allay people's fears about the

dump and to spread pro nuclear propoganda among area residents.

CARD took no official position on the "Roadkill Roundup," when several dead animals were left at the Siting Commission office. The smell closed the office early on March 21st.

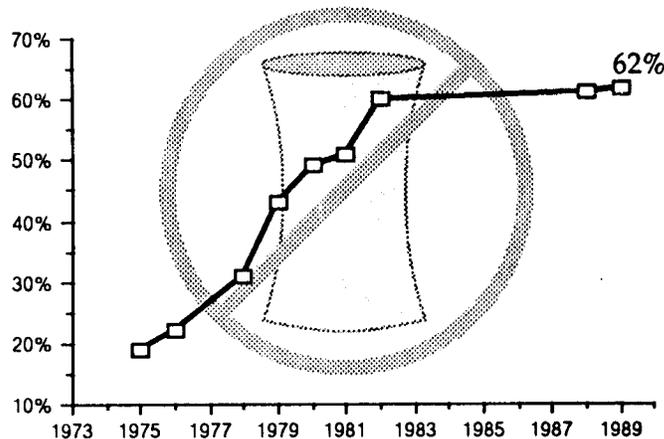
Governor Mario Cuomo is looking for unanimous support in the legislature for his proposed changes to Siting Commission procedures. The recommendations are not public but may include allowing waste to be stored at the point of origin, and alternative methods of disposing of the waste.

Ways to Get Involved:

- visit the siting commission office at 5702 Brackel Road in Cincinnati and take part in picketing or blocking the entrance
- call CARD at 607-753-6271 to attend meetings or find out upcoming events and ways you can tie in
- write the governor, state and local officials to let them know your stand on the proposed nuclear waste dump
- contact Onondaga Earth First! who are lending assistance to fight the dump (they meet in Syracuse) 478-5993 or 471-7312

## Nuclear Power Opposition Continues to Rise

Over the past 14 years, public opinion against more nuclear power has risen with every new survey, reaching an all-time high of 62 percent in 1989.



Sources: Louis Harris Polls, Research/Strategy/Management

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## Earth Day 1990

Green Pledge



BECAUSE... our planet today faces severe environmental crises such as global warming, rain forest devastation, growing world population, and water and air pollution...

BECAUSE... the planet's future depends on the commitment of every nation, as well as every individual...

I PLEDGE TO DO MY SHARE IN SAVING THE PLANET BY LETTING MY CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT SHAPE HOW I:

ACT: I pledge to do my utmost to recycle, conserve energy, save water, use efficient transportation, and try to adopt a lifestyle as if every day were Earth Day.

PURCHASE: I pledge to buy and use only those products least harmful to the environment. Moreover, I will do business with corporations that promote global environmental responsibility.

VOTE: I pledge to vote and support those candidates who demonstrate an abiding concern for the environment.

SUPPORT: I pledge to support the passage of local, state and federal laws and international treaties that protect the environment.

*"The earth is one, but the world is not. We all depend on one biosphere for sustaining our lives, yet each community, each country strives for survival and prosperity with little regard for its impact on others."*

-Brundtland Commission

*"The ecological crisis facing the planet and threatening human survival is a manifestation of the industrial system. This system is motivated by greed-greed that exploits the earth in the guise of 'development'."*

-Mohammed Idris, president of Malasia Friends of the Earth.

*Farming from pg 8*

posal or destruction of the ozone layer - is the number one environmental problem of today. American agriculture causes nine tons of soil erosion from each acre of land a year. One inch of soil may have taken 300 to over 1000 years to form but is washed away in only 16 years. Agriculture consumes 80% of our water and at a rate far faster than nature can replenish it. This water is also polluted by runoff from 40 million tons of commercial fertilizer that requires one fifth of the nations natural gas to manufacture.

If we can begin to suggest that agriculture should spring from an understanding of ecology rather than industry, we can begin to form a life sustaining relationship between people and the bounty of the natural world. Then we can begin to suggest the possibilities of a fundamentally different world.

*Mindset from pg 17*

when they come from the Bush administration insidiously insinuate our own behavior and outlook. The battle for a better world is as internal as it is external, even among the most enlightened of us.

Einstein deftly and damningly summarized the atomic age with his famous quote, "[it] has changed everything save the way we think." One of the greatest challenges to environmentalists is to ensure that the quote **not** apply to the environmental age.

*Bill is a professor of mathematics at Le Moyne College, a member of May Memorial Unitarian Society, and a member of the New Environment Association.*



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*Marketing from pg 21*

The Audubon Society spent \$38 million, with only \$10 million coming from individual contributions. Corporate donors included the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Waste Management Inc., General Electric, GTE, Amoco, Chevron, Dupont and Morgan Guaranty Trust, with smaller donations (under \$5,000) from Dow Chemical, Exxon, Ford, IBM and Coca Cola.

The Wilderness Society (\$9 million, 50% from members) also listed Morgan Trust and Waste Management among its corporate supporters. Their literature seeks to assure readers that the federal system of designated wilderness areas, for which they are a leading advocate, does not interfere in areas rich in oil, gas and minerals, and advocates more intensive timber management in other places so that designated areas can be protected as wilderness without harming the timber industry.

Greenpeace spent almost \$22 million, almost entirely from "contributions and donations," including their extensive door-to-door and telephone canvassing operations. Their canvassing operation based in Seattle was moved to Boston in 1988, shortly after Greenpeace workers began organizing against workplace speedups and surveillance measures.

The Natural Resources Defense Council (\$11 million total) and Friends of Earth both received around 40% of their budgets from individual memberships and donations.

The National Wildlife Federation had a 1988 budget of \$63 million, with only 22% coming directly from members (another 15% comes from the sale of magazine subscriptions to school children). Corporate donors include Amoco, ARCO, Coca Cola, Dow, Duke Power, Dupont, Exxon, GE, GM, IBM, Mobil, Monsanto, Tennaco, Usx (formerly US Steel), Waste Management, Westinghouse and Weyerheuser, matching grants come from Boeing, Chemical Bank, Citibank, Pepsi, The Rockefeller Group, United Technologies and others.

The well-endowed National Wildlife Federation represents the pinnacle of Washington environmentalists' accommodation to the ways of corporate America. In 1982, NWF established its Corporate Conservation Council to "open dialogue" with "key industrial leaders" and further the idea that resource

conservation is a key to "economic progress." Over half of NWF's corporate donors are members of the Council, which holds regular seminars and conferences to promote mutually agreeable policy proposals.

Last year the Wildlife Federation offered a seat on its board of directors to Dean Buntrock, the head of Waste Management Inc., the world's largest processor of toxic chemical waste and the subject of numerous bribery and anti-trust convictions, as well as countless environmental violations.

The New York Times last fall cited new economic studies predicting that costs of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, especially carbon dioxide, could approach the level of current military spending over the next century. Increases in energy efficiency amounting to one percent a year could cut the figure in half again.

Both of these measures embody socially desirable goals for a wide variety of reasons, but corporate think tanks are already working to rationalize not spending the money. The think tanks have been hard at work, the nuclear industry pushes the greenhouse effect any chance they get, stating that the alternative to fossil fuels is nuclear power. This has already won them support on the New York Times editorial page.

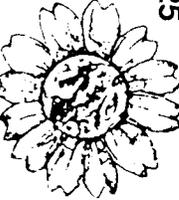
Corporate apologists, and their sometimes-unwitting (sometimes blatantly complicit) allies in the environmental movement, are developing their own agenda for the future. We must make sure that our interests are not compromised and it is the grass roots environmental groups that will maintain this path.

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<p><b>8</b> EVERY SUN. Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 8pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618</p> <p>EVERY SUN. Support Group for people with Psychological labels, Alliance 3-9pm Plymouth Congregational Church</p>	<p><b>9</b> </p>	<p><b>10</b> PAR mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0062 or Norma 492-0459</p> <p>Serra Club General mtg. 7:30pm Program: Using Information in Environment and Problem Solving by Maria Dosa Illick Hall SUNY ESF Campus. Gay &amp; Lesbian Student Assoc. Social 8pm-12am 750 Ostium Ave. 443-3599</p>	<p><b>11</b> EVERY WED. Alliance meets at ECHO 6pm 475-4120</p>	<p><b>12</b> Socialist Forum "Eastern Europe: Left or Right?" w/ Isidor Wallimann At ECHO 7-8:45pm</p>	<p><b>13</b> Lesbian Support Grp. Women's Info. "Body Image &amp; Self Esteem" 7-9pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> "The Inequities of the LLRW Dump Siting Process" w/ Richard Walker, ex Nuclear Safety/Policy Analyst 1pm Cortlan City Office Bldg.</p>
<p><b>15</b> 4/15 4:29Spring Whitewater Walk at Baltimore Woods NatureCtr. donation 2pm 673-1350</p> <p>EVERY SUN. Volunteers needed to be servers at Unity Kitchen. Call Ann 475-6761</p> <p>EVERY SUN. Peoples SQ Minutes Cooke Cable Ch. 7, 8pm 472-5478</p>	<p><b>16</b> Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets. 7pm Armenty Int'l Group 267 mtg. at May Memorial Unitarian, Syr. 7:30pm 492-1064</p> <p>Women in Black vigil to end the Israeli occupation of the Gaza Strip &amp; West Bank, corners of Genesee &amp; Erie Blvd. Dewitt 5-6pm 472-9386</p> <p>Tax Day lealettering Taft Rd. P.O. 8pm-12am 750 Ostium Ave.</p>	<p><b>17</b> EVERY TUES. Lesbian &amp; Gay Youth mtgs. 6-9pm Lecture by previous ambassador Godwin Cooke on his trip Israel/Palestine 443-4313 for info.</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Meeting with those infected with HIV/AIDS AIDS Task Force of 8pm-12am 750 Ostium Ave.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Recycling workshop w/Recycle First &amp; Serra Club in Community Rm. of St. Lucy's Church 7:30pm 432 Gifford St. 471-2806</p>	<p><b>19</b> Movie "Victor Victoria" Gay &amp; Lesbian Stud. Assoc. 8:30pm 750 Ostium Ave. 443-3599</p> <p>Film: Broken Rainbow 8pm 115 Hall of Languages. SU free</p> <p>"Dinner for a Small Planet" -vegetarian buffet &amp; movie by PAR &amp; SANE/FREEZE 5:30pm Plymouth Ch. \$8.50/\$6.50</p>	<p><b>20</b> Bisexual Women's Support Group at Women's INFO. 7-9pm Lecture by EPA Assistant Adm. William Hoenig on Clean Air Act. Maxwell Aud. Call SPC 4/20-4/21 Workshop "Regional Security Issues &amp; Their Interaction with US-Soviet Relations" SU 443-2367 to register \$5</p>	<p><b>21</b> Earthday Birthday, evening of environmental awareness &amp; entertainment at ECHO \$5, 6-11pm Light Lee 428-8821</p> <p>5th Annual Colgate Univ. Peace Jam/Spring Fair 11am-6pm Hamilton, NY arts, crafts, music w/DOC Watson &amp; others 824-1975</p>
<p><b>22</b> Tree Planting Ceremony w/ Leon Sheendean at Beaver Lake Nature Ctr. 2pm 638-2619</p> <p>Earth Day Celebrations 1-9pm at Baltimore Woods Nature Ctr. Many events call for schedule 673-1350</p> <p>Open House at Atlantic States Legal Foundation w/ environmental awards 4:30-7pm 658 W. Onondaga St.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Earth Day Wall St. Action in NYC, nonviolent action to shut down Wall St. contact SPC for ride 472-5478</p>	<p><b>24</b> PAR mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0062 or Norma 492-0459</p> <p>Bill Quern, Bookings Institute, discusses Midwest Peace Process 7:30pm Maxwell Bldg. SU 443-4313</p> <p>Rainbow Coalition 27th C.D. mtg. Hopps Memorial 472-4331</p>	<p><b>25</b> </p>	<p><b>26</b> PNL Mailing Party 5-7:30pm w/food and good for all. Come help us get it out! 472-5478</p>	<p><b>27</b> EVERY FRI. Act -Up ECHO 7:30pm</p> <p>Lesbian Support Grp. Women's Info. "Lesbian Culture" 7-9pm</p> <p>EVERY FRI. Marxist Collective at SU Weekly Study Group 3:30-5:30pm; call Bob for info. 423-9736</p> <p>EVERY FRI. Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Epse. Ch. \$3</p>	<p><b>28</b> If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.</p>
<p><b>29</b> Match on Albany for Lesbian &amp; Gay Rights 518-426-3296 for info.</p> <p>EVERY SUN. South Africa Now, weekly news from South Africa 5pm WCNY Channel 24.</p> <p>An Evening of Fellowship &amp; Song: Traditional &amp; original folk music 6:15pm. Spon. by CNY NMSW Univ. Methodist Church Tickets \$5/\$15</p>	<p><b>30</b> </p> <p>EVERY MON. ARISE Men's Group. 2-3:30pm, 472-3171</p>	<p><b>24</b> PAR mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0062 for info.</p> <p>EVERY TUES. AIDS Support Grp. 7pm AIDS Task Force of CNY 627 W. Genesee St. 475-2430</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Yoga Class 7-8:30pm Women's Info \$3</p> <p>EVERY THURS. Meditation at Specum House. 45 min. sessions at 7:15am, 12:15pm 5:15pm, 7:15pm. Call Sister Patricia Bergen 475-2811</p>	<p><b>25</b> EVERY TUES. Evening with Arabesque, Arabic television show. Channel 7, 7pm</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Lesbian &amp; Gay Youth Program Support Group 6-9pm call 422-9741</p> <p>EVERY TUES. New Environ. Assoc. Meditation 7:30-9pm 475-4188</p>	<p><b>26</b> PNL Mailing Party 5-7:30pm w/food and good for all. Come help us get it out! 472-5478</p>	<p><b>27</b> EVERY THURS. Central Amer. Vigil 7:30am Fed bldg.</p> <p>EVERY THURS. SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm. Lots of fun. 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>EVERY THURS. AIDS Task Force/Beaveranti Grp. 7pm</p> <p>EVERY THURS. 24 Hour Vigil for El Salvador at Federal Bldg.</p> <p>EVERY THURS. Arise Women's support group. 10-11:30am</p>	<p><b>28</b> If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.</p>

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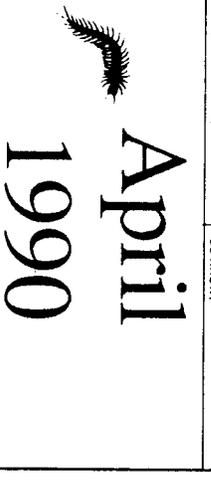
4/16 Lecture: Soviet Environmentalists associated with the U.N. sponsored by the U.N. Assoc. Call 478-7442 for time & place

4/19 Children's Hearing on the Environment at Plymouth Church 11:30am-noon call Kathleen for info. 637-9229

4/19 Town Meeting on the Environment at Plymouth Church noon-1:30pm also 7:30-9pm Call 478-7442

4/20 Exhibition reception, "Religion: African American Spiritual Expressions" photos by Marilyn Nance at Menschel Gallery, SU

4/22 A Tribute to a Small Planet, Syracuse Celebrates Earth Day at the Civic Ctr. w/music, speakers, dancers & DEC Ward Stone 7pm Ticket at box office.



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## In This Issue

As this issue goes to press, we are celebrating a glorious Earth Day. Our May Peace Newsletter is host to a number of different issues and events, about Peace children, about women in the United States military, about peacemaking efforts from Syracuse to Nevada to Central America.

Next month, be sure to look for our Socially Responsible Vacation Guide.



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The Peace Newsletter (PNL) is published monthly by the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC).

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### About the cover:

This creation is a work by Karen Kerney. It is a vision of an alternative; an alternative to the centralized, industrialized city structure of today. It is about control of our own resources and our jobs. Commonworks is the vision enacted, on its way to full control of our lives.

Commonworks, the Cooperative Ownership Project of Central NY, officially became incorporated in February of this year. During the past year we have been active with several projects-- for instance, working with the tenants association at Hilltop Apartments to help them consider the feasibility of establishing cooperatively owned and managed laundry facilities on the Hilltop premises; making a presentation on Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) to the union representing workers at Syracuse China; and so on.

One of our more interesting projects has been working since September, 1989, with Local 33 of the United Auto Workers, which represents workers at the R. E. Dietz company, a family owned business which manufactures lights and mirrors for cars and trucks. This work included staff member Peter Kardas sitting at the bargaining table to try to help the union get a contract (the union has been locked out by the company since June of 1989, after being on strike for six months before that).

We helped the union develop alternative organizing strategies, including the possibility of the employees buying the company (an option that was rejected by the owners of Dietz). We have worked with other community groups and with the union to assess the impact which the sale of Dietz assets to Federal-Mogul will have on the Dietz workers and on this community, and we helped organize a hearing before the Syracuse Common Council on the city's right to take over the Dietz company through its powers of eminent domain (something the council refused to initiate).

In the coming months and years we expect to continue our work on developing ESOPs and worker cooperatives, and we will also assist in the creation of cooperatively owned low-income housing. For more information, call us at 315-475-4822 or write for a brochure: 821 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210.

# Letters

## County Jail Plan A Waste

To the Editor:

According to the New York State Department of Corrections, 50% of the people in our jails and prisons are under-educated and lack employable skills. Many are capable and bright but have failed in school because of serious family problems during childhood that made it impossible to compete with children of much greater advantage.

We cannot afford to lose so much potential talent, nor can we afford to support these capable people in crime or welfare for the rest of their lives. Unfortunately, our county's past and present plans do not properly address these facts. Our county's current "Master Plan" proposes to spend at least \$23 million of our money to construct more [prison] space than they project as needed for the foreseeable future. As always, prisoners are released with no good job skills and are thus in poverty, causing some to become more dangerous to our lives and property. Prison space for inmates to develop employable skills in their area of interest and talent is absent.

There is a solution. Some of the available money should be used to build a residential "self-help cooperative learning center." This would be a remedial and cost-effective alternative plan. It would offer a constructive way to deal with those who are in trouble but are not dangerous, are willing to cooperate with others, and are eager to learn, through their own efforts, valuable skills that would help keep them out of prison.

Our county could economically provide a large factory-like space with supplies and equipment for forty or more interesting and valuable crafts and trades such as welding, ceramics, music, gardening, etc. Residents could work study and experiment cooperatively in constructive areas that interest them and without the pressures of formal instruction or inappropriate goals. There would be resource persons, volunteers and videos available to give information and assistance, but only if requested.

There would be certain basic requirements regarding behavior, a minimum number of hours of concerted effort (perhaps eight). After residents have gained self-confidence and experienced the rewards of success, they may be less wary of teachers and ready to undertake

formal learning in reading, math, or other subjects to advance their new abilities.

This is a constructive, progressive and proven plan that would cost much less money, keep inmates from crime, make our lives safer, reduce our taxes, help our economy and give needy people a chance to leave poverty by becoming self-supporting and productive.

Present jails and prisons are not working and they cost us dearly in many ways. You can help stop our county from wasting our money and putting our lives in greater danger, if you advise your county legislator of your concern now.

Tom Nelson  
Griffin Road, Syracuse

## Thanks



Dear Friends at the Peace Council,

I have lived in Central New York most of my life and have always counted on the Peace Newsletter to keep me connected with other folks who are concerned about peace, social justice and the environment. The voice of the Peace Newsletter heartens us all and helps sustain the work that must always be done.

Bill Raleigh

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## Green Corner

Jim Foley



In the wake of Earth Day, many people will wonder how to sustain their efforts to make the planet a more Green place. There are dozens of books now on the market which answer this question with lists of personal lifestyle choices, such as recycling, planting trees, and being Green consumers which help promote a just and sustainable human presence on Earth. The aggregate of these personal choices are simple ways of making a difference. Left to the end of many of these lists, however, is the vital importance of collective action.

It was exciting and empowering for a friend of mine to find out this week that Heinz/Starkist and other tuna companies will now refuse to accept tuna caught by methods which drown dolphins. By her personal boycott of tuna, this friend had been part of a campaign which is succeeding.

This campaign succeeded not only because of her efforts and those of thousands of other boycotters, but because somebody started the campaign in the first place. Somebody had an idea and began organizing.

Many people do not know how organizing works, how movements get started. There is a feeling that big organizations like Greenpeace will figure out how to save the planet and will tell us what part we can play. Many people are more comfortable joining rather than initiating social change. This is a shame, because organizing is much simpler than we may believe.

If you observe something which you feel is unjust, unfortunate, or just seems wrong for some reason, you may talk to a friend about it. If you both agree that something is wrong and should be different, you could try talking to other people to find others who agree and to figure out who and what could correct the injustice.

If you keep having these conversations, you may figure out what could be done and how to get somebody to do it. All you have to do is to keep speaking, listening, thinking, and guess what? You're an organizer! This is how most social changes in the world have started. So if, for example, you see a vacant lot that could be growing food, or a polluter who could be recycling, talk to someone about it; go ahead, organize.

## SPC Intern Works on Human Rights

Mayleen Devonish

On March 31, 1990, Amnesty International of Central New York held its regional conference at Syracuse University. As an intern at the Syracuse Peace Council I was able to work for Amnesty International. For the conference I did a project in Spanish and in English on Guatemala. I described the various aspects of Guatemala's culture, political situation, economic status, and government history, complete with maps and color photographs.

In addition, I organized the media event which kicked off Amnesty's Refugee Campaign. For that event, I hand-painted ten flags: one each of Liberia, Ghana, Vietnam, China, Philippines, Panama, Nigeria, Cuba, Hungary, and Pakistan. The flags were used as a background for the

refugee forum. I gave the introductory speech and then Scott Harrison from Urgent Action along with nine children from the Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company performed a dramatic reading. The reading was based on letters children had written to government officials concerning prisoners of war and human rights violations. At the conclusion of the reading I read a letter from a released prisoner in Paraguay thanks to an Amnesty letter writer.

Overall, the conference was a successful event. There were many speakers (some of whom are refugees), an ideas fair, a video show, a banquet, and various workshops. It was a very informative cultural and educational experience.

## May Discussion Group

The material aid organization, MADRE, will be presenting a video and information about their projects in Latin America on May 17 here at 924 Burnet Avenue. It will begin at 7 pm and will be led by local MADRE organizers. Much of their work is providing aid to medical and women's projects which benefit and improve their lives. Please join us!

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## Hear Ye! Vacation Guide Coming!

Next month we are planning another Socially Responsible Vacation Guide, listing wonderful festivals, gatherings, conferences, and other events you can take advantage of this summer in your vacation planning. The last guide came out in 1988 so we are due for another.

If you have any listings for it, know of any music festivals in the mountains of Montana or deep southern Alabama happenings, get 'em on over to us as soon as possible.

## Saddening Loss

In late March we lost our bookkeeper, Jerry Austin, who died on March 21. Jerry was the SPC Bookkeeper for about one year, taking over for Lynn Taylor. He kept the organization in shape on the books, dealing with SPC's fluctuating income levels. We are always saddened to lose one close to us. We work hard to prevent suffering in other parts of the world, and it hurts when it hits so close to home. We will miss him.

## SPC Event !!



Join us for a wine and cheese/light buffet reception with longtime activist, academic, and author, Michael Parenti on May 16. The reception will be from 5-7pm at Ollie Clubb's house, 504 Allen St. Parenti will be speaking at 8 pm in the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University. His talk is sponsored by the Alternative Orange and People for Peace and Justice at SU. Parenti is a dynamic and excellent speaker and has written many books on U.S. Foreign and Domestic Policy including Democracy For the Few, The Sword and the Dollar, and Inventing Reality: the Politics of the Mass Media. The reception (sugg. \$15-25) is a fundraiser for the Peace Council and the talk at SU is free.

# Peace Child: A Year In Review

Alicia Swords

Many PNL readers heard about Peace Child last year. Many of you supported last year's tours. I want to tell you what has happened since then.

At about this time last year, three youth from Syracuse had been selected for Peace Child tours. Two of us, Justin Cameron and Alicia Swords, were to go on the New York State Peace Child Tour. Aaron Heffernan went to the Soviet Union. Auditions for the back-up chorus that would sing with the Peace Child show when it came to Syracuse were just taking place. Now, one year later, I can hardly believe all that has happened.

This year I have been chosen for a Peace Child cast to tour in the Soviet Union!

Six other young people from the Syracuse area will go on tours. Here is a list:

David McKay and Lisa Fox- Krasnodar (near the Black Sea)

Justin Cameron and Ian Ash-Camp Artek (where Samantha Smith went)

JC Cameron- Kiev (the home of our last year's tour friends)

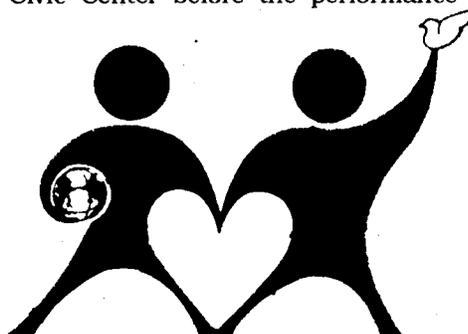
Carrie Schofield and Alicia Swords-Norofominsk (near Moscow)

Sarah Sanderson and Moira Byrne are "on reserve." If they don't get called to fill a spot on a tour this year, they will definitely go next year!

Many of you came to see last year's show at Syracuse Stage. It was

wonderful to be able to share the hope that we can save our world together.

Since the '89 tour, I have missed my friends immensely, but my Peace Child experience hasn't ended. Syracuse is now the home of a growing Peace Child chorus and chapter. We are now learning more music and more about peacemaking. We sing for community events and rehearse regularly. Most recently we sang at the Civic Center before the performance



of "1000 Cranes," and at the Galleries during Earth Week. We are working together to plan a Peace Camp- a two week day camp peacemaking experience as part of Camp Adelphi's program.

On Peace Day, September 19th, 20 Syracuse Peace Children joined a chorus of 200 Peace Children in the United Nations for the opening of the General Assembly. We were connected by satellite with kids in Moscow and

Costa Rica, and presented "youth resolutions" to the world leaders there. In the Peace Child story, the world's problems are addressed in front of the world leaders at the U.N., and thereby solved. So our real Peace Day celebration at the U.N. was a doubly momentous occasion.

At the Peace Child National Conference in October, I first heard about a new program called City at Peace. This began when a Rochester girl, after her Soviet tour, pointed out that it seems easier to make peace with kids from other countries than at home (this is true, I've found, and frustrating). Now City at Peace works to unite city kids to make work on City at Peace, and we hope to create a City at Peace play in 1991. I can't wait!

I believe that Peace Child programs like mine do make a difference in the world. With more and more friends in other countries, we have more reasons that we must work to prevent war.

After my tour I'll have slides to show of my trip and a video of the show. I hope you will be interested to see these.

The following words are from a poem written by Esther Cilveti of Rochester. She sent it to her tour friend, Marina Yamburenko, in Kiev, USSR. Marina set the poem to music.

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## Cortland Anti-Nukers Keep Up the Heat

Andy Mager

The movement against nuclear waste disposal in Cortland County continues as the Spring weather teases its way into the region (for detailed background information, see PNL #567-570). The last month has seen repeated actions at the "public information office" set up by the Low Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission in Cincinnatus. Protestors have set up an alternative information center across the street, and have blockaded the office on at least eight days. A total of 22 arrests have occurred, including several "two

timers." Trials are occurring as the PNL goes to press.

Governor Cuomo announced in mid-April that he was requesting that the Siting Commission halt all on-site work until after he has an opportunity to meet with dump opponents in Cortland and Allegany Counties. His decision was announced the day after State Police beat up two Allegany County demonstrators during actions there. Governor Cuomo decided to close the siting office temporarily as part of the decision to halt on-site work. In addition, the Cincinnatus Town Board decided to close the office down. CARD hopes the office won't reopen again.

Cuomo's announcement was greeted with skeptical optimism. We believe that it is a clear sign that our

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**TOM PAXTON**

**BENEFIT CONCERT**

for  
Citizens Against  
Radioactive Dumping  
(C.A.R.D.)

**May 17 7:30 PM**

at Cortland County Office Bldg

Tickets: adults \$9  
children \$6

available at  
Syracuse Real Food Coop  
618 Kensington Rd

# Women and the Military: The Right to Fight

Radell Roberts

"This is my rifle (slaps rifle)  
This is my gun (slaps crotch)  
One is for killing,  
One is for fun."

- U.S. Army basic training jingle

With the falling male birthrate reducing the number of men eligible for U.S. military "service," (a drop of as much as 25% by 1992), women are now being actively invited into the fraternity of soldiers. As military women struggle for equal treatment and advancement within the patriarchal stronghold, they confront sexism, heterosexism, and racism, and have asked feminists to embrace the cause of fighting for the "right to fight" on equal terms. But some of us believe that our ultimate goal is not simply to gain equal rights to participate in patriarchal institutions, but to challenge and dismantle the very systems of patriarchy which are designed to dominate and oppress, epitomized by the military. (I will speak specifically about the U.S. military, as women taking active part in armed revolutionary struggle for self-determination in other cultures have different perspectives.)

The violence of patriarchy MANifests itself domestically through physical and emotional abuse, rape, male control of reproductive health care and healing, class structures; and publicly through economic imperialism, intervention and militarism. Oppressions do not occur in separate categories. This system of patriarchy, which encourages wife-beating and rape, is the same one that insists on the domination of third world countries. "Nationalism" or "PATRIotism" promotes the idea of the superiority of one group of people over another.

Basic training techniques based on intimidation, domination and dehumanization are quite effective. Misogynist language and verbal assaults on a male cadet's sexuality constantly indoctrinate him into the Fraternity. Being called faggot, girl, or woman as the ultimate insult for showing emotion serves to clearly define men as violent and property to prove their masculinity. One man remembers a drill instructor's words, "Unless you women get with the program, straighten out the queers, and grow some balls of your own, you best give your soul to God 'cause your ass is mine and so is your mother's on

visiting day."

Historically, women have been the unheard victims of war, as it is the right of every soldier to rape and kill women who "belong" to the enemy. Vietnam veteran Richard Hale remembers the promise of a superior officer, "There's a lot of loose ass over there, men, and they just love GI dick. And best of all, they are only gooks, so if you get tired of them, you can cram a grenade up their cunt and waste them." Economic colonization of women, forced sterilization, and forced prostitution are also accepted consequences of war. Women's lives, our sisters' lives are destroyed.

How do women in this same military, whether or not they experience such blatant misogynist training firsthand, maintain their own identity without simply assuming the approved violent aggressive male behavior? How can they avoid learning to hate women and their passive female behavior and to forget the infinite possibilities for recreating human behavior?

There are those who believe in reform from within the systems. Betty Friedan, after visiting West Point and the first graduating class of women cadets, felt a woman's sensitivity to human needs (the same characteristic men and women such as Phyllis Schlafly used to argue women cannot or should not enter combat) has and will make the military more humane.

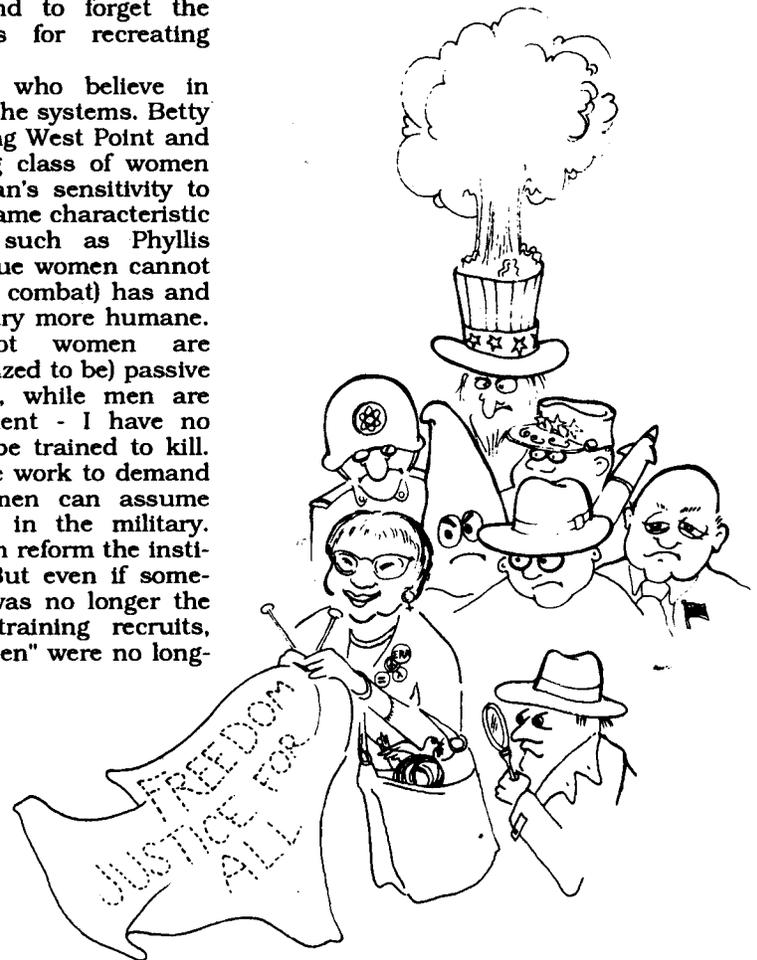
Whether or not women are inherently (or socialized to be) passive and compassionate, while men are aggressive and violent - I have no doubt women can be trained to kill. And I am sure if we work to demand "equal rights," women can assume positions of power in the military. Perhaps we can even reform the institution somewhat. But even if somehow, intimidation was no longer the main method of training recruits, even if "enemy women" were no longer used and raped as the victor's conquest, the military would still be a system of hierarchy in which privilege is dictated by rank, total unquestioning compliance is demanded, and the domination

and control is promoted.

Meanwhile, in our military economy, the money spent in the world on the military budget in one day would be enough to provide minimal food, clothing, and housing for everyone in the world. The one and one-half trillion dollars spent on U.S. defense in 1985 is two or three times what it would cost to pay U.S. women for their unpaid labor for one year. Our obsession with military force literally takes food out of the mouths of women.

Working for appropriate reforms that confront current power structures can lessen our immediate pain, bring us power or knowledge to move forward, and give us room to breathe while working toward more substantial, revolutionary change. But we need to be careful not to merely

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**ALTERNATIVE  
EFFORTS  
CENTER**

**Center House Renovation Underway**

*Timothy B. Harmon*

Alternative Efforts Center of Central New York, when completed, will be a transitional living facility for homeless people living with AIDS and those with HIV-related illnesses. We will provide temporary shelter for a period of 1-30 days (longer where necessary) while they attempt to find permanent housing or seek public assistance.

The target population Alternative Efforts Center specifically wishes to reach through this project are those persons with AIDS or HIV-related illnesses who have been discharged from area hospitals without having a place to live. While the number of AIDS cases in Central New York continues, and will continue to grow, the need for a shelter becomes increasingly urgent as Syracuse remains Central New York's primary center of sophisticated AIDS-related health care. The living facility will also provide transitional housing for persons who find themselves homeless as a result of the unique financial difficulties of AIDS or HIV-related illnesses and for other persons touched by the AIDS epidemic, such as families of children with AIDS who may have no place else to turn.

We are currently in the process of renovating an old Victorian house which was donated to us by Trinity Episcopal Church. The expected cost of renovations is estimated at \$40,000. We are proud to say that there are many local people willing to volunteer their time to work on this project, but we need more help. We are asking for your assistance on this very important local undertaking during this crucial time in the AIDS epidemic.

The Alternative Efforts Center of CNY will be operating as a privately funded, non-profit organization. The process of obtaining corporate and foundation monies, however, is slow, and the need at this time is extremely urgent. The building renovation process is currently being



**Monaco to Speak**

Over 1200 nuclear-material transportation accidents occurred in the United States between 1974 and 1988. The nuclear industry considers it good management if you don't know about these "incidents."

If the proposed low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) facility is sited in Cortland, we would expect a continuous stream of trucks containing radioactive waste to be flowing through Onondaga County. The only question is whether a spill is probable or certain.

On May 9, Cindy Monaco, Cortland County radioactive waste consultant, will discuss the LLRW issue, including the history and current status of the fight of Allegheny and Cortland County residents against the proposed LLRW facility, and she will explain how Onondaga County residents can protect themselves from being exposed to the constant threat of radioactive spills. She will also describe problems with federal waste regulation and the siting process itself.

The event is on Wednesday, May 9 (12:00-1:30pm) in Room 206A of Peck Hall, University College, 610 E. Fayette Street, Syracuse. It is being sponsored by Social Workers for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament, a committee of the local division of the NASW.

Contact Mark Briggs at 475-9505 for further information.

conducted solely through the volunteer and financial support of concerned members of the community.

Any donation that you can make at this time would be greatly appreciated, as we have already received numerous calls for help. I cannot emphasize enough, the necessity of this project and the value of any donation you can make to help us complete this important work.

Our attorneys are currently in the

**YOUNG & TEEN  
PEACEMAKERS**

**Youth Dedicate Trees**

Youth in chapters of Young & Teen Peacemakers will be planting evergreen seedlings on public lands in New York State in May. Young & Teen Peacemakers are planting trees as an environmental restoration project to help keep our planet green and healthy for many seasons to come.

For a donation of \$5, a tree can be dedicated as a gift. A lovely forest green card tells the recipient that a tree has been planted on public land in their name and can be signed by the giver. A tree dedication makes a perfect gift for birthdays, anniversaries, birth of a baby, holidays, congratulations, or other occasion. The cards can be purchased and given at any time, so givers are encouraged to order several.

Funds raised by the tree dedication project will support programs and activities of local chapters throughout the year. Young & Teen Peacemakers is a non-profit educational youth organization promoting peacemaking with self, others and the natural world. Director Judith Webb said, "Young people in our chapters are very concerned about the preservation of our environment. We chose the tree project as a way to help them take action on their concerns."

To order, send a self addressed stamped envelope and \$5 for each tree dedication card to: Young & Teen Peacemakers, RR1 Box 171, W Edmeston, NY 13485.

process of filing the necessary papers so we can receive our 501(c)3 non-profit incorporated status. All donations will be tax deductible as soon as the legal filing is completed.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Checks should be made payable to Alternative Efforts Center of CNY and sent to PO Box 690, Syracuse NY, 13201. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

## The Pink Paper

A NEWS PUBLICATION FOR THE ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY OF SYRACUSE FREE

### Gay Lit In Syracuse

Robido

Ten years ago this would have been a fairly easy article to write. Ten years ago the publishing world was wild for anything gay. Every major publisher carried several gay titles. Any bookstore in any American city more than likely had a "gay" section and I don't mean one shelf. This was, of course, before AIDS. Aside from laying low a large share of the male gay writers, AIDS has created a publishing backlash. It seems that unless a book deals with AIDS, especially if it deals with the spread in the straight community, real or imagined, it's not being picked up by the local book dealers.

With all this in mind, I've gone into the Syracuse area to find how gay literature is doing. As a whole the news is not good. First of all, only two bookstores, Economy at 317 South Salina Street and the Front Room, at the Syracuse Peace Council, at 924 Burnet Avenue, have a designated gay section. In both cases, this consists of either political tracts, autobiographical coming-out books, psychology or historical perspectives. The Front Room boasts two shelves, Economy only one.

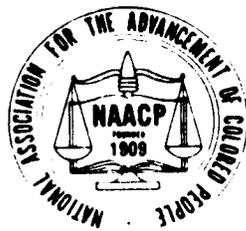
Almost all are independent publishers, aside from some older titles still being printed. Lesbian issues fare the best at both stores and even more so at My Sisters' Words which has an entire section on lesbianism. Being an exclusively women's bookstore, unless the book itself overlaps lesbians and gay men, gay men publications are not represented. As far as gay fiction, again, with the exception of My Sisters' Words, you had better know what you're looking for as there is no section devoted to this or poetry. So, start doing your homework. As for the other bookstores the best I can say is look through psychology, sociology or, if it exists, sexuality. Even if you do know what you are looking for, a lot of the better gay novels and poetry are out of print which leads us to used books. There are a few gems to be found at the very left Memory Hole on Trinity Place, around the corner from Boom-

abies on Beech Street. Also in this neighborhood is Seven Rays Bookstore where you can find gay and lesbian books mixed in the Men's and Women's sections. Even more can be found at the Book Warehouse on Bear Street.

Now you're probably saying, "How do I do my homework?" The best place I know would be Gay and Lesbian Student Association's library on the Syracuse University campus. Quite a few titles were still left from the old Gay Freedom League, it's progenitor, from a few years back and I'm sure it's expanded, even though pilferage has always been a problem. Next choice, the Onondaga County Library in the Galleries. Try the computer.

Of course the next place to research would be gay periodicals. The problem here is, the only place I could find any was at the Front Room which carried one, *Out Week*.

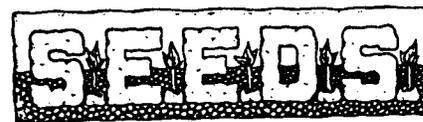
(reprinted from the Feb/Mar/Apr issue of the Pink Paper)



On Thursday evening, May 31, 1990, the Syracuse Chapter of the NAACP will be hosting the 11th Annual Freedom Awards Dinner. As you may know, this event is the only fund raising vehicle our chapter uses for operating expenses. We are not in any way supported by governmental or private foundation funds.

We will be honoring individuals and social and business entities with our Freedom Awards during this evening. These are nominated awardees who have outstandingly demonstrated a commitment to civil and human rights within our own Syracuse and Onondaga County community.

The dinner will take place in the Imperial Ballroom of the Hotels at Syracuse Square at 7 pm. A social hour will begin at 6 pm. A reservation form can be obtained from NAACP, 1125 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13202 (422-6933). RSVP by May 10.



SEEDS, the Sustainable Eco-agriculture and Education development Service, of Homer, NY is "plowing ahead" with its 1990 Community Supported Agriculture pilot project. The April *Peace Newsletter* outlined the project's philosophy, structure and potential of bringing chemical-free, fresh, organic, and nourishing vegetables direct to you from our farm every week of this year's growing season. We have about 15 "shareholders" involved to date and welcome any more from the Central New York area. Our greenhouse is bursting with all kinds of veggie seedlings, our members are excited about healthy food and a healthy Earth, and this localized food alternative will enjoy its first harvest in June. For more info: call (607) 749-2818, or write PO Box 39, Homer, NY 13077.



### Central New York Chapter New York Civil Liberties Union

The CNY Chapter of the NY Civil Liberties Union is pleased to announce the 1990 Kharas Award for Distinguished Service in Civil Liberties in CNY will be awarded to Vivian Moore, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission of Syracuse and Onondaga County. Vivian has been instrumental in improving relations between the Syracuse Police and the Latino and Gay/Lesbian communities.

The award will be presented at the Annual Dinner of the NY ACLU on Wednesday, May 23, at the Sheraton Inn and Conference Center, on the Electronics Parkway. The guest speaker at the dinner will be Norman Dorsen, President of the American Civil Liberties Union. Reservations, at \$25 each, can be made by calling the chapter office at 471-2821. A limited number of tickets are available at reduced cost and a sign language interpreter will be provided.

# Midwives Caring for New York's Women

(excerpts from the legislative white paper by the Midwives Alliance of New York)

New York State is in the midst of a maternal care crisis that worsens with each passing year. Among the 50 states, New York ranks 44th for women receiving early prenatal care and 47th for those receiving late or no care. Given this inadequate level of care, it is no coincidence that New York ranks 30th in the nation for perinatal mortality and 37th for low birth weight babies. In 13 counties, there simply aren't enough prenatal care providers to go around. In some facilities, there is such demand for prenatal care that women have to wait more than six weeks for treatment.<sup>1</sup>

Projected worldwide, New York's infant mortality rate would place it 26th among all nations, with Singapore and Antigua among others having lower perinatal mortality rates than our state.<sup>2</sup> The City of Syracuse, with a population of 170,000, has an infant mortality rate of 17.8 per 1000, substantially greater than that of cities such as Washington, DC and Boston. It is not just urban areas that have high mortality rates. Rural counties also perform poorly. Herkimer county has an infant mortality rate of 15.2 per 1000, Sullivan County's rate is 14.2 and many other rural counties have rates almost as bad.

Babies who survive may have additional problems. Low birth weight poses the greatest threat to the health of newborns. In 1987, 7.6% of New York babies were born weighing less than 2500 grams and 71.4% in addition to the human tragedy involved in this situation, the cost of caring for low birth weight babies often exceeds \$1000 per day, with the average lifetime cost exceeding \$300,000.

Increasing the now limited utilization of midwives in NY State would help alleviate the maternal care crisis, lower the perinatal mortality rate, reduce the number of low birth weight babies and save substantial amounts of money.

## Midwifery offers a solution

Currently, midwives deliver fewer than 4% of the babies born in the US. By contrast, in the Netherlands, midwives deliver almost 50% of babies, most in home births. In Swe-

den, they deliver nearly 100% of the babies born in hospitals, clinics, and homes. How do these nations compare to the US? The US ranks 23rd among developed nations in perinatal mortality, while the Netherlands and Sweden rank 7th and 4th respectively.<sup>3</sup>



There is no way that this performance could be swiftly replicated in NY State, even if a crash program were instituted to recruit and train midwives. It takes time to educate the large numbers of midwives needed to adequately staff the system. However, the Professional Midwifery Practice Act, currently introduced as A 4074-A/S 2794-A, would immediately begin this process by increasing the number of midwives available to deliver maternity care in NY State. The Act would provide a framework for regulating the profession of midwifery, while solving problems associated with the current method of certifying nurse midwives in this state.

The Professional Midwifery Practice Act addresses the need to distinguish the profession of midwifery from that of nursing and other medical specialties. Currently, only nurses may become certified to practice midwifery in NY State, and then only in a restricted manner. Once certified, they are able to call themselves "certified nurse midwives." However, there are many trained midwives in NY State who are not nurses and who would provide an immediate pool of candidates for licensure. They could begin to fill some of the already funded, but vacant positions in hospitals and clinics in inner cities and poor rural counties.

## What Is a Midwife?

Midwives are specialists in normal reproductive care. Their primary client group is women with healthy, low-risk pregnancies who are expected to have uncomplicated

deliveries. They avoid the use of routine obstetric interventions and drugs and have far lower caesarean rates than obstetricians.

Midwives perform a broader array of services than most physicians. For example, they spend considerable time educating mothers during pregnancy and preparing them for birth. This level of prenatal care results in healthier babies. They also work closely with troubled families to educate them on how to care for the child after birth.

Whether or not recognized by law, the practice of midwifery is on the rise throughout the US. Midwifery is becoming more popular for a variety of reasons. Midwives offer a preventive, holistic model of care, a more personal relationship with their clientele, and a philosophy of care which recognizes the importance of parental responsibility and control within the birth process. Perhaps the most compelling aspect of midwifery is the continuity of care that can be provided. Decisions made during pregnancy can affect the entire life of the child. As science is discovering, the nutritional status and substance abuse habits of the mother have a high impact on the health of the newborn. The public bears the emotional and economic burden of women who are not adequately counseled on the dangers of improper nutrition, smoking, alcohol and drug consumption during pregnancy. By their philosophy and training, midwives are the most appropriate medical care providers to confront and combat the growing crisis in high risk infants, and help provide the preventive care so desperately needed.

## Legislation

Short-term measures may ease the current crisis in midwifery care, but "they will not cure it or prevent its exacerbation at a later time [unless they] address the basic need to separate the profession of midwifery from the profession of nursing. Given the dire shortage of nurses nationwide, it is unreasonable to think that available candidates for midwifery can ever attain the desired number while the prerequisite of nursing exists. Adequate numbers of qualified candidates are not entering nursing programs; therefore, to limit

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*Rainbow streamers connect the many people from across the world who are united against nuclear weapons testing and production.*

# NEVADA TEST SITE PEACE ENCAMPMENT

photos by Kathy Whalen



*Giant puppets marched through the Peace Camp and over to the test site entrance to perform for security forces. Nuclear ghouls acted out destruction of trees, wildlife, water, and air as the result of a nuclear weapons strike.*

*This is a medicine wheel made by an affinity group from Eugene, OR to disacknowledge the division of Shoshone land by the test site fence. The group also hoped to start a healing process for the land which has been abused by the Department of Energy for testing nuclear weapons.*



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pressure campaign has begun making the governor rather uncomfortable. However, it is unclear whether he is willing to seriously consider our proposal to store the waste on-site at the nuclear power plants (which produce 98% of the radioactivity being considered).

Also on April 19, charges against two groups of protesters were dismissed due to a legal technicality. The trials of two other groups (on charges of disorderly conduct) took place with the decision to be handed down shortly.

Finally, the Siting Commission is seeking an injunction against 49 individuals plus John and Jane Doe (anyone) to prevent us from disrupting their efforts. If granted, the injunction would provide an additional penalty (up to 30 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine) against those of us who continue to protest in any direct way. A court hearing on the injunction is scheduled for May 11 in Norwich, NY.

For further information, contact CARD, PO Box 43, Cincinnatus NY 13040. Phone (607) 753-6271 or (607) 863-3972.

*Andy is an activist with CARD and a former SPC staffperson. He lives in Truxton, just a hop, skip, and a jump from the proposed radioactive dump sites.*

**Peace Child from pg 6**

We sang this in our show. It gives a feeling for what Peace Child can do.

"The world is changing on us fast.  
We children must not give up,  
Or our dreams will fade -  
It is our lives at stake.  
And though you are so far away,  
so far away  
We'll work in our separate place...

Do you think this kind of "youth diplomacy" can make a difference? If you think so and would like to help us raise the money for our tours, please send donations to Peace Child CNY, 144 Kensington Pl, Syracuse NY. Each of us must raise \$2700. If you want to donate to one individual listed above, you can put their name on the memo of the check.

Words are not adequate to thank this community for its support of Peace Child. It means our future!

*Alicia is a high school student and active participant in Peace Child of CNY.*

# FINANCIAL PLANNING

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*(Including Socially Conscious)*  
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**SUSAN S. HANSEN**  
**637-5153**

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become incorporated into oppressive systems, feeding the institution of domination. We need to create opportunities to learn leadership based on power with, respect for, and responsibility to our immediate communities and to our world community. We need to challenge the aggressive-submissive polarity (to refuse violence is not to be passive) and create empowering roles for women and men where we are neither victim nor victimizer. And we need to realize that, as Charlotte Bunch says, "We will never fully end male violence against individual women unless we also stop celebrating the organized violence of war."

"I am a dangerous woman  
Carrying neither bombs nor babies  
Flowers nor molotov cocktails.  
I confound all your reason, theory,  
realism  
Because I will neither lie in your  
ditches  
Nor dig your ditches for you  
Nor join in your armed struggle  
For bigger and better ditches."

-Joan Cavanaugh

*Thanks to Lesley Pease for research assistance. Statistics as quoted in the anthology Reweaving the Web of Life and Charlotte Bunch's Passionate Politics.*

[This article is reprinted from the May 1990 Women's Info Newsletter. Women's Info Center, located on 601 Allen Street, is an organization dedicated to the ideals of feminism and the empowerment of women.]

**Midwives from pg 11**

midwifery candidates to the decreasing number of nurses would be ineffective as a strategy of recruitment...

In addition to providing the opportunity for development of some non-nurse avenues of entry to professional midwifery, the legislation would assign identifiable recognition and responsibilities to the midwife on the health team. This would enhance the full utilization of the midwife's skill and scope of practice."<sup>4</sup>

With the Professional Midwifery Practice Act, New York would be setting a precedent. New York would be in the forefront in recognizing the need for expanded midwifery care in the US and the first state to license all midwives under one professional board. New York would be setting a standard that other states are sure to follow, while greatly increasing the quality, quantity and affordability of maternity care available to women and infants within the state.

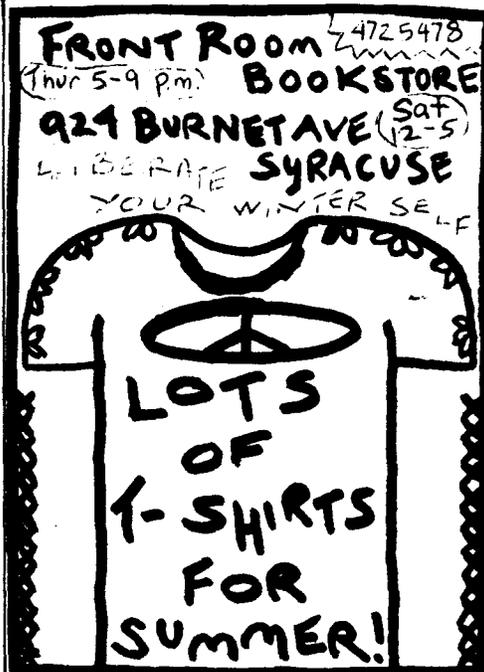
<sup>1</sup> Bell, Bertrand, et al; Report of the NY State Dept. of Health Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Education and Recruitment of Midwives; June 1988; p.1.

<sup>2</sup> "World Infant Mortality Rates" from the World Population Data Sheet 1988; Population Reference Bureau, Inc., 777 14th St. NW, Ste. 800, Washington, DC 20005.

<sup>3</sup> "World Infant Mortality Rates"

<sup>4</sup> Bell; p. 10.

[For more information, contact the Midwives Alliance of New York, PO Box 1000, Warwick NY 10990.]



# SUN MON TUES WED THURS FRI SAT

**EVERY SUN:** Support Group for people with Psychological Issues, Alliance 3-9pm Plymouth Congregational Church

**EVERY SUN:** Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 6pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618



**1** Spr. Covenant Sanctuary Mtg. 7pm May Memorial Church

Landscape of Survival, lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Youth Focus the 90's. Confr. by Gay/Lesbian Youth Program of CNY at Schine Student Cr., SU 8:30am-4:15pm 422-9741 to register (cost involved)

**International Workers Day**

**2** Free home buying seminar by the Urban League at NIMC Bldg. on Erie Blvd. 7pm 472-6956

**3** EVERY 1st and 3rd THURS. (GLAS) 7:30pm ECOH

**4** Gay Mens Support Group, at Grace Episc. 7:30pm 471-6618

EVERY FRI. Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Episc. Ch. \$3

1970-4 Kent State students killed by National Guard

**5** Spring Dance sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church featuring a wide range of music 8pm-1am sliding scale \$5-\$10 at May Memorial Church

Imagination Celebration - free concert for families at Plymouth Church downtown, 7-8pm

**6** Save the County Annual Walk. Walk to raise money to preserve the natural areas of Onondaga County 637-6066



**7** P.A.R. mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0062 or Norma 482-0459

Armeny Intl Group 373 mtg. St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Canastota 423-3890

Protecting Lakes & Lake Watersheds w/Scott Kishbaugh from NYS DEC, Tully High 7pm

Gay & Lesbian Student Assoc. Social 8pm-12am 750 Ostium Ave. 443-3699

**8** EVERY TUES. Lesbian & Gay Youth mtgs. 6-9pm Compositing Workshop at Beaver Lake Nature Center. Learn different compositing materials & designs from pre-regisler 638-2519

Onondaga Earth First mtg. Call Andy 471-7312 8pm

**P.N.L. Article Deadline**

**9** Cindy Monaco, Cortland City radioactive waste consultant, The LLRW Dump Issue and How it Affects Onondaga County Residents' Pocket Hall, Rm 206A, Univ. College 12-1:30

EVERY WED. Alliance meets at ECOH 6pm 475-4120

**10** Video "Where's Utopia?", on the new environmental household at Park Branch, Onon. Cty Library

Liberty Scholarship Workshop at Urban League 505 E. Fayette 10am-noon

Mothers' Day begun by Julia Ward Howe in 1872 as antiwar holiday

**11** 5/11-5/15 North American Support - In to Celebrate the Human Spirit. To oppose forced psychiatric procedures. Contact Alliance for events 475-4120

LLWR Hearing on Order To Show Cause on Issuance of Injunction against LLRW dump opponents at Supreme Court, Norwich 9:30am

**13** EVERY SUN. Volunteers needed to be servers at Unity Kitchen. Call Ann 475-6761

EVERY SUN. Brooks & B2 Multistate Cooke Cable Ch. 7. 8pm 472-5478

**14** Video "Where's Utopia?", on the new environmental household at Park Branch, Onon. Cty Library 7pm 105 Victoria Pl. Free

Sierra Club Monthly Program, Illick Hall, Rm. 5 ESF Campus, Syracuse 7pm

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**17** Tom Paxton Benefit Concert for C.A.R.D. opening band Redwood Hill at Cortland County Office Bldg. Audi. 7:30pm Tickets \$9, \$6 kids under 10

**18** Urban League Guild Dinner Dance 6:30pm call 472-6955 for reservations and info.

EVERY FRI. Marxist Collective at SU Weekly Study Group 3:30-5:30pm, call Bob for info. 423-9736

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**19** SPC discussion Group - showing of MADRE video & talk on providing material aid to Latin American countries. 7pm

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**Cuban Independence Day**

**21** Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets, 7pm

1965-Dr. Martin Luther King leads the free Seama to Montgomery March

**22** P.A.R. mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0062 or Norma 482-0459

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Rainbow Coalition 27th C.D. Mtg. Hoppers Memorial 472-4331

**23** N.Y. ACLU Dinner with speaker Norman Dorsen, President of Nat'l ACLU at Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle

1920- Birth of Gay Rights Activist and San Francisco City Supervisor Harvey Milk

**24** EVERY THURS. AIDS Support Grp. 7pm AIDS Task Force of CNY 827 W. Genesee St. 475-2430

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**26** New Environment Assoc. Annual Garage Sale 147 Hawthway Rd., Dewitt (off Radcliffe) contributions for sale welcome 446-9164 9am-5pm

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**27** EVERY SUN. South Africa Now, weekly news from South Africa 5pm WCNY Channel 24.

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EVERY TUES. Meeting with those infected with HIV/AIDS AIDS Task Force of CNY 627 W. Genesee St. 475-2430

EVERY TUES. "Evening with Arabesque" Arabic TV show. Carrier 7, 7pm

EVERY THURS. Central American Vigil 7:30am, Fed. Bldg.

EVERY THURS. SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm, Lots of fun, 472-5478 for info.

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June is National Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, and in this PNL we have included a listing of local events which highlight gay pride. We feature articles on a number of gay and lesbian issues - funding for AIDS, support groups in Syracuse, and contrasting views on outing.

Our second Socially Responsible Summer Vacation Guide will send you heading for alternative horizons - schools, tours, festivals and political events.

Note Syracuse's Juneteenth celebration on your mid-month calendar. Read of recent SPC happenings - the talk by Micael Parenti, the attempt to shut down Wall Street, and our support for the Korean PICO workers.

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# Parenti Speaks On Media Bias

Rich Stuchiner

On May 16th the Syracuse community was treated to a lecture given by Michael Parenti. Mr. Parenti spoke to over 150 people at Syracuse University's Maxwell Auditorium. Mr. Parenti, author, lecturer, professor, and gadfly, spoke about the political biases in the U.S. mass media.

Expanding on the themes in his book, *Inventing Reality: The Politics of the Mass Media*, Parenti discussed the structural limitations on a free press in the United States. He focused on the fact that the U.S. mass media are not just friendly to large corporations, but that they are large corporations. The media are part of the large corporate structure in America, and the people who sit on the boards of directors at the major media conglomerates such as Capital Cities or General Electric, are the same people who sit on the boards at Chase Manhattan and other banks and major companies. All of these corporations have a similar view of the world and their place in it.

The consequences of this is that you get a media that, "habitually favors management over labor, [and] habitually shows the world from the perspective of those who own it, instead of those who work in it." Parenti spent a good portion of the lecture discussing the class biases in the media. One example he cited was that strikes are always referred to as labor disputes rather than management disputes. He told of a conversation he had with a *New York Times* labor reporter, where the reporter contended that he did the best he could. Parenti asked him if he saw a bias at all in the fact that he was the only labor reporter at the *Times*, when they publish a business section that employs 45 people. Parenti stated that what you get is, "a whole section for the hundreds of thousands of businessmen and one reporter for the hundreds of millions of workers."

Parenti also stated that the media

only sensationalize trivial stories and that the truly sensational stories are ignored. He talked about imperialism

the media are the ideological gate keepers for the society and they protect the wealthy elite, which they are a part of. This way the "free press" does not have to be censored, because reporters and editors know how far they are allowed to stray from the boundaries of acceptable reporting before being subject to the wrath of their superiors.

Parenti contended that the media don't actually control what we think, but they control what we think about - what he calls "opinion visibility." So the four stories that get the most media attention are the stories that will be on most people's minds. The public opinion polls might show that the people don't support certain policies but Congress's response to the fact that they are in the news and the opinion visibility is the support.

At the end of the lecture he told people to search out alternative information, to always question what we read, and to take the initiative and seek out

the truth, because the information is out there but it takes a little work. He gave a few examples of the alternative media such as *Lies of Our Times*, FAIR (Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting), *The Guardian*, *In These Times*, *Z Magazine*, some of which are available through the Front Room Bookstore at the Syracuse Peace Council.

The lecture was sponsored by People for Peace and Justice, the Syracuse Peace Council, and the *Alternative Orange*. Video and audio tapes of the lecture are available through SPC.

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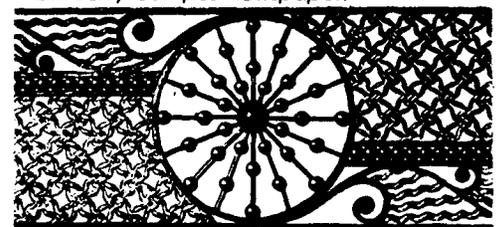


**"You get a media that...habitually shows the world from the perspective of those who own it, instead of those who work in it."**

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being the biggest story of the last 500 years and yet it never gets treated as such. The neo-imperialist policies of the United States are never reported in their proper context because the people who own the media and people who pay for it (the advertisers) are the direct beneficiaries of those policies. After 500 years, he said it was finally alluded to in a recent *New York Times* article on the bottom of page 13. It was a story about rancher John Hull who lives in Costa Rica, but is a native of Indiana, and how he is wanted for murder and drug dealing in Costa Rica. In the 16th paragraph of the article it mentioned that Oliver North and Robert Owen were also suspected. Parenti asked the audience what kind of coverage a story would have received if say, Jessie Jackson was suspected of being connected with a murderer and drug dealer?

Thus the media will always ignore or downplay the truly sensational stories if they threaten the status quo. Parenti discussed the fact that



# Juneteenth: African-American Independence

The "Juneteenth 1990" Organizing Committee, in conjunction with the Southwest Community Center, has finalized plans for this year's celebration, to be held June 9th through June 19th, at various locations throughout the city of Syracuse.

Juneteenth is a celebration of African-American Independence. It originated as a holiday commemorated by African-Americans in Texas. On January 1, 1863 President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring that the slaves in the Confederate States were free. This proclamation was merely a threat until the Civil War ended in April 1865. That was planting time in Texas, and slave owners didn't tell their slaves that they were free. Not until June 19, 1865, after Union forces sailed into Galveston Bay and established control over Texas, could the slaves who had heard the rumors of their freedom leave their former owners.

Syracuse has a rich history in the struggle to end slavery. Plymouth Congregational Church, located on West Onondaga Street in downtown Syracuse, was a stopping place on the Underground Railroad. The railroad was a series of refuges and secret resting places along with coordinators who aided escaped slaves in their push for Canada and freedom. Plymouth was founded by

white abolitionists and the building still bears the hand carved tunnels in the basement where black families hid.

Syracuse is also the home of the Jerry Rescue. In 1851, with the Fugitive Slave Law in force, authorities came to Syracuse and arrested William Henry, who escaped a slave plantation in Missouri. While being held in jail a crowd gathered to the tolling of church bells. They rallied and then set Henry free. He later went on to Canada. A monument to this rescue is now being erected in downtown Syracuse.

The Juneteenth celebration for this year lasts from June 9th through the 19th. The listing of events are as follows:

**June 9, Saturday, 3:00pm-9:00pm: Block Party** at East Side Boys/Girls Club. Sponsored by Boys/Girls Club. Contact: Mike Atkins 472-6714.

**June 10, Sunday, 11:00am: Worship Service and guest speaker, Chuck Willie, Phd** at Plymouth Congregational Church. Contact: Harvey Pinyoun 474-4836.

**June 14, Thursday, 5:00pm-8:00pm: Jazz** at the Galleries of Syracuse. Contact: Mike Walker 471-2042.

**June 15, Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm: City/County Youth Dance** at the Armory. Sponsored by NAACP Youth. Contact: Gwen Faegan 451-1500 x298.

**June 15, Friday, 10:00am-8:00pm: African Street Festival** at Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse. Sponsored by Ethnic Images/Africa Bound. Contact: Vanessa Johnson 422-6521.

**June 15, Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm: Extravaganza Dance** at Le Moyne Manor. Sponsored by Omega Psi Phi frat. Contact: George Kilpatrick 473-2857, 471-6575.

**June 16, Saturday, 12:00pm-7:00pm: Family Day** at Southwest Center. Contact: Dwayne Williams 474-6823.

**June 16, Saturday, 10:00am-12:00pm: Parade** down Salina Street. Sponsored by the Progressive League. Contact: Georgette Cowans 464-5433.

**June 16, Saturday, 3:00pm: Freshest Hair Cuts/Styles** featuring Parade of Braids at Southwest Center. Sponsored by C. Edwards and R. Watson. Contact: Connie Edwards 473-2857.

**June 17, Sunday, 4:30pm-6:30pm: Gospel Concert** w/Guest Speaker at African American Worship. Contact: Craig Corriders 474-6823w, 422-6757h.

**June 19, Tuesday, 7:00pm: Candlelight Vigil** at Libba Cotton Grove (State & Castle). Sponsored by Juneteenth Committee. Contact: Vanessa Johnson 422-6521.

## The Myth of Lincoln

Andy Molloy

After Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, slaves in the Confederate States were declared free. The United States was locked in a bitter civil war and the Union needed a new impetus in its struggle to overpower the South. Lincoln's motives for issuing the proclamation had little to do with his concern for the well being of African Americans held in bondage to the white man.

When Lincoln signed the order it applied only to the Confederate States, which did not include all of the slave states. States such as Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, and Delaware, which all remained in the Union, retained slavery unabated. No slaves were set free because of the Emancipation Proclamation; all of the states the decree applied to were not in Union control.<sup>1</sup>

The proclamation, although hailed by abolitionists, was enacted by the North as part of the war time



strategy. The South's economy was dependent on the people held in slavery. The plantations and agricultural commodity base depended on the labor force of those in slavery. When the Union declared that these people were free it was designed to throw the South's economy into disarray and take away its backbone.

Lincoln, the "Great Emancipator," saw African Americans as little more than property:

"I will say, then, that I am not, nor have ever been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races (applause); that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor intermarry with white people."

"I confess I hate to see the poor creatures hunted down...but I bite my lips and keep quiet."<sup>2</sup>

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# Jim Walsh, the Forests, and the Tree

Todd Rogers

A man dressed as a tree stood in the audience at Beaver Lake Nature Center on Earth Day listening to Representative Jim Walsh speak on the environment and the importance of this day. It was appropriate that the man dressed as a tree was there, as a young seedling would be planted in a ceremony later that day. But the tree was more concerned about the man who was speaking at the podium than he was about the planting ceremony to follow. He wasn't sure why a man whose votes in Congress this year got him a score of only 30% on the League of Conservation Voters (LCV) environmental scorecard was addressing the crowd on Earth Day. The LCV scorecard rates Congressmen on the basis of their votes on the most critical environmental legislation over the course of the year.

Though Mr. Walsh would be present to witness the planting of a seedling, the tree was concerned about his congressman's commitment to protecting his brothers, the cedars and firs. His congressman voted to halve the size of a proposed wilderness area in Nevada and to continue Congress's mandate of allowing the logging this country's last remaining temperate rainforest to the tune of 4.5 billion board feet per decade. He was concerned, too, about his congressman's votes to weaken a bill on oil spill liability.

Sure, Congressman Walsh voted for the bills in the end, but he also voted for amendments that would have weakened these bills. The tree knew that his congressman's votes would have further compromised the health of his planet at a time when she can afford no more compromises. "There are more trees alive in America today than there were at the turn of the century," proclaimed Mr. Walsh. The tree, now upset, turned to me and told me that it was the forests, not the trees that were important. When an 800 year old redwood falls and is replaced by two seedlings that will be cut in 60 years, we now have one more tree than we did before the redwood fell. But, to the spotted owl, the red vole and many other creatures and plants who are adapted specifically to the environment unique to the ancient forests, their habitat has been destroyed

forever.

"Many people don't know that logging is allowed in the National Forests," said the tree, "but it is, and, furthermore, you, the taxpayers, are subsidizing the destruction of your forests by paying to build roads for the logging companies. Subsidizations make it possible for logging companies to buy 500 year old cedars from the government for \$2 apiece!" He went on to tell that 60% of the trees harvested in the Northwest are sold to Japanese companies for processing. This translates into lost jobs in American mills.

Earlier in the week, I had been part of a meeting between local environmentalists and Congressman Walsh. Overcutting in National Forests, wilderness preservation, clean air and waste management were the main topics of discussion. Mr. Walsh seemed like an honest man who showed more of a sensitivity to the environment than I expected. He agrees that the National Forests are being overcut and that it's ludicrous to be selling raw logs to Japan while U.S. workers go on unemployment. However, he voted for weakening amendments on many of the critical environmental bills that were proposed last year and this is reason for great concern. Some of these amendments would have done little in the long run to save jobs and would have unnecessarily endangered critical habitats. Undoubtedly, we will see Mr. Walsh support legislation this year that will somewhat protect the forests as well as the economy in the Northwest. However, it is important that he vote for strong legislation instead of following the path of compromise he's followed in the past.

As we walked over to the tree planting ceremony, the tree told me about a piece of legislation that Congressman Walsh should be encouraged to support.

The Native Forest Protection Act is based on the premise that, if properly managed and operated un-

der a free enterprise system, the nation's forestlands can be preserved while at the same time supplying all of the wood products needed for our domestic markets.

The key points of the Native Forest Protection Act include:

- Classification of native and virgin forestlands in public ownership, regardless of size, as National Native Forest Preserves.

- Prohibition of exports of logs and tree products from many lands, public and private.

- Federal financial assistance to wood-products workers and industries. Instead of subsidizing the overcutting of our forests, the same tax dollars should go to forest rehabilitation, worker re-training and relocation, family health care and living compensation for workers and any

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/The Post-Standard

# Peaces

## LLRW, Cuomo, and You!

Cuomo's May 23rd helicopter visit to proposed low level radioactive site Taylor and then to Cortland to meet with groups opposed to siting heralds the power of grassroots organizing. Leah Hall, Nottingham HS senior, Ed Kinane of the Central America Coalition, and Noel Johnson of Onondaga Earth First! joined the 500 who on 12 hours notice formed a visible opposition - the culmination of thousand of grassroots hours of meetings, creative demos, posting 80,000 blazing orange posters all over Cortland and Allegheny Counties, scores of arrests for nonviolent civil disobedience.

But short of on-site storage until we shut down the nukes, we have not freed our children's future of this plague. How many would it take to arouse Syracuse?

If Cortland and Allegheny Counties get Cuomo's attention, how much more persuasive could Onondaga be? Will you upgrade your understanding and pitch-in? Have you heard the inspiring audio, "Dump the Dump, Songs of Cortland-Allegheny" at \$4?. Or the dump video, "In a Nutshell," at \$4? How about a letter to the editor, post a few glo-orange signs in your window at home and car, on a power pole or two, with your friends? Or ask for Rosalie Bertrell's book or the monthly Radioactive Waste Campaign magazine at SPC.

Keep posted with SPC or call Cortland C.A.R.D at 607-753-6271.

- Hank Strunk



## Rainbow Coalition Gearing Up

The Syracuse Rainbow Coalition is gearing up, wielding our 27th CD grassroots base into a powerful voice for change in the upcoming fall elections. If it's to be "We the People," then doesn't it begin with voter registration, holding fast to the anti-corruption two-term mayoral limit and creating a local economic conversion plan, all within the framework of justice and cooperation amongst all citizens?

From local to national, the Rainbow empowers as it brings together all races and constituencies in common tasks. Join the Rainbow and get the June Update, \$25/yr, PO Box 1986, Syracuse, NY 13201 and come to the next meeting at Hopps Memorial Church, 1110 S. State, Syracuse on Tues., June 26, at 6:30 pm.

- Hank Strunk

## Friends From Guatemala

Our dear friends from Guatemala, Eva Morales and Roman Castro, through poetic drama, song, and dance, deepened our solidarity with the suffering people of Guatemala at Delaware Baptist Church, May 23.

Can you also make space in your heart? Let the video of their performance help, showing on Channel 13 Cooke Cablevision and New Channels (Tuesday, June 5 at 7 pm; Thursday, June 7 at 9:30 pm; Friday, June 8 at 8 pm) or rent from SPC for \$2.

In short, Guatemala with its gross human rights violations, including death and disappearance of 19 members of Eva's family, is one more example of multi-nationals exploiting poor third world peoples with the active support of the U.S. government. To get up to speed, audiotapes of their performance and "Eva Morales- Guatemala," each \$2 each, and GAM video at \$4 at SPC.

For bringing Eva and Roman to us, thank Sanctuary's Paul Weichselbaum, Joan Goldberg, Shirley Novak, and others. Thanks to Luis and Orlando for stage-crewing, and to Doug Iglesrud with his marimba and hospitality for Eva and Roman.

- Hank Strunk

## SPC Garage & Book Sale

We are now collecting items for our soon to be announced annual garage and book sale. Call to donate!!



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# OUT IN THE OPEN O U T

Willard Doswell

Imagine waking up one morning to the ultimate "outing," to find that all gay and lesbian people had turned lavender. The greatest weapon of homophobic oppression would have been wiped out overnight -- the closet.

Until the recent phenomenon of truthfulness in acknowledging people's sexual orientation, dubbed "outing" by a sensation-hungry mainstream press, there was an assumption that one ought never reveal another person's sexual orientation

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**The notion that the closet is sacred, and its exposure an invasion of privacy only reinforces our society's prevailing heterosexism.**

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--make that homosexual orientation. The notion, however, that the closet is somehow sacred, and its exposure an invasion of privacy only reinforces our society's prevailing heterosexism (the idea that heterosexuality is inherently better than homosexuality). Why is it perfectly acceptable to assume that a person is straight, while it is practically slanderous to speculate that they may be lesbian or gay.

With the hope that coming out would become increasingly attractive, desirable and safe, the gay movement in this country has worked for civil rights protection, while fostering a sense of lesbian and gay heritage and pride. May we someday make it possible for everyone to be free... open...out.

Unfortunately progress in the movement has been slow and oppression is still overwhelming. Discrimination in employment, housing and child custody; an apathetic and even hostile response to the AIDS epidemic; and an increase in bias-related violence all combine to make the closet seem like a refuge. For many people, personal "outings" are kept to a minimum, only when it's safe.

The gay and lesbian community, 21 years in the building, is often embraced only on a part-time basis. People who may come out for an annual gay pride demonstration, or feel fulfilled in a lesbian support group will often jump back into the

closet when they get to work Monday morning. When the stakes get higher (and they do), the closet door becomes all the more tempting. But far from a haven of safety, the closet is in fact a prison in which people are forced into self-loathing behavior, lying about their love and their lives in a tradeoff to avoid the costs of discrimination. The result is that liberation is often enjoyed on other people's terms.

Truthfully reporting the homosexuality of public figures (call it outing if you must), questions the power we give to the closet. Look at Malcolm Forbes. We rummage through his closet wondering what business we have being there at all. Was this a safe

haven for Forbes, or was it his private prison? Was he isolated and alone in his sexuality, or was he just exercising a right not to be identified with his people, publicly at least?

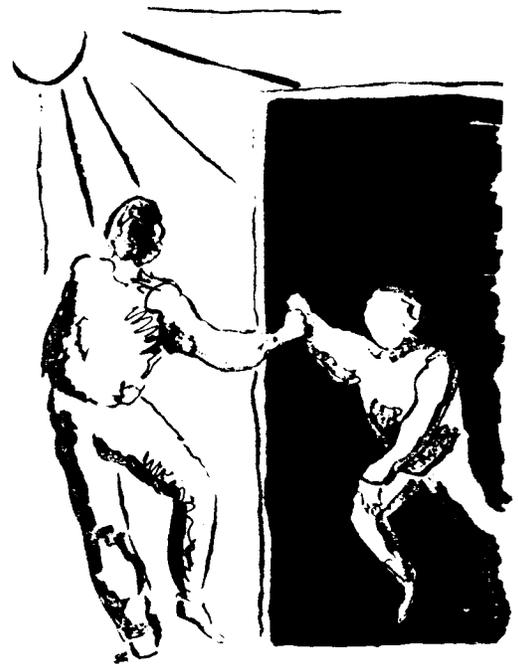
Think of the impact Forbes might have had, using his power and influence to fight oppression. What an opportunity to be a positive force, a role model. Instead he unwillingly became an example of what could have been. Was the "outing" of Malcolm Forbes an invasion of his privacy, or simply another piece of news about a man already in the public eye? Are closets a privilege, a right, or a curse?

In the complicated struggle for the liberation of a people oppressed by being expected to hide (and to hide each other) from the threat of discrimination, "outing" emerges, for better or worse, as radical new concept. Suddenly we realize that a society can push people out of the closet as readily as it can push them into it.

As a sensational news story, "outing" will probably soon begin to fade. As a tactic it may just be getting started, offering a compelling new look at the issues. Are the challenges of being openly lesbian or gay really more threatening than the confines of the closet? Is the right to privacy justification enough for betraying one's own people by denying them? If we continue to tolerate closets, where

people are asked --no forced to hide their love like some dirty little secret, we may never finally break through the walls of oppression and allow everyone to show their true colors, lavender and all.

*Willard Doswell is former president of the Gay and Lesbian Conference of Syracuse, founding member of the AIDS Task Force of CNY, and currently active with ACT UP.*



## Lesbian & Gay

### A CELEBRATION OF OURSELVES

Sunday, June 10th, Sutton Pavilion, Syracuse Stage. Time TBA (watch for flyers), a gay & lesbian talent revue featuring local performers - musicians, singers, dancers, comics, & others. Sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance of Syracuse (GLAS).

### "SEXUAL MINORITIES WITHIN THE GAY & LESBIAN COMMUNITY"

Monday, June 11, Schine Student Center, SU, 7pm. A presentation by Kelly S. Corcoran dealing with S&M, transgenderism, sexual dynamics & other issues. Sponsored by Stan Harrell.

# I N G OUT OF BOUNDS

Bonnie Boroson

A recent movement to increase gay visibility by some members of the gay and lesbian community has emerged both controversial and dubious. The practice of "outing," exposing local and national celebrities as gay was instituted primarily by radical factions within the gay community and quickly picked up by the mainstream media.

The rationale behind outing is to publicize positive role models. However, the intention of the cause is at best, full of sound and fury. Exposing noted personae on an issue as private as sexuality is a violation of the First Amendment. The same gays and lesbians who fill the media with their uninvited escapades into people's private lives cry in outrage every time the US Supreme Court peers into their bedroom window.

A positive role model for gays and lesbians would seem to be a man or woman who is both successful in his or her career and comfortably open with his or her homosexuality. One who is successful but "in the closet" is in there for their own personal reasons. It must be questioned then, why these people would want to adopt role models who do not want to be identified as gay or who have little or no concern for it.

Coming out is a long and difficult process. Those who do face the fear and possibility of discrimination, public ridicule, and loss of family and friends. Coming out is voluntary. Someone deciding to publicly assert he/she is gay is doing so of his or her own volition. Coming out is individualized. It can not be forced upon anyone, nor will forcing it result in

maturity or a heightened sense of self. Coming out can also bring a sense of personal joy. When one takes full responsibility for his/her own sexuality, it is generally through a feeling of personal readiness and an integrated awareness of their own freedom of choice. It requires a great deal of maturity to come to terms with any sexual preference, but in our homophobic society, homosexuality is much harder to accept, much harder to feel at ease with. It is unfortunate that there are those who

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**E**xposing noted personae on an issue as private as sexuality is a violation of the First Amendment.

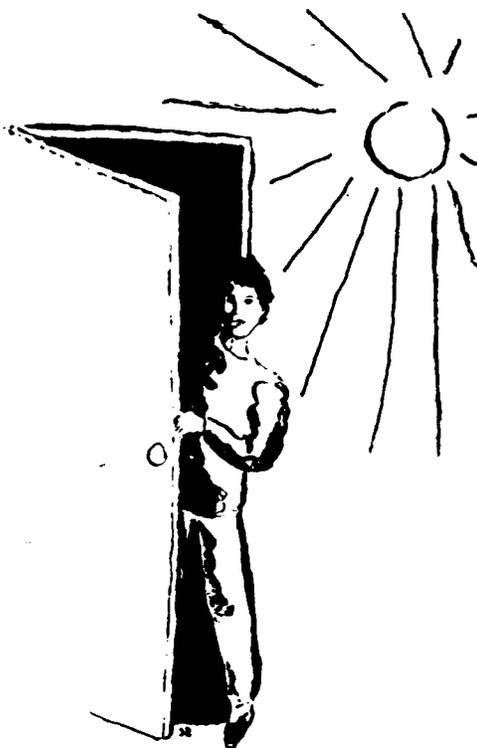
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would choose to rob others of this joy, this climb, this ascent in personal growth.

The gay and lesbian population does need role models, heroes, heroines, people of strength, beauty and fame. However, the discordant actions by these militant few are likely to bring harm and embarrassment to the celebrity, and discolor the well-being of those (gays) uninvolved. Such self-righteous crusades will probably not produce role models, and may only serve to divide and weaken the gay population at large.

For now, gays and lesbians must look inward in their search for role models. They must develop their own strength without impinging on the rights of others. When these outspoken gays create their own place in the world, they will be the role models they are looking for, and they will have lighted the path for others to follow.

*Bonnie is a member of the PNL Editorial Committee. She is a strong supporter of gay, lesbian, and bisexual rights.*



## Pride Events

### AIDS CANDELIGHT VIGIL

Friday, June 15th, Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse, 7:30pm. A demonstration will follow. All are welcome to participate. Sponsored by ACT-UP.

### GAY PRIDE PARADE

Saturday, June 16th, assemble 12:45pm, Jefferson St Armory, march 1:00pm to Columbus Circle.

### RALLY

Saturday, June 16th, Columbus Circle, 1:30pm, featuring speakers and local talent (watch for flyers). Coordinated by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Syracuse (GLAS).

### NOW's ANNUAL LESBIAN & GAY PRIDE PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 19th, Plymouth Congregational Church (232 E Onondaga St), 8:00pm. Sponsored by the National Organization for Women Greater Syracuse Chapter.

### 2ND ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Friday, June 22nd, 124 Parkway Dr., Syracuse, 5-11pm, a fundraiser for Syracuse Lesbian/Gay Youth Program, suggested donation \$20. For info call 476-8544. Hosted by Mark Dale-Fischer.

NYC RALLY Sunday, June 24th, in New York City.

## SPC Press

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**Sick Animals, Sick Meat,  
Sick People**

Nancy Camorati

"Consumer awareness and pressure are the most effective means we have in eliminating the health hazards posed by factory farming and ending needless animal suffering." The raising of "milk-fed" veal represents factory farming at its worst.

In veal factories across the country newborn veal calves are taken from their mothers and chained in wooden crates measuring only 22" wide and 56" long. Kept in this crate, unable to walk, stretch or even turn around, the calf will spend its entire life alone in darkness, being fed only a milky liquid laced with antibiotics and growth stimulators. According to the USDA, antibiotic drug residue in "milk-fed" veal is as high as 500 times the legal limit, which a broad spectrum of scientists contend poses a serious threat to the health of the consumer.

So why are veal calves fed such high levels of antibiotic drugs? Because in order to produce the light color and tender texture of "milk-fed" veal, the calf is subjected to such an unnatural life style that if they are not fed these large doses of drugs, they would die. The calves are purposely kept anemic by withholding sufficient iron from their diet. Respiratory and intestinal diseases run rampant. The calves are denied solid food, water, light, exercise and contact with others. There is no doubt, they suffer immeasurably.

People for Animal Rights joined several national organizations including the Farm Animals Reform Movement and the Humane Farming Association in their efforts to inform the public of the farming methods used to raise "milk-fed" veal. We picketed and distributed leaflets telling of the veal calves plight to diners at the Veal & Vintage Restaurant at 449 Hawley Ave, Syracuse on Saturday, May 12. We are also asking concerned citizens to support the Veal Calf Protection Act which will put an



HOMeward CONNECTION  
Christopher Community

**Volunteer Training To Begin**

Stacey Smith

Homeward Connection is an inter-faith ministry with families who become homeless. Our staff and volunteers accompany families (usually single-women with children) as they make the transition into their new home and life. We offer basic assistance, advocacy, information and emotional support for up to one year after moving.

Since many women speak of isolation, loneliness and the weight of single-parenting, Homeward Connection has developed a network of "intentional friends." When a woman or child expresses interest, we introduce that person to a volunteer friend. During weekly visits and outings, over a period of at least six months, the volunteer friend offers basic assistance, emotional, and social support.

Homeward Connection asks volunteers for a commitment of:

- about two hours a week
- at least six months

Your meetings will vary according to the family's needs and your mutual interests. One week you may grocery shop, the next week visit the library, the following week talk over a cup of coffee.

Homeward Connection will be conducting its next volunteer training session on June 12 from 6:30-1:00 pm. Please call Stacey at 424-1821 to pre-register for the training.

end to the deliberate raising of anemic calves for veal and would ban the infamous and barbaric "veal crate."

For more information about this or any other animal welfare issue please contact Norma at 492-0459 or Linda at 475-0062.

**GAY & LESBIAN  
CONFERENCE  
HELPLINE**

**Ten Years of Service**

"If you need us, we're there for you" is the headline of the small blue poster advertising the *Gay and Lesbian Conference Helpline*, a helpful and informative ear for gays and lesbians in the Syracuse area.

Staffed totally by dedicated volunteers, the ten year old service offers guidance, information, and support to those in need, and to anyone who has questions about gay-related issues. They act as a referral service to doctors, lawyers, clergy and professional counselors and can direct you to gay bars, and gay and lesbian social and support groups. They can assist you in getting AIDS information, and most importantly, they extend a compassionate ear to those who need it.

The Conference Helpline, 422-5732, is open most evenings from 7:30 to 10:30pm. At other times, if you leave a message, your call will be returned.

**GAY MEN'S  
SUPPORT GROUP**

Are you a gay man living in Syracuse? If you are looking to find friends here, pay a visit to the Gay Men's Support Group. MSG offers support, friendship, and comradeship to gay men in Central New York.

GMSG started with only six members; now almost two years later, over 100 men have walked through their doors. At last count, the membership is about sixty-five gay males representing the Syracuse gay community.

Members enjoy making new friends, discussing gay-related topics and finding strength in sharing their experiences. Pot-luck suppers and group trips to Vermont and the 1000 Islands are examples of how you can enjoy becoming a member of GMSG.

For more information, call 422-5732 or 1-633-8851.



# SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE VACATION GUIDE

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Karen Kerney



## POLITICS

### THE ENVIRONMENT: GLOBAL PROBLEMS, LOCAL SOLUTIONS INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

DATE: June 7-9  
PLACE: Hofstra Univ., Hempstead, NY  
CONTACT: Hofstra Cultural Center  
Hofstra Univ., Hempstead, NY 11550  
(516) 560-5669  
COMMENT: Very wide selection of panels.  
Cost \$35 plus meals & lodging.

### CONFERENCE: TOWARDS AN ECOLOGICAL EDUCATIONAL SOCIAL ECOLOGY, HIGHER EDUCATION & COMMUNITY

DATE: June 8-10  
PLACE: Goddard College, Plainfield, VT  
CONTACT: Daniel Chodorkoff, Goddard College, Plainfield, VT 05667  
(802) 454-8311

### NISGUA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE: June 9-10  
PLACE: American Univ., Wash., DC  
CONTACT: NISGUA, 1314 14th St. NW, Wash., DC 20005 (202) 483-0050  
COMMENT: "Guatemala in the '90's: The Struggle for Democracy in a Country at War"

### MARCH FOR THE ANIMALS

DATE: June 10  
PLACE: Washington, DC  
CONTACT: National Alliance for Animal Legislation, Box 2978, Washington, DC 20013 (703) 684-0688  
COMMENT: Speakers, music at the Ellipse, silent march past White House for peace and freedom for all non-human animals  
Local contact: Howie 446-8155

### YOUTH GREENS 3RD CONTINENTAL CONVENTION

DATE: June 15-19  
PLACE: Plainfield, VT  
CONTACT: Paul Emery, PO Box 61, Plainfield, VT 05667 (802) 454-8073

### AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA 1990 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: June 15-17  
PLACE: Boston, MA  
CONTACT: Northeast Regional Office, Amnesty International USA, 58 Day St. Day Square, Somerville, MA 02144

### DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA 4TH ANNUAL NATIONAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

DATE: June 29-July 1  
PLACE: Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, NY  
CONTACT: DSA, 15 Dutch St., Suite 500, New York, NY 10038  
(212) 962-0390  
COMMENT: "Beyond Communism & Capitalism: The Democratic Socialist Alternative"

### NOW NATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE: June 29-July 1  
PLACE: San Francisco, CA  
CONTACT: CNY NOW, 6540 Kirkville Rd, #202, East Syracuse, NY 13057

### LEFT GREEN NETWORK 2ND CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE

DATE: June 30-July 1  
PLACE: Plainfield, VT  
CONTACT: Left Green Network, PO Box 703, White River Jct., VT 05001  
(802) 295-1544

### BAPTIST PEACE FELLOWSHIP OF N. AMERICA ANNUAL GATHERING & CONFERENCE

DATE: July 2-7  
PLACE: Ottawa, CANADA  
CONTACT: BPFNA, 499 Patterson St., Memphis, TN 38111  
COMMENT: Theme: "Justice and Peace Will Embrace"

### ASIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DISARMAMENT, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

DATE: July 4-8  
CONTACT: ASPAC, GPO Box 366C, Melbourne, Australia 3663 8080

### FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE

DATE: July 4-8  
PLACE: Lake Geneva, WI  
CONTACT: Fran Levin, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960 ((914) 358-4601  
COMMENT: "Celebrating Our Past: Charting the Future"

### MISSOURI MISSILE SILO PEACE SCHOOL - "NUCLEAR RESISTANCE INTO THE 90'S"

DATE: July 4-8  
PLACE: Missile Silo J2, Montrose, MO  
CONTACT: Nukewatch, PO Box 2658, Madison, WI 53701

### PASTORS FOR PEACE CARAVAN TO NICARAGUA

DATE: July 18-August 12  
Leaving from various US cities  
CONTACT: Pastors for Peace, 331 17th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414  
(612) 378-0062

### OPEN HOUSE AT GRIFFISS AFB

DATE: July 21  
PLACE: Griffiss AFB Main Gate, Rome, NY  
CONTACT: 1-337-5265

### CONFERENCE: CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION

DATE: August 3-5  
PLACE: Philadelphia, PA  
CONTACT: National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, 2121 Decatur Pl. NW, Wash., DC 20008 (202) 483-3751  
COMMENT: Lectures & workshops on constitutional issues, the personal witness of CO's

**SITE R ACTION - ALL NIGHT VIGIL AND CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE**

DATE: August 4  
PLACE: Alternate Joint Communications Center, operated by the Dept. of War, near Gettysburg, PA  
CONTACT: Central Maryland Peace & Justice Committee, PO Box 4135, Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 663-6117

**FISH & LOAVES GATHERING/KEY LAKE URANIUM MINE ACTION**

DATE: August 4-5  
PLACE: Green Lake, Saskatchewan, CANADA  
CONTACT: Elizabeth Cline 817 14 St. E., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 0P9 CANADA  
COMMENT: Speakers, films, workshops "to stand together to stop uranium at the source."

**DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA YOUTH SECTION SUMMER CONFERENCE**

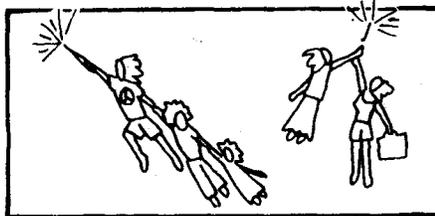
DATE: August 16-19  
PLACE: Allegheny College, Meadville PA  
CONTACT: Dinah Leventhal (212) 962-0390  
COMMENT: Registration \$80

**GENERAL ELECTRIC "STEPS OF JUSTICE" WALK & CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE**

DATE: August 6-9  
PLACE: Starts at GE in Camden, NJ; ends at GE Aerospace Heights in Valley Forge, PA.  
CONTACT: Brandywine Peace Community PO Box 81, Swarthmore, PA 19801 (215) 544-1818

**PEACE BRIGADES INTERNATIONAL USA - 1ST ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

DATE: August 16-19  
PLACE: Peace Abbey, Sherborn, MA  
CONTACT: PBI, Box 1233, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA 02238 (617) 491-4226



# FESTIVALS

**CLEARWATER'S GREAT HUDSON RIVER REVIVAL**

DATE: June 16-17  
PLACE: Westchester Comm. Coll. Valhalla, NY  
CONTACT: Clearwater, 125 Market St. Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (914) 454-7951  
COMMENT: Six stages. All kinds of music. Lots of fun.

**MEETING OF THE WORLDS INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL**

DATE: June 19-23  
PLACE: Joensuu, FINLAND  
CONTACT: PAND International, Unioninkatu 45641, 00170 Helsinki, FINLAND  
Phone: 0177004  
COMMENT: Organized by Performers and Artists for Nuclear Disarmament

**OLD SONGS FESTIVAL 10TH YEAR CELEBRATION**

DATE: June 22-24  
PLACE: Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY  
CONTACT: Old Songs, Inc. PO Box 399, Guilderland, NY 12084 (518) 765-2815  
COMMENT: Dave Van Ronk, Bob Zentz, others.

**10TH ANNUAL SUMMER SOLSTICE FOLK MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL**

DATE: June 22-24  
PLACE: California St. Univ., Northridge, CA  
CONTACT: Calif. Traditional Music Society 4401 Trancas Place, Tarzana CA 91356 (818) 342-7664  
COMMENT: Over 300 workshops for adults & kids

**COMMON PLACE LAND TRUST STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**

DATE: June 30  
PLACE: Common Place Land Trust, 1 mi. north of Truxton  
CONTACT: (607) 842-6841  
COMMENT: mmmmmmm.

**1990 EARTH FIRST! ROUND RIVER RENDEZVOUS**

DATE: July 9-15  
PLACE: Hyde Creek, Gravelly Range, Montana  
CONTACT: Carla & Tom, PO Box 6733, Bozeman, MT 59715, 406-585-9607

**WINTERHAWK BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL**

DATE: July 20-22  
PLACE: Rothvoss Farm (8 mi. south of Hillsdale, NY off Route 22)  
CONTACT: PO Box 161, Tremont City, OH 45372 (513) 788-2556  
COMMENT: In the Berkshire Mts. With Doc Watson, Tony Trishka, Pete Wernick.

**WATERFRONT EXTRAVAGANZA - ONONDAGA LAKE PARK**

DATE: July 26-29  
PLACE: Onondaga Lake Park, Syracuse  
CONTACT: Onondaga County Parks, PO Box 146, Liverpool, NY 13088, 315-451-PARK  
COMMENT: stage shows, Mime Circus, boat rides, water circus

**HARBORFEST '90 ON LAKE ONTARIO**

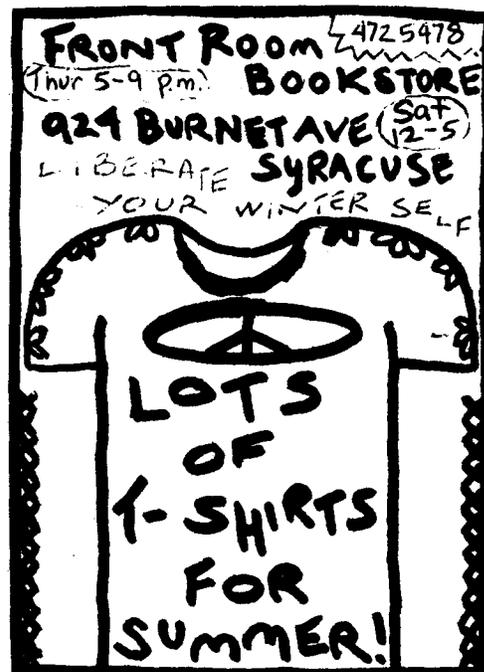
DATE: July 26-29  
PLACE: Oswego  
CONTACT: Harborfest, Roy McCrobie Bldg., 41 Lake St., Oswego, NY 13126 (315) 343-7681

**LARK IN THE MORNING MUSIC CELEBRATION 1990**

DATE: July 27-August 4  
PLACE: Mendocino, CA  
CONTACT: PO Box 1176, Mendocino, CA 95460 (707) 964-5569  
COMMENT: Music and dance workshops.

**VEGETARIAN SUMMERFEST**

DATE: August 1-5  
PLACE: SUNY Genesee  
CONTACT: Brian Graff, North American Vegetarian Society, PO Box 72, Dolgeville, NY 13329 (518) 568-7970  
COMMENT: Comprehensive educational program on all aspects of vegetarianism.



**KEEPERS OF THE FLAME:  
EMBODYING THE SACRED  
FEMALE**

DATE: August 3-6  
PLACE: Woodstock, NY  
CONTACT: Wise Woman Center, PO Box  
64P, Woodstock, NY 12498  
COMMENT: With Diane Mariechild & Shuli  
Goodman. Cost: \$225-350, \$75 deposit.

**MICHIGAN WOMYN'S MUSIC  
FESTIVAL**

DATE: August 15-19  
PLACE: near Hart, MI  
CONTACT: MI Womyn's Music Festival,  
W.W.T.M.C., Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458  
COMMENT: Celebrating women's culture  
(esp. lesbian). W/Alix Dobkin, Sweet Honey  
in the Rock.

**SENECA FALLS WOMEN'S  
EQUALITY DAY ART SHOW &  
SALE**

DATE: August 25  
PLACE: People's Park, Seneca Falls, NY  
CONTACT: Women's Equality Day Art, PO  
Box 603, Seneca Falls, NY 13148  
(315) 568-8486

**19TH NAT'L GUITAR FLAT-  
PICKING CHAMPIONSHIP**

DATE: September 13-16  
PLACE: Winfield, KS  
CONTACT: Walnut Valley Assoc., PO Box  
245F, Winfield, KS 67156  
(316) 221-3250  
COMMENT: Acoustic music concerts,  
contests, workshops, crafts.

**WOMAN HARVEST 1990**

DATE: September 15-17  
PLACE: Camp Talooli, Pennelville, NY  
CONTACT: Kathy Belge, Women's INFO  
Center, Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 478-4636  
COMMENT: Music, food, workshops for  
women. (Male children under 8 admitted.)

**DR. DONNA K. HEITZMAN**  
Chiropractor

Atwell Mill  
(315) 655-8008

132 Albany St.  
Cazenovia, NY 13035



**SCHOOLS**

**BERKSHIRE FORUM WEEKEND  
VACATION WORKSHOPS**

DATE: June - August  
PLACE: Stephtown, NY  
CONTACT: Berkshire Forum, RD1,  
Stephtown, NY 12168  
(518) 733-5497

**KRIPALU CENTER FOR YOGA &  
HEALTH**

DATE: June - September  
PLACE: Lenox, MA  
CONTACT: Kripalu Center, Box 793, Lenox,  
MA 02140 (413) 637-3280  
COMMENT: Summer workshops and  
programs.

**COMPUTERS FOR SOCIAL  
CHANGE - TOOLS FOR  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING**

DATE: June 8-9  
PLACE: Hunter College, NYC  
CONTACT: New York Computer  
Activists/ECCO  
129 E. 79th St., New York NY 10021  
(212) 452-7112 (Terry Mizrahi)  
COMMENT: For beginners to expert. \$45.

**INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL  
ECOLOGY SUMMER PROGRAM**

DATE: June 8-August 5  
PLACE: Goddard College, Plainfield, VT  
CONTACT: PO Box 89, Plainfield, VT  
05667  
(802) 454-8493

**HERBAL HEALING WORKSHOPS  
AT MOUNTAIN SPRING  
HOMESTEAD**

DATE: June 9-August 19  
PLACE: Earlville, NY  
CONTACT: Tina Finneyfrock, BSW; CCE  
Mountain Spring Homestead, RD 2, Box  
104A, Earlville, NY 13332  
(315) 691-3311

**THEA HOUSE SUMMER  
WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN**

DATE: June 9-September 22  
PLACE: Gouverneur, NY  
CONTACT: Thea House, RD4 Box 129,  
Gouverneur, NY 13642  
(315) 287-0012

**KWTC SPIRITUAL CAMP FOR  
WOMEN**

DATE: June 24-July 28  
PLACE: Espanola, New Mexico  
CONTACT: KWTC, PO Box 351149, Los  
Angeles, CA 90035  
(213) 552-3416  
COMMENT: Enroll on a weekly basis or for  
entire session.

**SCHOLA CANTORUM 1990  
SUMMER WORKSHOP ON EARLY  
MUSIC**

DATE: July 13-15, 20-22  
PLACE: Syracuse, NY  
CONTACT: Joseph Weinberg, 720 Fellows  
Ave., Syracuse, NY 13210  
(315) 478-1790

**FEMINIST WOMEN'S WRITING  
WORKSHOPS**

DATE: July 15-July 27  
PLACE: Finger Lakes region, upstate NY  
CONTACT: Mary Gilliland, Director;  
FWWW, Inc. PO Box 6583, Ithaca, NY  
14851

**IRIS GLEN FEMINIST CAMP**

DATE: July 20-30  
PLACE: on Chesapeake Bay, Edgewater,  
MD  
CONTACT: Iris Glen Feminist Camp, PO  
Box 265, Edgewater, MD 21037 (301)  
951-9040

**HOME ENERGY FAIR**

DATE: July 21-22  
PLACE: Common Place Land Trust, 4211  
Rte. 13, 1 mi. north of Truxton  
CONTACT: (607) 842-6841

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S  
WRITING GUILD SUMMER  
CONFERENCE 1990**

DATE: July 27-August 5  
PLACE: Skidmore College, Saratoga, NY  
CONTACT: Hannelore Hahn, Executive Dir.;  
IWWG, Box 810, Gracie Station, New  
York, NY  
COMMENT: "The New Decade: Writing &  
Higher Values"



## WOMEN & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

DATE: July 27-August 5  
PLACE: Institute for Social Ecology,  
Plainfield VT  
CONTACT: ISE, PO Box 89, Plainfield, VT  
05667 (802) 454-8493  
COMMENT: In conjunction with the  
National Congress of Neighborhood Women

## CENTER FOR POPULAR ECONOMICS SUMMER INSTITUTE

DATE: July 29-August 4  
PLACE: Northampton, MA  
CONTACT: CPE, Box 785, Amherst, MA  
01004 (413) 545-0743

## NATURAL ORGANIC FARMERS' ASSOC. SUMMER CONFERENCE

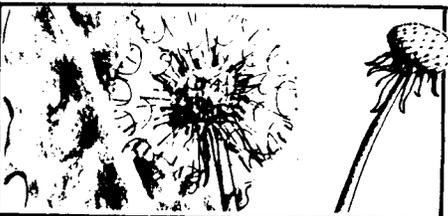
DATE: August 3-5  
PLACE: Hampshire College, Amherst, MA  
CONTACT: Julie Rawson, RFD 2, Barre,  
MA 01005 (508) 355-2853  
COMMENT: "Organic Agriculture: Sowing  
the Seeds for a New Decade"

## WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR ORGANIZERS

DATE: August 11-19  
PLACE: Western Massachusetts  
CONTACT: WRL, 339 Lafayette St.  
New York, NY 10012

## NORTH AMERICAN BIOREGIONAL CONGRESS IV

DATE: August 20-25  
PLACE: Augusta, ME  
CONTACT: NABC IV, c/o Gulf of Maine  
Books, 61 Maine St., Brunswick ME  
04011



# TOURS

## EDUCATORS' TOUR TO EL SALVADOR

DATE: Summer 1990  
PLACE: El Salvador  
CONTACT: Jamie Fishman, (202) 667-2618  
COMMENT: Come learn about El Salvador  
by living it. Cost: \$1100. Includes air fare,  
accommodations, food and travel for 10  
days.

**IF YOU LIKE NATURE  
DON'T GO TO  
ALASKA.**

**ALASKA KILLS  
WOLVES.**

\*Alaska has recently expanded the legal  
hunting of wolves from the air.

\*The state is also considering wolf control  
(extermination) programs.

\*The Alaska wolf population has declined  
by 2/3 over the past ten years.

**Until the wolf kill stops  
don't vacation in Alaska.**

**PROTEST TO:**  
Alaska Tourism  
3601 C. St.  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
(907) 563-2167

Alaska Board of Game  
Box 3-2000  
Juneau, AK 99802  
(907) 465-4100

**WRITE TO:**  
Wolf Action Group (WAG)  
Box 9286  
Missoula, MT 59807

## INTERNATIONAL PEACE CRUISE ON THE DNEIPER

DATE: July 20-August 7  
PLACE: USSR, the Dnieper River from  
Kiev to the Black Sea  
CONTACT: Richard Deats, US/USSR  
Reconciliation Program, Box 271, Nyack,  
NY 10960  
COMMENT: Send SASE for more info.

## GUATEMALA AND PANAMA: FACT FINDING DELEGATION

DATE: July 22-August 9  
CONTACT: FOR Task Force on Latin  
America and the Caribbean, Resource  
Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway,  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060  
COMMENT: Participants will learn about  
the social, economic and political situation  
in the two countries and impact of US  
policy on them.

## INTERNATIONAL PEACE WALKS

DATE: July 7-28 (Russia)  
August 4-25 (Ukraine)  
September 1-22 (Kazakhstan)  
CONTACT: International Peace Walk, PO  
Box 2958, San Rafael, CA 94912  
(800) 541-6655  
COMMENT: Walks cost \$1900 plus airfare to  
Moscow. Americans will join Soviets for  
the walks, whose aims are to improve  
American/Soviet relations and help end the  
arms race.

## NISGUA DELEGATION TO GUATEMALA

DATE: August 17-27  
CONTACT: NISGUA, 1314 14th St., NW,  
Washington, DC 20005 (202) 483-0050



**Central New York Chapter  
New York Civil Liberties Union**

**ACLU Chapter Settles  
AIDS Discrimination Case**  
*Marcy Waldauer*

The Central New York Chapter, New York Civil Liberties Union is pleased to announce the settlement of a discrimination suit, *Beardsley v. Ponderosa of Auburn, N.Y.* The suit was filed on behalf of a Ponderosa employee fired in 1988 because the management believed he had AIDS. Judge Con Cholakis in Federal Court in Albany approved the settlement, which involved a \$10,000 award. The Chapter undertook the case to emphasize that everybody has a right to work regardless of his or her race, sex, disability, or sexual orientation.

The case and its settlement point up the importance of educating the public about AIDS and its transmission. And educating employers that discrimination against people who have AIDS or are thought to have AIDS is against the law.

The Chapter thanks Donald L. Schoenwald and the Sugarman, Wallace, Manheim and Schoenwald Law Firm for handling the case as the Chapter's Cooperating Attorney.

**AIDS  
COALITION  
TO UNLEASH POWER**

**ACT UP: A Call to Responsibility**

The federal government has repeatedly announced that it is prepared to wage a "war on AIDS." But when was the last time you heard about the National Institute of Health investing significant resources into the search for AIDS treatments other than the toxic stopgap measure, AZT? When was the last time you saw a television commercial, or heard a radio message sponsored by a government agency, which even attempted to tell you what "safer sex" is, to say nothing of making it seem desirable? When was the last time you heard anyone in the government or public health establishment propose any sort of response to AIDS which did not amount to mere name-collecting and the tabulation of statistics? When was the last time you heard a government official publicly acknowledge the consequences of governmental inaction toward AIDS?

There is no war on AIDS. At federal, state, and local levels, there is, rather, a war on people with AIDS, the vast majority of whom still belong to disenfranchised, politically

"unpopular," or chronically neglected groups. The big guns in this war - money, media, and research facilities - are owned in one way or another by a government and public health establishment for whom the elimination of large numbers of African Americans, Latinos, women, gays, and the poor would appear to be a godsend. Leaving aside "paranoid" theories involving biological warfare and the deliberate targeting of certain groups, can any peace activist doubt that the concentration of medical research funds on a single problematic drug, the failure to mobilize education by means of the same mass media used so effectively by the current and past administrations to win elections, the distribution of precious research monies to individuals with huge investments in the most unscrupulous pharmaceutical companies, and almost constant efforts to censor the frank public representation of sexuality required for effective AIDS education, are anything other than genocidal? Can anyone doubt that they form a pattern?

ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power) challenges all those committed to social change to consider these questions carefully, and to take action regarding their implications. ACT UP, which describes itself as a "diverse, non-partisan group united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis," is currently the only nationwide organization which has literally taken these questions to the press and to the people. The local Syracuse chapter of ACT UP shares the sense of urgency displayed by national demonstrations like the one last year against the FDA, which resulted in an accelerated approval for some much-needed drugs. In addition to its participation in actions on national and state levels, ACT UP Syracuse led a successful campaign to stop county legislators Haley and Salanger from passing a resolution which would have compromised the civil rights of people with the HIV virus. It worked with legislators Roberts and Laguzza on the draft of a resolution protecting people with HIV and AIDS from discrimination in Onondaga County. It continues to step up the pressure for county-sponsored AIDS education programs, and for reform of the woefully inadequate AIDS education in county public schools.

These are accomplishments are a

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**COMMON PLACE  
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**1990 Home Energy Fair**

Common Place Land Cooperative, a land trust in Truxton, NY will be hosting the first annual Home Energy Fair in central New York on July 21 and 22 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.

We expect to have many vendors of alternative and energy efficient products and workshops by experts on the cutting edge of new energy applications for our lives. Many of the homes at the land trust are solely solar/wind powered and there will be

tours/workshops of them. Other homes in the area with special energy features will also be hosting tours. Entertainment will be provided for children and adults. Childcare and overnight rustic camping will be available for a small fee. Food will be available for sale.

This event is free and located in a beautiful country setting. Come and enjoy a pleasant day with your family and see how easy positive energy changes can happen in your lives. We in Cortland county have been successfully blocking a proposed nuclear waste dump from our land but we know that permanent solutions to this issue must include ending nuclear power (only 18% of the energy source in NY state). We can do it and it is not even hard!!!

Stay tuned for more next month. For more information call Hank Colletto at 607-842-6849.

# Peace Council Supports Pico Korea Workers

Andy Molloy

There have been numerous rallies, pickets, and meetings since two women and one man arrived in Syracuse from South Korea to continue trying to get Pico Products, Inc. to settle with their labor union. The

charges it broke its contract with the workers, violated Korean labor law, gave no advance notice to either its workers or subcontractors, and owed wages, severance pay, and benefits to the 300 workers.

Bernard Hitchcock is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the company. His office is located at the Pico Headquarters, right here in Liverpool, NY. The three Korean union members have been in Syracuse for over one and one-half months trying to negotiate with Hitchcock. Hitchcock walked out of the first and only meeting and has since refused to negotiate or even respond. The local Catholic diocesan auxiliary bishop attempted to arrange negotiations and was rebuffed by Hitchcock.

Hitchcock initially responded to the appeal for negotiations with what the union says are lies and false accusations. He says that the workers were paid "substantially more than the Korean minimums." The union charges starting wages were 700 won below the 4,800 won minimum daily wage (which is about \$6). They say the company subjected them to 10-12 hours workdays including safety hazards that included lead smoke emissions at levels banned in the U.S.

Hitchcock claimed, "The Union kidnapped the entire Korean management team, as was their policy, and held them hostage for several weeks." The union members said no such evidence of this event exists. They

point out if it had why wouldn't the company have filed charges or at least reported the incident to the proper authorities. They say no charges have ever been filed with any Korean or U.S. agency and that it is Pico Korea and Hitchcock himself who have been charged by the Korean government for violations of tax and corporate laws and labor relations statutes.

Hitchcock claims that the plant was closed because labor cost became so high that "the factory was no longer economically viable." The workers say the books show that the company production rose during the last six months of operation while wages stayed the same and that the company even began to subcontract out work of the exact same product being manufactured to another Korean factory.

The union is demanding over \$1 million in back wages, severance pay, and compensation. Since Hitchcock will not "come out" of his office to negotiate, people have maintained a daily picket outside the headquarters eliciting good support from people driving by and even from some workers inside the Liverpool plant. The rallies are very cultural and uplifting events. We in America could use the sparks for our rather bland attempts to hold similar events. The many drums and gongs coupled with snake dancing are not to be missed.

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Yoo Jun Son, president of the Pico Korea Union, outside the Liverpool headquarters of Pico Products, Ltd.

company left the union hanging in South Korea when it picked up, closed down, and left the country.

Pico moved most of its cable equipment manufacturing business out of the United States to cut costs. Like most multinationals, Pico wanted to find a cheap source of labor to exploit rather than pay Americans as it had. Other countries do not have as strict laws protecting workers relating to safety in the workplace, decent wages, etc. Pico therefore went to Taiwan, Philippines, and South Korea.

The multinational way seems to be to go into a country, set up shop, drive the workers to organize because the conditions are often inhumane, then close the shop and move to another country to avoid dealing with workers demands. Pico Products followed this pattern quite acutely. In 1988 the workers organized into a union to negotiate with the company over what they charged were a lack of health and safety standards leading to severe chronic illnesses and payment of sub-minimum wages. In February of 1989, Pico Korea abruptly abandoned its factory. The union



Ron Ehrenreich leads the rally with a spirited 'Solidarity Forever'. Other local union members support the Korean workers including Greyhound strikers.

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# Talks About Talks

## Extending Political Rights to Black South Africans

Thabo Raphoto

The first formal talks between the African National Congress of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of South Africa were held on May 2, at the Groote Schuur in Capetown.

The three-day talks were successful on two grounds: they created a win-win situation. Nelson R. Mandela, leading the ANC delegation, affirmed that the real winners are the South African people. The talks also resulted in the creation of an ad hoc working party responsible for setting up a mechanism for moving toward a new constitutional dispensation. One aspect of the Group Areas Act has since been repealed, the hospitals have been desegregated. Roelof Botha, South Africa's Foreign Affairs Minister, recently went on record saying that now that the Separate Amenities Act has been repealed, the next Parliamentary session will consider scrapping the Population Registration Act.

The purpose of the formal talks was to remove obstacles from the negotiations proposed by President F.W. de Klerk on the new constitution that would extend political rights to South Africa's black majority. Much of the discussion was dominated by ANC's demands that the State of Emergency be lifted, and the immediate release of the remaining political prisoners and detainees. They also talked about a range of legislative blocks that need to be

removed, namely the Group Areas Act which segregates housing, requiring blacks and whites to live separately in areas defined by the government; the Population Registration Act which requires every person be defined in terms of membership to one of four racial groups, Asian, Bantu, Colored, Whites; and the Bantu Authorities Act which ceded 13% of the land to black South Africans, in the so-called Homelands.

At the black township of Thabong, adjoining the mining town of Welkom, police killed at least ten blacks and wounded many others during the week ending May 20. Violence broke out soon after black residents of Welkom had called off a boycott of white-owned stores that had been going on for several weeks. Now police have sealed off the whole black township. Because of this residents are regretting that the consumer boycott was called off. Some observers fear that it may also have an adverse affect on the talks about the negotiations begun on May 2.

Anyone interested in seeing the immediate dismantlement of apartheid should continue to focus on the economic pressures that have to be imposed upon South Africa. If any lesson is to be learned from all this, it is that to lift boycotts and other forms of economic sanctions is to leave room open for violent confrontations, such as is happening this week in Welkom.

The official residence, Groote Schuur, has always symbolized the citadel of white power and used to be the official residence of the South African prime ministers, beginning with Cecil John Rhodes. Since 1967, the name Groote Schuur has been associated with the hospital at which Dr. Christian Barnard performed his first successful human heart transplant. Whether the recent talks in that town symbolize a change of heart on the part of the two adversaries, or whether the very setting was to affirm the metaphorical demonstration of where power will continue to reside in South Africa is anybody's guess.

*Thabo is Anti-apartheid project coordinator for the American Friends Service Committee.*



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# Changes in Cortland Dump Fight

Andrea Martin

The big news in the fight against a radioactive waste dump in Cortland and Allegheny counties is that the New York State Legislature passed a budget for the Siting Commission of \$6.9 million. This is less than they had last year, and far less than the \$19 million they had requested. \$800,000 was allocated to study on-site disposal, which is what the majority of the people in the affected counties and elsewhere want. The reduced budget will probably not allow any testing of the proposed sites, a great relief to those people who have been blocking the siting commission whenever they try to do testing.

Governor Cuomo is still expected to come to Cortland County [See article on page 7] for a meeting with representatives of the citizens' groups as soon as the state budget is finalized. A huge rally outside the meeting is planned as well as people lining the route that Cuomo will arrive on. Y'all come down!!

In early May, two groups of people were convicted on disorderly conduct charges in connection with blockades of the siting commission office in Cincinnatus which has since been closed due to the opposition. They were given \$1 fines and ordered to pay court fees.

On May 11, the judge at the hearing in Norwich for an injunction preventing 49 named people of Cortland County from further blockades postponed the hearing until the siting commission lawyers had properly filed summonses against the people - a technicality.

For more information, contact C.A.R.D. P.O. Box 43, Cincinnatus, NY 13040 or call (607) 753-6271.

Andrea Martin is working to keep central New York nuclear free. She lives in Truxton at Common Place Land Cooperative.

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source of pride for Syracuse's activist and minority communities, many members of whom lent their support to stop the oppressive Haley-Salanger resolution. The strength of a unified community resistance is seldom so clearly displayed. The withdrawal of the Haley-Salanger resolution shows that justice can be attained, even from a corrupt system, when sufficient numbers of people care enough to demand it.

However, these victories provide little comfort for the groups hardest hit by the state-supported aggression innocuously referred to as the "AIDS crisis." For those individuals living with AIDS or with the HIV virus, small victories like these are appreciated, but they are clearly not enough. Nothing less than a massive resurgence of activism on every level aimed at exposing and ending the systematic genocide of ethnic minorities, women, gays, and the poor will force an intransigent and irresponsible government and public health establishment to take appropriate action regarding AIDS and HIV-related illness. Unless every concerned person gets involved immediately, hundreds of thousands more will die.

If you are concerned about these human rights, you are urged to attend ACT UP Syracuse's meetings, Mondays at 7:30pm at 515 W. Onondaga St. Your support, experience, intelligence and action are needed to end this genocide. Together we can make a future. ACT UP! FIGHT BACK! FIGHT AIDS!

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other assistance as necessary. This is required to implement the inevitable timber industry transition.

- Tax incentives and other assistance for small, non-industrial woodlot owners to manage sustainable timber practices.

- Reduction of the demand for domestic virgin timber harvests by promotion of recycling efforts. Also, research for minimizing wood product waste.

As the old tree walked away into the forest, he shook his head, unsatisfied with the politician's message. But maybe, I thought, it wasn't such a bad idea to have Mr. Walsh out for Earth Day, after all. It certainly raised a few issues and maybe with some effort we can bring a more enlightened Congressman out to speak next year.

Write Jim Walsh at:

Congressman James T. Walsh  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Mr. Walsh's local office in Syracuse can be reached at 423-5657.

For more information on the Native Forest Protection Act, contact:

Native Forest Action Council and Associates P.O. Box 2171, Eugene, Oregon 97402

Mike Stiles and Noel Johnson contributed to this article.

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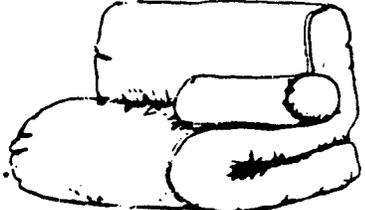
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# Resistance on Wall Street

Andy Molloy

I headed down for the Earth Day Wall Street Action with a car full of Syracuse friends and activists to express my outrage at the death of the natural world. Education and music are fine Earth Day events, especially for those new to the environmental movement; but for those who are aware of the state of the planet, I think it's don't make it, at least for me.

John Muir, one of the most eloquent voices for preserving wilderness, said that if there ever came down to a war between the bears and humans, he would have to side with the bears. This statement couldn't be more relevant today. From the perspective of the Grizzly Bear (whatever way s/he comprehends it), there is not only a war, but the last stand for his species. There are only 600 or so Grizzlies left today; what could be more accurate than to describe this as the final struggle? And that is my point. The crisis is going on right now, it is not coming fifty years down the road. The climate patterns are altered, there are mass extinctions of species building right now. In our country alone, some biodiversity



experts estimate that 6,000 native species are imperiled - threatened or endangered. Why, just the other week I read an article that described 30 animals, 85 invertebrates, and 57 plants that the Fish and Wildlife Service put in Category 3A. This category is for species the Service has determined should not be listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act because they are evidence of eminent extinction! Those species



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are going, going, gone! If you think only the passenger pigeon and the plains bison are extinction cases in the U.S. think again.

I hardly heard any talk of the non-human life on Earth Day. Sure, there was much talk of toxic poisoning of human habitat, our clean air, our clean water and those irreputable companies that make styrofoam and give us garbage disposal problems, but there was rarely talk about 6000 creatures in the United States threatened with disappearance.

This is why I went to Wall Street. The war between the bears and humans is in its final stages, not for us, but for nonhuman life. Bill McKidden just wrote a book called *The End of Nature*, about the loss of the natural world. It's not about how we humans will kill ourselves by such and such a date, it is about the humans manipulating the environment to such a degree that we do not see any natural process left occurring on their own. What does this mean? It means the global climate patterns are now a product of human interference, apparent in the gas imbalances of which we are responsible. It means that evolutionary processes of four billion years are being derailed with the decline of biodiversity (the richness or variety of life - thought to be a key indicator of how well an ecosystem is doing). We are interfering with the very source of life when we rearrange DNA and gene chromosomes and then release these to interact with the rest of life.

So, with this as some of my rea-

soning, I took part in an action with a goal of calling attention to what the organizers termed the nerve center of capitalism. The Coalition holds that it is capitalism that is at the basis of the environmental problem. We are not all to blame for the state of the earth, they say. This runs slightly divergent from the Earth Day 1990 group who stressed personal lifestyle changes as one of the solutions and thus gladly accepted corporate sponsorship of Earth Day activities. The Wall Street Coalition saw this as blaming ourselves when the corporate and powers that be hold a large control over our lifestyles, through their advertising and consumption campaigns.

If Wall Street could be delayed from opening or affected in some way by the action, it would tend to draw more attention to the corporate role in the environmental crisis. So at 6 am activists converged on the exchange from various cluster groupings. These cluster groupings were composed of smaller affinity groups. Each affinity group had a specific area to target or task to attempt. Some sat in front of traffic blocking such environmental luminaries as McDonald's tractor trailers; others blocked, hassled, and disrupted entrances through the police barricades. Stock exchange employees who had been instructed to arrive very early because of the demonstration, had to hear calls of "Here's \$1, take the day off!"

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It was the activities of the abolitionists, Underground Railroad operators, freedpeople, and slaves themselves, where concerns were based on the immorality and the inhumaneness of slavery, that provided the conviction for the true emancipation. People like Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, John Brown, and Nat Turner - not Abraham Lincoln or his administration.

Our history books today are still lacking in the real reasons behind the Emancipation Proclamation. The recent movie, "Glory," perpetuates this myth with one of the main characters, played by Matthew Broderick, writing home from the Civil War battlegrounds, how the reason for fighting the war being to free the slaves. Images such as this attempt to enshrine certain benevolent, defenders-of-freedom type virtues to the foundations on which this country was built, quite contrary to reality.

<sup>1</sup>Michael Linfield. *Freedom Under Fire: U.S. Civil Liberties in Times of War.* (Boston: South End Press, 1990) p. 31.

<sup>2</sup>*Alternative Orange.* April 5-19, 1990. p. 8.

Andy is the Peace Council staffperson. He also writes for the *Alternative Orange* and didn't like the movie Glory.

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The most dynamic affinity groups were the mobile action units. Their objective was to confuse and disorient the police, then move on. Many riot police attempted to chase and bring down these mostly black masked leapfrogs.

Someone said the radio warned, "Don't go anywhere near Wall Street, there's 5000 demonstrators and 5000 cops." Actually, there was more like 1000 of us but the police did seem in abundant supply and they all had their clubs out, face helmets on, and most had scowls on their faces. Over 200 of the demonstrators were arrested, most on disorderly conduct. A few were charged with assault after the police bashed their heads; seems like a common police tactic after they assault you.

Most of us who were detained got out in time for the rally at the George Washington statue right near the exchange. George had a big dollar sign draped from his outstretched hand. There was quite a large crowd of blue suited businesspeople listening to the message that corporate greed and a 'more is better' philosophy is killing Earth. A large march winding through the financial district drew a lot of bystanders. We were trying to tell them that the Central Park Earth Day Event was great, but that this is what needs to be confronted, a system that thrives on

massive exploitation of resources thus causing severe trouble for the rest of nature. The seaside sparrow can't stay in a salt marsh that is filled in to expand Cape Canaveral and either can the Mount Graham red squirrel survive a telescope observatory built on its mountain habitat by the Smithsonian Institute and the University of Arizona. As development crawls ever outward the habitat where thousands of creatures live shrinks and shrinks.

Whether the market itself was affected was one thing, but attention was focused on Wall Street, and quite a few papers picked up the story, in one form or another. Moreover, it will set the stage for future direct actions on this large scale and there is much hope in this area. It can be debated as to whether capitalism itself is the sole earth raper, although there is little doubt the system is the most virulent in that category. This action was organized to deal with that aspect of the problem and it energetically pursued that course. A slogan carried the tune, "Every day a piece of nature dies, and industry makes the profit." Now if everybody there and those who now know of it will take this back to their communities and put their minds, energy, and bodies (one or all three) on the line we might save some of evolution and the wonderful array of life that is the product of it.

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A petition campaign is being conducted to get Syracusans to take part and responsibility for a company in our midst that is carrying out an unjust policy. There have been many links with other labor struggles and the Pico Korea Union members have marched on the local Greyhound picket and vice versa.

Many Syracuse groups are involved including the Syracuse Korean community, Korean students at Syracuse University, the American Friends Service Committee, the local Greyhound union, Ron Ehrenreich of the Socialist Party, the Rainbow Coalition and the Peace Council.

If you would like to become involved there are many ways:

- Sign the petition in support of Pico workers.
- Write a letter or call Mr. Bernard

Hitchcock, President of Pico Products, 103 Commerce Blvd, Liverpool, NY 13088 (315-451-7700).

- Join the daily pickets in front of Pico's headquarters (at the corner of Vine and Commerce Blvd in Liverpool).
- Write letters to the editor of the local papers.
- Come to the planning meetings and lend your thoughts on how we can bring Hitchcock to negotiate and secure for the Korean workers what is rightfully theirs.

To get involved with any of these steps, please call Andy at the Peace Council (472-5478) or Peter Kardas at AFSC (475-4822).

[The Syracuse Peace Council, Onondaga Earth First!, and Syracuse Greens all had activists at the action. For copies of the 64 pg action handbook filled with loads of articles contact the Peace Council.]

Andy is the SPC staffperson and avid Earth Firstler

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We also discuss some of our common council members waving their homophobic flags in the face of an ever stronger gay & lesbian community.

Kath Buffington is back with news from Allegany !!!

...and lots more...  
so strike up the band, beat the drum, crash the symbols and celebrate Independence Day everyday!



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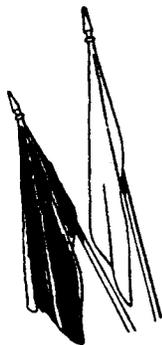
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## About the cover: A Game of Flags

This month's cover gives us a privileged view of the Game of Flags circa 1896/1990. The cards are dealt, the bets are made, listen closely and you can hear the players...

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to the flag  
which art in heaven  
love it or leave it  
root root root for the home team  
we won't come back  
I don't care if I ever come back  
till it's over  
over here*



The game of politics goes on, our "leaders" wave flags and eye other planets while turning their backs on you know what...  
Burn the flag? The question is moot.

Paul W. Pearce  
Veteran Activist

# Media Continues To Downplay Iran-Contra Crimes

Rich Stuchiner

We often hear from the establishment press that the Iran-Contra story is a dead one. They tell us that there is no need to continue reporting about it since the public doesn't want to hear about it any more or doesn't seem to care. This argument seems to violate all that a free press is supposed to stand for. Certainly people don't like to hear bad news over and over again, especially if it is about the infallibility of their own system of government and the people they have elected. But this should not matter to a "free" or "independent" press. Their job is to report the news, not to make judgements on what the people should hear, or even want to hear. Imagine if the press were to claim that they were not going to report about the changes in Eastern Europe any more because enough is enough already.

Ignoring this moronic argument, we can see the real reason that the people don't seem to care about the Iran-Contra story, because the press failed to do its job. If Iran-Contra were reported like the events in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union (i.e., on the front page, with many stories and analysis of its meanings and significance), more people would certainly be aware of the scandal and its repercussions, and would care about it.

The scandal now seems like a nuisance to the press, and in the past they have failed to ask the hard questions. It seems that almost every big issue in American politics lately, from the election of George Bush to the "capture" of Manuel Noriega appears to have some connection to the Iran-Contra scandal. This scandal, a truly sensational story about violations of the Constitution, smuggling of drugs, and dealing in guns, money, politics, and sleaze, has developed while the mainstream press has snoozed through it. This is certainly more sensational than anything Ivana and Donald Trump have produced.

Even now, the ever-growing Savings and Loan scandal seems to have ties to the CIA and the Iran-Contra scandal. Alan Greenspan,

former head of the Federal Reserve, has tabbed the price for the bailout at one half trillion dollars, and yet there is not one mention in the major media (*New York Times*, ABC News, etc.) about the scandal's ties to the

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Iran-Contra adventures during the Reagan/Bush years. All this despite the fact that the *Houston Post*, not radical by any standard, has been featuring regular stories by Pete Brewton about the scandal's ties to CIA efforts to aid the Contras, organized crime, and Neil Bush, the President's son.

In an article in the May-June issue of the *Columbia Journalism Review*, Scott Armstrong, President of the National Security Archive, faulted the press for not asking the tough questions about Bush's role in the scandal and the cover-up. Bush's name popping up in Oliver North's diary on a day that North lied to Congress about arming the contras would seem to give the press the impetus to ask some hard questions.

But this doesn't seem likely. In the June 2nd issue of the *Sunday New York Times*, a five paragraph article appears in the bottom left hand corner of page 24. The article tells us that Oliver North "appeared before a newly empaneled federal grand jury." The new testimony is to be used to determine whether other mid-level

Reagan administration officials had misled Congress. In the fourth paragraph the story discusses North's notebooks: "Mr. North filled more than 2500 pages of notebooks with thousands of often cryptic, handwritten entries referring to meetings with many officials, including George Bush, who was then Vice President." That was to be all they wrote about Bush's involvement, nothing deeper and no follow up.

Congress will only respond to George Bush's involvement in Iran-Contra and its ties to the enormous S&L scandal, with a great public outcry. This outcry will not come if the press continues to ignore, downplay, and refuse to cover major evidence implicating high government officials. These revelations should be given Page One treatment; instead they are regulated to marginal coverage on page 24, and the American taxpayer and citizen is the big loser.

*Rich is a senior at Syracuse University, majoring in political science. He is co-founder and editor-in-chief of the Alternative Orange, a bi-weekly student newspaper.*





Tired of what's on television? Then come on down to the Peace Council and make your own with our video project, SPC-TV, and our weekly public access program, The People's Sixty Minutes. We need volunteers to help in all aspects of the project: production, editing, post-production, coverage of local events, organization, etc. SPC-TV is building a video library and looking for local groups and organizations to help fund programming on issues that concern them. Video is a powerful tool for education and outreach through means of community showings, house parties, individual loans, as well as cable cast.

A core group of interested people met with SPC-TV's summer intern, Matthew Isaac Schwonke, in June and generated ideas for a recommitment to the project. We need your involvement, energy, and ideas. With your help, SPC-TV and The People's Sixty Minutes can be an alternative to mainstream broadcast television, an excellent means for education and outreach, and a tool for empowerment for people usually denied power. A general meeting for all interested is set for 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 10.

## Garage & Book Sale - August 25

SPC's Annual Garage and Book Sale will be held August 25 at Euclid Community Open House on the corners of Westcott and Euclid Streets in Syracuse.

We need your items! Give us your furniture, give us your books, your clothes, your this, your that. You can drop off items here at the Peace Council on 924 Burnet Ave or you can hold on to them until mid August.

We also need volunteers willing to help out the day of the sale. Help is needed pricing, sorting, transporting (from SPC's garage to ECOH the night before the sale - pick up trucks & drivers especially), etc.

This event is a fundraiser so please contribute any way you can. Thanks. Info: 472-5478.

## Home Energy Fair

Common Place Land Cooperative, a land trust in Truxton, NY will be hosting the first annual Home Energy Fair in central New York on July 21 and 22 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.

We expect to have many vendors of alternative and energy efficient products and workshops by experts on the cutting edge of new energy applications for our lives. Many of the homes at the land trust are solely solar/wind powered and there will be tours/workshops of them. Other homes in the area with special energy features will also be hosting tours. Entertainment will be provided for children and adults. Childcare and overnight rustic camping will be available for a small fee. Food will be available for sale.

This event is free and located in a beautiful country setting. Come and enjoy a pleasant day with your family and see how easy positive energy changes can happen in your lives.

## Bonnie Leaves PNL Committee

It has been such a treat volunteering time at the Peace Council this year. I have learned so much - about newspapers, printing, desktop publishing; you name it! Being on the PNL Editorial Committee was a wonderful opportunity for teamwork, group decisions, group screams, pizza, and 2am layout sessions. The fun I have had and the friends I have made I will remember as I happily trudge off to sunny California, stirring up the political waters of the East Bay area. Goodbye Andy, Jim, Paul, Shelagh and Val, and farewell Syracuse. Peace be with you all.

Bonnie came to the PNL Editorial Committee expressly to proofread but after working, bit by bit her other skills came to light and to our service. Wordperfect 5.0 never had a more loyal follower. Bonnie's computer work carried us through late nights, deadlines, and all manner and magnitude of glitches. Bonnie, thanks for your good humor and dedication. We'll miss you.

## Come to Griffiss Open House Saturday, July 21

Last year at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY, six people were detained at the Commander's Day Open House for such crimes as unfurling a banner or wearing t-shirts with such hideous messages as "Peace Now", and "Disarm Now."

This year we'll be back, activists from all over Central New York handing out leaflets at the front gate, and going inside for a number of creative roles.

This annual open house is a major public relations event for the military base and militarism with attendance of 80,000 people. We need to counteract this. You can help. There will be a prep meeting on Saturday, July 7 from 1-6 pm in Rome, NY for those risking arrest or doing support inside the base.

**For more info or to get involved call Carol (425-0629) as soon as possible or SPC (472-5478).**

If everyone is willing to die for their country, who is left.

to insure that our planet is a safe place to live? We asked our community to share their views on this burning issue.

# PATRIOTISM



Because the word has been de-based beyond redeeming, "patriotism" can hardly be used except ironically... or manipulatively. It's been well said that patriotism is the virtue of the vicious.

But this is oversimple. Sure, the vicious achieve rank and office by wrapping themselves in the flag. But many others have a patriotism that is innocent and courageous.

Once, many years ago, I was in a pizza shop with my Dad when the Star Spangled Banner played on TV. Without a word, Dad took off his hat, put his right hand over his heart, and stood attentively until the anthem ended. His gesture was honorable and unselfseeking: it flowed from genuine idealism.

Like most Americans, Dad had little inkling of the brutal nature of U.S. government policies both here and abroad. Because he was an honest man, he assumed his government and the media were honest. He was beguiled by their hocus.

During that same era - the Vietnam War years - many young people were similarly beguiled. They enlisted in the U.S. military, losing or mutilating their lives for what they believed was a just cause. I honor their courage and their patriotism - misbegotten and misapplied though it was.

Their bastard patriotism was many times more tragic because of what it did to the land and people of Viet Nam. But it was precisely here that genuine patriotism flowered: in the long valiant struggle of the Vietnamese to win their sovereignty.

Ed Kinane



In Latin America, people refer to their countries as "La Patria," whose literal meaning is "Fatherland." While La Patria connotes all the negatives of patriarchal society - machismo, institutionalized repression, homophobia - there is a deeper meaning. La Patria is everywhere understood as "homeland" and carries the feeling of a rooted patriotism based in community. To be a true patriot, in El Salvador for instance, is to feel part of the soil, heritage, values, spirit, and struggle which one's neighbors share.

To be a patriot in the United States is to feel pride in the flag, an abstract thing, while a sense of place, of community, is missing. Abstract patriotism leaves us alienated and separated, waving flags in the air but not standing together on solid ground.

Paul Weichselbaum  
member, Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary



Our nationalism arises out of egocentrism, out of a profane desire for the immediate. We pledge allegiance to the socioeconomic policy of might makes right.

If we were truly patriotic for the sake of our country, we would not abuse it as we do. We would stop releasing carcinogens into the air from cars, incinerators, and chemical plants. We would stop polluting waters with trash, industrial waste, and oil. We would stop destroying the land by cutting down forests. We would fund social, educational, and therapeutic programs to better our people - to foster independence instead of dependence on our system. And we would educate ourselves to be open to other people, other governments and other countries, where we could operate on a plan of trust rather than distrust.



Patriotism. of *patriot*, from the Greek *patrios*, of one's father. *pater*, father. Who is the true patriot? The father figure, the defender of the fatherland. Daddy knows best.

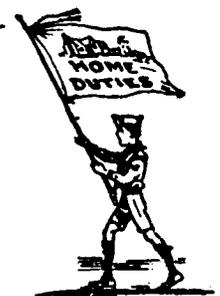
The patriot supports the patriarchy, from the Greek *patrios*, of one's *pater*, father. The fatherland is marked by the supremacy of the father of the family, of the man in the society. By the dependence of wives and children.

If dictionary definitions secure *patriotism* as "loyal and zealous support for one's country", something is lost in the translation when we observe the state of our country. "Zealous support" appears in the form of an ever-increasing military defense budget, imperialistic ventures abroad, exploitation of foreign and domestic labor and (c)overt discrimination against non-whites and women - all beneath the red, white and blue waving in the wind.



We as social activists know our battles. For me, the idea of patriotism conjures up visions of patriarchal rule by rich white heterosexual men, embracing their duty of defending their country with the will to die for it. As activists, we must do a lot to redefine patriotism in a way that benefits ourselves and our progeny *peacefully*. We can make it a term we all can take pride in. Reclaim our country. We don't have to die for it.

Bonnie Anne Boroson



By rape and beating, necessary to keep the women in their place. By incest and child abuse, which teach children their roles, which teach true patriotism. The patriot is in control, is on the attack.

The patriot defends our way of life. The patriot beats faggots and rapes dykes. Patriotism burns and maims and tortures and kills. The fatherland is a slaughterhouse.

Women and gays and children are not patriots. But they are patriotic in their own way, for what is patriotism without the battered body, the broken bone, the bleeding wound? Without the victim. Gaiety is a burning sensation. A woman's place is in the morgue.

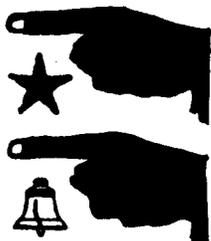
Women and children serve as patriotic victims, keeping the fatherland strong, the father free. In death and under attack they truly serve the cause of patriotism, of patriarchy. *Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori*. Smash the state.

Blaine Delancey



## Let's run it up the flagpole and see who salutes.

The Fourth of July reminds us that our national wisdom revolves around love of country and a blind acceptance of national righteousness. Drummed into our early childhood experience, this patriotism mobilized us to stop Hitler. I grew up on that wonderful John Wayne imagery. But the last 45 years, now culminating in President Bush's proposed anti-flag burning amendment, has seen patriotism used as a blinder to our national abuse of power. From Truman to Bush, the flag has



hidden from view the brutality unleashed against freedom-loving peoples who stood in the way of corporate profit at home and abroad.

I get no joy from the 50,000 dead Nicaraguans slaughtered by the Reagan-Bush Contra Company or the other millions around the globe who needed to die so our flag could "spread democracy." Mark Twain couldn't stand the hypocrisy, tried to tell the American people what the flag was doing to the Filipinos in 1900, but failed. The tortured, mutilated campesinos of Nicaragua

in the 1980s, who have finally "cried uncle" under the U.S. boot, are horrible proof that Americans continue to misplace their allegiance.

Isn't there an urgency in the air to redefine what each of us and our nation are about? We need no flag to rally a citizenry that accepts the gift from our creator, however inscrutable... the drive to bond, to unite, to rejoice in solidarity with the living. Let us help the John Wayne in each of us to accept and develop the gift, to understand that inner peace as well as global security grows as we toss aside the macho and walk as vulnerable equals with all of humanity on this temporary home called Planet Earth.

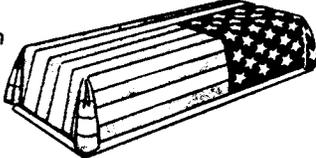
Hank Strunk, Syracuse Peace Council, Rainbow Coalition

Narrowmindedness, bigotry, patriarchy, domination, war and atrocities are the byproducts of patriotism. Patriotism can be expressed as jingoism, ethnocentrism, and blind obedience to corrupt authority.

But is there nothing to salvage from this popular sentiment? Patriotism also means love of one's people and country, and a willingness to make sacrifices.

If we can extend our affection and commitment beyond our tribe, ethnic group, and nation to include *all of humanity*; if we can extend our affiliation and loyalty beyond our neighborhood or land to include *the whole earth*; and if our sacrifices are not for the benefit of some elite but for *the common good, for future generations and for ecological harmony*—then we transform mere patriotism to *international solidarity, social ecology and the quest for peace and social justice*. These are our basic principles for radical change.

Ron Ehrenreich



When I think of patriotism in America, all I can think of is a perverted concept. Patriotism in America is the love of feeling superior to others and a love for a land that was stolen. If we are to link patriotism with positive connotations then the only true patriots in America are the Native American Indians. They led a simple life and held a true love and respect for the land that is now called America. But patriotism in its present sense is only a useful word for deception, which usually leads to war and destruction. Mark Twain's *The War Prayer* gives a simple summary of the excess moral baggage that comes with patriotism. Until people begin to realize what a true patriot is, patriotism will remain in the words of Samuel Johnson the "last refuge to which a scoundrel clings."

Rich Stuchiner

To those of us committed to peace and human rights, the word "patriotism" can strike an immediate negative chord because of the many ways in which the word has historically been misused by bigots and jingoists. However, I prefer to think of patriotism as a love for the positive ideals upon which this country was founded. In particular, I can think of no more patriotic act than to stand up for the rights of every woman and man to freely make personal decisions, including choices about sexuality, fertility and parenthood.

Jeff Gilbert, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood Center of Syracuse, Inc.

"Patriotism: to love, support and defend your country." (American Heritage Dictionary)

Greens would sooner promote the love, and defense of the land, of a habitat, of an ecosystem than that of a country. On a human level, Greens promote the life of communities more than the existence of nations. Ecosystems and communities form around natural features such as valleys, river deltas, harbors, islands,

and plateaus, while national boundaries sometimes are drawn where battles were won or by arbitrary marks on a map. Nationalism and ecological wisdom can be partners but are often at odds.

There is a Green patriotism, which we can derive from the original meaning, "love and defense of the Fatherland." We just need to consider



Mother Nature along with Father Country. Formerly, patriotism was to defend a piece of land and its inhabitants from outside forces. Unfortunately, powerful centralized governments and corporations have promoted a version of this ethic which makes them the defenseless victims of outside forces when, in fact, they are the outside forces in the lives of most of the world's people. Lands are conquered not only by killing their people but by destroying their ecosystems; the Tibetans and rainforest Native Americans are dying along with their homes, food supply, and livelihood, as African tribes have been since the colonial period, all under the guise of "development."

Patriotism in its Green sense is the defense against this invasion. Patriotism is to defend and value the land, people, and creatures that you know intimately. If the environment and its people and other inhabitants are truly to be loved, supported, and protected, the value of patriotism must replace some of the nationalism with neighborly concern and stewardship.

Jim Foley, US Greens.

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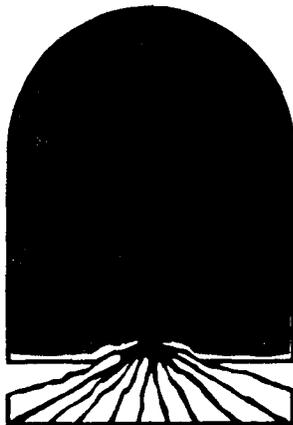


**Grow a Bigger Nuke Dump Movement!**  
Hank Strunk

At its June 16th all-day planner, Don't Waste New York began discussion for a massive protest-public education rally for the fall at the Nine-Mile Nuclear Plants in Oswego. DWNY is also one of the chief spark-plugs for the birthing of Don't Waste U.S. which is holding a national conference July 20-22 in Chicago. The Norwich and Albany offices of DWNY have had good response to their grassroots canvassing efforts to increase grassroots support; and they hope to open an office in Buffalo.

The grassroots movement to block nuclear waste dumps and stop the nuclear generators is growing nationwide; and Cortland/Allegany counties continue to demonstrate the power of mobilized ordinary citizens. We have Governor Cuomo's attention, but know that we have a long way to go.

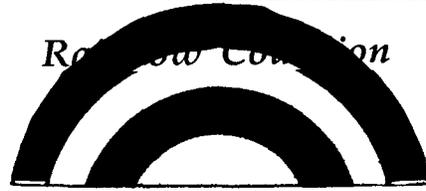
Will you join in this effort to awaken Syracuse to this radioactive timebomb whose future can be in our hands? Put a glo-orange No Dump poster in your rear car window, your house, telephone pole. The cassette, "NoNukeDumpSongs" is available from the Peace Council for \$5. For more info call C.A.R.D. 607-753-6271 or DWNY 607-336-4246.



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**Plenty to Get Involved In**  
Hank Strunk

The local 27th Congressional District Rainbow Coalition, in cooperation with the Syracuse Black Leadership Conference, held a reception of welcome and encouragement to Syracuseans who want to work on their neighborhood Democratic ward committees. Several dozen hopefuls met with Rainbow members who are already active in local ward and city politics. This kind of involvement is fostered by the Rainbow Coalition across the country, along with a strong push on voter registration for this upcoming November election.

Charles Anderson, as co-chair of the Rainbow and as City Council member, chaired the Peace Dividend Forum of June 17th. Charles says that a booklet containing many excellent reports on local human needs will be available in a month or so. Contact SPC.

The Rainbow was represented at the June 13 Albany Rally on NYS Health Care Needs. 800 busloads, 30,000 people made this the biggest rally to hit Albany in a long time. Jesse Jackson and NYC Mayor David Dinkins were among those addressing the rally. Health Care is a hot issue.

capable of organizing labor, elders, and middle America. Both houses of the NYS legislature have health care bills before them. Let your legislators know what you think of a NYS Health Care Plan; and help prepare for a Rainbow busload to attend the National Universal Health Care Rally in Washington. In support of ending the insufferable Palestinian-Israeli conflict, the Rainbow added its support to the National Lawyer's Guild speaking tour of Palestinian attorney Mohammed Na'amneh, who on June 24th spoke to Syracuseans about the repression against Palestinian organizers, jailed without charges, apparently for their work in organizing labor unions, for example.

The Rainbow continues to act in solidarity with the PICO Korean workers.

The Rainbow Coalition Voter Registration Drive can be your timely contribution and energizer for coalition work. It is tangible, gives solid results, and acquaints you with wonderful people from other constituencies.

The Rainbow continues to meet with other groups to organize an effective campaign to keep the Two-Term Mayoral Limit when it appears on the November ballot. Would you like to help on this? Call Alan Rosenthal.

Political change is happening around the world. So what about doing it here in Syracuse? The key is to get something akin to Jackson's "Patchwork Quilt" going, drawing in and expanding the energy of all the existing progressive organizations. When the Patchwork begins to catch a glimmer of its power, it becomes contagious and more and more energizing. People begin to understand the Knights of Labor motto of yesterday, "An injury to one is the concern of all."

Tap the summer heat at the Rainbow Coalition's summer picnic sometime in July or August. Call Alan Rosenthal for time & place. Or attend the July 24th General Meeting at 6:30 pm, Hopps Memorial Church, 1110 South State St.

And to inspire and clarify your own vision, get a copy of the cassette, "From Mandela to Grassroots Syracuse" at SPC for \$2, available after July 15. It's a collage of recent National Rainbow Conference speeches, Syracuse Peace Dividend Forum speeches, odds and ends and music aimed at introducing you and your friends to "We the People - Power."



**Community  
Choir**

Celebrate summer with a concert "Our Lives In Community" with the Syracuse Community Choir on Friday, July 6 at 8 pm at the Salt City Center For the Performing Arts on Harrison and South Crouse Streets. The cost is \$4-10 sliding scale. The concert will be interpreted for the hearing impaired by Regina Whiteside. The event is wheelchair accessible however the bathrooms are not but help will be provided.

This event is made possible in part with public funds from the NYS Council on the Arts as part of its decentralization program in Onondaga County which is administered by the Cultural Resources Council.

For more information call 472-9386.

# Neutralizing Our Pride

Harry Freeman-Jones

## Syracuse Common Council Outrages Gay/Lesbian Community

This year the annual Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration in Syracuse extended over a two week period, offering more events, attended by more people than ever before. The unusually high visibility of these events was enhanced by a sequence of circumstances that defined in their

A resolution honoring Gay and Lesbian Pride Day which had been placed on the agenda a week before by Charles Anderson working with community members was replaced suddenly by a substitute resolution from Joan Christensen. The new resolution, which omitted references to the positive contributions of gays and lesbians to society as well as the words gay, lesbian, and pride in critical definitive passages was passed by the Council. Councilors Mahoney, Carni, Bush, and Guy voted against any pride resolution. Guy was the most vocal in claiming that homosexual behavior is opposed to basic family and Judeo-Christian values which he feels government has a compelling interest to promote. The dozen or so gay and lesbian community members who had assembled to witness their pride and a vision of a city embracing the dignity of all its diverse citizens affirmed by its Common Council saw instead an attempt to hide their identity and ignore their heritage and purpose for celebrating. Out of a hurriedly reached consensus, the group came forward and offered statements denouncing the insulting deletions and tampering with the intent of their original resolution. Mindful that no similar resolution affirming celebrations by any other minority or group of citizens had ever been

oppressive attitudes among most of the city elected officials. As long as the truths about gay and lesbian living, loving, and abundant contributions to the fabric of the human family and society are kept in the closet then their illusion of tolerance exists with these folks. When gays and lesbians publicly embrace their integrity and self-esteem and behave

RESOLUTION-PROCLAIMING JUNE 16, 1990 AS "GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE" AND INVITING ALL PEOPLE TO ATTEND A RALLY IN COLUMBUS CIRCLE COMMEMORATING THIS OCCASION

WHEREAS Governor Mario Cuomo, in 1986, using Executive Order #28, empaneled "A Governors Task Force on Gay Issues", composed of a distinguished group of New York State citizens, who convened public hearings across the state and eventually issued a report entitled "Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation in the State of New York" with findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS lesbian women and gay men are a social, economic, and political community comprising a significant portion of the population of Syracuse, and because Gay and Lesbian people make positive contributions to society in all areas of human endeavor; and

WHEREAS the issues concerning Lesbians and Gays are the issues that concern all people, since the promotion and protection of human rights for every person concerns the Gay and Lesbian community; and

WHEREAS all over the world, June 27th, 1990 is being celebrated as the 21st anniversary of the birth of the Gay and Lesbian Liberation Movement; and

WHEREAS there will be a "Celebration of Ourselves" rally on Saturday, June 16, 1990 at 1:30 p.m. at Columbus Circle, with Guest Speaker Lance Ringel, Director, Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns, New York State Division of Human Rights; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Syracuse Common Council joins with the SYRACUSE PRIDE '90 committee in proclaiming June 16, 1990 "GAY AND LESBIAN PRIDE DAY" in Syracuse and encourage every citizen to become more aware of the values, contributions, and human rights of Lesbians and Gay men, and of the pride inherent in the lifestyles of all people.

The original version of the resolution.

character the very core of the struggle for full human dignity and rights being waged by gay and lesbian citizens.

The opening talent revue and art show at the Sutton Pavilion of Syracuse Stage provided a rich view of gay and lesbian loving, survival, heritage and identity. It was warmly received by a standing room only audience which left the performances steeped in cultural pride and high spirits. The following day the very same concepts were treated with a far more cynical spirit by the Syracuse Common Council.

so altered or demeaned, they tore the document to bits and returned its remains to Council President John DeFrancisco. In a frenzy of anger and retribution for having treated their hoax as it deserved, Councilors Panek and Christensen joined Councilor Romeo in support of a motion to rescind the resolution. Only Councilors Anderson and Nicoletti voted against this act to chastise the paper shredders. Susann Panek's assertion that "some of my best friends are gay" but protests of insult and disgust with the community members present revealed the heart of the

RESOLUTION - ACKNOWLEDGING JUNE 16, 1990 AS "GAY AND LESBIAN RALLY DAY" AND INFORMING ALL PEOPLE OF A RALLY IN COLUMBUS CIRCLE COMMEMORATING THIS OCCASION

WHEREAS Governor Mario Cuomo, in 1986, using Executive Order #28, empaneled "A Governors Task Force on Gay Issues", composed of a distinguished group of New York State citizens, who convened public hearings across the state and eventually issued a report entitled "Discrimination on the basis of Sexual Orientation in the State of New York" with findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS all people have a right to the freedom guaranteed by the Constitution, protection of human rights of every person, and to their own lifestyle; and

WHEREAS all over the world, June 27th, 1990 is being celebrated as the 21st anniversary of the birth of the Gay and Lesbian Liberation Movement; and

WHEREAS there will be a rally on Saturday, June 16, 1990 at 1:30 p.m. at Columbus Circle, with Guest Speaker Lance Ringle, Director, Office of Lesbian and Gay Concerns, New York State Division of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS a coming together of citizens to end discrimination and encourage understanding, in a genuine effort to improve human relations with all people strengthens our community; Now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council acknowledges June 16, 1990, as a day on which a segment of our community joins together to make positive contributions to society in all areas of human endeavor, and acknowledge that every citizen should have pride inherent in the lifestyle of all people.

The version altered by Councilor Christensen et al.

as though they have a right to justice and respect, the attempt is made to define them as radical, militant troublemakers divorced from the aspirations of a docile hidden majority. The petulant ruse didn't succeed. On Thursday, Channel 5 preempted the CBS "48 Hours" program on gay-bashing in favor of a "MASH" rerun and sports program but the "militant" spirit in the gay community raised such an outcry that the "48 Hours" program was speedily rescheduled.

On Friday the spirit continued as an angry demonstration decried the arrest of an African-American AIDS

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# From Here to There

Howard Hawkins

## Building a North American Pro-Democracy Movement

The pro-democracy movements in Eastern Europe over the last year have shown how grassroots movements of direct action can overthrow the most powerful and repressive of regimes. We have seen the power of similar movements in the last two decades in areas as different as Portugal, Nicaragua, Iran, the Philippines, Southern Africa, and Czechoslovakia. What is taking the place of the old regimes may not be what we are seeking. But the fact that old entrenched powers - armed to teeth and backed by one or the other of the superpowers - can be displaced, should give us hope.

We need a pro-democracy movement, too. U.S. corporate power and the preemptive powers and secretive ways of the central state in Washington are the antitheses of self-governments and genuine democracy.

Electoral politics alone will not democratize our society. Nothing in the experience of electoral reformism suggests that is possible to transform capitalism by a gradual and evolutionary parliamentary process into a system of participatory political and economic democracy. Purely electoral strategies, by their very nature, substitute the legislative actions of small elites for the direct action of large numbers of people. Most of the power structure of our society lies outside of the elected offices of the state in private corporations and unaccountable state bureaucracies. The only thing that can counter the extra-parliamentary powers of the establishment is a popular majoritarian movement that is ready and willing to take direct action to create new forms of political and economic democracy. We need to build a popular base of democratic power outside, opposed, and ultimately capable of replacing capitalism and the centralized state.

Electoral politics can play a role in this strategy. But the electoral effort needs to be an expression of and strictly accountable to grassroots movements for radical-democratic change.

### Lesser Evils Are Still Evil

One thing is certain - the Demo-

crats and Republicans are not vehicles for basic change. No matter which capitalist party holds office - Democrats or Republicans - people who want peace, justice, and ecological balance lose out. Both parties stand on the same basic bipartisan platform of imperialism abroad, austerity at home and, now, lip service for the environment. Their differences are largely rhetorical, not about basic objectives.

We are simply not being serious if we do not advance a program of fundamental structural change in our basic economic and political institutions - i.e., the capitalist economy and the centralized nation-state. With its profit oriented, expansionary dynamic of growth-for-growth's-sake, capitalism is structurally incompatible with an ecologically sustainable economy and international peace. With its competitive, dog-eat-dog, everything-has-a-price ethic, capitalism is inherently incompatible with a moral economy that can foster individual freedom, social justice, and meaningful community. With its military secrets and covert actions, with its overbearing bureaucracies and massive scale so distant from the people, the centralized nation-state is simply beyond genuinely democratic control.

No Democrat is raising this kind of analysis, though it's broad outline is shared by hundreds of thousands of peace, justice, and environmental activists. Nor is there any way this kind of analysis and program ever will be articulated through the Demo-

cratic Party, though left and progressive activists have been trying for decades. For over 50 years, since the Communist Party, then the largest organization on the left, blocked the formation of an independent labor party and led the left into a Popular Front inside the Democratic Party in 1936, the dominant strategy on the left has one fruitless attempt after another at "realignment politics" inside the Democratic Party. Jesse



THIS LAND IS OUR LAND

Karen Kerney

Jackson's "National Rainbow Coalition, Inc." is only the most recent attempt. The idea has been to build up the liberal wing of the Democratic Party and push a "progressive" program of demands from within it. The goal has been to heighten the contradictions between the popular constituencies of the party's electoral base - labor, people of color, the issue-oriented liberal activists of the middle class - and the big business elites that dominate the Democratic Party. This strategy was supposed to lead to a realignment of the party system, enabling the left either to take over the Democrats or to lead a walkout of the popular constituencies and the formation of a viable third party.

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This realignment strategy has been suicide for the left. In the heat of the campaigns, the left downplays its program in order to concentrate on getting "progressive" Democrats elected. Public expression of their own critique of capitalism is dropped in order to be acceptable partners in electoral coalitions for liberal reform. Instead of heightening the contradictions, the left ends up covering them up. The movements - labor, people of color, peace, environment, women, and the rest - end up taken for granted by the Democrats because they pose no threat of taking their votes elsewhere.

### Independent Politics

It is time to recognize the futility of trying to reform the Democratic Party, time to break with it once and for all. What's the alternative?

First, we have to turn up the "street heat." Every major reform won in the last 50 years has been imposed on the establishment by direct action movements from below - from the labor sit-downs of the 30s to the civil rights and antiwar sit-ins of the 60s. The only way we can advance our goals in the near term is to build resistance movements.

Second, we need to begin giving these movements independent electoral expression. By entering the electoral arena, we can raise a comprehensive program of structural change. Direct action resistance movements tend to mobilize around particular grievances. Single issue protest movements tend to mobilize around less-than-radical, lowest-common-denominator demands. In the end, they are often simply forms of lobbying the establishment that don't really pose fundamental alternatives. An independent political movement can be a vehicle for linking single issue movements around a common program.

Third, we should focus this independent politics around a strategy of building radical municipal movements that are both electoral and extra-parliamentary. This strategy would be to build and spread insurgents independent political movements city by city at the grassroots, rather than trying yet again to build a reform Democratic movement or a national third party movement out of a presidential campaign. The common aim of these municipal political movements would be to take over city governments, to restructure our mun-

icipalities as directly-democratic confederations of community assemblies, and to begin democratizing the economy under municipal ownership and control. Then we could begin linking these radicalized municipalities in confederal networks of mutual support. And finally we could pose this confederal grassroots democracy as a popular counterpower to the establishment that could resist and ultimately replace the nation-state and global corporations.

### Voting is Not Enough

This third strategic point is crucial. To change this system electing people to office, shuffling a few people at the top, will not suffice. We need a movement that is not only independent of the Democrats, but also independent of the cooptive logic of electoral reformism which is aimed at capturing existing elective offices. The history of electoral reformism by socialist parties demonstrates that election to formal state power is insufficient to fundamentally change the system. From the American "sewer socialists" of the 1910s and the European socialist capitulation to World War I to the overthrow of Allende in Chile and the accommodation of Mitterand in France in recent decades, reform socialists have not had the power to counter capitalists' ability to veto radical legislative initiatives by withholding investment and wrecking the economy, nor the power to counter repression by the military. Where reform socialists have not accommodated to capitalist private power and ended up running the system they started out to oppose, but have tried to stick to their program, they have been simply overthrown by right wing coups.

It is vital that we recognize that there is a lot more to the power structure than the elective offices of the state. Most of the power structure is extra-parliamentary - in capital's private veto over public policy through threats of disinvestment; in the mostly unelected executive and its bureaucracy; the executive's secretive military and intelligence agencies; and in elite domination of culture by the press, media, entertainment industry, foundations, and universities.

The power to counter the capitalist private power and the military's fire power can only come from a popular majoritarian movement that it ready to take direct action to carry

through its program when capital goes on strike to wreck the economy or the military moves to suspend democratic rights. What a radical municipalist strategy can do is prefigure the directly democratic alternative society and create a participatory power base for that alternative, a local framework for grassroots participation that builds popular power as it spreads.

The road "from here to there" is to combine electoral and extra-electoral activities in a way that extends extra-parliamentary movements into the parliamentary arena while maintaining the participatory nature of the direct action movements, so instead of more self-defeating attempts to realign the party system from the top down by intervening at the top of the Democratic Party, we can build up an independent movement of alternative politics that goes national by going local all over. Where radical municipal movements have run independent candidates in municipal races in recent years, they usually have received enough support to have their programs taken seriously in public debate. Candidates of the Labor-Farm Party and the Lake Superior Greens in Wisconsin, the Iowa Socialist Party, the New Haven Green Party in Connecticut, the Cape Ann Greens in Gloucester, Massachusetts, the Ithaca Greens in New York, and the Orange County Greens in North Carolina have already been elected to municipal and county offices in the last few years. It is not hard to imagine the proliferation of such movements throughout the country - in inner city districts getting clobbered by the system and in university towns open to innovation, in the African-American majority counties of the South and the Latino majority communities of the Southwest, and in more of the ordinary cities and towns like those in New England and the Upper Midwest that have seen effective independent municipal movements in recent years.

With our feet in grassroots movements of direct action and one arm in the electoral arena, we can begin to change the way things are.

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This article originally appeared in the Earth Day Wall Street Action Handbook.

# Not In Our Hills, Farms, or Fields

## Allegany Refuses to Accept Nuclear Waste Dump

Kath Buffington

Allegany County is home to rolling hills, small valleys, about 21,000 people and a lot of cows and wildlife.

It also has a sixty percent chance of becoming the home of New York State "low-level" radioactive waste dump if the state siting commission gets its way.

The siting process has galvanized the residents in an almost unbelievable way. The real beginning of the activity was December 21, 1988, when residents learned that five townships in the county were on the New York State Low Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission's narrowed "candidate" list.

Within a month, more than 700 people attended a countywide meeting and more than 5,000 attended a meeting with the siting commission.

Don't Waste New York, (a statewide group) and Concerned Citizens of Allegany County were formed in 1989. On May 31, 48 residents were arrested after they surrounded two siting commission members and held them in a car for about 45 minutes. After the action, Allegany County Non-Violent Action Group (ACNAG) was formed.

Education, agitation, and organization about the dump quickly left behind residents' typical pursuits.

By October 1989, ACNAG had signed up more than 600 people willing to risk arrest or do support for non-violent direct actions aimed at keeping the siting commission off the land. They currently have about 1,000 people signed up.

Also by October 1989, CCAC had opened an office and had branches in three counties and ten communities. They now have more than 3,000 members.

Allegany Watch maintains a 24-hour-a-day vigil at an encampment on the West Almond site and the BANDITS, a group of local musicians, are recording their second tape and performing all over western and now Central New York.

Opposition to the dump is massive. Resolutions against the dump have been passed by the county legislatures in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Erie, Livingston, Chautauqua and Steuben counties; all 11 county school districts; the medical staff of a

hospital; a newspaper; members of three college faculties; all county American Legion Posts; the county firefighter's association; the Hornell Ministerium; the county Episcopal Ministry and most of the country's town and village boards.

Media attention has focused on big events, particularly the siting commission's attempts to "walk over" the three potential sites in the towns of Caneadea, Allen, and West Almond.



After the most recent confrontation on April 5, which deteriorated into a small but violent conflict, Gov. Mario Cuomo temporarily halted the walk-overs. He has apparently sidestepped the siting commission by having his aids meet directly with opposition groups over the last month. However, as of mid-June, an acceptable revised proposal had yet to be reached.

The incredible opposition to the process has moved the issue from a small environmental and technical hoodwink to a very public, hot, political issue.

Part of the reason, obviously, is the grass roots opposition. But a significant factor has been the siting commission's strategies, particularly those of head Agelo Orazio.

Their way of dealing with nearly all comers seems to be a mixture of incompetence, black comedy, obliviousness and, more recently, political panic.

For example, on January 19, Orazio said that the "leaders" of the protests are "treating them (the "followers") the way you feed mushrooms: you keep them in the dark and feed them manure." Naturally,

mushroom slogans and "mushrooms Unite" buttons have sprung up everywhere along with a satirical movement to make mushrooms the state fungus.

Orazio is so "bad" that the Village of Alfred board has reversed itself and in April canceled its January resolution demanding that he resign. The board's resolution states that "Mr. Orazio has given the county its mushroom symbol and has helped unify sentiment here more than any other single person."

So, what does the future offer? There are as many proposals as there are thinking people but there seems to be general agreement that the most important component is SUPERVISED on-site storage at the point of generation, i.e., the power plants. Between 87 and 99 percent of the states "low-level" waste is generated by the plants. Hospital, research and industrial waste can be handled, particularly if their is point of origin separation of waste of various levels of radioactivity and longevity.

Other Ideas:

- immediate reduction of nuclear waste aiming for near-zero production. Yes, this means dismantling and eliminating nuclear weapons, among other things.
- personal reduction of electrical use--most New York residents generate a little bit of nuclear waste each time they turn on a light switch,
- a national, coordinated approach to decommissioning the United States' 73 commercial reactors, its 93 military and government research reactors and more than 125 reactor-driven ships,
- immediate economic support of development of conservation and insulation techniques and alternative energy sources (Yes, that probably means decentralizing units with an initial cost but no ongoing charge), and
- immediate massive and significant research into long term storing and monitoring of high and low level waste.

*Kath, a former Syracuse resident lives in an Allegany township in Cattaraugus County midway between West Valley and the Allegany County sites.*

## Book Review

Freedom Under Fire; US Civil Liberties in Times of War

Michael Linfield

282 pages; 1990 South End Press

\$14 softcover

reviewed by Rich Stuchiner

Americans will soon be celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, a document that is considered to be the cornerstone of American freedom and democracy. Unfortunately during all the celebrations and retrospectives people will be reflecting on a document whose history they are not fully aware of. History books, school books and our mass media fulminate about the document and its worth, but what is never discussed is the way the document, along with the constitution, have been abused almost from inception.

Michael Linfield, a graduate of Harvard Law School has written a truly extraordinary book that documents the massive violations of the civil liberties of American Citizens in times of War. The book, *Freedom Under Fire; US Civil Liberties in Times of War*, (South End Press, 1990) discusses in an easy to read and extremely illuminating way, all the US government's violations of her citizens' human rights in times of "crisis." From the "revolutionary" war up until today the US government has always considered dissent a threat to its power and has often violated the civil liberties of those who choose to oppose the government and its actions.

Each chapter of the book presents a different time period and highlights the abuses of civil liberties that occurred, abuses such as press censorship, limits on freedom of speech, suspension of Habeas Corpus, and others. While reading this book one gets the impression that the Constitution barely even existed before 1975. Here are some examples of the most outrageous violations of American's civil liberties, as cited in the book.

During the Civil War complete censorship was imposed on all telegraphic communications; anti-administration newspapers were closed, and their editors jailed or banished. During World War I the Attorney General, with the help of his assistant, J. Edgar Hoover, illegally arrested 4,000 resident aliens, deporting over 1,000 - many of whom had



lived virtually all of their lives in the United States - without due process or trial. Over one hundred publications were suspended and prevented from printing. Even the constitution itself was considered subversive: Upton Sinclair was arrested for reading the Bill of Rights at a rally in California, and Roger Baldwin, founder of the ACLU, was arrested in Patterson, New Jersey, for reciting the constitution.

The examples are innumerable. For anyone interested in "alternative" American history and civil liberties this book is a perfect introduction and a real eye opener. For the activist who is interested in struggles abroad and at home this book is an indispensable source for personal knowledge and intellectual fodder for debate. *Freedom Under Fire* is available through South End Press, and the Front Room Bookstore has several copies available.

### *Pride cont'd from page 9*

vigil participant who, like scores of others, had chalked his sentiments on the steps of City Hall. Racism and homophobia were clearly evident in the police effort to break up the annual observance of a community's loss to disease and violence. The news flashed extraordinary images of a wide spectrum of community members joining veteran gay and lesbian activists shouting "SHAME!" outside the Public Safety Building. The parade, rally, and community dance of Gay and Lesbian Pride Day itself brought out hundreds of participants from a wide spectrum of community groups. As never before, it provided an image of a community celebrating and discovering itself, its power, its voice, and its real friends.

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**EVERY MON. ACT-UP Mtg.** 7:30pm 515 W. Onondaga St. 475-1544

3 **Syr. Covenant Sanctuary Mtg.** 7pm May Memorial Church  
**1st TUES. Open Workshop Series for Writers, Erwin Methodist Church Bldg.** 7pm Angela or Arnette 472-0400  
**EVERY TUES. Lesbian & Gay Youth Program Support Group** meets 6-9pm call 422-9741

4 Sierra Club potluck/picnic Rick 637-4818 for details  
1983 Women's Peace Encampment begins, Seneca Falls, NY  
1776 Independence Day, USA

5 **EVERY 1st and 3rd THUR. (GLAS)** 7:30pm ECOH  
**EVERY THURS. Arise Women's support group.** 10-11:30am call 472-3171  
Hiroshima Commemoration Planning mtg at Plymouth Church, dwntwn Syracuse. Call AFSC for info. 7:30pm.

6 Candlelight Vigil at Pico plant in Liverpool (Commerce & Vine) for fasting Pico Korea workers. 8pm. 474-3350.  
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8 **EVERY SUN.** South Africa Now weekly news from South Africa 5pm WCNY Channel 24.  
**EVERY SUN. People's 60 Minutes.** Cooke Cable Ch. 7. 8pm 472-5478

9 Sierra Club Monthly Program "Heritage 2000 Alliance" Support for environmental bond act Illick Hall, Rm 5, ESF Campus Syracuse, 7:30pm 471-6069  
**Final Deadline For PNL Articles**

10 1985 Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior is bombed by French Gov't before protest of nuclear test in Pacific Isles  
**EVERY TUES. Lesbian & Gay Youth mtgs.** 6-9pm

11 **EVERY WED. Alliance** meets at ECOH 6pm 475-4120 for info.  
1968 American Indian Movement (AIM) founded  
**CNY NOW Marine Mid.** 7pm 360 S. Warren St. 455-7886

12 1817 birth of Henry David Thoreau, writer, tax resister  
**EVERY THURS. AIDS Bereavement Grp.** AIDS Task Force 7pm

13 Lesbian Support Grp. 7-9pm Women's Info. Ctr.

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15 **EVERY SUN:** Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 6pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618

16 C.A.R.D. general mtg call for time & place 607-753-6271/863-3972  
Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets, 7pm

17 Syracuse NOW Annual Summer Picnic/Steering Program mtgs at Schiess' camp, Oneida Lake. Swim, boat, talk, bring food. All members welcome. 6:30pm. Directions 472-3294/446-2754.  
**EVERY TUES. New Environ. Assoc. Meditation** 7:30-8pm 475-4198

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19 "Voices of the Night" a program by wetlands specialist Brian Fisher at Baltimore Woods, Marcellus. \$1 person \$2 family. 673-1350. 8pm.  
1979 Nicaraguan Independence Day

20 **EVERY FRI. Country Dancing** 8-10pm, Grace Epis. Ch. \$3

21 Home Energy Fair at Common Place Land Trust, Truxton NY. All types of solar & wind technologies w/tours of solar homes. Food, entertainment, free admission, childcare. 607-842-6849. 10am-6pm.  
Peace Presence at Griffiss Air Force Base Open House. Call to help leaflet &/or enter base for creative acts. Carol 425-0629 or Tom & Carrie 315-337-5265.

22 Home Energy Fair at Common Place Land Trust, Truxton NY. types of solar & wind technologies w/tours of solar homes. Food, entertainment, free admission, childcare. 607-842-6849. 10am-6pm.

23 **PNL Production Week** Help us put together the PNL  
If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.

24 **EVERY TUES. Meeting** with those infected with HIV/AIDS AIDS Task Force of CNY Rainbow Coalition 27th C.D. mtg. Hopps Memorial, 1110 S. State St. 472-4331

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27 **EVERY FRI: Gay Mens Support Group,** Metropolitan Community Church at Grace Episcopal 7:30pm 471-6618

28 7/26-7/29 Waterfront Extravaganza at Onondaga Lake Park. Events, food, entertainment, art in the park, & more. 451-PARK.

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30 **EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group,** 2-3:30pm, 472-3171  
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31 **EVERY TUES. Yoga Class** 7-8:30pm Women's Info \$3 901 Allen St. 478-4630  
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The bombing of HIROSHIMA marked the dawn of a global nuclear age. Every August 6, we take time in some way to contemplate the atrocities which humans are capable of committing... we rededicate ourselves to insuring that these atrocities never recur. We remember to end all war.



## In This Issue

Forty five years ago the world entered a new age, one not viewed with celebration but rather misery. On August 6, 1945 the first atomic bomb was detonated over Japan's city of Hiroshima. Nagasaki witnessed the same fate a few days later. The outcome of the Manhattan Project changed the way the game of war was played, ushering a threat that is still with us to this day but with weapons thousands of times more dangerous. We take time out this month to think about this day and what it means to humanity.

This PNL keeps up on a number of other issues this month: the PICO struggle, James Bay in Canada where the Cree and Inuit peoples are threatened, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's plan to let radioactive waste enter the consumer market! All this and more.

On a very happy note, Timothy Jacobs has been freed on parole and with only six months probation. He is looking forward to coming up to Central New York in the fall to speak and continue his work of defending Native American life.



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The PNL strives to serve some basic functions as the internal organ of SPC, as a forum for articles which discuss issues of concern to the peace movement, and to facilitate community interaction. The opinions expressed in the PNL reflect the diversity of opinions within SPC itself. While we are not able to print every possible viewpoint, we do welcome your letter and article submissions as well as suggestions and assistance.

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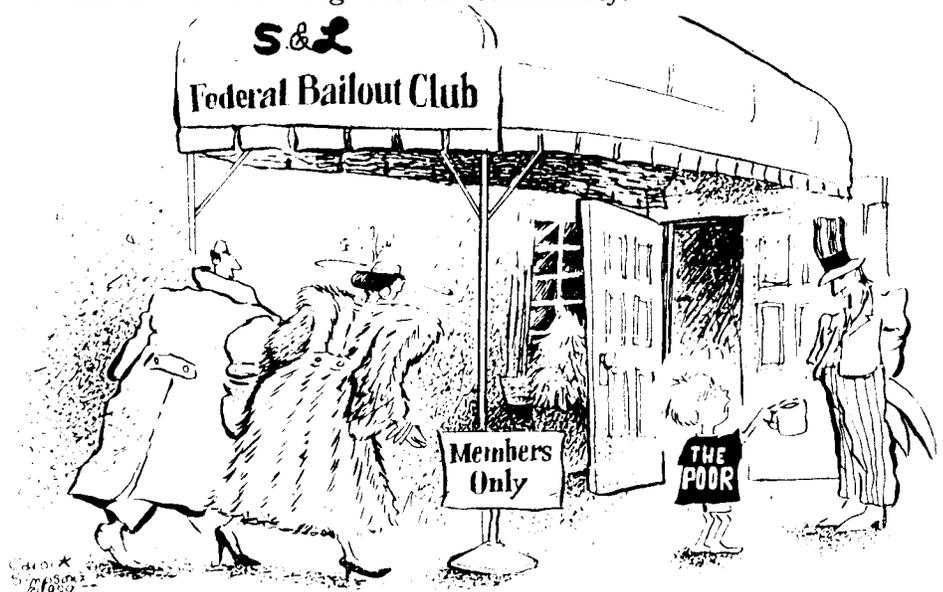


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### About the cover:

This month's cover, a photo image collection, is by Geoff Navias. The Hiroshima Parade is an Open Hand Theatre Project and seeks to involve many people in artistic expressions of the mourning and hope that we experience on the anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan. Geoff's work with Open Hand Theatre stretches back many years and is visible throughout our community.



"Sorry, kid, but this is a high class establishment."

# Letters

## Liked Vacation Guide

Dear Friends,

Thanks for featuring the "Socially Responsible Vacation Guide" in the June *Peace Newsletter*. It brought back to life some of the best features of the now-defunct "Win" magazine. Is there any chance it can be a regular hi-lite?

Best wishes and in solidarity,  
Jan Phillips

*(hmmm, if we can get more people to join the PNL committee it might be feasible. After losing Bonnie we are stretched mighty thin. - ed.)*

## Throwaway Population

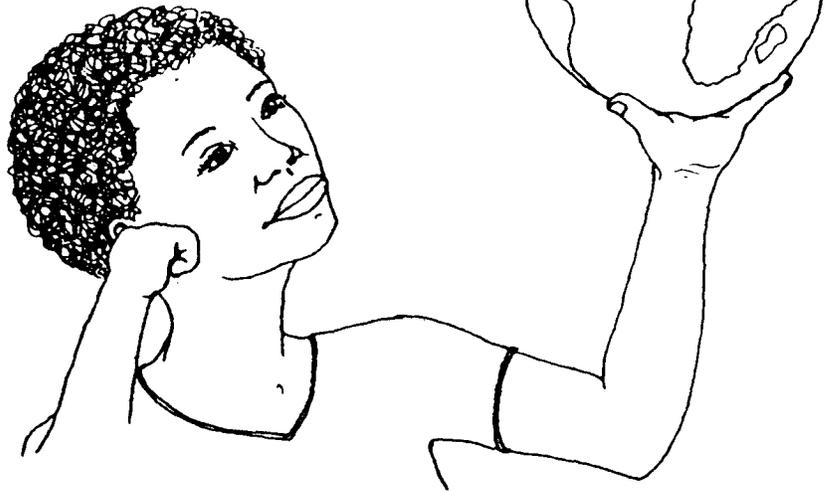
Dear Editor,

We are a nation with a throwaway population. They are defined by words like "kike," "nigger," and "spic," which aren't defined in the Merriam-Webster dictionary, and words like "faggot," defining a homosexual, which are recorded. Who they are and how we justify their status, depends on our own ideologies.

Behind lace curtains, we Americans justify our own prejudices and dictate territorial boundaries based on individual fears and ignorance. We justify our "concerns" in some terribly frightening ways. Crosses burned on lawns and swastikas sprayed on homes have become commonplace. Outrage at public meetings over low-income housing or hostels for the mentally ill, border babies, and AIDS victims are vehement and volatile. Those who differ from the mainstream are being thrown out of town and pushed away completely. "Not in our community" really says "Nowhere."

Thinking about this throwaway population is very sobering and very sad. Their numbers diminish our credibility as a caring society. Their numbers diminish us as individuals because we cannot view society as a collective entity unless we identify ourselves as a part of the whole.

The throwaway population is on the increase. We are confronted with poverty, with homelessness, with mental and physical disabilities, with AIDS, and with the greying of America. We are faced with lower



## What Do You Think ?

incomes and higher taxes. We are forced to look at our own images and ask ourselves who we are and what we really stand for.

There is a sense of desperation in our quest to define the "American Dream." It may be because we have lost sight of anyone other than ourselves. The "we" has been replaced by the "me" and, like it or not, we are having a difficult time extracting what we really believe in from what we have tried to convince ourselves and our neighbors that we believe in.

Are we experiencing a collective psychosis? Have we lost the ability to "reach out and touch someone" without an ulterior motive? I hope not.

We need to discover and define, recover and renew, principles and promises. We cannot afford to tolerate a "throwaway" population because life is too precious and our hold on it too tenuous. We need to answer the question "Am I my brother's keeper?" with a resounding "Yes!" Quite simply, we need to love.

Ruth Farabaugh  
Holbrook, NY



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# THE PICO PAYROLL ROBBERY

Ed Kinane

Years ago, I worked as a deckhand on the S.S. Jupiter, a salvage ship out of Miami. One evening in a Caribbean port, a local woman bitterly cursed me out. My offense: I was North American.

The next day the Jupiter put in at a small shipyard nearby. Having somehow gotten rid of the elderly caretaker, the captain and several crew began looting. They took every tool and every useful piece of machinery. We then sailed hundreds of miles away.

Such arrogance helps explain the anti-Americanism in much of the world. As we now know, there's a similar case locally. PICO Products, Inc., based in the Syracuse suburb of Liverpool, is built on the sweat shop labor of its Caribbean and East Asian subsidiaries.

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**Mr. Hitchcock must think he can rip off people in a poor, far-off land and not be held accountable.**

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In February 1989, PICO abandoned its cable TV component plant in South Korea. Besides abruptly depriving its 312 workers of their slim livelihoods, PICO failed to provide back wages or severance pay.

Bernard Hitchcock, the CEO and major stockholder of PICO has acknowledged that back wages are owed. Nonetheless, he refuses to pay the workers (most of whom are middle-aged mothers) or even meet with them. Like the captain of the Jupiter, Mr. Hitchcock must think he can rip off people in a poor, far-off land and not be held accountable.

He may be mistaken. In a bold and unprecedented move, three of the Korean PICO workers traveled halfway around the world to Syracuse this past April to demand their pay. Representing their fellow workers, they are supported by North



Americans- including many Korean-Americans- from here and around the country. Besides Syracuse, there are support committees in L.A., D.C., N.Y.C., and Chicago.

Mr. Hitchcock has responded by publicly calling the workers "Communists," "terrorists," and "anti-Americans." Mr. Hitchcock even refused to meet with an ecumenical committee examining the matter convened by Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Costello.

From April to early June the three Koreans-- sometimes alone, sometimes with supporters-- picketed the PICO office from morning to late afternoon each work day. On July 5 the workers and several supporters began a week-long fast and round-the-clock vigil at PICO.

On July 11, six North Americans, accompanied by a phalanx of media people, attempted to deliver a petition with thousands of signatures to Mr. Hitchcock's office. The building door was slammed in their face and locked. Police were called to remove us from the property.

That evening, the fasters and the Syracuse Community Choir held a stirring bi-lingual concert on the PICO lawn. Later that night a score of fasters and supporters held a silent candlelight vigil till dawn in front of Mr. Hitchcock's house in one

of Syracuse's swankiest residential neighborhoods.

Although the workers have been quite successful in publicizing their cause and winning community support, Mr. Hitchcock continues his piratical ways. He refuses to pay the wages he owes.

The daily picketing is now discontinued, the workers have now returned to Korea to rejoin their families. But the struggle continues. On July 12 the NYC-based Center for Constitutional Rights filed a \$1.23 million lawsuit on behalf of the PICO Korea Ltd. Union in the U.S. District Court in Syracuse. PICO is charged with breach of contract and violation of federal laws requiring 60 days' notice before a plant closing.

PICO workers support committees will continue to agitate, educate, and organize. North Americans -- whether concerned with justice, or labor issues, or our tarnished image abroad -- are encouraged to pitch in (*financial help would be most welcome!*). For more information, call AFSC, 475-4822, or the local PICO Workers' Support Committee, 474-3350.

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# The Campaign to Save James Bay

Bob Staley-Mays

The Cree and Inuit (Eskimo) Nations of northern Quebec and Ontario are struggling to save their traditional way of life, as well as, in the words of the National Audubon Society, "one of the last great wildernesses in North America." Environmentally concerned residents in Maine successfully defeated an effort by the Maine utilities to purchase electric power from Hydro-Quebec, the government-owned power company which is the perpetrator of the destruction of the Cree and Inuit cultures and of the delicate ecosystems of James Bay. Vermonters are now trying to prevent their utilities from making a similar deal to purchase electric power from Hydro-Quebec.

Hydro-Quebec dams rivers to generate electric power. It has already diverted the courses of six rivers and flooded an area half the size of Vermont. Neither the federal government of Canada nor the provincial government of Quebec required environmental assessments for this first phase of Hydro-Quebec's colossal feat of engineering, called "James Bay I." The environmental consequences have been catastrophic.

Fish, birds, and caribou have been forced out of their natural habitats. Once, small mammals such as red fox, beaver, snowshoe hare, lynx, and otter lived along the banks of rivers which flowed into James Bay in a low growth of green alder, sweet gale, and dwarf willow. Now the natural vegetation is missing. Several species of fish used by the Cree and Inuit for food have become so contaminated with mercury that they are dangerous to

eat. The most significant mercury contamination in North America -- as pronounced as those found in Minimata, Japan, twenty years ago -- is now present in the waters backed up behind the five dams at La Grande Reservoir.

Evaporation from the huge reservoirs created by damming the Eastmain River is causing local increases in rain and snow. To imagine the changes in the Eastmain River, simply picture the Connecticut River nearly dry.

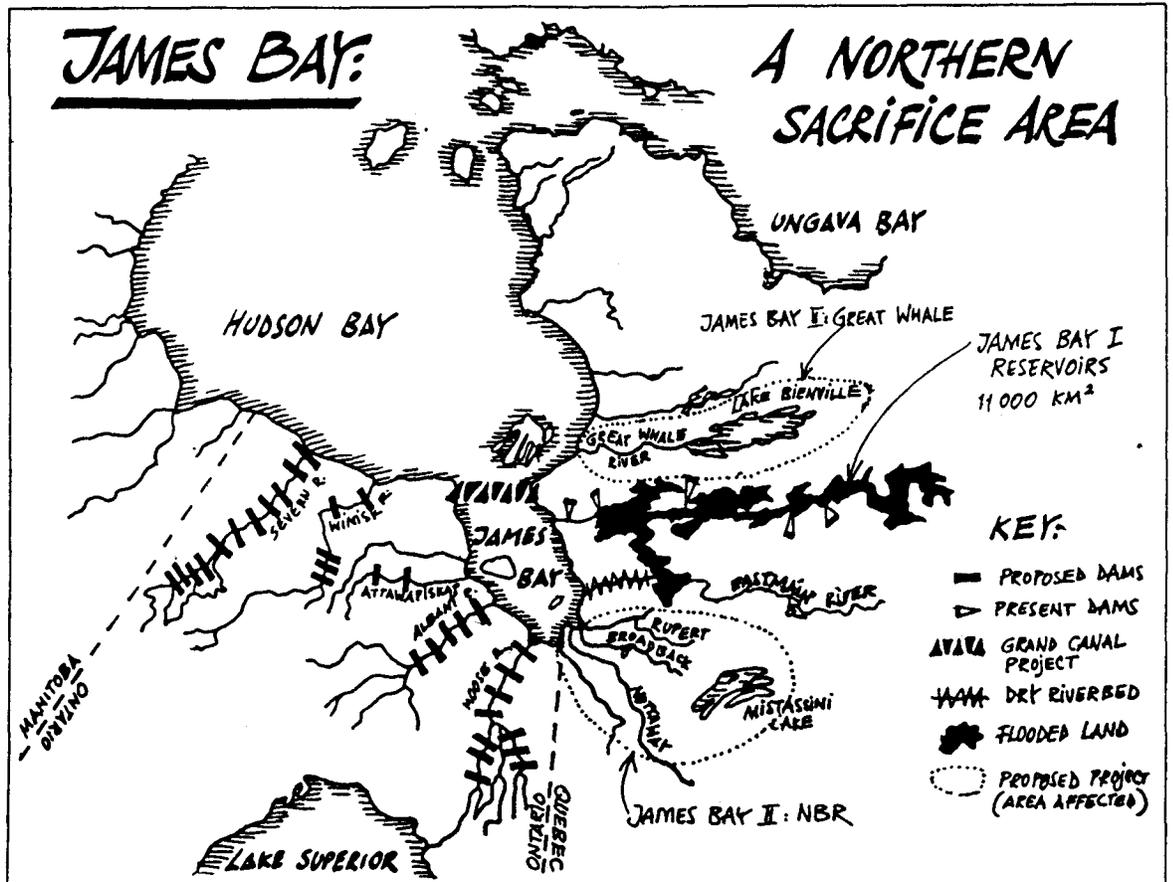
Mass-burning of the clear-cut forests has burned holes in the ozone layer and area residents have experienced record-hot summers and winters so wet that ice fishing is no longer possible.

Now Hydro-Quebec has launched "James Bay II," a second phase which

calls for the destruction of four major river systems and the deforestation of an area the size of Maine, Vermont, and New York State combined. Hydro-Quebec claims that it will proceed with James Bay II even if the Vermont deal falls through. Vermonters opposed to the purchase of power from Hydro-Quebec, and the Cree and Inuit, hope that Maine's refusal to purchase power will be repeated throughout New York and New England in the future. It seems probable that cancellation of U.S. contracts could lead to abandonment -- for financial reasons -- of James Bay II.

To develop James Bay I, Hydro-Quebec cut a road into the land of Cree and Inuit without first

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# Syracuse Peace Council Page

## Volunteer Corner

If anybody would like to organize to get the Peace Council house painted contact SPC. We have all the paint and primer and the house is pretty well scraped down.

The PNL committee is still looking for more members so if you have any skills in typing, editing, proofreading, graphics layout, etc please call.

A new volunteer this past month deserves special recognition. Jyssica Spier came to us through the Volunteer Center of Syracuse and has put in many, many daily hours doing every task imaginable from typing articles into the computer for the PNL, to working the huge electric paper cutter, to sorting, delivering PNL's, to everything else. We give her an extra big thanks here.



## SPC's GARAGE & BOOK SALE

SPC's Annual Garage and Book Sale will be held August 25 at Euclid Community Open House on the corners of Westcott and Euclid Streets in Syracuse.

We need your items! Give us your furniture, give us your books, your clothes, your this, your that. You can drop off items here at the Peace Council on 924 Burnet Ave or you can hold on to them until mid August.

We also need volunteers willing to help out the day of the sale. Help is needed pricing, sorting, transporting (from SPC's garage to ECOH the night before the sale - pick up trucks & drivers especially), etc.

This event is a fundraiser so please contribute any way you can. Thanks. Info: 472-5478.

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# Echoes of August 6, 1945

This day is brilliant, the sky clear blue with a few puffy, white clouds. In August, the breath of Japan is redolent with sea salt and wood smoke, hot and densely humid. Here on the western edge of Honshu, the main island, there is at least an occasional breeze from Hiroshima Bay.

People smile and bow, offer to carry bags and give directions. With help, we find the right streetcar and clank downtown. Traffic noise is punctuated by the buzz of cicadas; far off there is the sound of church bells.

Hiroshima has been rebuilt in concrete, shiny with plate glass and neon. Advertising is a gaudy mix of East and West: Samurai and Noh masks, Coke and McDonald's. Gardens are wedged in everywhere; behind the door in a courtyard, on

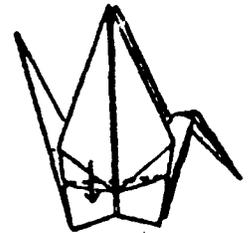
platforms over a narrow canal, hanging from a balcony.

We hop off the streetcar and hurry through a roadside park. Some early risers are doing tai chi, the slow, elegant Oriental exercise that is a prayerful prelude to the day. Narrow strips of white, folded paper are twisted into the branches of pines and bushes. They contain Shinto prayers. Among them flutter brightly colored strings of origami cranes.

The entrance to the Peace Memorial Park is a broad, concrete structure resembling a torii, or temple gateway. We are met by smiling children in scout uniforms handing out fresh flowers. Ahead, over a sea of chairs we can see the arched, stone cenotaph. The word means empty tomb. It frames a view of the ruined Industrial Exhibition Hall which has been preserved as a symbol of the bombed city. We join streams of people moving toward the cenotaph where clouds of smoke blossom from smoldering incense. Most people are Japanese; most, solemn. Buddhist priests in white and saffron robes

process beating small drums. We are a tiny minority, the most visible westerners being the Onondaga and Sioux, welcomed as siblings by the Japanese.

We see now that the flowers the children gave us are to be placed in front of the empty tomb. Incense is not the only thing that brings tears to our eyes as we meditate in this place. With heavy hearts we find seats, but not in the front section which is cordoned off for survivors of the bomb. There are prayers, speeches, and the musical prayers of a children's choir. Suddenly, the enormous throng stills as a plane arches overhead. The noise of its engines reverberates from the mountains around us, beating hot waves against our ears: echoes of fear. At the end of the service, a huge flock of doves is released. It wheels and soars, then scatters, carrying our prayers aloft.



## In Commemoration

You are invited to participate in a memorial parade on Monday, August 6th, the 45th anniversary of our first use of nuclear weapons. The purpose of this parade is twofold: to keep the tragedy of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in our minds and to demonstrate our hope that we will never again use nuclear weapons.

The parade, organized by Open Hand Theatre, will include giant puppets, masks, and banners. It will leave from Plymouth Church, 232 East Onondaga Street, in downtown Syracuse at noon.

On the evening before the parade,

Sunday August 5, there will be preparation and rehearsal for the parade and paper crane folding from 7:30 to 9:30 pm at Plymouth Church. Parade participants are asked to join in the rehearsal if possible and to arrive at Plymouth Church an hour to one half hour before the parade on Monday. Participants are also asked to wear all white or all black.

Area churches will ring their bells from 12:00 to 12:05 pm on Monday in commemoration of the bombings.

These commemoration events are sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Central NY Chapter of SANE/Freeze, On the Rise Bakery, Open Hand Theatre, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Social Workers for Peace and Social Justice, and Syracuse Peace Council.

# A Personal Pilgrimage to Hiroshima

Sally Miller

At the Ford Friendship Center, we share a meal with some survivors. A frail, old man with a sweet smile tells us how he was riding in a packed streetcar when the sun exploded. Everyone around him was killed. He has cancer. A middle-aged woman tells how she lost her whole family and every household possession. She weeps in bitterness at always having been destitute and in poor health. I tell one young woman that I was a child at the time of the bombing and knew little of the war. I say that I am a Quaker and a pacifist but feel guilt and pain when I think of Hiroshima just because I am an American. She leans toward me shyly and touches my hand. "Oh," she says, "that's how I feel when I think about Pearl Harbor."

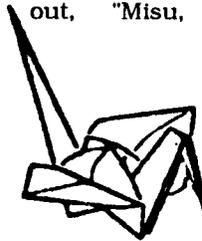
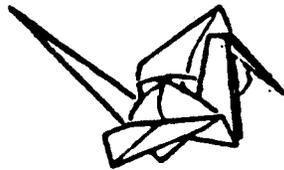
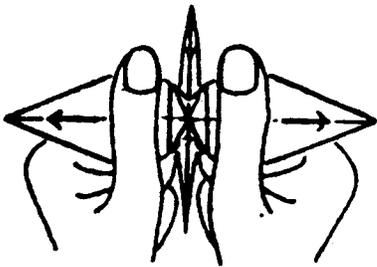
Later, we join the crowd at the Peace Memorial Museum. There is a model of the old city showing miniature, blue-tiled, wood and paper houses nestled between the Bay of

Hiroshima and rugged mountains. Suspended above is the fat, round bomb. We see scraps of twisted metal fused to burnt wood alongside pictures of what the buildings and bridges used to be. There are bits of melted glass and porcelain; the wheel of a cart reduced to the fragility of a spider's web. We see a schoolboy's uniform, charred and tattered, laid out with his crumpled, blackened bookbag.

Out in the park we find the statue of Sadako who stands forever holding up an origami crane. At her feet, layer upon layer of paper cranes are piled in memory of the child's gallant, losing battle with leukemia and her fervent prayer for world peace. Japanese people we meet are eager to chat with us. Their English is very good; our Japanese, virtually nonexistent. The word we know best is misu, water. In summer it is a very useful word- misu, kudasai: water, please. Our friends tell us that on the day the bomb fell, voices from beneath the rubble called out, "Misu, kudasai!"

As evening comes, we cluster in small groups for memorial services-Buddhist, Shinto, and Christian. There is drumming, incense, and music. Some junior high school girls join us in singing a hymn of peace. In the gathering darkness we light candles for paper lanterns we have pasted together and inscribed with our prayers. Each light commemorates a departed soul. True to the Buddhist custom of toronagashi, we file down to the river and set our lanterns afloat. Thousands of colored lights flicker seaward. As it is written at the feet of Sadako: This is our cry. This is our prayer, Peace in the world.

Sally Miller is a public schoolteacher in Onondaga County, a longtime member of Syracuse Monthly Meeting of Friends, and a delegate to the Friends World Committee for Consultation.



## Resources on Hiroshima

One of the common myths surrounding the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan was that it was essential for ending the war and saving American lives. The real reasons ran more akin to showing off the United States' new found might to the Russians, spending too much money and effort on the bomb program not to drop it, and the government's urge to test the nightmarish power of the atomic bombs on an actual scenario.

The following resources are helpful in discussing the main reasons the bombs were dropped on Japan:

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Butow, Robert. *Japan's Decision to Surrender*. Stanford University Press, 1954.

Kolko, Gabriel. *The Politics of War: The World and the United States' Foreign Policy, 1943-1945*. New York: Random House, 1968.

Sherwin, Martin. *A World Destroyed: The Atomic Bomb and the Grand Alliance*. New York: Knopf, 1975.



# The Chair: 100 Years of Death

Pat Bane

On August 6, 1890 William Kemmler, a quiet, illiterate but successful businessman, was the first person to die by electrocution as a method of execution. Hailed as a humane alternative to the firing squad and the gallows, the first electric chair was housed at Auburn Prison where Kemmler was put to death in a procedure so shocking it is reported to have caused one U.P. reporter to faint and sent the district attorney who convicted Hemmler running out of the room in horror.

Gruesome stories of present-day electrocutions are commonplace. A few years ago, a condemned man in Virginia was refused permission to carry his bible with him to the electric chair because it "might catch fire and that would be inappropriate," according to Marie Deans, director of the Virginia Coalition on Jails and Prisons. The state of Florida stayed a recent execution until they investigate why Jessie Tafero caught fire during his execution on May 4, 1990. Flames were reported to have shot out six inches from his head while he was still alive. The state expressed concern that the "safety" of the chair be determined before it is used again.

Since the early eighties, state after state has switched to lethal injection in the latest attempt to "dignify" state sanctioned killing of the poor, members of minorities, the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, and other disenfranchised persons in our society. Since physicians are bound by oath not to participate in these killings, descriptions of these executions are as grisly as those of other methods.

It has been 27 years since the last execution in New York, but year after year death penalty legislation is passed by the New York State legislature and vetoed by the governor. The last two years, we have been a vote away from an override of the veto and there is a real possibility that New York's electric chair will be in use again as soon as politicians ignore the facts and vote for the emotionally popular capital punishment bill. That it does not deter killing, is more costly than imprisonment, is racially discriminatory, and

results in the execution of the innocent seems not to matter to many of our legislators as much as proving they are "tough on crime" which is a popular campaign issue.

On Monday afternoon, August 6, 1990, People Against the Death Penalty will observe the 100th anniversary of the first electrocution by gathering outside the Auburn Correctional Facility, 135 State St., Auburn, New York at 3:15 pm. For further information, contact Pat Bane (315) 469-3788 (evenings) or (315) 443-2011 (days) or Margaret Stinson (315) 637-3344. All are invited to participate.



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# Deadly Teargas Shipments Challenged

Mark Lance

Since the beginning of the Palestinian Intifada (uprising) the Israeli military has used teargas as one of many tools in its effort to end this popular movement for independence. Abuses of the Palestinians involving gas have been among the more brutal of the measures undertaken by the army during its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. Various organizations, including Amnesty International, the U.S. State Department, and the Palestinian Human Rights Information Center have documented human rights abuses by the Israeli government which include firing tear gas into hospitals, schools, and mosques. In some cases gas has been fired into homes and the doors barred until the people inside have died. From the beginning of the Intifada until the end of 1989 there were at least 82 deaths as a direct result of such misuse of teargas. In addition, the use of gas in the Occupied Territories of Palestine has resulted in at least 100 spontaneous abortions.

Teargas, when misused in these ways, is the most lethal agent against the very young and the very old, who have made up the majority of the victims. Not only does the use of teargas in closed spaces constitute a violation of human rights in itself, it is used as a collective punishment, which is banned under the Geneva Conventions.

The deadliest form of teargas, and the one responsible for most of the deaths in the Occupied Territories, is known as CS gas. Israel's principal supplier of CS gas is Federal Laboratories, a company in Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, which is a subsidiary of TransTechnologies, a defense contractor in California.

In early 1988, a national coalition of organizations joined for a protest and letter-writing campaign designed to pressure Federal Laboratories to cease shipments of CS-type gas to Israel. As a result of this campaign, TransTechnologies agreed in May of 1988 to suspend shipments. Unfortunately, the commitment of the company was short-lived and shipments of gas resumed. This resumption coincided with a new rise in the number of tear gas-related injuries in the Occupied Territories.

In response to the renewal of ship-



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ments a new national coalition was formed, in part through the efforts of a local Syracuse organization known as SNIPP (Syracuse Network for Israeli-Palestinian Peace). This new coalition, called STOPP (Stop Teargassing of the Palestinian People) has been working to end Federal Lab's shipments, this time for good. Information has been presented to the company detailing the effects of its gas and meetings were held with the officials of these companies. Trans-Tech and Federal Labs refused, in these meetings, to end shipments.

Thus, a national protest was called and on May 12 concerned citizens from over a dozen cities protested outside the factory in Saltsburg. On that day there was also a protest at the TransTechnologies headquarters outside Los Angeles. The protest received coverage from as far away as Athens and Jerusalem.

At present, activists are opening a second front in their campaign to end

the shipment of deadly gas to Israel. A lawsuit is being prepared on behalf of the victims and their families by the Center for Constitutional Rights. Affidavits have already been taken in the Occupied Territories and a number of national organizations have shown interest in supporting this legal struggle. In addition, there was a national meeting of local activists in Cleveland on July 14 to discuss future strategy.

There can be no doubt of the heinous nature of the actions by the Israeli military in this area. Children and old people are being murdered-gassed in their homes-- in an effort to put down a popular movement to end an illegal occupation. We in the U.S. can help to stop this one crime of the occupation by ending the active participation of a U.S. business. Anyone who is interested in helping in any way can get in touch with STOPP or SNIPP through SPC.



**Energy and the Environment**  
Todd Rogers

It's important to keep in mind that whenever we flick a light switch, we're turning on the smokestacks and cooling towers of large power plants.

In 1988, New York's smokestacks and tailpipes belched out over 1 million tons of acid rain-causing emissions. Much of these emissions came from the state's coal and oil burning power plants, which produce about half the state's electricity.

Reducing the energy we use when the switch is flicked helps reduce the harmful emissions and radioactive waste. Thus, the need for energy-efficient lighting has never been greater.

**Energy Conservation Saves Money, Too!**

The Energy Clearinghouse, a not-for-profit energy education organization in Syracuse, is making conservation products available to our community through a buyer's cooperative. The Clearinghouse's catalogue features compact fluorescent light-bulbs, which put out the same amount of light as standard incandescent bulbs but use one fourth of the electricity. They also last eight times as long as incandescent light-bulbs. The savings from these bulbs are so profound, that even though the initial cost is more, the total costs over the 10,000 hour lifetime of a compact fluorescent, thanks to savings on the NiMo bill are half that of an incandescent.

The cooperative makes possible the purchase of hard-to-find conservation products at an affordable price from a local organization that backs them up.



**Central New York Chapter  
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**Let's Bury the Flag Desecration Amendment!**

*Marcy Waldaeur*

The ACLU is grateful to Congress for rejecting a constitutional amendment outlawing desecration of the flag. Fortunately, less than 2/3 of the Senators and Representatives supported limiting the First Amendment's guarantee to freedom of speech.

Special thanks go to Central New York Representatives Houghton and McHugh and Senator Moynihan for voting against the amendment. We hope Senator D'Amato and Representatives Boehlert, Walsh, Horton and Martin, who voted for the amendment will now drop the issue. And we hope that congress, having made its gesture of contempt for flag desecration, will move on the important domestic and foreign policy issue confronting the United States today.

Use of the flag, including burning

it, is protected by the First Amendment. How people use the flag reflects their own ideas. One flies it on a flagpole; another wears it as swimming trunks; a third leaves it in its box; others stick it on car bumpers or decorated cakes. On occasion someone burns his flag. Each person is saying something using the flag. That's why it is considered symbolic speech protected by the First Amendment.

Flag burning has never been an issue; burning is the proper method to dispose of a worn flag. Always the real issue has been the demonstrator's perceived unpatriotic speech. However, the original intent of the framers of the Constitution was to protect political, seemingly unpatriotic speech. Our Bill of Rights has survived intact for 199 years; it would be foolhardy to set constitutional limits on individual rights now. Worse, it would set a dangerous precedent condoning future limits to the Bill of Rights.

Surely a few individuals who decide to publicly burn their own flags are less of a threat to our great republic than are political leaders who would tamper with the constitution for partisan political gain.

**Free Lighting Audit For Small Businesses**

The Energy Clearinghouse staff will visit any area small business free of charge, to conduct an on-site survey of the business' lighting. A report will be generated that estimates the savings to a business if a switch from a standard incandescent to energy-efficient lighting is made.

**Educating Our Community**

Though compact fluorescents are essential tools for combatting the environmental problems associated with energy production, they and

other products alone won't solve our problems. Energy conservation is, above all, a behavioral issue. Besides supplying and backing up these products, the Energy Clearinghouse is dedicated to energy education in the community. Frequently, the Clearinghouse addresses groups or conducting workshops on how to save energy and money in the home. Becoming a member of the Energy Clearinghouse not only supports these activities but entitles one to a discount on items purchased through the cooperative. To learn more about becoming a member of the Energy Clearinghouse, call 470-3320.





**Day of Compassion Observed In Syracuse**  
Lou DeSantis

On June 23, People for Animal Rights demonstrated in front of CVS Pharmacy in Syracuse in an effort to expose the extreme cruelty of cosmetic companies that continue to test their products on innocent animals. Activists carried giant reproductions of the tiny "Warning: This Product Cruelly Tested On Animals" stickers that have been mysteriously appearing on L'Oreal products in stores across the country. "Barf" bags were also distributed to shoppers to send in their "It makes me sick" comments to L'Oreal.

"Consumers should know that L'Oreal products represent tremendous suffering," said spokesperson Xochitl Campbell of People for Animal Rights. "We urge shoppers to voice their disapproval of L'Oreal's abusive tests at the cash register.

On that day, which had been declared an International Day of Compassion, demonstrations took place in 20 states as well as Canada, England, France, Italy, and West Germany. All were sponsored by the Washington, D.C.-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

An international campaign was launched against the cosmetics giant in January and has included a banner hanging from the Eiffel Tower, and a "funeral" procession to the posh Greenwich, Connecticut home of L'Oreal's Vice President James Nixon. In April, activists cemented themselves into blocks across the entrance to L'Oreal's manufacturing plant in South Brunswick, New Jersey, delaying employees from punching the time clock for their 7 AM work shift.

More than 300 manufacturers, including Avon, Revlon, and Estee Lauder, now use non-animal testing methods.

For more information about this or any other animal welfare issue please contact Norma at 492-0459 or Lou at 422-3981 or 455-0169.



**Young & Teen Peacemakers Offer Volunteer Training**  
Judith Webb

Applications are now being accepted for training to lead chapters of Young Peacemakers (age 8-12) and Teen Peacemakers (age 13-16.) Trainings will be held in July and August in Hamilton and Utica areas. Leaders are needed to fill vacancies in existing chapters in Waterville, Clinton, Utica, and Hamilton, New York. Co-leaders are also needed to begin new chapters.

Two adult volunteers are needed to begin a chapter. Co-leaders receive support from a staff of Young & Teen Peacemakers. New chapters will be developed in response to co-leaders, youth, and community support. Those wishing to support chapters in their area are urged to contact Peacemakers.

Training will be facilitated by Judith Webb, Founder and Director of Young & Teen Peacemakers. She has been a co-leader of two chapters for four years and recently received a national award for her work in violence prevention with children.

Training will prepare the leaders to lead cooperative games, encourage discussion groups and plan projects and community service activities. Programs focus on peacemaking with self, others, and the natural world.

Volunteers should be comfortable with active children, enjoy nature, and be accepting of children of all races and family circumstances. Women and men are all equally welcome. Co-leaders from all races, beliefs, orientations, ages, and physical differences are respectfully invited and supported within the organization.

For an application, call (315) 861-2335. Leave a message on machine after 5 pm, or write Young & Teen Peacemakers, RD 1 Box 171, West Edmeston, NY 13485.

# PSR

**Goals and Projects**  
Corinne Kinane

In 1961 concerned physicians published landmark research about the medical consequences of nuclear war and founded Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR). PSR helped win public support for the Limited Test Ban Treaty in the 1960's and has worked throughout the 1980's for a halt to all nuclear tests. As the U.S. affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, PSR shared in the Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to IPPNW, in 1985.

- PSR works on three issues:
- U.S. budget priorities and the "peace dividend."
  - Nuclear weapons research, testing, and production.
  - The health consequences of global environmental deterioration.

The Syracuse chapter of PSR has recently co-sponsored the town meeting on the peace dividend and will co-sponsor the events commemorating the 45th anniversary of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings.

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# THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION COALITION

*We are an informal coalition of area environmental groups established to act as a conduit of information, in order that we might facilitate sharing of pertinent information, avoid duplicity of labors, and keep each other apprised of group activities.*

*Each month the PNL will publish information from one of the member groups.*

This month:

## PURE and "NIMBY"

by Peter Wilder

The CNY Environmental Information Coalition partly represents a merging of more "established" regional environmental groups with local groups whose concerns have been directed at protecting their communities from specific threatening types of development. Some useful purposes could be served by discussing some common perceptions of smaller groups, such as People United for Rural Environment, whose primary activity has been to block the proposed county dump in the town of Van Buren. Namely, I'd like to help eradicate the acronym "NIMBY" (Not In My Back Yard) from the vocabulary of environmentalism.

Why? Because the term is used by those whose desire it is to foist something on the supposed NIMBY, while characterizing that victim as shrill, inarticulate, and uninformed. "They're just a bunch of NIMBYs" --words PURE and others have had to endure repeatedly from the lips of self-serving political and business leaders who have ignored that there are few backyards left that can be destroyed.

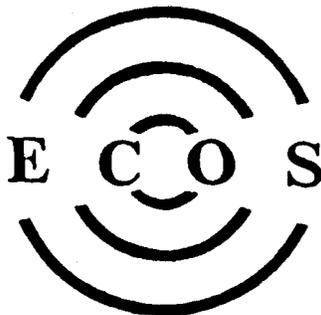
I became active in PURE only recently, but had closely followed developments over the year and a half previous. I had a "close outsider's" view of the group's actions, and when I was invited to organize an event to help the cause, I thought I already knew the group's strengths and weaknesses. In time, I discovered I was partly-- maybe mostly-- wrong. PURE has probably been cast, both by political forces and the media, as the ultimate NIMBY group in the area. Alas, when PURE formed, they played into that role, through emotional on-camera scenes and confrontations with calm

officials who believed they were sitting in the catbird seat. And it seemed the more arrogant the officials became, the more people displayed their worst sides.

But behind the scenes, PURE was arming itself with reams of information, and becoming a wise broker of their own propaganda. They connected with the local businesses and unions, and they pressed a Freedom of Information suit which gave them a limited victory. But PURE could not afford another lawsuit, and still needed to hire a geologic consulting firm. The event was to help with funding, but also to spread the message that ultimately everyone in the county stood to lose by the same process threatening Van Buren.

Environmental songwriter Glenn McClure "mentioned" that his own forte was to bring people together in an atmosphere of fun and music. Often, he said, more community could be built there than through countless hours of more pedantic activities. "Earth Day Encore" was born and discussed with the membership. It was amazing how ready everyone was to embark on a different path. I realized just how crippling the role of NIMBY had been: members had come to believe that they could rarely be heard without namecalling. They were eager to be justified as a group with legitimate

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## Green Corner

Jim Foley



Since the last column, there have been two "firsts" related to the Green movement. In Auburn, the first meeting of Upstate New York Greens was convened. In Syracuse, the first conference of a new high school environmental organization, ECOS, was held.

The Green meeting was an effort by independent Green groups to begin coordinating with each other on a regional and statewide level. Representatives came from Buffalo, Ithaca, Capitol District (Albany/Troy), Binghamton, and Finger Lakes Green groups.

Each local group seemed to have its own focus, its own version of Green organizing. The Buffalo Greens are a cultural force in their city, sponsoring fundraising dances and radio shows. The Finger Lakes Greens are fighting to preserve Owasco Lake, selling canvas shopping bags, and performing a Green musical play in the area. The Ithaca Greens helped elect Green candidates to local office, published "Living Green in Ithaca," and helped promote alternatives by, for example, selling clothesline sets as energy savers.

We were there to find common projects we could work on. We formed working groups on two projects: a statewide conference, and an ongoing organizing effort.

The Capitol District Greens, newly formed, have been active on a number of fronts, but will soon be well known for hosting the upcoming statewide conference. To be held on September 14th, the conference will serve both to educate Greens and to build a statewide platform and program (for details call 518-283-6512, or locally 426-9961).

The Binghamton area may serve as the focus for the organizing group. A few individuals from Binghamton were present at the meeting, but had no Green group to return to. The current plan is for Binghamton people to bring interested people together, and representatives from established groups will help run an initial organizing meeting (date to be announced).

The other "first" so far this

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# An Erosion of Local Control

## The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's BRC Policy

Todd Rogers

Facing large amounts of radioactive waste and a lack of safe disposal sites, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has expanded an existing policy, known as Below Regulatory Concern (BRC), that permits radioactive materials to be dumped in ordinary municipal landfills or be recycled into consumer products. This latest deregulation effort was approved in a secret vote by the NRC commissioners in June, 1990.

The arbitrary language used to define BRC, which includes such phrases as "not to exceed a few millirem per year" and "...doses to the...general population would be small" (remember, this is a law), will be used to regulate everything from consumer products and manufacturing processes to the "cleanup" of contaminated sites. An estimated 30% of the nation's "low level" radioactive waste (LLRW) could be deregulated under the new definition of BRC. Though this waste will include only a small percentage of the total radioactivity in the nation's LLRW, the dangers of this policy cannot be measured by curies alone. BRC undermines local control over pollution in the environment and continues a disturbing trend of deregulation by the NRC.

### The Implications

- Radioactive materials could be recycled and used in consumer products. Everything from frying pans to children's toys could be from recycled radioactive metal.
- Trash incinerators, already responsible for toxic air emissions and hazardous ash, could start burning radioactive waste, releasing radiation into the air and generating radioactive ash.
- Sanitation, transportation, waste treatment and disposal workers could come into daily contact with radioactive waste without their knowledge or consent.
- Radioactive waste will travel over

highways, waterways and railroads with no more restrictions than those for an ordinary garbage truck.

### How is Radioactive Waste Exempted?

A generator of radioactive waste must file an application with the NRC before their waste can be deregu-

entire categories of waste streams. Thus, industry-wide exemptions could be made. For instance, if the nuclear power industry were exempted, then certain classifications of plant wastes could be disposed of, unregulated, nationwide.

### The Nuclear Power Industry & BRC

So far, the nuclear power industry has not filed an application to deregulate power plant wastes. At a time when the industry is reeling from years of bad publicity and attempting to regroup for a comeback, they fear the repercussions of adverse public reaction to BRC. However, this application is

almost sure to come in the future. Another possibility is that the NRC may simply grant permission without an application.

The big reason why the industry will eventually seek exemption is that within 10 to 20 years, most of the nation's 100 plus commercial reactors will have reached the ends of their lifespans and will need to be decommissioned. Decommissioning, which includes the demolition, transport and burial of a reactor, leaves behind tons of contaminated waste that must now be disposed of at great expense. The nuclear power industry is counting on BRC to save them millions of dollars in disposal fees. Thus, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) considers the implementation of BRC an essential prerequisite to a serious reactor decommissioning program.

### Local Implications

This policy adds another component to the myriad radioactive threats that already face Central New York. The region, which hosts three nuclear power plants (with Nine Mile One being possibly the most dangerous plant in the nation), and contains three candidate sites for an LLRW dump also hosts other small generators of radioactive waste. These small generators, which use

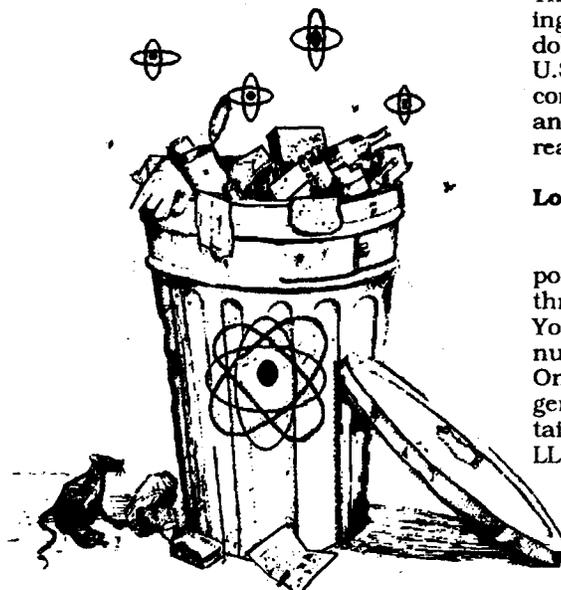
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## Everything from frying pans to children's toys could be manufactured from recycled radioactive metal.

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lated. The NRC has the ultimate authority to accept or deny the generator's application. Although there is a public comment period, the process appears to be set up to keep the public out of the process. No public hearings are required and there isn't even a requirement that local government be notified that an application has been filed. *It's important to realize that since this policy is in effect now, applications to deregulate waste streams could be filed at any time.*

In a further erosion of local control, the NRC can also deregulate



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# Responses to the Question:

"What Do You Think Should Be Done With Nuclear Waste?"

Responses were written on a clipboard that was part of a display in the Olean Public Library during the month of May 1990. Copies of the responses were sent to Angelo Orazio of the state siting commission, Gov. Mario Cuomo, Lt. Gov. Stan Lundine, Rep. Amo Hughton, Assemblywoman Pat McGee, state Senator Jess Present, federal senators Daniel Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato and George Bush.

Use the natural salt deposits in the US West as underground storage for high level radioactive waste. It's the safest, most feasible plan known to us.

Stick it up Bush's and Reagan's ass!

Make the people who make it drink or breathe it! (eat it)

Bury it in the desert.

Cease making it.

Sit on it!

I think they should dump the waste on a deserted island so they would harm only one place instead of in our community.

They are gonna put it in anyway! (accompanied by a smiling face)

I think they should take the chemicals out of the nuclear waste and use it for different stuff and sue the people who make it. P.S. Sue Gov. Cuomo. Thanks.

Sort it out and recycle.

I say to let them dump it in their own yard.

It's pointless!

I love it, it makes a pretty green color.

Since Washington lets them make it - put it in the White House Basement.

Yeal

Give it to the USSR.

Keep it at the generating facility.

Use it as fertilizer for Mrs. C's flowers.

"Think don't stink."

Don't make anymore until we have a way to get rid of the stuff.

THINK about using West Valley.

Put it in West Valley.

Don't even

If the waste has to be made, why pollute all these new ecologically clean areas. Revoke the Federal law saying each state has to store its own waste, continue to store it in as few areas as possible.

Shove it in Cuomo's backyard with him in the Bronx after he's retired as Governor with all the limburger cheese!

(compiled by Kath Buffington, Bucher Hollow, Allegany, NY 14760, (716) 373-1474)

Waste products should be stored in the jurisdictions where they are generated. For example, waste created in the City of New York should be processed there. When the real cost of this has to be born by the people responsible for the problem, they will alter their lifestyles.

Make the people who dump it live with it.

Yeal

Nuclear waste is NECESSARY and SAFE technology exists for handling it! We are the victims of lawbreakers and publicity hounds!

Stop making it!

Grind it up, compact into cubes, burn in forced air forge, bury sealed ashes.

Stupid (with arrow drawn to the above comment).

Keep it where they make it. If its harmless, then they can keep it there.

Too many disposables. Let's not waste our world.

Either find a safe way to convert it to a useable substance-- or don't produce it!

Send it into outer space, a little more radiation won't hurt it.

Work harder to create a way of using fusion energy instead of fission to eliminate nuclear waste.

Don't make until you can handle the byproducts- waste.

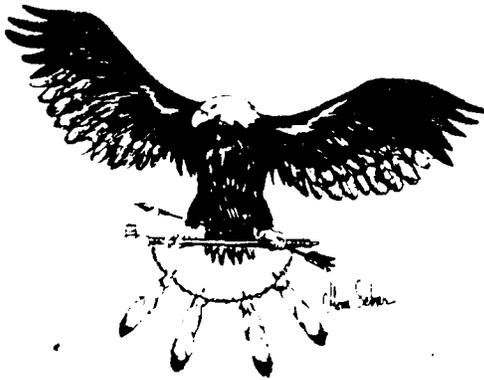
Make less.

I think they should get one big shack and put nuclear waste in there and when it gets full just put it in a big ground and streams.

Don't make until you can handle the byproducts- waste.

Sending it into space would be trouble. You never know. It could fall back down into the atmosphere or hit a satellite.

That's the answer!



## Tim Jacobs Freed!

Native American Tim Jacobs was released from a North Carolina prison on July 23, 1990. Tim served over one year for his part in the takeover of a Robeson newspaper to bring attention to the drug-corruption problem in Robeson County.

Timothy, his family and friends wish to thank the Syracuse Peace Council and all of the people in New York State who worked so hard to help Timothy and to bring the problems of Robeson County to light.

Tim has been released in a Community Parole service and hopes to be able to come to New York State in the fall and do some speaking engagements.

If you are interested in having him speak to your group, contact the Syracuse Peace Council.

- Rosalie Gaska

## Base Action Brings Arrests

The July 21 Commander's Day at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY was highlighted by people attempting to bring a message of peace into the event.

Six people were arrested for wearing individual letters on their t-shirts that when linked spelled DISARM. They were detained for three hours and then released. The military called this "an organized political activity." Visitors witnessing the arrests inside the base were heard screaming "Shoot 'em!" and "Nuke them!"

A large banner right outside the gate saying "Free Speech Ends Here" drew the most attention from passersby. This was quite indicative of conditions inside the base.

- Andy Molloy

## Redwood Summer Activists Survive Bomb Attack

Judi Bari and Daryl Cherney, both of Earth First! and the IWW, are recovering from an assassination attempt when a bomb placed under the seat of their car exploded. Bari was hospitalized with a broken pelvis and numerous leg injuries. Cherney was released with light head wounds.

In a bizarre COINTELPRO tactic, the Oakland police and FBI promptly arrested the two and charged them with transporting the pipe bomb. Many activists' homes were illegally searched and files taken. The police have finally announced that charges

will not be filed, admitting there is no evidence. Environmental, anti-nuclear, and social justice groups were outraged that the true criminals who planted the bomb went unsought while the police investigated two, committed nonviolent activists.

Redwood Summer is a series of summer long actions in Northern California to prevent the cutting of the last old growth forests, to protest log (and thus loggers' jobs) exports, and to change an out of control industry that is cutting itself out of existence.

Contact SPC if you are interested in heading out west to the actions. We can supply you with more information (some of us have just returned from there).

- Andy Molloy



## Leonard Peltier Files Charges

American Indian Movement Leader and Political Prisoner Leonard Peltier, has filed charges within the prison system for Freedom of Religion, at the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kansas where Peltier is incarcerated.

Prison officials have been harassing their cultural and spiritual group including denying them meetings, throwing members of the group into solitary confinement, and ransacking their cells with no reason given.

Leonard Peltier was convicted in 1977, on false and fabricated evidence, in front of a biased judge, of the shooting deaths of two FBI agents that stemmed from a fire fight on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, on June 26th, 1975.

To lend help contact the International Office of the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, PO Box 583, Lawrence, KS 66044 (913) 842-5774.

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## Puerto Rico

A special double issue of *Radical America* has been released entitled *Puerto Rico: A Colonial Dilemma*. This 120 page issue is a critical primer for activists, academics, and study groups. The controversial plebiscite on the island's status is nearing and the issue is billed as a corrective to the lack of in-depth reporting in both mainstream and progressive media.

As the contributors to this issue outline, the problems faced by Puerto Rico result from a century of colonial rule. Yet awareness of the social and political life of the world's oldest colony remains low. From the devastation of Hurricane Hugo to the recent 100,000 person demonstration for independence, events in Puerto Rico and the consequences of the plebiscite for Puerto Ricans, on the island and within the borders of the U.S., receive little attention in contrast to the mid-70s when Puerto Rican Socialist Party influence peaked with the Bicentennial Without Colonies demonstration in Philadelphia and the massive Oct. 1974 Madison Square Garden Rally.

The issue is available from SPC for purchase or to borrow. For bulk copies write Radical America, 1 Summer St, Somerville MA 02143 or call (617) 628-6585.

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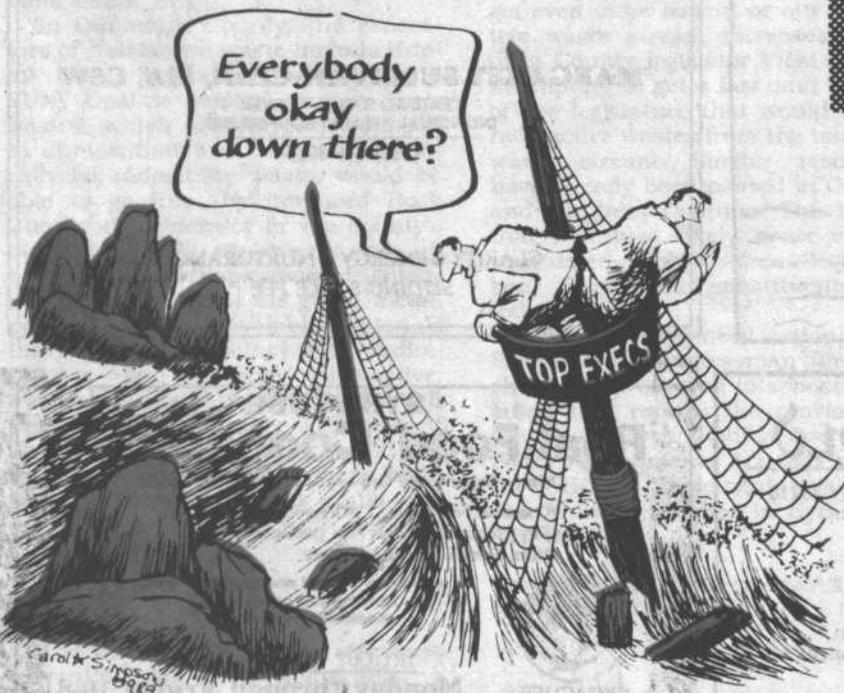
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# Regardless of Sexual Orientation

## Fair Practices Ordinance To Be Introduced In Syracuse

Existing state and federal laws guarantee protection against discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, and physical disability. These laws do not provide similar protection from discrimination on the basis of sexual or affectional orientation. Therefore, a group of people from within the community has been working with Charles Anderson, Syracuse Common Councilor, to introduce a bill that would extend civil rights protection to all people, regardless of sexual orientation, in the City of Syracuse.

This ordinance is a major step for the City of Syracuse. Strong and widespread support will be needed to show the Common Councilors that this is a much needed and desired ordinance for them to support.

Charles Anderson will be

introducing the ordinance to the Public Safety Committee in late August. There will also be a public hearing on the issue in early September. This hearing will be a crucial and determining factor in swaying the individual votes of the Councilors. Within two weeks after the hearing, the ordinance will come to a vote in the Council.

Since we can expect swift and hard opposition from organizations and individuals who do not believe that gay and lesbian people are entitled to basic human rights, it is necessary to show just as swift and strong support for this ordinance.

Letters and phone calls to individual Common Councilors will be needed during this time. Especially needed will be a supportive presence at the public hearing and

Common Council hearings.

If you would like to offer your support to this effort, or would like additional information on the ordinance that is being proposed, please send a note to Fair Practices Ordinance, PO Box 92, Syracuse, NY 13201. If your need is more immediate, you can leave a message with the Gay and Lesbian Conference Phone at 422-5732.

In addition, if you know of any other organizations or individuals that might be a source of support for this ordinance, please pass this information on to them. Watch for additional information in the coming month regarding dates, events, and specific information regarding the proposed ordinance.

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radioactive isotopes for medical or manufacturing applications, would be the first to be eligible for exemptions under BRC.

In Onondaga County, the generators of radioactive waste include Bristol Labs, Syracuse University and SUNY Upstate Medical Center. Their wastes, which are currently shipped to dumps that are designed specifically for radioactive waste, would be able to go into the proposed Rock Cut Road incinerator or the county's proposed landfill, wherever it ends up being built. Perhaps more frightening, however, is that the glass, metal, paper or other recyclable materials that come into contact with radioisotopes and become radioactive, themselves, could be recycled through Empire Returns or other facilities that take recyclables. Not only would the workers be endangered at these facilities, but these materials could end up in anything from a soda bottle to a frying pan.

#### Where Things Stand

The fact that this waste stream is currently small and contains relatively low levels of radioactivity, is no

reason for complacency. At the very least, we must pass a bill to take back local control *before* BRC policies get even more lenient or our radioactive waste stream increases. Onondaga County legislator Vicki Baker is attempting to get a law onto the floor of the legislature that would ban all radioactive wastes from the municipal waste stream. Similar resolutions have already been passed in Cortland and Allegheny Counties. This is a bill that will most likely never even be considered unless area legislators hear from their constituents. Call today!

Ultimately, we need action on the federal level. Congressman Jim Walsh should be pressured to sponsor legislation that repeals the provisions of the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act that directed the NRC to implement this policy. Jim Walsh's number in Syracuse is 423-5657.

Sources for this article are available from SPC. Please call or write.



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consulting them. It then proceeded to strip them of most of their land. The resulting social destruction is tragic. Alcoholism has become a major problem. The future of the Cree may be one of welfare and unemployment.

Many Quebecois are now opposing their government-owned power company. The reasons are varied. The company has a miserable record of labor relations, a reputation for union-busting, and a very poor delivery history to the provincial consumer. In 1988, there were 19,000 individual power outages. But Hydro-Quebec continues to export power abroad (power which is often purchased from nuclear power plants and coal burning facilities in neighboring provinces) when it cannot adequately supply consumers at home.

Vermonters have hosted three tours by Cree and Inuit people. Local organizations have testified at hearings before the Vermont Public Service Board. On April 18, 1990, students in 13 Vermont colleges and universities turned off their lights to protest the proposed purchase of power.

The Cree and Inuit are also resisting. In 1989, Crees at the northern village of Chisabi blockaded a road used by hydro workers in an effort to stop testing for electrodes and new transmission lines. The Grand Council of Crees in Quebec has filed a major lawsuit in federal court in Ottawa.

Those interested in participating in the campaign to block James Bay II should write to the following Vermont state officials and urge them to oppose the purchase of power from Hydro-Quebec: Richard Cowart, Chairman, Vermont Public Service Board, 3rd Floor, City Center, 89 Main Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 or call (802) 828-2358; Jeffery Francis, Secretary, Agency of Development and Community Affairs, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 or call (802) 828-3211; and Governor Madeline M. Kunin, Office of the Governor, 109 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 or call (802) 828-3333.

For more information on how to get further involved, interested people should contact: No Thank You Hydro Quebec, Star Route, Box 2905, Dryden, Maine 04222; Grand Council of Crees in Quebec, 50 O'Connor Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1P

6LH, or call (613) 761-1655; Catalyst, P.O. Box 73, Stratford, Vermont 05702; and the National Audubon Society, 950 Third Avenue, New York; New York 10022.

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summer was the first upstate conference of Environment-Conscious Organized Students, or "ECOS" as their T-shirt and new letter emblem reads. About fifty students arrived from at least six schools for a day of skill-building and issue-based workshops as well as organizational planning.

Note: we are talking about high school students. They assembled on a sunny day, the weekend before their final exams. These students were articulate, motivated, serious, and even experienced.

This movement has a lot of potential, and the founder, Jim Moyer, is making sure that potential is realized. He is encouraging graduating seniors to organize chapters at high schools near their universities; a chapter has already been started in Wayland, Mass. For more info write to ECOS at 5775 Norman Dr., Lafayette, NY 13084.

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environmental concerns, albeit local ones. The networking with businesses made the event possible, though the Encore provided little financial gain to PURE. Everyone agreed, though, most important were the good feelings in the group that extended out to those attending. And by day's end, the coalition met to discuss objectives.

PURE is no longer perceived as being isolated. Earth Day Encore was a vehicle that helped destroy that isolation, but similar results could be achieved more efficiently in other situations. All grassroots organizations are poorly organized and emotional when they form, because they have few facts to support their claims. But when we hear others call them NIMBYs, we should immediately take these young groups seriously. They are nascent environmentalists, and someone, probably less in command of hard facts, is attacking them. The power of regional or national groups stepping in for "investigating" will silence the NIMBY chant, as will local groups going cross country. The poor organization of a grassroots group cannot be held responsible for losing another bit of earth when its opponent is a slick political and business machine oiled with greed, and especially not when that group is screaming for help.

And after all, where does your backyard end?

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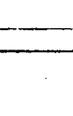
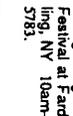
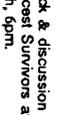
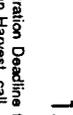
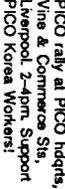
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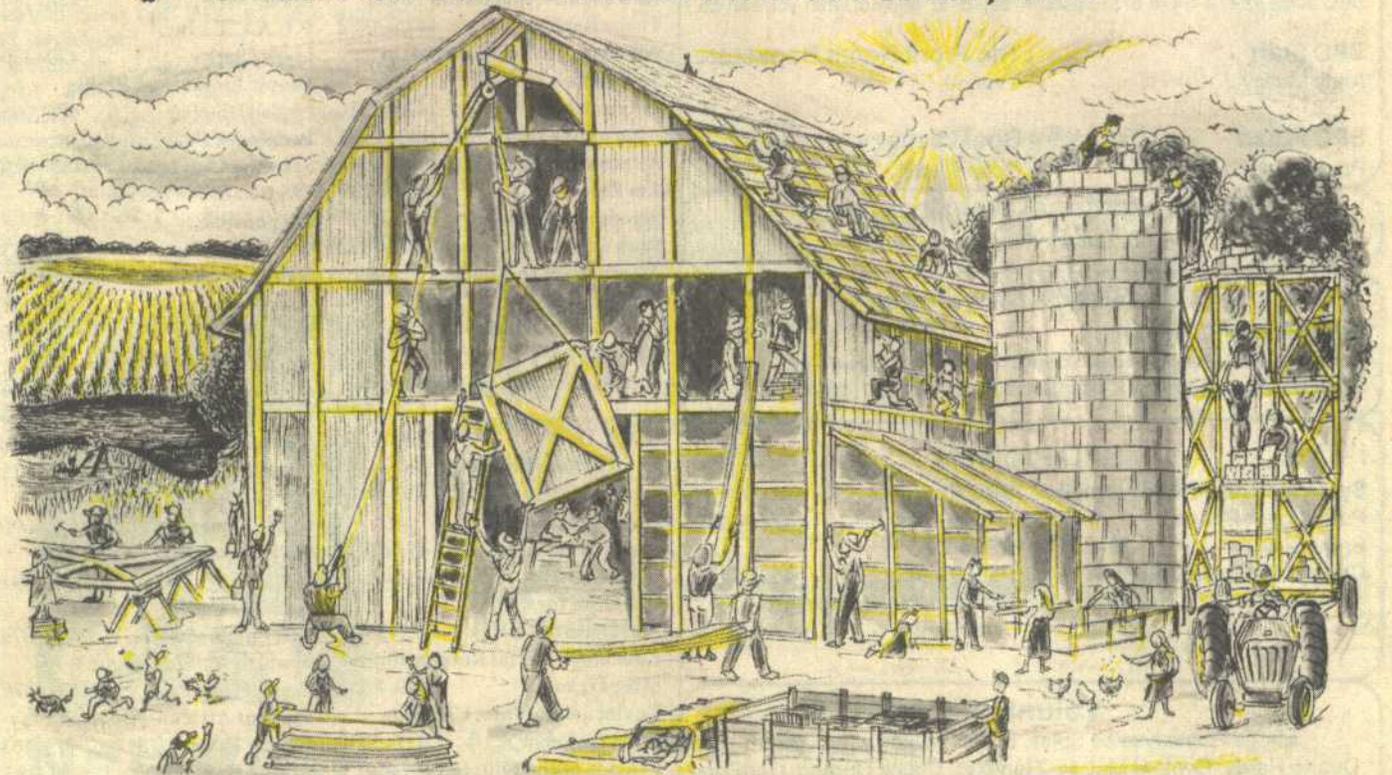
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SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As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

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## In This Issue

Towards the goal of stopping the war before it starts, this month's PNL offers two analyses of the US conflict with Iraq. Read and educate yourself then call SPC to help agitate and organize.

Celebrate Labor Day by reading about a radical labor union, the Wobblies. Also see an update on peace talks in El Salvador and an informative interview about Sri Lanka. We hear a report on the Washington March for the Animals and also offer a powerful poem and local book review.

# JAIL



## Neil Bush

The \$500 billion bailout of the savings and loan industry will cost every child, woman and man over \$2,000. These crimes were committed by the rich, for the rich and **THEY SHOULD PAY.**

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The PNL strives to serve some basic functions as the internal organ of SPC, as a forum for articles which discuss issues of concern to the peace movement, and to facilitate community interaction. The opinions expressed in the PNL reflect the diversity of opinions within SPC itself. While we are not able to print every possible viewpoint, we do welcome your letter and article submissions as well as suggestions and assistance.

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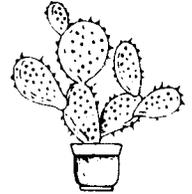
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### About the cover:

This month's cover art is by Jon Parker, a local illustrator from Syracuse. The vision of a barn raising shows the community involved first in the labor and lastly celebrating the fruits of their work. We don't see close knit communities much these days with the move towards fragmentation, global communication, and solitary pursuit of one's own end.

Jon feels that this is the first step for him on the road to a career using art as communication as opposed to marketing. "I've found that the Peace Council is ready and willing to use my illustrative ideas to represent our shared visions."

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# Showdown or Show?

## The Iraqi/U.S. Conflict

Cletus Pinti

The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the U.S./international response may seem like just another act of war in a long and violent Middle East history, but it is more complex than just past imperialistic intervention by the United States and other foreigners coming home to roost that has brought us to the current tensions on the Kuwait/Saudi border.

This confrontation will give "victories" to all parties involved, that is except for the homeless Kuwaitis and the soldiers who will die. For Iraq, Saddam Hussein will gain his desired power and respect from poor workers of the Arab world and the supporters of Pan-Arabism. Mr. Bush will have won the image as the staunch protector of U.S. interests and the gas pump. Saudi Arabia will gain financially from increased oil profits due to the embargo, but will have to pay deeper costs elsewhere. The international community (US and USSR) will have stood united and steadfast against a common threat, the "Butcher of Baghdad."

What will be the result for the Arab world? For this we must know some history of the Arab community to understand the Arab perspective.

### Arabian History

Looking toward Islam's holy city of Mecca five times a day in worship, the Arab draws on the rich history of their people for guidance and inspiration.

Before Islam, Mesopotamia existed over a vast area of the Middle East as early as 4000 B.C., with one of its main cities, Babylon, in the land of Ur (now modern Iraq). Some of the

major accomplishments of Mesopotamian culture was one of the seven wonders of the ancient world, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; and the phonetic alphabet which gave rise to all European, Middle Eastern, Indian, South East Asian, Ethiopian, and Korean alphabets.

Several centuries after the fall of Mesopotamia, Mohammed saw his holy revelation from Allah in Mecca, where he would later return and conquer in the first holy war against the infidels.

The rise of Islam gave birth to the great Arabian empire that would last from the seventh to tenth centuries A.D. stretching from Iran to Morocco, including Spain to the north, with Baghdad as its capital. It was a city of great art, science, and commerce; a rival of Vienna in the Victorian age, or New York or Paris today.

Mecca, Babylon, and Baghdad are three cities of the past whose spirit still lives today in the hearts of many an Arab. This ancient and honored line of cultures was all but ignored by the imperialistic countries of the early twentieth century who took control of the gulf region from Turkey's Ottoman empire. This history and culture is still being ignored by today's foreign policy experts who instead believe that the Arabs are bumbling nomads with no ability to self govern.

### Independence and Revolution

Independence came to the Middle East from Britain and France in a drawn out process with Egyptian independence in 1922 and the end to Bahrain's independence in 1971.

Most of the region's power was transferred from colonial rule to a monarchy that was friendly to their former colonizers, but revolution started with Egypt in 1952 against King Farouk. Egypt was soon dominated by Gamel Abdel Nasser, who effectively became the father of pan-Arabism by successfully repulsing an Anglo-French invasion of the Suez Canal zone in 1956, when Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal.

Nasser's strong militant Arabism and anti-imperialism encouraged similar revolutionary coups. In Iraq in 1958, General Abdel Nassem's coup prevented the British and King Faisal's renewal of the 1932 Baghdad Pact, which would have allowed continued British military occupation of Iraq.

In 1961 Kuwait was preparing for independence from the British, when Iraq's Kassem voiced his country's claim that Kuwait was actually part

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## Bush & the Butcher of Baghdad

Murray L. Bob

Why did General George send the troops in? Former Nixon speechwriter William Safire puts it well- for a change- in "The New York Times" (8/7/90): "When Saddam gassed 8,000 Kurds, Mr. Bush said nothing; when Saddam abused the U.S. banking system in the Lavarro affair, the Bush Attorney General dithered; when Saddam corruptly skimmed our grain credit to help pay for his Condor missile, the Bush Agriculture Secretary hastened to guarantee more grain loans, now in jeopardy. Saddam probably figured the U.S. would (a) huff and puff about Kuwait, but

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If you are upset and angered at the U.S. actions in the Middle East then by all means call your congress people and let them know!

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# The Wobblies: Labor's Legacy to the Left

Shelagh Clancy

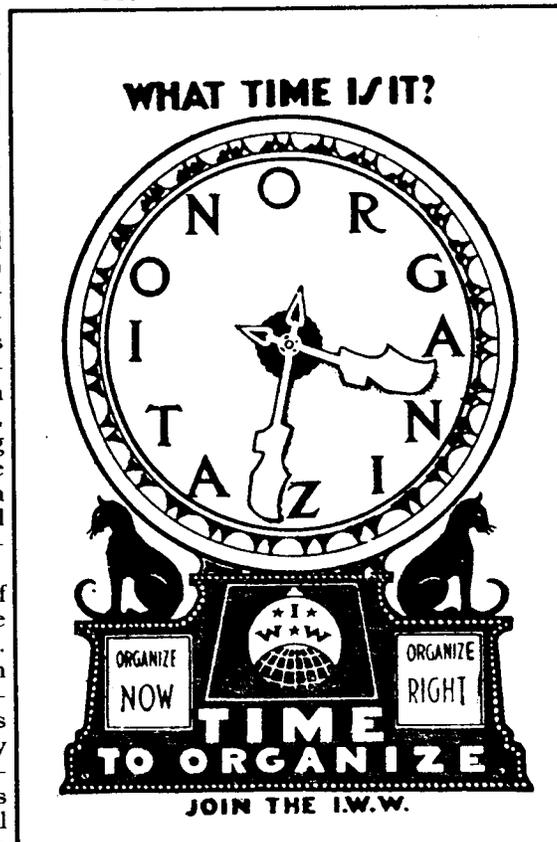
The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) recall a time when labor was synonymous with the left. Tactics such as civil disobedience, sit-down strikes and direct action were first employed or popularized by the IWW, aka the Wobblies. Advocating a worker-controlled economy and rank and file authority, the union was populated by anarchists, socialists and at least 100,000 radicalized working folks.

The IWW was founded June 27, 1905 in Chicago as an industrial union, as opposed to a trade union such as the AFL. Wobblies organized harvest workers, lumber workers, railroad and textile workers into their One Big Union. Advocating abolition of the wage system and the overthrow of capitalism, they proclaimed that "by organizing industrially we are forming the structure of the new society within the shell of the old." Workers would choose what to produce and transfer resources to human needs.

The IWW did not invent many of these ideas but were among the first and best champions of them. A lovely example is the Free Speech Fights, "pure direct action." Soapbox oratory was a popular means of communication and particularly useful to the Wobblies' decentralized, guerilla organizing; it was also especially threatening to local employers. Speakers who drew a large crowd were apt to be arrested—clearly against the constitutional right to free speech—provoking a Free Speech Fight. Wobblies from far and wide would converge on the offending town and speak, flooding the jails, instituting damage suits and inflaming public opinion until the authorities capitulated. The first major Free Speech fight began in Spokane in 1909; it lasted four months and featured 600 Wobblies in jail at once. Eventually the mere threat of a Free Speech Fight made city fathers instantly drop the idea of molesting public speakers.

A controversial Wobbly tactic was sabotage. The term comes from the French "sabot," a wooden shoe thrown into the works. But it also covered the concept of slowdown, effectively described as "good pay or

bum work." A reluctant boss might be convinced to grant reforms or better pay by getting three hours' sloppy work out of a ten-hour day.



## The Singing Movement

The working conditions in the Wobblies' era were brutal and lethal, this contributed much to their appeal. But there was a great labor surplus, partly due to child labor and the length of the working day. This resulted in countless itinerants, or bindlestiffs, who had the potential to be scabs but were favorites of Wobbly organizers. To them the IWW owes much of its reputation as a singing movement:

*Why don't you work like other men do?  
How the hell can I work when there's no  
work to do?  
Hallelujah, I'm a bum!  
Hallelujah, bum again!  
Hallelujah, give us a handout to revive us  
again.*

*—from the "little red songbook," IWW  
Songs to Fan the Flames of Discontent*

Utah Philips describes a song composed by Joe Hill for the Spokane Free Speech Fight: "A man would walk by...he looked just like a banker...He'd yell, 'I've been robbed! Help, I've been robbed!' Everyone would rush over to him. 'What's the matter, what's the matter?' they'd ask. When enough had crowded around, he'd shout, 'I've been robbed by the capitalist system!' And then the boys would jump out from the doorway and start singing Joe Hill's song:

*Long-haired preachers come out every  
night,  
Try to tell you what's wrong and  
what's right,  
But when asked how 'bout something  
to eat,  
They will answer with voices so sweet:  
You will eat, bye and bye  
In that glorious land above the sky:  
Work and pray, live on hay,  
You'll get pie in the sky when you  
die.\**

The IWW organized some historic strikes employing untried methods. In 1906 in Schenectady, 3000 GE workers sat down for the first sit-down strike in the US. In Paterson, NJ and Lawrence, Mass., textile workers sent their children on trains to strike sympathizers in NY City; the feeling was that if the children were fed, the strikers could stay out. In Lawrence strikers were prohibited from picketing individual mills, so instead thousands formed a marching line around the entire mill district. This strike gave us the enduring slogan "We Want Bread and Roses Too," reflecting the women strikers' recognition that they fought for not just wages but quality of life.

The egalitarianism of the IWW was a source of broad appeal. The AFL organized (male) weavers in the Lawrence mills; the IWW organized everyone. The strike committee consisted of people speaking 50 different languages. It was a time of massive and diverse immigration, and tension between ethnic groups had been used to break strikes. In 1916 in the mid-west, newly organized harvest workers

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# Nuclear Waste Struggle Deepens

Andy Mager

This summer has seen a number of developments in the nuclear waste struggle in New York State and nationally. In New York, grassroots pressure caused Governor Cuomo and the state legislature to amend the original law which created the siting process. Although many of these changes are cosmetic, there are some which will significantly alter the terrain.

The most significant change is that it requires the siting commission to focus on the method of storage, before picking a site. This will mean a delay of at least 18 months in any further on-site work in either Cortland or Allegany counties. This break is appreciated by those whose lives have been disrupted by the threat of their homes being poisoned. There will be a variety of personnel changes in the various bodies who are part of the official process. A study of the possibilities of storing the waste on-site at the nuclear power plants has also been funded.

The passage of the law ended a difficult period for Cortland County activists. The Cortland County government opposition to the dump strongly supported and lobbied in favor of this legislation while CARD decided not to support it. We grassroots activists decided that we shouldn't support a "solution," the



results of which we probably wouldn't want to accept.

July 20-22 was the founding conference of Don't Waste U.S., a national organization linking together groups working in various parts of the country to oppose the siting of low-level radioactive waste dumps in their communities. The conference, which was organized primarily by Don't Waste New York, successfully drew together activists from most of the affected states.

In Cortland County, CARD is taking time to evaluate our work thus far and decide on future directions. Without the immediate threat of siting commission attack, many people are dropping out and feeling that things are over for the moment. Others of us are choosing to refocus much of our energy on nuclear power. Because this is the source of most of the waste being discussed (97% by radioactivity in NYS), the elimination of nuclear power would go a long way towards solving the problem.

With this in mind, a rally is planned for downtown Oswego (home to three of the state's nuclear power plants) on Saturday, October 6. The rally will run from noon to 3 pm and will feature a variety of speakers and musicians. A car caravan from Syracuse is being organized. Organizing help throughout the region is needed. In addition, an independent civil disobedience action is under discussion. Contact Andy Mager, (607) 842-6858 for further information. ♻️

*Andy lives in Truxton, just a stone's throw from the proposed Cortland LLRW site. An article of his was recently published in the latest issue of the Nonviolent Activist, the newsletter of the War Resisters League. You can get a copy of it by contacting the Peace Council at 472-5478.*

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We are still not confirmed with the date yet but we should know by the beginning of September when we can meet with the church and Open Hand Theatre. Please call me at 424-6015 if you want to get involved or just have any questions.

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-- Barbara Floch

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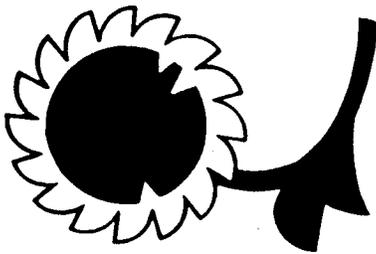
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## Garage Sale An Enormous Success

A very big thanks to all who helped in our 5th annual sale which raised needed funds. SPC always has a bit of a cash crunch towards the end of summer and this was a welcome boost.

Thanks to all who donated items for the sale and especially to the following who gave time at the sale and lent their labor and vehicles to move all the stuff from here to ECOH: Marge Rusk, Gigi Musa, Dale Sherman, Rich Stuchiner, Kathy Kennedy, Doug Igelsrud, Shelagh Clancy, Carl Pond, Brent Bleier, Barbara Floch, Bruce Webber, Emily Clancy, Will Ravenscroft, Dick Mundy, Ann Tussing, James Foley, Lisa Labelle, Christian Spies, Cletus Pinti, Austin Paulnick, Len Bjorkman and all others showed up and we forgot to mention. Thanks also to ECOH for letting us have our sale there. Thank you!!! --

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# Sri Lanka's Turmoil Draws In

*SPC staffperson Andy Molloy spoke with Ed before he left to begin his work as a Peace Brigades volunteer in Sri Lanka.*

**SPC:** In September you're leaving for Sri Lanka to work as a volunteer with the Peace Brigades International team there. We want to hear about Sri Lanka, but first tell us about PBI.

**ED:** Peace Brigades is an international group inspired by Gandhi. PBI puts peace teams into areas of violent repression and conflict. For several years PBI has had such teams in Guatemala and El Salvador providing "protective accompaniment." Team members escort local human rights workers whose lives are at risk from death squads or from the security forces.

The idea is that the presence of a "first world" witness may deter kidnapping or killing. By involving a first world person, the political cost of the attack is raised -- especially if the escort works with an organization like PBI which would widely publicize the attack, bringing international pressure to bear.

**SPC:** How did you get involved with PBI, Ed?

**ED:** I first heard of PBI several years ago through the work of Karen Beetle and Liam Mahony -- both former SPC staff people who now work with the USA branch of PBI. Liam's been the PBI/USA national fund raiser based in Cambridge, Mass., and Karen's been the PBI/USA national trainer based in Albany.

In the spring of '88 when I was in Central America I visited Liam who was then on the Guatemala team. Soon after I applied to join the team. I ended up spending six months on the Guatemala team and another six months on the El Salvador team. I returned to Syracuse in June of '89.

**SPC:** Where you worked for Witness for Peace until its Syracuse office closed this month...

**ED:** Right, and doing other solidarity work too.

**SPC:** How long has Peace Brigades been active in Sri Lanka?

**ED:** Since October '89. PBI was invited in by the Sri Lanka Bar Association. Six of their lawyers had been assassinated for doing human rights work -- trying to get writs of habeas corpus for people detained by the government's security forces. Which of course made them unpopular with the security forces.

**SPC:** We don't hear too much about Sri Lanka in the States. Sometimes we hear about Tamil refugees and about mass killings. What's the situation there?

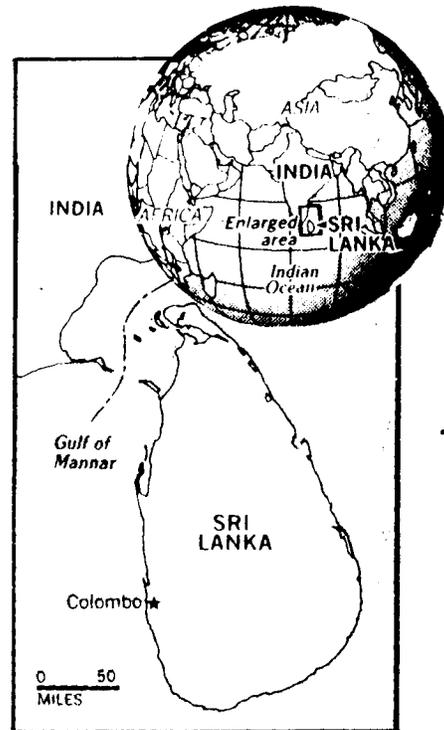
**ED:** I'm just learning about Sri Lanka myself. When I was in school, Sri Lanka was known as Ceylon. It's a tear-shaped island just 18 miles off the southeast tip of India. It's fairly small: about 270 miles long from north to south and about 140 miles wide. About half the size of New York State. And roughly the same population as New York State.

Ethnically, about 70% of the people are Sinhalese and speak Sinhalese. About 23% are Tamils who speak Tamil. The Sinhalese are Buddhist and the Tamils are Hindu. There's also a small minority of Muslims and Roman Catholics.

English used to be the official language because Ceylon had been a British crown colony. Now the official language -- the language of upward mobility -- is that of the Sinhalese majority... which doesn't make the Tamils very happy. They feel discriminated against. The Tamils predominate in the north and east of the island and are fighting a guerilla war to form their own nation out of that territory.

Sri Lanka has little industry. Per capita income is very low. Tea, rubber and coconut -- plantation crops worked by Tamils -- make up a large share of the export sector. Another major export is people, mostly women. They work on contract in the oil rich mideast countries, often as domestics. The money they send home is an important part of the economy.

Sri Lanka has an unusually high



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rate of literacy for Asia -- the second highest after Japan. Schooling is free up to the university level (but because the government considers the university a "hotbed of subversion," the university has been closed down for much of the past few years). Women have had the vote for decades. In this century the world's first woman head of state was in Sri Lanka.

Before the current strife, Sri Lanka must have been a tourist paradise. Mountains, Buddhist shrines, national parks, endless miles of tropical beaches, elephants at work on the roads... and English widely understood. Now the parks in the north and east are off-limits and tourism has been in severe decline.

**SPC:** Besides the Tamil/Sinhalese struggle in the north and east, there's the civil war between the government and the JVP in the south. What's going on there?

**ED:** The JVP, or Peoples' Liberation Front, is a leftist guerilla movement made up of Sinhalese nationalists. Until he was captured and killed this

# Local Activist

## PNL Interview with Ed Kinane

past November, the JVP was led by a former presidential candidate, Rohana Wijeratne. Wijeratne was trained in Moscow, but sent home because of his outspoken "Maoism." The JVP have been less active since Wijeratne was killed.

But thousands of people are still held in detention. The government won't let Amnesty International into investigate. As in El Salvador and Guatemala, the government isn't keen to have foreign observers on hand. What seems clear is that all three - the JVP, the Tamils, and the government security forces -- all play hardball. Many atrocities, immense abuse of human rights.

What's not clear though is that when our wire services say such-and-such a side committed an atrocity, it was in fact them and not someone else. I think we should be wary of taking the headlines at face value.

**SPC:** What about India's role in all this? Compared to tiny Sri Lanka, India is like a superpower, isn't it? Hasn't India had an enormous effect on the country's development?

**ED:** Certainly. After all, the ancestors of most Sri Lankans came from India. The two major religions, Buddhism and Hinduism, came from India. Even some of the Catholic missionaries that came clandestinely during the time of the Dutch colonization, were Indian.

As far as the languages go, while Sinhalese is spoken nowhere else in the world and even has its own unique script; it's derived from Indian languages. Tamil, of course, is spoken by tens of millions of Indians in southern India.

From the Sinhalese perspective, given that there are so many Indian Tamils just across the Palk Strait, the Sinhalese are in the minority in the region. The Sri Lanka Tamils have even had guerilla bases in the Tamil region of India.

India sent a "peace keeping force" to Sri Lanka three years ago to put an end to the civil war. But over 1200 Indian soldiers were killed fighting the Tamil rebels before India withdrew the army this past spring.

As I understand it, India isn't especially popular with either side in the conflict. Sri Lankans clearly see themselves as distinct from Indians. The higher standard of literacy alone is a major difference. In Sri Lanka there are many high school grads... but few jobs to absorb them. Which is one reason there's so much strife. The rebels -- whether JVP or Tamil - are said to be very young.

Many Sri Lankans have left the country, both as economic and political refugees. Thousands of Sri Lankan Tamils are in refugee camps in the Tamil part of India. Though, as with El Salvador, some of the refugees are in the process of going back home. There are also thousands of Tamils in the diaspora in Europe and North America.

**SPC:** Before its independence in 1948, Sri Lanka was a European colony.

**ED:** A British Crown colony for 145 years. The Brits were the first power to put the entire island under a single government. They took over from the Dutch who never controlled the interior. The Dutch had supplanted the Portuguese who had been on the coast since the early 1500s.

**SPC:** The West is still interested in Sri Lanka?

**ED:** Right. For centuries Ceylon has had strategic importance to the West because it was so close to India. And because of its location in the Indian Ocean, it's been a fueling station for shipping lanes to South Asia and the Far East.

During World War II the Brits had their major Indian Ocean base at Trincomalee, a harbor on the east coast -- in the Tamil area. Trincomalee is one of the finest natural harbors in the world and big enough for a fleet. On the island's west coast, Colombo harbor is deep enough for U.S. aircraft carriers.

The U.S. built a major Voice of America installation near Colombo, the capital. Some think it's used for transmitting to our submarines in the Indian Ocean. One author I've been reading -- a Tamil professor living in

Canada -- reports that after the Sri Lankan President met with Reagan several years ago, Sri Lanka began getting arms shipments from South Africa. The government has used British mercenaries and Israeli military advisers. The Israelis operated out of the U.S. Embassy. The Tamil rebels are said to be linked to the PLO.

**SPC:** How long do you expect to be over there?

**ED:** I'm not sure, Andy. I'm signing up for a three month stint. But that's elastic. I expected to be with PBI a month in Central America and ended up staying a year. Also, I'm sure I'll



be tempted to do some traveling while I'm over there. I'd love to get to Java to visit another former SPC staff person, William Sunderlin, who's working there. We'll see.

**SPC:** You'd eventually be coming back to Syracuse, wouldn't you?--

**ED:** Definitely.

**SPC:** When you came back from El Salvador last year you got quite involved in El Salvador solidarity work. Do you see yourself doing Sri Lanka work here? What relevance does Sri Lanka have to people in Central New York?

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# Bush & the Butcher of Baghdad

Murray L. Bob

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limit response to an economic boycott and (b) re-declare a vital interest in oil and get the Saudis graciously to permit us to guarantee their sovereignty."

But Bush went further. He sent troops. Safire's perspicacity fails him when he tries to account for the U.S. about-face - probably because, as and old Hawk hungry for war, he cannot quite believe his luck in finding Bush teetering on the edge of one. As a result, all Safire can come up with in answer to the question this essay began with is: "Mr. Bush's reaction-perhaps to compensate for the failure of appeasement has been... severe." As an explanation for so massive a change in policy, psychological "compensation" is pretty thin.

In the murky world of disinformation which political analysts inhabit, all one can do is make informed conjecture. The first question to ask is: Who will benefit from U.S. intervention? The obvious answer, unsurprisingly, is: George Bush.

When Bush reneged on his "sacred" promise not to raise taxes, his public stock fell sharply, not only in the ubiquitous polls and among the conservatives of his party, but, more importantly, among a myriad of possible presidential foes. Even professional wafflers like Mario Cuomo, smelling the sweet scent of victory, began to make noises like they might actually consider running in The Big One in 1992. Suddenly, General George, who, a few short months ago, was getting the highest popularity ratings ever recorded a sitting president, was perceived to be vulnerable.

It wasn't just because he went back on a promise ceaselessly repeated for more than two years; it was the unravelling of the largest heist in the history of the human race - the S&L scandal; it was the patent impossibility of meeting Gramm-Rudman targets this year much less of balancing the budget down the line; it was the unfeasibility of satisfying the financial markets' demand for physical constraints without creating a recession, or inflation, or both. All of these things combined to make the

military option -always present for beleaguered, beset commanders-in-chief- attractive. What was wanting was the occasion. Obliging, Saddam's invasion of Kuwait provided this.

Saddam, of course, had other things on his mind. A ten year war had drained Iraq; the only other way to recover was by selling oil at a high price. The Kuwaitis were very busy underhandedly undercutting OPEC prices and quotas they had agreed to maintain. So Saddam, doubtless misled, as Safire notes, by previous American willingness to turn a blind eye to barbarities, invaded. Too bad Saddam hadn't paid closer attention to domestic American politics. Things had changed: it suddenly seemed attractive to crack Iraq. After all, Thatcher's low re-election prospects in '82 were happily reversed by her glorious victory in the Falkland Islands, and, closer, to home, the caper in Grenada had won one for the Gipper in '84.

There are lots of other advantages to sending in the troops. The administration is seen to be taking the initiative; His Majesty's Loyal Opposition -the marvelously misnamed Democratic Party- closes ranks behind "our" leader instead of forever nitpicking at his policies; it becomes a piece of cake to raise taxes if that is decided on or to keep defense spending up (can we deny our boys what they "need?"); the peace dividend goes belly-up; Gramm-Rudman targets don't have to be met in a "national emergency," etc.

War has ever been the politician's last, best recourse. It never fails to stir the populace who rush to rally around the flag -more importantly- around those who are forever wrapping themselves in it.

That the secret to understanding international policies is domestic politics is hardly new. The problem with other explanations for the invasion is that they are so easily contradicted by events, logic, experience, and common sense. We certainly didn't send troops to keep the price of oil stable: it rose before the troops left our shores (the oil companies, at any rate, don't waste time) despite vast reserves of oil. Nor is it easy to

believe we must have Kuwaiti oil, since any of a number of other nations have been artificially curtailing supply and can vastly increase the amount they send us and the rest of the world. Indeed, the problem has really been one of oil *glut* and of prices that are too low- not just for oil-producing countries but for domestic drillers who have been far busier capping wells than digging or draining them. Low oil prices are what has America so dependent on foreign oil and keeps it from developing meaningful alternate energy sources. Nor is it very easy to believe in the defense of an innocent nation from invasion as the basis for administrative policy. Saddam is doubtless a beast, but the gluttonous Kuwaiti oil barons are hardly objects of democratic delight. Moreover, direct and indirect American invasions or "incursions" in Panama, Grenada, Libya, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and elsewhere hardly make a stance based on respect for international law believable.

Unfortunately, the U.S. seems to be developing a new role - that of policeman of the Third World. Having fallen far behind in the manufacture of production and consumption goods, the U.S. now predominates in military production. This is its specialty in the world market. We are "number one" in guns, and battlefield experience in Third World wars helps us stay number one. When the old cold war went into deep freeze a new one had to be invented. In place of the traditional enemy -Russia- new enemies were needed. Third World dictators happily fill the vacuum-even if, like Noriega, they are our creations or like Saddam, we have given them reason to believe we don't care what they do. ☹



# Salvador's Third Round

## Peace Talks Fail to Address Fundamental Issues

Andy Molloy

Recent talks between the ARENA government of El Salvador and the FMLN guerrillas ended without addressing the fundamental question of reducing and restructuring the Salvadoran armed forces. The talks, held in Costa Rica during the later part of July, brought the two sides together under United Nations auspices, to continue working on a negotiated solution to civil war that has plagued this small country of five million for over ten years.

The government has long been unwilling to negotiate. It is pressure from popular organizations such as the National Dialogue, military shows of force by the FMLN, and international pressure that has forced the government's hand. However, it hasn't meant that anything will be accomplished through the dialogue. To date the Salvadoran government has limited discussion on crucial options. It virtually refuses to admit any responsibility for the war and strife preferring, if it could, to let the army and death squads have free reign to deal with the insurgency as they see fit.

The Salvadoran government's number one priority has been to obtain a cease-fire and had insisted this be the focal point of the talks. However, the April 4 Geneva Accords clearly state that political settlements must be settled before the cease fire is to take place. The Salvadoran government wanted an immediate cease fire in order to avoid US aid cuts, shift focus from their abominable human rights practices, and prevent the FMLN from launching another major military offensive.

Central to the FMLN's demands were talks of restructuring the armed forces and ending their complete lack of accountability to anybody but themselves. A report just released by three U.S. representatives implicates 14 of the 15 Salvadoran military leaders with serious human rights violations committed by their units (see table 1). No officer has ever been brought to trial or punished even though the great majority of the 70,000 people killed in the war are at the hands of the armed forces and the death squads. Members of the Acatlat battalion, trained in the U.S., were incriminated in the murder of the six Jesuits in November 1989.

The talks failed to produce any changes in the Salvadoran armed forces structure because of their insistence that "the characteristics, depth, rhythm and mechanisms for changes in the military must be determined by the Armed Forces themselves." The FMLN rejected this stating, "that changes under these conditions would be minimal and purely cosmetic."

The government proposed a 33 point plan to clean up the army. The FMLN said only eight points even address their concerns. The plan proposes a general amnesty for all officers and armed forces personnel excepting eight cases which they would allow to continue through the judicial process. Much of the government solution involves transferring control of the many police and battalion units to various ministry controls. The FMLN wanted the restructuring of the national police to include placement under civilian leadership.

In order to preserve some semblance of the negotiation process the FMLN decided to go ahead and work out a proposal on human rights. The FMLN leadership had said that until the Salvadoran military was reformed there would be no talk of cease fire or human rights. But they relented in the interest of moving the talks forward and the result was a two part agreement on human rights.

The first part, entitled "Respect for and Guarantee of Human Rights,"

contained the following points:

- respect for life, integrity, security and freedom of the individual
- immediate steps shall be taken to eliminate all practices involving missing persons and abduction
- no arrests for the lawful exercise of their political rights
- arrests only by identified author-



ities with an arrest warrant signed (directed at the death squads)

- charges must be filed without delay
- no night arrests unless in the act of a crime and not for the purpose of intimidation (directed at death squads)
- anyone arrested must be allowed legal counsel of choice without delay
- no torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- rapid processing and due process for currently held political prisoners
- the right to organize freely and associate freely, the right to organize trade unions
- displaced persons and returning

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**ALTERNATIVE  
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**Central New York Chapter  
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**Civil Disobedience Not Necessarily  
Civil Liberties**

Marcy Waldauer

The ACLU is often confronted by situations in which individuals are arrested for violating Federal or state laws or local ordinances and request the ACLU to represent them. This activity is called civil disobedience and generally defined as the willful, non-violent, public violation of valid laws.

The ACLU recognizes two general types of civil disobedience -- the first includes violations of laws which the protesters believe to be unconstitutional. They yearly "Helmet-less" motorcade and parade in Albany and Rosa Parks refusal to move to the back of the bus are clearly of this type. The ACLU represented civil rights activists, arrested for breaking the segregation laws, because it believed that laws mandating segregated facilities were unconstitutional. Eventually, the Supreme Court agreed.

In contrast, the ACLU believes no civil liberties issue is presented if people are arrested when violating valid constitutional laws, even if they are highly motivated and do so with deep-felt conviction. Of course, we want to make sure they are afforded due process and treated equally with respect to arrest and punishment with other violators. For example, Cortland Nuclear Dump Opponents were arrested for interfering with

government administration when they blocked access to a proposed dump site. Six anti-abortion Operation Rescue members were arrested for trespassing at various doctors' offices and Planned Parenthood. In addition, several O.R. members were arrested for violating a temporary order of protection when they trespassed on Planned Parenthood's private property the second time.

The ACLU's position is that the protesters should be treated like other people arrested on the same charges for "baser" reasons. Every arrested person is entitled to representation and due process; bail set and punishment meted out should be no more or less severe than imposed on those convicted of violating the same laws for non-ideological reasons.

The ACLU believes the First Amendment guarantees us the freedom to say what we believe, although we do not have the freedom to do everything we wish. Each one of us, regardless of his point of view, has a right to hold peaceful meetings and demonstrations. The ACLU's decision to take a specific case is made without regard to the unpopularity of the organization involved. The roster of ACLU clients includes, among others, communists, trade unionists, the Ford Motor Company, convicted murderers, Jehovah's Witnesses, both black and white civil rights activists, the Klu Klux Klan, the Nazis, Oliver North, and children in foster care.

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## Green Corner

Jim Foley



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### Nature's Way of Recycling

Want some good news for a change? Come and hear some at the Saturday, October 27, conference on Municipal Solid Waste Composting. It will be from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at SUNY-ESF (Environmental Science and Forestry) in Syracuse. Hear how large-scale composting, along with other methods of recycling, re-use and reduction (the "three R's") can handle most of the trash a community produces—leaving only a small residue for landfill and probably none for incineration. The 3 R's save natural resources and are cheaper and less polluting than incinerators or so-called "waste-to-energy" facilities (which actually result in a net loss of energy compared to recycling.) If you love to hear about community activists achieving victories, meet one or two women from Ocean County, New Jersey who were leaders in turning that county away from a proposed 1,050 ton per day mass-burn incinerator toward a plan to handle the same tonnage through two or more composting facilities. Also, hear from composting experts and see displays from companies who build these facilities. Learn what is happening throughout the U.S. as well as closer to home. Share what you know.

If your cherished cause is environmental protection, I think you will want to promote nature's way of recycling—composting. If you enjoy natural beauty, I think you will want to promote methods of solid waste management which preserve trees and other natural resources rather than burning them. If you are passionate about animal rights, I think you will want habitats protected rather than destroyed through pollution from incinerators and deforestation due to burning paper rather than recycling it. If you are opposed to radioactive waste dumps, I think you will appreciate the problems caused by landfills of toxic ash from incinerators. If you care about the health of workers, and community

residents, I think you will want to avoid their exposure to pollutants in the air, water, soil, and food from incinerators. If you think government is wasting our money, I think you will want to know about the cost-effectiveness of composting compared to incineration. If you hunger for justice for poor and minority people, I think you will want to know that incinerators and other polluting facilities are more likely to be imposed on them than on affluent neighborhoods. If you are especially concerned about children or the elderly, I think you will want to know that they are particularly vulnerable to the ill effects of pollution.

In addition to establishing municipal composting facilities, communities should encourage each resident to compost as much as possible of her/his yard waste and vegetative food waste. The city of Syracuse and Cornell Cooperative Extension have a pilot program whereby 500 residents will buy reduced-price composting receptacles (hopefully made from old tires). Instruction in how to compost will be provided.

But you don't have to wait for a government program to start composting. Composting can be as free and easy as a heap of leaves in your yard. You can find out how by requesting a simple leaflet from Cornell Cooperative Extension, 1050 W. Genessee St., Syracuse, New York, 13204, 424-9485. And you can come to the September 10 Sierra Club meeting for a slide presentation by Terry Ettinger of Cooperative Extension. See the calendar for details. ♻️

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A crisis of the magnitude of the current Middle East conflict must be discussed by Greens if they are to be a global, holistic, and relevant movement.

The Capital District (Albany area) Greens have issued a statement calling on the Bush administration to avoid a Middle East War, through diplomatic efforts and changes in national energy policy. Their press release appears below.

"The Greens strongly support the right of people to self-determination, and join in the international condemnation of the Iraqi invasion and occupation of Kuwait... We recognize, however, that the U.S. [opposition is] motivated more out of self-interest ["our" oil --j] than out of respect for [Arab] self-determination.

"...The U.S. government has been negligent in not developing an environmentally sound national energy policy since the last oil crisis, and this failure is a major contributing factor to the present crisis. Our government needs to adopt a policy which reduces our reliance upon fossil fuels such as oil an instead promotes energy conservation and alternative energy sources such as solar.

"One would have hoped that the recent changes in Eastern Europe would have convinced Bush that the most significant political changes in foreign governments do not come as the result of battlefield actions... A war with Iraq will not provide a long-term solution to the present crisis, indeed will probably prolong it, and is not in the interests of American citizens.

"We need to show international resolve [the embargo?] to oppose the invasion of Saudi Arabia and to secure the withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait. Playing a game of chicken with Iraq however is likely to result in disastrous consequences."

Energy is only considered a part of national security when there is a crisis. Even so, an investment now in alternatives to oil would reduce the U.S. and Iraqi greed for Saudi land, and thus reduce tensions in the region. A Green national security policy could help prevent future crises of this sort. ♻️

# Historic March For The Animals

Three members of People for Animal Rights, Syracuse were among thousands who marched, learned and lobbied in Washington for the rights of animals. Each of the three covers a different aspect of the events below.

## The March

David Phillips

On June 10, 1990, over 45,000 animal rights activists from all 50 States and many countries, some as distant as Australia, gathered in elipse south of the White House.

At 10:30 a.m. an interdenominational religious service began, which included a blessing of the animals. Following this were many speakers, among them, Alex Pacheco of P.E.T.A., Neil Barnard of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicines, and Lawrence Carter, Executive Director of the Health Care Consumer Network. Mr. Carter is disabled by cerebral palsy and stated "I am opposed to animal research to find a cure for cerebral palsy."

At 12:30 p.m. the March to the Capital began. Upon reaching the Capital steps, Marchers were greeted by over 20 speakers and celebrities, among them were Cleveland Amory, Ingrid Newkirk, Peter Singer, Tom Regan, and cartoonist Berke Breathed.

Ms. Newkirk made a particularly moving speech in which she stated "I know that times are changing, when I received a phone call from three former trappers apologizing for their past, and a cassette recording of a song entitled 'Vegetarian Cowboy'.

## Lobbying for Compassion

Winston Miller

In most movements, there is a crying need for political action. The animal rights movement is no exception. However, on June 10th, when tens of thousands of animal activists converged on the nation's capitol to demand better treatment for the most hunted, tormented and enslaved members of our planet - the animals the turnout came as a surprise

even to the participants. The next day, many of us - including three representatives of People for Animal Rights - spoke up for animal rights on Capitol Hill in meetings with senators, representatives or their aides.

One issue discussed was a bill to outlaw LD 50 test which condemns 50% of the approximately 4 million animals it consumes annually to slow chemically-induced death (and the remaining 50% to near-death conditions). The test is widely viewed as scientifically antiquated. Test results within a given species generally vary by about 144% to 738% from lab to lab. In addition, variance factors between non-human LD 50 results and known human data (from emergency rooms etc...) are numbers better suited for astronomy than any other science. However, special interests that range from animal supply companies to specially-trained biomedical employees have a financial interest in keeping things as they are.

I can't say as of yet our lobbying produced a specific tangible result, but lobbying is like voting - your vote usually doesn't change the outcome, except in a collective way. I can say, that in the past, at least one representative has listened to a presentation, shrugged his shoulders and said "O.K. I can cosponsor this bill". Of course, that doesn't happen often. It's kind of like gambling - you have to play for a chance to win. But unlike gambling, you almost never lose by playing!

## Animal Rights 101

Lou De Santis

Summary of June 10th PETA sponsored seminar in Washington for beginning animal rights activities. First read a good book on the subject of animal rights - *Animal Liberation* by Peter Singer and *Diet for a New America* by John Robbins were emphasized. Study the facts and learn the arguments: approach study as you did in school. Don't be afraid to take a radical abolitionist stance; there are enough moderates already. If your message is too easy, too acceptable, you're not making people think. Every time you go to the cash

register you make a statement; buy only cruelty-free products. Know the laws, most importantly the Animal Welfare Act. Visit your local animal shelters often to monitor how the animals are being cared for. Don't let the sadness you feel for the animals cause you to avoid exposure or abuse. That approach will not serve you well as an advocate for animal rights. Learn to work with the media-approach as a friend in a professional manner. Remember that no government regulations can force the media to do anything; the media doesn't have to be fair and it always has the last word. Learn how to table; good displays are essential. Good leaflet is always short, small, has a picture and will explain what can be done. Dress well and exude cheerfulness and confidence. If you're demonstrating make effective signs and, if possible, use costumes, props and street theatre. Demonstrations should have a good visual impact. Know your local representatives; support those candidates who are helping our causes. Let them know who you are; they are not completely inaccessible. Finally, try to make animal rights part of your daily life, not intrusion or a hobby. ♡

## Declaration of the Rights of Animals

*'Whereas it is self-evident' That we share the earth with other creatures, great and small; That many of these animals experience pleasure and pain; That these animals deserve our just treatment; and That these animals are unable to speak for themselves;*

*'We do therefore declare that these animals HAVE THE RIGHT to live free from human exploitation, whether in the name of science or sport, exhibition or service; food or fashion; HAVE THE RIGHT to live in harmony with their nature rather than according to human desires; and HAVE THE RIGHT to live on a healthy planet.*

*This Declaration of the Rights of Animals, adopted and proclaimed on this, the Tenth day of June, 1990, in Washington, D.C.*

## Poetry

# WORMWOOD

Michael Stiles

*"The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the fountains of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died of the water, because it was made bitter."*

*Revelation 8: 10-11*

### I. Party

And then there are those times  
When I inadvertently find all the rage.  
This is the time of the party  
the time when passion comes off the leash  
the time of argument and laughter  
the time for display  
This is the time I can donate to excess  
then I can spin off the fluff  
that gathers like cotton candy  
around the nucleus of my mind  
This is the time when  
I can finally collapse  
into the laundry pile  
of my carcass  
I can pass out  
near a blaring stereo speaker  
And complain  
that there is too much  
music in the room.

### II. Dream

In this hour the order of my thoughts  
turns ghostly and signs off its chains  
That old, familiar spinning sensation  
turns musical.  
It measures me with the time signature  
used by the world as it spins.

The world spins; I do not.  
My vantage point is at  
a thousand miles  
above the atmosphere  
I am the insubstantial offspring  
of the spinning, singing  
caliope beneath me.  
My world spins; I do not.  
My world spins, perhaps it dreams.  
I am the microcosmic melody  
made in the dream of a  
spinning blue watery womb.  
This must be the birthplace of dreams  
where I can be spun off  
like cotton candy  
from the nucleus of the world's mind

I can hear the dreams  
of those who would find it pleasant  
not to burn upon re-entry  
into the sky.  
But this sky is a stage  
for the bright flare  
That accompanies the thirst for sensation,  
a thirst that grows unbearable  
for the spectators  
of a drama of poisons and sparks.  
Give me the grog of nightmare  
that I might relinquish the memory  
of this end of sky,  
this sky is a ceiling  
to mere sonic booms.

### III. City of Wormwood

I fall starry-eyed onto a goat trail  
that makes a seam across the low hills  
surrounding the City of Wormwood.

Everywhere: Wormwood.  
Sprinkled on the lawns: Wormwood.  
Attached to all the buildings: Wormwood.  
In the sarcophagus around reactor number four:  
Wormwood.  
In each and every playground ride: Wormwood.  
In the cattle and the crops: Wormwood.  
In the food and even in the damn beer:  
Wormwood.  
There is no drink more bitter  
than a grog of low wormwood.

There are no longer any citizens  
in the City of Wormwood  
The city is simply too dirty  
with wormwood.  
The city is empty, except of course  
for the janitors left behind  
to clean out the Wormwood.

For the benefit of the janitors,  
a loudspeaker whines  
on a post in the mud.  
To get away from the wormwood outside,  
the janitors go to their small room  
and drink wormwood grog  
a thing they must do  
for most of the hours  
of the day and night.

The commandant of the janitors  
relies on the stares of his buddies  
to keep him out of a place in his mind  
from where he can't leave the room.  
Although well over the ninety minutes  
allowed for a lifetime's exposure  
to wormwood,  
his duty is marches him past me  
as I watch.



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I can hear his dreams,  
 dreams he has a lot of lately.  
 He dreams of the police enforcing  
 a warrant, and they force him  
 to make love to a cactus.  
 I can only run away from his dreams  
 in a trail of shrieks,  
 with flowers from vast and arid places  
 blooming in the rain that pelts  
 the nucleus of my mind.

#### IV. City of the Dead

Conterminous and contemporary  
 with the City of Wormwood  
 is the City of the Dead.  
 I run among the throng  
 of the variously rotted and forgotten  
 leather vessels of the dead.  
 It is not these dead  
 who come from the earth  
 that defile the earth.  
 They are only the apparitions  
 that poke thru the tear  
 in the veil on the earth,  
 the renditions of that which splits  
 the nucleus of the mind  
 and wraps the dead around  
 the attention of the living.  
 These dead are the legacy  
 of the living upon this land,  
 these dead who huddle in the marketplace,  
 these unmistakably dead  
 with misty eyesockets  
 those eyes where the river of dreams  
 runs into stagnant pools  
 where no living face  
 can be reflected.  
 The city is dead, except of course  
 for the old woman who remained behind  
 the passage of soldiers

and of the men with their megaphones.  
 Her memories of her beloved land  
 and the way it once was  
 sound like a concertina.

Her dreams are loud now,  
 I see a friendless sky  
 that plays her on the stage  
 encompassed by the window of her room.  
 Her story is her childhood in the woods.  
 The winter retreats beneath  
 the blows of the hardwood sapling staff  
 that is the arrival of spring.  
 The old woman is a young woman  
 who wakes up under a flock of starlings,  
 with the sun and the wind  
 a backdrop against jasmine.  
 This dream of the young  
 becomes an old woman  
 whose sun and wind  
 are a backdrop against wormwood.

She sees me in her room.

The only surprise that she presents  
 is the lowering of her soupspoon.

All she asks is  
 why is it that I had to bring  
 all these dead people in with me.  
 At her words,  
 the neverending company of the dead  
 no longer recognize me  
 as one of their own.  
 I start to fade  
 into my inappropriateness,  
 my sensation becoming that  
 of a summer breeze in tall grass,  
 my visibility relinquishing  
 to the song  
 of a cricket,  
 and, appearing in my hand,

there is a spray of jasmine  
 that violates the legacy on this land.  
 I place the sudden jasmine on her table,  
 and the rest of me  
 that nothing can ever have  
 vanishes.

#### V. Hangover

As a passive participant  
 of the part of me  
 that meant me to be,  
 I can wake up stabbed  
 by the first morning light.

The old familiar distance  
 falls between me and my dreams  
 of being a satellite,  
 of being a treading ground for goats,  
 of being the essence of a bitter taste  
 that I can't identify upon awakening.

This is the shock of a new day  
 that hitches my breath  
 to skipping half-heartbeats.  
 This is the irresistible pain  
 that will insist on making a difference  
 in the way I listen.  
 When there comes a lapse in this pain  
 I'll be waiting,  
 awake with desperation  
 on a falling star  
 and on the need of someone  
 to spin a dream.

-- Dedicated to the people of Chernobyl

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## IWW cont'd from pg 5

were threatened with importation of 30,000 southern black scabs, and the IWW newspapers replied:

*The IWW has some good Negro organizers, just itching for a chance of this kind. Thirty thousand Negroes will come and 30,000 IWWs will go back.*

### Lessons

The history of the IWW shows it to be a movement ahead of its time. Its premises and practices are still vanguard concepts. Its demise also holds lessons for us. Internal political rifts weakened the union, culminating with the rise of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA) following close on the heels of the Russian Revolution. With far different organizational structure but very similar goals, CPUSA won the allegiance of many Wobblies.

But the precipitating factor in the destruction of the IWW was the newly formed FBI. The US entry into WWI gave the government its excuse to destroy the IWW, which opposed the draft. The war fervor gave it the political climate to allow it. In September 1917, Department of Justice agents raided 48 IWW halls across the country and later in the month arrested 165 Wobbly leaders for conspiracy to hinder the draft, encourage desertion and intimidate workers in labor disputes. A mass trial of 101 in Chicago in 1918 found them all guilty (many others, tried separately, were freed). They were sentenced to jail, fined \$2,500,000, and the IWW, broke and leaderless, was shattered. Later sedition laws passed in 38 states and the 1920 Palmer Raids, aimed at alien radicals of every stripe, cleaned up what remained of the IWW. Your tax dollars at work; it would not be last time a federal sweep dismantled a too-powerful radical movement.

Labor and the left merged beautifully in the syndicalist IWW. The ideal of a worker-controlled economy enabled concepts like solidarity, direct action, and the general strike to be realized. IWW leaders such as Big Bill Haywood, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Joe Hill are still household names. Reformist labor unions without a socialist perspective have instituted a labor bureaucracy much like that of management, and offer little to those opposing established power. Old-time Wobblies would not be surprised.

The IWW still exists, albeit in com-

paratively marginal form. Redwood Summer activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney are Wobblies as well as Earth Firsters. A bomb went off in their car as they were driving, almost killing both and, instead of looking for who did it the police accused them of transporting it, demonstrating that the forces of repression never died. The newspaper *Industrial Worker* (once daily, now a monthly) can be obtained for \$10/yr from the IWW at 3435 N. Sheffield, Suite 202, Chicago, IL 60657; copies of the indispensable little red songbook (in its 35th incarnation) are \$5. The 1980 film "The Wobblies" led to the book *Solidarity Forever: An Oral History of the IWW* by Bird, Georgakas and Shaffer, a lively account to which this article is indebted (available at the Front Room Bookstore).

In the words of IWW organizer Joseph Ettor:

If the workers of the world want to win, all they have to do is recognize their own solidarity. They have nothing to do but fold their arms and the world will stop. The workers are more powerful with their hands in their pockets than all the property of the capitalists. ♪

*Shelagh is a member of the PNL editorial committee and knows all the words to "Union Maid."*

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**ED:** Good question. Clearly Central New Yorkers are much more knowledgeable and concerned about El Salvador than they are about Sri Lanka. El Salvador is right in our backyard, whereas Sri Lanka is very far away. Also, the U.S. government -- and therefore U.S. taxpayers -- have been far more responsible for war in El Salvador than in Sri Lanka. Though we may be more involved in Sri Lanka than it appears.

My focus isn't so much Sri Lanka itself. I'd probably go anywhere PBI had a team and where I could be useful. The protective accompaniment that PBI does could be used much more around the world if only the idea can catch on. It helps open up space for human rights work and democratic expression.

**SPC:** Any words for PNL readers who might have an interest in joining a PBI team?

**ED:** You have to be fluent in Spanish to work with PBI in Guatemala or El Salvador, but in Sri Lanka you can get by with just English. PBI volunteers live fairly simply -- at least

by North American standards. And there's no salary, only room and board. Volunteers pay their own airfare to and from. PBI is very much a shoestring operation.

**SPC:** What about risk? Accompanying walking targets must get kind of dicey...

**ED:** There is some risk. Though no PBI volunteer has been killed. In El Salvador some PBI volunteers were detained and expelled from the country last November. About a year ago in Guatemala three volunteers were knifed by thugs on the street just outside the PBI house. In another incident grenades were thrown at the PBI house.

But this needs to be put in perspective. PBI accompanies people who are at far greater risk than we are. And many of them will still be taking risks long after their white-skinned escorts have returned to the safety of the U.S., or whichever country they come from.

Another thing. Military people and the death squads take risks. Unless our side does likewise, peace and justice won't have a chance. ♪

For more information about overseas work with PBI, contact PBI International Office, Woolman Hill, Keets Rd, Deerfield MA 01342. Phone (413) 773-9738.

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## Red Dust & Broad sides

A Piece of People's History in Songs, Poems & Prose



Sis Cunningham

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## Book Review

Red Dust & Broad sides  
A Piece of People's History in  
Songs, Poems & Prose  
by Sis Cunningham

Reviewed by Ron Ehrenreich

Folk music and radical activism have been intertwined since before the days of Joe Hill, the legendary Wobbly balladeer. *Red Dust & Broad sides* represents the best in the tradition of radical folk music. Its songs and poems span decades of social struggle from the "Red Dust" days of the Great Depression to present day foibles of leveraged buy-outs and the HUD scandal.

Sis Cunningham is the kind of person who makes social change

happen and spreads the culture of activism to others. She is truly a "national treasure" of the movement and the folk music scene. Cunningham is a strong-minded and vocal activist. Together with her companion Gordon Friesen, Sis publishes *Broadside*, a magazine of topical folk music founded in 1962.

*Red Dust & Broad sides* is a collection of over fifty songs, most of them written by Sis Cunningham. The songs are enjoyable celebrations of solidarity, condemnations of exploitation, and revelations of folly. The lyrics reveal a level-headed, class-conscious perspective -- rich in spirit and dedicated to a radical reconstruction of our world. The songs are interspersed with poems and some prose, mostly thought-provoking pieces such as Cunningham's 1976 poem "In Favor of Thinking" or Phil Ochs' '63 essay "The Need for Topical Music". The songbook is illustrated with original artwork.

A sample of titles -- "The Safety Net", "The Garbage Barge", "When We Know the Land's Our Own", "Anthem for the Space Age", "No More Store Bought Teeth" and "Debs' Credo" -- shows the diversity of topics addressed in song.

Ron Ehrenreich enjoys political lyrics and is a fellow traveller of the Philadelphia Folksong Society.

## Army

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refugees must be given free movement and identity documents as required by law.

The second part of the document deals with international verification by a verification mission under UN guidance. Unfortunately, the mission will not begin its monitoring until after a cease fire is established. Although the agreement is to take effect immediately there is no pressure for the Salvadoran government to abide until the monitoring team is set up.

Reaction to the agreement by the FMLN was mixed. They felt it contained some important points, specifically provisions stopping night time captures (directed at the death squads) and the rights it gives to refugees repatriating their villages who have been systematically harassed, bombed, and repressed by the armed forces and death squads.

Reaction to the agreement by the popular organizations was met with doubt and little happiness. Mario Espinoza of the Democratic Peasant League, said the agreement contains "nothing new, since the constitution and international treaties already supposedly guarantee the same rights." Just hours after the agreement was signed two members of the Social Christian Popular Movement were picked up by soldiers. People there, as well as the FMLN, want the UN team to begin its work immediately.

The army's reactions to the accord is best summed up by Col. Ponce who feels that it will hurt army morale and hamper intelligence efforts. He was especially concerned with prevention of nighttime capture and use of arrest warrants.

The FMLN is committed to pursuing negotiations as the only hope to end the war. This may include further military offensives like last November's to force the government to take the talks seriously. As it stands, the Salvadoran government remains recalcitrant and unmoving in its positions and it will have to change if true justice is to be had in that society.

## New Evidence in Jesuit Killings

President Alfredo Cristiani has admitted that he sanctioned the search of Central American University three days before the six Jesuits were assassinated there. The same soldiers who carried out the search later killed the Jesuits. The Jesuit Provincial for Central America, Jose Maria Tojeira stated, "For me, it was not a search but a reconnaissance."

## U.S. Congress Votes Coming Up

In May the House of Representatives voted 250-163 on the 1991 Foreign Aid Authorization Bill to withhold 50% of El Salvador's military aid to encourage the negotiation process. The amendment was later included in the 1991 Foreign Aid Appropriations bill.

In the Senate, Senators Dodd and Leahy have introduced their own bill calling for 50% cut in military aid and providing incentives for the negotiation process to continue. The bill process should be gaining steam in September and your congresspeople need to hear from you at this time. Senator D'Amato (R-NY) is considered a swing vote. ♀

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of greater Iraq, according to Ottoman Empire borders. Kassem never pressed Iraq's claim further due to British threats of military intervention, and in 1963 Iraq officially recognized Kuwait's independence.

### Saddam Hussein?

So who is this "madman" who has invaded Kuwait and threatens the fragile peace in the Middle East? Saddam Hussein grew up during a time of revolution and independence in a home surrounded by socialist Baath (literally means rebirth of Arab spirit) party members.

The Baath party was formed by two Syrian schoolteachers with the slogan "Unity, Freedom, and Socialism" in the mid 1940's. The Baath first took a foothold during Iraq's 1958 revolution, with the help of Saddam Hussein's uncle Ahmad Hassan Bakr. Members of Iraq's military held a minority in the Baath Party, but in 1964, Baath members of the Islamic Shiite sect were routed out of the party leadership and Bakr turned to his young 27 year old nephew, Saddam Hussein, to fill the gap.

When Bakr's Baath party overthrew the Iraqi government in 1968, following the tide of anti-Western sentiment over the Israeli victory in the Six-Day war, Saddam Hussein quickly rose to the number two position in the new Baath government. Hussein's official post was internal security minister and under his direct command hundreds of political opponents were publicly hanged.

President Bakr resigned in 1979 and Saddam Hussein wasted no time in eliminating any further opposition under the guise of anti-Iraqi activities. Hussein was no stranger to foreign affairs since for some time true power in Iraq had rested in his hands.

Saddam Hussein's revolutionary ideas of Arab socialism and unity were always strong, but with the advent of the Iran/Iraq war Hussein turned into more of a pragmatist. Working closely with Arabia, Egypt, Kuwait, and both the U.S. and USSR, Hussein began resembling more of a moderate Arab leader. He proposed stabilizing actions that would aid in Arab League support of his war effort, but never forgot his revolutionary aims.

In 1988 with the Iran/Iraq ceasefire, Hussein returned to his Baathist

ideology. Except that by this time most military powers (US, USSR, France, China) and Arab oil money had built Hussein a military force that helped him on the road of pan-Arabism and on the way assuming the mantle of Nasser.

### Kuwait's Billions

Certainly the loss of Kuwait is a devastating blow to all Kuwaitis and it is unclear whether or not their nation and oil rich resources can be reclaimed, but what will become of the billions of dollars in foreign investment by Kuwait?

According to Business Week, "Kuwait has built up a huge blue chip portfolio. The National Bank of Kuwait estimates it cost nearly \$100 billion when purchased. But since many of the assets were bought at low prices years ago, the portfolio may now be worth upwards of 200 billion dollars."

Since the Kuwaiti investments were not owned by individuals, but controlled by the al Sabah family it is not sure where the billions of dollars of assets frozen in the US, Britain, and Germany will end up, or in whose pockets.

### Oil, the Saudis, and OPEC

Oil has always been the main source of income and dispute in the Middle East in this century. Inequity has always been a reality. Now only four of the eighteen Arab countries hold the majority of the oil and its wealth.

With the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, Iraq has become the country with the second largest oil reserves (21%), just behind Saudi Arabia (25%). Since the Iraqi oil will never reach the international market due to the embargo, most of the new crude oil will have to come from Saudi Arabia, OPEC's leading exporter.

In past oil "crises," the Saudis along with other OPEC members have had their oil production rise from 27 million barrels a day in 1972 to an all time high of 31.3 million barrels in 1977, only returning to previous levels of production in 1980. Profits from the OPEC dumping were less than before 1972, but never fell so far as to inhibit billions of dollars in profits.

While during the same period US oil production declined over 10% and the US rate of consumption of OPEC oil grew alarmingly from 12.6% in 1972 to an all time high of 33.6% in

1977, not returning to previous import levels until 1983. What is different between this crisis and the 1973 crisis is that the US accepted both Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil. With those sources eliminated and because of the variants in oil qualities from exporting countries, more reliance on US imports of Saudi oil will take place.

So why is it in US interests to carry out an oil embargo on Iraq that will only make the US economy go into a recession and increase Saudi oil profits tremendously, losing US jobs, US lives, and US solvency?

### Gulf Occupation

If violent conflict breaks out along the Saudi/Kuwait border then the end result would be more horrific than any defense department war fighting scenario. More likely to happen, though, is a compromise settlement between Iraq and the US backed international force. Iraq would withdraw from Kuwait, but would retain control over the disputed islands Bubiyan and Al Warbah near the Iraqi port of Umm Qasr, and a provincial government would be set up in Kuwait in place of the dethroned al-Sabah monarchy.

Yet what ramifications will the US leadership in the gulf have on both the US and the Middle East? Presently, the US military is spending millions of dollars a day in Saudi Arabia, and is field testing its high tech weapons like the Stealth bomber. The increased security threat will most likely cause an increase in the size of the present military budget, and politically Bush will appear of as the hero of the great Iraqi threat, effectively overshadowing all of his previous headaches, like the S&L crisis, the budget deficit, and the drug war.

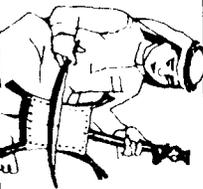
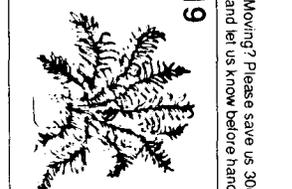
If a prolonged war is ahead for the US in the Middle East, there will certainly be no clear victor, since in the Middle East everyone always loses, except the warmongers and the martyrs. ☸

*Cletus is now back on the PNL committee after a break of a few years.*





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 With: Imad Wajeel, PhD (born & raised in Baghdad, Iraq) Assoc. Dir. of Institute Research at Oswego  
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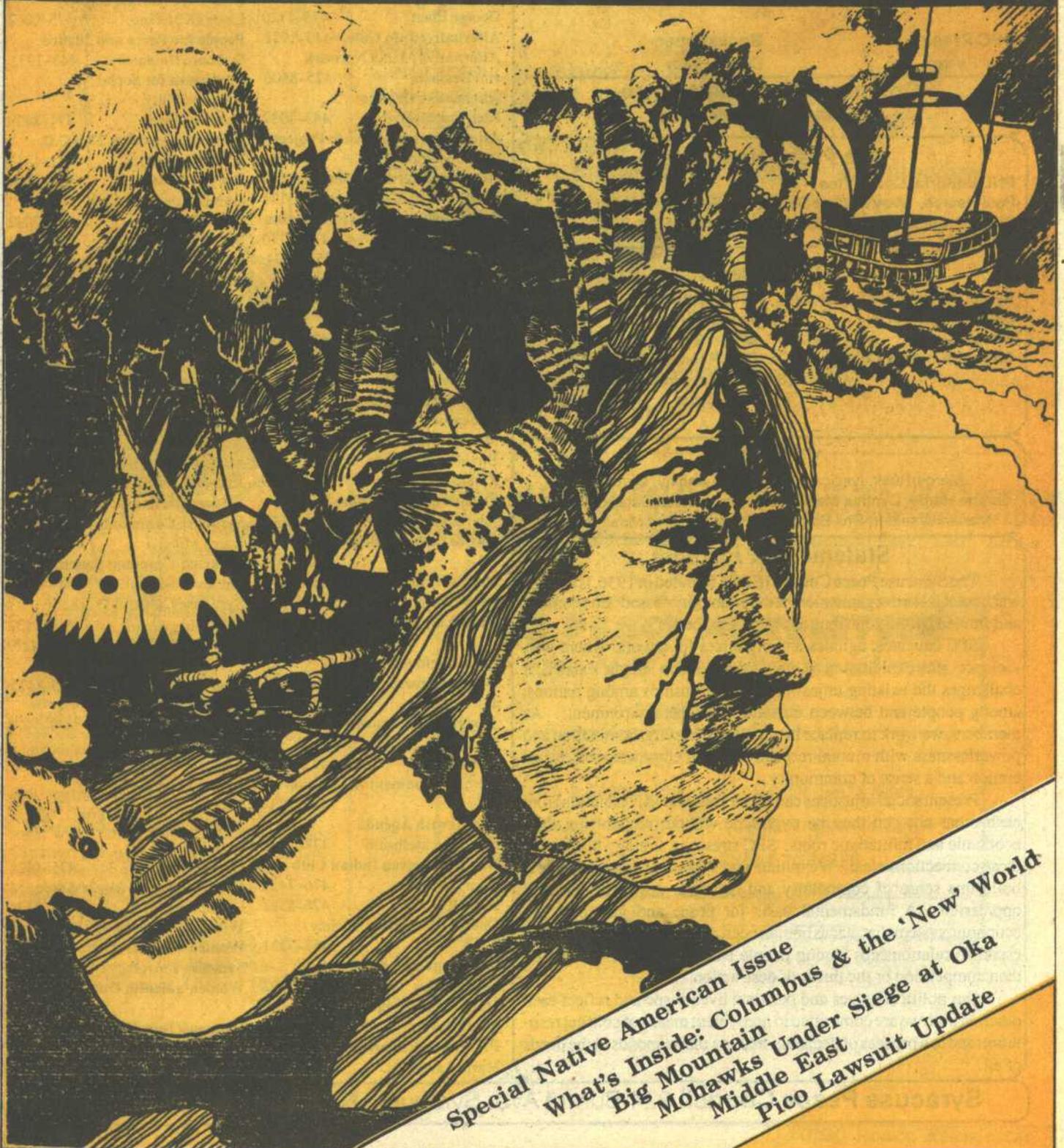
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# Letters

## Wildlife Refuges No Haven

Dear Editor:

I am writing to share with fellow citizens some awful truths about our National Wildlife Refuges.

The National Wildlife Refuge System, administered by the Department of Interior with our tax dollars, was created to provide inviolate sanctuaries for wild animals. But today more than half of the nation's 452 refuges host a total of 557 different hunting programs. In addition, 91 refuges allow commercial and recreational trapping of wildlife. Every year, hundreds of thousands of wild animals -- representing more than one hundred species -- are killed or wounded on refuges. The National Wildlife Refuge System is a shambles! Little integrity remains in "refuges" that allow this wholesale destruction of wildlife.

One argument often cited by hunters in favor of refuge hunting programs is that hunters "bought" the National Wildlife Refuge System through the purchase of Duck Stamps (a federal tax on waterfowl hunting) and should therefore be allowed to hunt on Refuges. But the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) data show that only 3.5% (3,000,000 acres) of the 90 million acre Refuge system has been purchased with Duck Stamp funds. Most Refuges have either been carved out of land already owned by the federal government or bought up with tax dollars. Therefore, the hunter's argument does not stand scrutiny; it is merely an attempt to justify sport hunting on National Wildlife Refuges.

Thankfully, Congressman Bill Green of New York has introduced progressive and far-reaching legislation to correct these injustices. HR 1693, the Refuge Wildlife Protection

Act, would reform the National Wildlife Refuge System by eliminating the abuses caused by hunting and trapping. HR 1693 now has over 63 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and is supported by a host of animal protection organizations and millions of citizens. I urge people to contact Representative James Walsh and ask him to add his name to the bill's sponsors.

Sincerely,  
Lou De Santis, Jr.  
Syracuse

## Message From Korea

To our Brothers and Sisters throughout the country who support the Pico Korea Union struggle:

Having had to leave behind the heavy burden of our struggle with you, I found the joy of being reunited with my loving son to be only temporary. Since our return we have been extremely busy here with getting the truth out about our struggle and so I find that my first correspondence to you has been quite delayed.

We apologize to all of you in the U.S. who are continuing to carry on the struggle of Pico Workers. We hope that you are all well.

Our comrades here would also like me to express their appreciation to you. The passionate help given to us by all those organizations of conscience and supporting brothers and sisters throughout the U.S. has shown results even in this country. Your efforts and support helped to bring about a heightened level of consciousness and awareness of our struggle which forced even the Min Ja Dang (the ruling party) to act on our behalf. This, we could not trade for any amount of money. I cannot help but feel joy in knowing that the tears of the Pico mothers were not shed for nothing. Though we know for truth and always stressed that the Pico struggle represents the sorrow of all the workers in this world and that it also is a question of national dignity, the fact is that without the warm love and solidarity of all of

you in the U.S., all of this would not have been possible.

Here, in Korea, workers are involved in a battle for their very survival. The government is decreasing the number of public holidays and trying to pass laws which state "no work, no pay" (this in effect would take away all of the benefits that workers have fought so hard for). Truly, the future worries me.

Brothers and Sisters! Let us be healthy so that we can all together go on this road which is far and rough, showing each other the way, and keeping each other up until we reach that world which we are all hoping for. Let us meet soon to defeat Bernard Hitchcock who has provided this historical battle in which brothers and sisters in our land can be in direct solidarity with those in the U.S.

Let us not forget that our strength comes from when we are organized and that we can win only when we unite.

Please do take care.

Yoo Jum Soon  
President, Pico Korea Union



Letters are welcome! We provide this page for readers to express their views and opinions. Send typed letters to Peace Newsletter/Letter to Editor, 924 Burnet Ave, Syracuse, NY 13203.

# Celebrate Columbus?

Win Skeele

In 1492 Columbus sailed the ocean blue, but he painted the land red! This was my theme in a letter to the editor of the Syracuse Post-Standard last October. "Going for the Gold" was foremost in Columbus' mind, and others have explored or exploited Central America to this day! That letter brought colorful and spirited written responses and lively discussions during coffee and lunch breaks. The letter gave me further opportunity to reply with two more letters over the next two months. Later in March of this past winter one of the responders, professor Douglas Deal of SUNY at Oswego, and I were asked by Syracuse University to speak to the topic, "Who was Columbus?"

The following quotes are to give you some flavor of my three letters. From the first: "In a few years, leaving no stone unturned, no man or woman or child untouched, no returning ship empty of slaves, he engineered the murder of 250,000 peaceful Arawak Indians, thus causing their extinction. The equivalent number projected with population growth over 500 years would be in the millions today, which puts Columbus in the same league with Hitler and Stalin...The gold now is lumber and depletion of the rain forests, land to raise cheaper beef, sugar cane and bananas, using pesticides forbidden in this country and cheap labor. Present-day exploitation experts are the multitude of international corporations, with the aid and cooperation of enforcers like the CIA, Oliver North, Elliot Abrams, Ronald Reagan and George Bush."

The second letter provided sources, one of which was Howard Zinn's *People's History of the United States*. From that letter: "As always, when cherished stereotypes are challenged or shown to be false, there is consternation and incredulity. Unfortunately, my portrayal of Columbus is neither imaginative nor fictionalized...If we care about truth and justice, and if we would leave a sane and healthy planet for our children's grandchildren, then we must do our homework, both in and out of school. We must require that the history books in our schools contain such items as the genocide of the Armenians; Stalin's starvation of thou-

sands; the world's noninterference in Hitler's Holocaust; the killing fields of Cambodia; the tragedy of Vietnam. We must examine our cultural and historical traditions, our prejudices, our social violence; we must see that ignorance leads to arrogance and false assumptions."

My third letter dealt with silence by the media and individuals about what has been going on in Central America, specifically El Salvador. One of the letter responders had written regarding the Nazi death camps. Silence infected many, including the major media on both sides of the Atlantic, to the Holocaust. Anti-Semitism was rampant. How terrifying are the parallels today to the 30's and 40's. I ended with: "To be silent is to decide. To be silent is to die inside ourselves."

The title of my topic at SU was: "By 1992: Will the Planet Have Seen an End to Respectable Murders?" I began my remarks with a brief personal background, in thought and in letter-to-the-editor writing, regarding Columbus. The subject of Columbus should be addressed in the context of much disinformation and ignorance about Central America, and our nation's continued refusal to address basic issues regarding the Vietnam conflict or other mass killings of the last 100 years.

Paul Hanly Furfey in his book *The Respectable Murders* said that the greatest crimes of history are not committed by individuals or small groups but by communities or countries, with the cooperative or passive consent of their citizenry. These crimes are committed by "respectable citizens" with the help of you and me, and our ancestors, down through the ages. These respectable citizens are the power structure: the government leaders, the royalty, generals, admirals, judges, business leaders, investors and the media, molders of public opinion; they are clergy, editors, columnists, professors, and national TV personalities. And their motives and deeds are not front page news, nightly TV news or hot talk

show topics.

Why do we not hear about the great crimes of history? "The Official Story," academy award winner for best foreign picture, is the story of terror as government policy and the thousands who disappeared in Argentina in the 1970's. A college student's remark was the angry spark to the story: "History is written by assassins." In Orwell's book 1984, when a government does not control by force through the military, it must watch

**"... leaving no stone unturned, no man or woman or child untouched, no returning ship empty of slaves, he engineered the murder of 250,000 peaceful Arawak Indians..."**

very closely and attempt to manipulate and control through the media and information sources. In M. Scott Peck's *People of the Lie*, a committee of three Army psychiatrists made a recommendations for research that might shed light on the psychological causes of My Lai. The research they proposed was rejected on the grounds that it could not be kept secret and might prove embarrassing, because it would be difficult not to examine our own culture and then be able to separate THEM who did the awful deeds from US!

What are some doing to get ready for the 500th celebration in 1992? NASA plans to send three space ships to Mars for \$25 million, named the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria. The 1992 Summer Olympics in Barcelona will be used to launch replicas of Columbus's ships. The U.S. Treasury will be putting into circulation a new dollar coin, the Christopher Columbus silver dollar. I thought about writing a letter of complaint to the three Republican Senators who sponsored the bill, but had second thoughts when I realized Columbus thought the almighty dollar might be quite appropriate. In contrast indigenous groups met in Bogota last October to plan their own

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# Forced From Their Homeland

## Dineh Struggle At Big Mountain

Blaine DeLancey

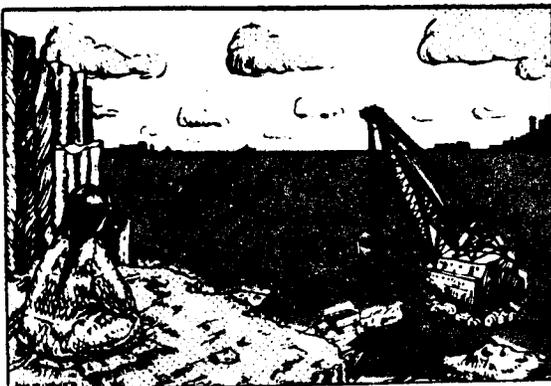
PL 93-351, passed in 1974, mandates the separation of the Joint Use Area of Big Mountain into two equal sections separated by barbed wire fences, removal of Navajo and Hopi to the segregated areas, 90% reduction of all livestock herds and a halt to all building and property improvements in the area.

Big Mountain is in the Four Corners area of Arizona, her story is best told anecdotally. Mother Earth, perhaps like most rape victims, reveals her past not in straight narrative but in bits and pieces of story, parts which reflect an awful whole. Or perhaps these are the excuses of a white writer describing things that are not white; or, perhaps, the excuses of a writer who knows that the entire story of the genocide at Big Mountain would be books and books in the telling.

The destruction of Big Mountain is perhaps foreshadowed in the creation myth of the Dineh themselves (the Dineh- the people- whom whites tend to call Navajo). For before the Dineh were Dineh, they were other beings, foxes and insects and others who inhabited other worlds. At each stage of existence, the world and the Dineh-to-be was rocked by cataclysm, and they climbed through a hole in the sky to a new world as different beings. If the whites have their ways, the Dineh will need to find another hole soon. Then again, the radioactive remains of the Ken-McGhee plant may just blow sky high and help them, and us, to find that hole.

Tradition holds that the Hopi are, as it were, the mode of communication of the Great Spirit, the Dineh the vessel which protects that voice. This symbiotic existence prevailed since before recorded time at what is known to us as Big Mountain. Here Hopi farmers and Dineh shepherds have coexisted virtually forever. The land, Big Mountain itself, is the center of their existence. Removed from this sacred mountain, the members of Hopi and Dineh communities cease to be Hopi and Dineh. Dineh elder Pauline Whitesinger notes that there is no Dineh word for relocation, to relocate is to die.

This peaceful coexistence ended with the rapacious white man. In the



*"We pray without ceasing for our survival here, not somewhere else. We have no thoughts of relocation."*

KEE SHAY, Big Mountain elder

1860's the venerable Kit Carson hunted down and slaughtered countless Indians, collecting 8,800 in 1863 on the Longest Walk, a forced march across 300 miles of burning sand to Fort Sumner, where the natives were to be incarcerated. Many Dineh fled the Longest Walk and escaped to Big Mountain.

The white man had thoughts of penetration even then. General James Carleton organized the clearing out of natives from the area and pointed out in 1868 that it opened up the path to natural resources. At the time we were happy to leave the barren Big Mountain to the farmers and the shepherds.

John Rockefeller was perhaps the first to wise up. Executives of his Standard Oil made the discovery in 1921 that the mountain was bursting with oil (uranium and coal would eventually be found as well). John wanted to rip the area open and drill, but there was a slight technicality. He didn't own the land. He tried to buy it from the occupants, but the Dineh and Hopi were not comfortable with the idea of selling their mother, let alone to be raped.

An angry John approached the Indian Bureau, which legally controlled the land. Government officials searched the communities and found a few Mormon converts who saw no

problem selling or leasing the land to Standard. The Bureau designated these individuals as the first Tribal Council, which obediently allowed Standard to drill. Ah...progress.

This was the essence of the Tribal Council in the U.S. Remember that elections are alien to virtually all traditional Amerindian cultures. The Dineh govern, if that is the appropriate word, through elders who are not named or elected, but understood to be wise by their actions and standing among their peers. Since the U.S. government imposed the first tribal council, elections have been held frequently in the Big Mountain area and in other "reservations." Not surprisingly, the traditionalists tend not to participate in these elections; the Christian converts (largely Mormons in Big Mountain) do.

Tribal Councils are usually nothing but extensions of Big Papa's government in Washington. As far as I can find out, no election of the Navajo Tribal Council has ever involved even 20% of the Big Mountain population. A further note - in the case of the Dineh, the Tribal Councils impose a predominantly male rule on a generally matriarchal culture - where there are many female elders, there all councilmen.

In any case, as a result of the councils allowing the rape, this area is the most polluted in the world. Radon gas has poured out into the air for years from plants processing uranium. The worst nuclear accident in US history occurred there at Rio Puerco, contaminating the water table for hundreds of square miles (the water supply is still contaminated). A plume of black smoke is so horrendous as to be visible from outer space (US astronauts saw it in 1965).

Rockefeller's games did not finish the attack. Most Hopi and Dineh still opposed the rape of their mother. In 1970 Peabody Coal convinced the Hopi Tribal Council to hire a public relations firm, Evans and Assoc., to stage a range war between Hopi and Dineh. They hoped, despite the peaceful coexistence of Hopi and Dineh for centuries, to convince Con-

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## House Painting Underway

It has begun. The Peace Council office building has not been painted in probably 30 years. It shows. Dark, thick filth is caked onto every square inch of chipping paint. It is horrendous.

With much help 12 Lambda Chi fraternity brothers of S.U., a massive effort began on Saturday September 15th to scrape, wash and paint the place. The brothers were referred to us courtesy of the SOS (Students Offering Service) office of Hendricks Chapel at SU. They are committed to completing the work this autumn.

If you are inspired to see a spanking fresh SPC office building - the first fresh look since 1972 when we moved in! - there is still time to volunteer.

By the time this PNL is in your hands, we will be striving to complete the finish coat before cold weather sets in. Just two hours of your time could be critical. Call today!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Gary Weinstein

## Craftsfair Jurists Needed

The Peace Council's 20th Plowshare Craftsfair will be held December 8th and 9th at Plymouth Congregational Church. Right now we are looking for people willing to jury applications from craftspeople. Most of the work for this involves a few meetings to go over slides and approve applicants. Your job would be over by November 2. Please call Barbara at 424-6015 if you are interested.

And for those of you who aren't inclined to the above, we need people willing to help plan a Saturday night concert. Again, call Barbara or the Peace Council.

In memoriam  
David K. Oser  
Died July 12 of AIDS  
He was 30 years old



## Dineh from pg 6

gress that a land dispute existed and to expel the Dineh from Big Mountain. Congress bought it.

In 1974, PL 93-531 was passed and relocation of up to 15,000 Dineh had begun, to racist areas such as Flagstaff. The relocatees were given small amounts of money for the move; those who have survived live in abject poverty.

The relocation was supposed to be complete by 1986 (the Reagan government threatened to send in troops to complete the job); however, intense resistance from the Dineh (led largely by women 50 years and older) and public outcry postponed the genocide for a while.

The government since that time has focused on starvation tactics, systematically reducing the numbers of sheep that Dineh shepherds may keep. The sheep are the base of the Dineh economy and their main source of food.

The relocation is genocide by international law: it intends to wipe a people out of existence. The US government is biding its time until the issue recedes even further from public consciousness. Rest assured that the intention of slaughtering the Dineh remains.

Pressure must be kept on members of Congress to repeal this bloody law, PL 93-351. And feel free to get in touch with me for more information on the genocide at Big Mountain.

*Blaine has been a long time activist for the environment, third world struggles, and Native American issues both in the community and on the SU campus.*





# Mohawks Under

In March Mohawks at Kahnésatake Territory near Oka, Quebec erected a peaceful symbolic blockade on a wooded piece of land in the Mohawk territory. The blockade was established to block the expansion of a nine hole golf course onto Mohawk land.

Prior to July 11th a couple of Mohawks saw plainclothes policemen in one of the sheds. After the police had left they investigated - pipe bombs and trip wires were found. Dan David, a journalist who lives at Kahnésatake said, "We knew something was up. A call for help went out to other communities. We sent word as far away as Onondaga (a Nation near Syracuse, NY) and no one responded except a few men from a reserve called Kahnéwake and Akwesasne.

On the morning of July 11th the Mohawks were holding a tobacco burning ceremony when the Quebec Provincial police arrived. John Cree went to talk with the police and told them, "I can't tell these people to leave. They're not going to dismantle

the barricades. They are not going to honor the injunction." Cree said he didn't see any paddy wagons or billy clubs, all he saw were rifles. The men were kept way back in the woods, the women and children came forward, right up to the police lines and said "We're not going to dismantle the barricades. We're prepared to be arrested, we are prepared to be beaten." But they weren't prepared for what happened next.

About 100 police officers clad in helmets, fatigues, and gas masks opened fire, lobbed tear gas and concussion grenades at the women

and children who were at the barricades. According to Ron Bonspille, an ambulance driver who was an eyewitness to the attack, "It was just like a war movie. At about 6 AM some police cars and two rental trucks pulled up and all hell broke loose. There were about thirty men in each truck. They started shooting - automatic rifles, tear gas, I heard about four explosions, I think it was stun grenades."

David said that at that point a few men came running from the woods to try to drive the police out. There was an exchange of gunfire between the

## Canada, Mohawk

### An Exclusive Interview with Dan David

*Dan David, a journalist, is one of the Mohawks in the community center at Kahnésatake Territory near Oka, Quebec. This interview took place on September 6, 1990.*

**Q:** Is it possible for the Mohawk people at Kahnésatake to acquire sovereign status?

**A:** No. In Canada, the Canadian government doesn't recognize Indian Nations as sovereign nations as the United States does - as sovereign, independent, internal governments. What they (Canada) do is say that they have an Indian Act and they've instituted band councils that basically administer Canadian laws on the territories. They don't recognize Indian Nations as nations per se with the ability to govern themselves, make their own laws, and administer their own justice system. And that's partly what this fight is about.

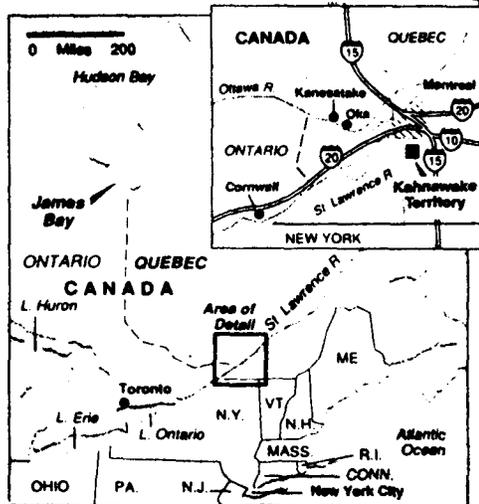
**Q:** There are a lot of reports of factional fighting within the Mohawk Community at Kahnésatake. Is this another Akwesasne?

**A:** There are a lot of people, for instance even within our own communities, because of the Warriors and what they have done in the past that I think is the same thing - that

it's another Akwesasne which basically was an ugly civil war. I worked for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and I covered that story [Akwesasne] several times. I came away thoroughly disgusted with watching my family, my father comes from that place, torn down the middle - with uncles shooting at my cousins and my aunts throwing rocks at my nieces.

**Q:** Isn't that sort of thing happening at Kahnésatake?

**A:** No, it's not the same at all. What happened when the police attacked is that the whole community was certain that they were going to be attacked again. The only ones who prevented that attack, who kept anyone else from getting killed were a small group of men defending this community - some of them called themselves Warriors. They have been there ever since: protecting, manning the barricades, keeping the police out and afterwards standing up to 3,000 members of the Canadian Armed Forces. People here, well I don't know about the people who have left, but the people who have stayed behind during this whole thing feel that they have a huge debt to pay to those men and those women who were



# Siege

Debbie Glidden



heavily armed provincial police and the Mohawks. During the battle Corporal Marcel Lemay, 31, of the Quebec Provincial Police tactical squad was shot. Lemay died later that day in a hospital. Bonspille said that the Mohawks behind the barricades did return the police fire but that they shot over their (the police's) heads: "I could hear the [Mohawk] controller on our [ambulance] scanner - he kept saying to shoot over their heads."

The men drove off the police and erected a barricade. David tells us "That's the way things stood with this community surrounded at one time

by nearly 3,000 Quebec Provincial Police officers - about three policemen to every man, woman and child in this community."

The police were amassing and preparing to move in. The entire community had converged upon the piece of woods where the attack had taken place. The general feeling among the people was that if the police attacked again a lot of innocent bystanders - men, women and children - would be killed too.

At Kahnawake, a reserve just south of Montreal, Mohawks erected a sympathy blockade on the Mercier

Bridge going into Montreal. David said, "What that did was change everything. The police were massing for that attack and all of a sudden in back of them a bridge gets blockaded by a reserve that's about 6 times as large as this one. There are 6,000 people there. Suddenly the police had to think twice about what they were going to do. That's the way it was with two communities surrounded by thousands of police for the next 47 days."

On September 1st 300 Canadian troops, backed by provincial police, moved into the Mohawk territory with helicopters and tanks. Ellen Gabriel, a Mohawk negotiator, said some children were caught in the path of advancing troops. In a radio interview Gabriel said, "The army was moving so fast they didn't have a chance to get the children out."

As the army moved through the community about 25 Mohawks, half of them believed to be women and children, retreated to the drug treatment center which had served as headquarters for those enforcing the barricades. Right now the treatment center is surrounded by about 1,000 soldiers, barbed wire, search lights,

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## People, & Oka

Debbie Glidden

down there in the pines. And like I said now they are surrounded by about 1,000 members of the armed forces and 500-600 police and we don't know what's going to happen to them.

**Q:** Is there a possibility of amnesty for those Mohawks that were in the pines?

**A:** Well, they (the government) are not talking amnesty. What they were talking about was giving us a fair trial. The way the laws are set up here in Canada, with this kind of a situation there's not much of a defense that they can use. Canada did sign something and pass it through Parliament awhile ago - they were going to ratify something called The 2nd Protocol to the Geneva Convention and under that protocol arguably they might have a defense. That thing deals with internal disputes, internal armed disputes within a country and it seems to deal with this circumstance but Canada hasn't ratified it yet.

**Q:** So at this point it looks as though there will be prosecutions?

**A:** It looks like it, yes. And especially

if they fall into the hands of the Quebec Provincial Police.

**Q:** Is there a legal defense fund and where can donations be sent?

**A:** Yes, there is a defense fund. Donations can be sent to: Kahnésatake Community Society Inc PO Box 747 Kanesatake Mohawk Territory Quebec, Canada JON1E0

**Q:** Has there been any pressure on the Canadian government from other governments?

**A:** There is a lot of pressure - the Italian government was going to reconvene its parliament and send a delegation down here to stand between the army and the Mohawks. There have been almost daily demonstrations that shut down the Canadian consulate in Los Angeles. Hundreds of iron workers in New York City have been marching around the United Nations. There have been demonstrations in North Carolina and in South Carolina. The European Economic Community - I believe the European Parliament has put Canada on notice. China has condemned Canada. ♻️

**Next Food/Supply Run to Oka from Syracuse:**

**October 8**

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Debbie 423-8165  
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# Natives & the Fur Industry

*Native/Animal Brotherhood*

Three hundred years ago, before the white man came to Canada, many of us were nomadic peoples. When we killed an animal, we used the *whole* animal -- for food, for clothing and for survival.

Native people are not the destroyers of the earth. We do not kill our animal brothers for joy or for money. Before fur traders arrived in Canada, we perceived animals as our brothers, as sharers of the earth. We talked to animals. We explained to them, if we had to kill them, why. We didn't kill animals for small amounts of fur. We didn't kill them for their pelts alone.

Fashion fur is not the Native way. Native tradition calls for the economical and respectful use of animals.

No traditional Native would dream of killing 40 small animals to create a piece of clothing that one large animal would provide.

Being forced to kill is an act distasteful to any of us and to kill for such a trivial reason as to make a fur coat is horrible indeed.

## A History of Exploitation

Today's fur industry professes to be the champion of Canada's Natives, selflessly watching over the welfare of a people whose future is uncertain. This is ironic considering that the fur industry has been the most destructive force in our history.

It has exploited our land, our resources and our animal brothers. Sea mink have suffered extinction and, at different times and in different places, the fisher, otter, beaver and pine marten have come precariously close.

It is a logical extension that such an industry would exploit our people, our culture and our way of life. European traders introduced steeljaw leghold traps, guns and ammunition into our lives. The Hudson's Bay Company further induced Native people out of their nomadic lifestyle and into trapping.

The Europeans brought with them alcohol and foreign diseases that decimated our people. It is estimated

that our Native populations declined by as much as 90% due to disease, substance abuse and the socio-cultural upheaval caused by European fur traders.

been jailed by the age of 25;

- juvenile delinquency is three times greater among Natives than among the rest of society;

- Native infant mortality is 60% higher than the average among other Canadians.

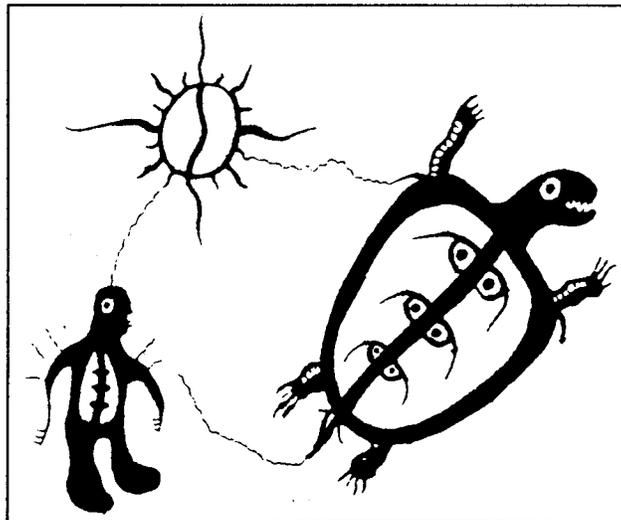


Illustration by Paul Hollingsworth

**At a time when the Native community faces serious social problems, the government is asking them to invest everything they have in a dying industry.**

## Social Disruption Continues

Recent statistics show that:

- 70% of our people have less than high school education;
- our average annual income is only two thirds of the national average;
- we have twice as many single-parent households as are found in non-Native communities;
- there are five times more Native children under the care of social agencies as there are non-Native children;
- less than 50% of Native homes are fully serviced with sewer and water as compared to 90% for the national average;
- in 1979, status Natives accounted for 70% of all the admissions to provincial and federal prisons in the prairie provinces;
- about 70% of status Natives have

## Fur Trade Not the Answer

Trapping will never provide relief from these problems. It will simply perpetuate them. Even our Native children understand this fact. Only one per cent of the children in Fort Simpson expressed an interest in trapping as a career. Exploitation of our people for 300 years has contributed greatly to the decimation of our culture and heritage. Whether or not the fur industry prospers, the Native people continue to suffer.

In an economic sense, the fur trade has been of limited benefit to Native Canadians. Natives are excluded from all the bit money parts of the fur industry. Natives are not furriers; Natives do not market furs; Natives do not store furs. Natives are at the bottom of the economic fur industry chain. They make the least amount of money.

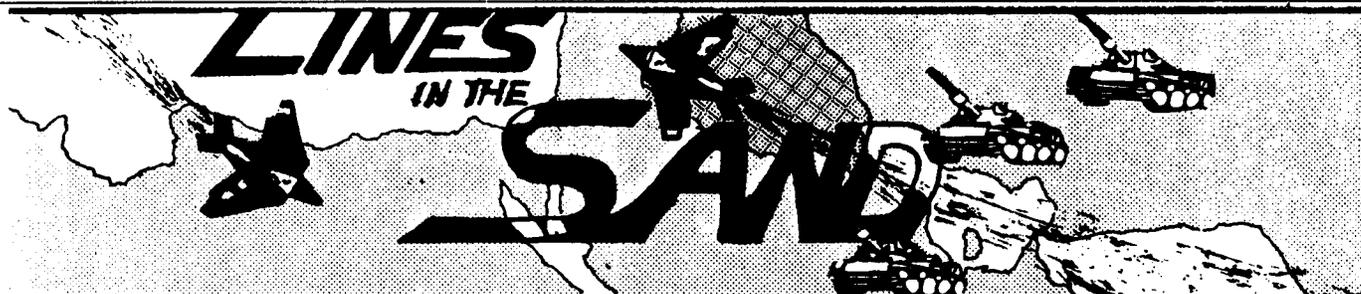
At a time when the Native community faces serious social problems, the government is asking them to invest everything they have in a dying industry. The government's interest in protecting the fur industry is at the expense of social reforms essential to the survival of the Native communities.

## Why Have Natives Been Forced to Support Commercial Trapping?

Part of the government's equation for settling Native land claims is the use of the land for hunting, trapping and fishing. Thus, we are forced to continue trapping in order to lay claim to our land! The value system thereby imposed is one alien to us, but one which some of our political leaders have adopted to fight for our land.

In a society where we have little or

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## SINS OF THE DOLLAR

Cletus Pinti

*(A two part PNL series on Imperialism and the Cold War in the Arab World)*

Operation Desert Shield is a great success from the American military point of view, but from the peace movement's perspective the occupation of Saudi Arabia and all political posturing that goes with it must be seen in the light of historical US interventions in the Arab World.

To understand the present gulf crisis we as leftist must look at past imperialism, from its root of British domination to today's present confrontation over oil.

### THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Much has been said of late concerning Ottoman Empires in the Middle East. Modern Iraq was created by the British after the WWI defeat of the central powers in Europe, and is made up of disputed borders on all sides: to the north with Turkey, east with Iran, west with Syria, and to the south with Kuwait; this is where today's problems lie.

These border disputes originated at the hands of the faulted League of Nations soon after the close of the war, giving Britain control over these "new" countries. Before the war British interests in the middle east were minimal at best, with only limited trading with Iran and Iraq.

After oil was discovered in Iran in 1907 British forces and the British Petroleum Co. took over much of Iran and the newly formed Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. One year later British Petroleum gained control over the Turkish Petroleum Co., that was to discover oil in the Iraq in 1927.

After the war the British effectively placed puppet monarchies in place in Iran, Egypt, and Iraq.

The Arabian desert peninsula was to prove unconquerable by British forces, but along with American Oil Companies, British Petroleum formed Arabian/American Oil Co. (ARAMCO) to split up the profits of the Saudis'

new found oil.

Of the three British occupied countries - Iran, Egypt and Iraq, Egypt was the country most dominated by the British. Egypt contained both oil and the newly revived Suez Canal, and even though the British were forced to grant independence to Egypt in 1922, the British remained as the sole military and economic power in Egypt until 1952.

Probably the most disruptive action (unseen at the time) in those early days was the (British) 1917 Balfour Declaration. The declaration, issued to cause unrest for the central powers in WWI from their Jewish minorities, stated that the British supported the formation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Thirty-one years later, Zionists of the world held Churchill to his country's promise, creating millions of homeless Arabs in Palestine.

### LOSING CONTROL

By the end of WWII a rise in literacy, world awareness, and 30 years of British theft of resources and nationhood made a lethal brew for the British.

As early as 1947 the newly formed CIA focused its eye on Iran as a potential hotbed for Soviet expansion into the Persian Gulf. In response to this paranoia, the US State Dept. and CIA coerced the reluctant leaders of Iran, Turkey, and Iraq to sign the Baghdad Pact and attempt to limit the Soviet influence in the Middle East.

The Shah of Iran, placed in power in Iran, lost power in his country to Muhammed Mussadegh by 1950. Mussadegh nationalized the British controlled Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. in 1951, arguing that the British already had received enough of Iran's precious oil resources while stealing the profits from needy Iranians. In the postwar era, when the rebuilding of Europe and Japan depended on British and American oil, this could not be tolerated.

In 1953, President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dullas agreed to cooperate with the British to topple Mussadegh. Kermit Roosevelt, Teddy's grandson and ambassador to Iran, spearheaded the covert action, code named Operation Ajax. Kermit's coup replaced Mussadegh, "a madman who would ally himself with the Russians", with the deposed Shah using just \$200,000 in CIA funds. For the US oil companies involved it was the best bargain in history. The new National Iranian Oil Co. had 40% US ownership, previously 100% British, for the next 25 years.

At the same time Kermit was trying to run another CIA covert action on the Arabian coast to help ARAMCO secure a newly discovered oil field in Abu Dhabi, which was controlled by the British. Kermit first tried to fix an election in the region, and to bribe a local sheik with a Cadillac and the ruler of Abu Dhabi with \$90 million in gold from the ARAMCO, CIA, and the Saudis.

It was only the lack of a written guarantee that stopped the oil deal, Abu Dhabi's ruler blew the whistle on the CIA. The British filed charges for control of the oil field in Abu Dhabi in International Court and won its case against ARAMCO, even after the CIA tried to bribe the justices.

Revolution struck Egypt in 1952, when Col. Gamel Abdel Nasser overthrew the British imposed monarchy of King Farouk. Nasser soon became the new focus of cold war fears when in 1955 when he made an arms pact with Czechoslovakia and opened talks with the Soviets.

The Aswan Dam, Egypt's main public works program, soon became the pivot of US pressure to turn Nasser away from the Red Tide. In December 1955 Eisenhower and the Brits offered Nasser covert aid for Aswan, but Nasser turned down the aid because of British demands for control of the Suez Canal and US

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# OPEN HAND THEATER

## Classes For Children & Adults

Geoff Navias

Upstairs a group of children and parents are acting out a scene from the folk story "Caps for Sale." The instructor is narrating the story and playing background music on the piano at the same time. There is a lot of laughter as the monkeys in the story, acted by a mix of parents and children steal the hats from the unsuspecting Hat Maker. This is part of "Classes Backstage," a new series of seven courses from Open Hand Theater. Downstairs on the stage a group of children are making masks, while in the gym an introductory class in Circus Skills is getting under way. The instructors are all performers with expertise ranging from dance and mime, to puppetry and acting. The six week series of courses starts Saturday, October 6th and runs for six weeks. Of the courses offered, half are designed so that parents and children can take them together, the others are just for kids. The courses also include Puppet Making, Mime, Musical Sound Effects, Acting and Creative Dramatics.

Open Hand Theatre has been performing mask and puppet plays through out central New York for nine years, and now are entering their sixth year of touring show each spring to Elementary Schools. Open Hand Theater has started this series of courses in answer to the many requests from children after each performance.

In addition to the Saturday children's classes there is a Modern Dance and Improvisation class for adults Wednesday evenings.

Classes are being held at 232 E Onondaga St (Plymouth Church). For more information on classes and registration call Open Hand Theater at 467-0466.



## Central New York Chapter New York Civil Liberties Union

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### We Must Educate About Rape

Marcy Waldauer

It is difficult to believe that in 1990 it is necessary to rally, march and picket to make the public aware of rape. The American Civil Liberties Union policy on sexual assault laws was passed in 1977, 13 years ago. At that time the ACLU called for reforms such as removing bars to prosecution of spousal rape, treating sexual assault victims with sensitivity and without the skepticism and abuse unique to this crime, and recognition of the complainant's privacy rights, e.g. putting limits on admissibility of the victim's sexual history. Why haven't those goals been realized during the last 13 years?

Some things have changed. Law and court procedure have dropped the corroboration requirement, in which a rape victim's testimony had to be backed up by independent evidence or another witness. Prior sexual history is not usually admissible anymore, nor is prior chastity. New York State outlawed requirement of a polygraph or psychological test for the sexual assault victim before the crime is investigated. Spousal rape charges are pressed today. And arrests for child sexual assault have become all too commonplace. There are many Rape Crisis Centers in the state, including Syracuse, which assist the victim and educate people on sexual assault defenses. Syracuse University is to be commended for opening its own Rape Crisis Center, one of the first campus centers in the country.

So why do sexual assaults continue? Why aren't assaulters brought to justice? Why are rallies necessary?

Although the laws have changed in the last 13 years, attitudes have not. The crime still holds near-mystical status. Myths - some hundreds and thousands of years old - about women and rape are hard to erase in just 13 years. Too many men still believe that women want to be raped (when they say "no" they mean "yes"). They still believe that women are vindictive and lie about sexual assault. And that women belong to particular men (rape is a property crime). And too many women still believe that men have a right to sexual contact if they want it. Too few people understand that sexual equality means mutual social and physical respect. Laws cannot change attitudes.

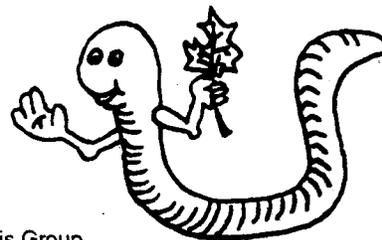
Rallies are educational tools which are needed to change attitudes. People must learn that no one has a right to assault another person, particularly sexually. And that everyone must be held accountable for his or her actions. Society's reaction to the crime of sexual assault, the attitudes and assumptions which are contrary to our notion of fair play, must change. Through rallies about rape and other educational tools, we can make people realize that everyone has a right to control his or her own body. Let's make the 90's the era when sexual equality and respect are finally recognized.

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# EARTH FIRST!

**Onondaga Earth First! Opposes Aerial Spraying**  
Todd Rogers

During the months of July and August, Onondaga Earth First! was the subject of much controversy as we opposed Onondaga County's plans to spray Cicero Swamp with pesticides in an effort to kill mosquitoes suspected of carrying the virus, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). The virus, which can be transmitted to humans through a complex chain of biological events, can be fatal, but instances of the disease in humans is extremely rare. With the presence of EEE, one can understand the fears of residents living near the swampy areas which surround Oneida Lake; however, the methods of controlling the virus used by Onondaga, Oswego and Madison Counties bring up many valid concerns:

- The pesticide, Dibrom-14 by trade name and otherwise known as Naled, is a mixture of neurotoxin and petroleum product such as kerosene and is toxic to flying insects, amphibians and other aquatic life. The yearly application of Dibrom threatens to disrupt the swamp's fragile food web, as well as endangering the health of the swamp's human neighbors.

- The Onondaga County Health Department sprays the swamp regardless of whether the virus has been isolated there or not.

- There is evidence that aerial spraying is not an effective means of controlling the spread of EEE.

We sponsored a demonstration in front of the Civic Center in downtown Syracuse to bring attention to the issue, and members of our group occupied the swamp during the county's spraying maneuvers to register our objection and to observe the effects of the spraying.

A more in-depth article on this issue will appear in next month's PNL.

Onondaga Earth Firstlers also attended the EF! Greater Adirondack Bioregion Rendezvous on Labor Day weekend in the Moose River Plains Recreation Area in Adirondack Park. This meeting brought Earth Firstlers together from all over the northeast for an opportunity to share news and ideas, strategize on efforts to preserve and recreate wilderness in the Adirondacks, and enjoy a weekend out with our past. A road closing action at Crane Pond in the Pharaoh Wilderness Area highlighted the state Department of Environmental Conservation's failure to enforce protection for designated wilderness areas.

We also continue to be active in supporting Cortland Citizens Against Radioactive Dumping (CARD) in their efforts to keep radioactive wastes out of New York's rural communities. We will participate in a rally at Oswego to call for sane energy policies, the on-site storage of radioactive wastes, and the shut down of the reactors at Nine Mile Point.

To find out about our next meeting or how you can get involved call Andy at 472-5478 or Todd at 478-5993.

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Proposal One, the \$1.975 billion 21st Century Environmental Quality Bond Act, is our chance to assure clean drinking water, to close unsafe garbage landfills, to promote recycling, and to protect lakes, beaches and wildlife areas for our children. Previous Bond Acts have begun to address statewide environmental problems but we must continue to reclaim, protect and preserve natural resources and our historic heritage. A Yes vote on the November ballot will reinstate funds that have been exhausted from the 1986 Bond Act and boost current efforts by local governments.

For example:

- In the Syracuse area alone, 24 inactive municipal landfills are potentially eligible for State grants to assist in their proper closure. These include the landfills at Pompey, Elbridge and Bristol Hill.
- Municipalities in the Syracuse area must undertake 108 sewage treatment projects valued at more than \$406 million. Through low-cost State financing under the Bond Act, these municipalities could see their loan interest costs reduced, at a savings to local taxpayers of almost \$100 million.
- We have begun aggressive recycling efforts in Onondaga County but have met with limitations due to lack of funds. The Bond Act would provide State grants to local governments to help buy recycling equipment and locate markets for the millions of tons of recycled materials - glass, plastics, paper, cardboard, yard waste and metal.

Without the Environmental Quality Bond Act, local communities will carry the full financial burden of solving their environmental problems. Raising property taxes may be the only means to secure necessary funds. The Environmental Quality Bond Act will ease and evenly distribute that burden statewide.

Help clean up New York and keep it green for our children's future. Vote yes on proposal one: Environmental Quality Bond Act.

For more information about the Bond Act call the Bond Act Office at (518) 457-7727. To campaign for the passage of the Bond Act call (518) 869-6062, the Heritage 2000 Alliance, a statewide coalition of environmental groups, historic preservation advocates and civic organizations.



**Animals in Entertainment**  
Marguerite Mallia

As children, most of us were brought to zoos, circuses, or some events in which animals were used to entertain or educate us. Our parents or some loved one brought us there, so we thought that it was a good thing to do. But, we are adults now and behind the gee golly whiz parade, banners, capes twirling, and bears dancing in skirts, are captive animals that are only shadows of wildlife. The animals that we see are not what they truly are but what we have made them. Colorful pageantry disguises the fact that animals used in circuses are captives forced to perform unnatural, painful, and humiliating acts. Their physical, social and behavioral needs are often ignored by those who profit from their exploitation.

Horses and dogs used for racing are frequently drugged, forced to run when injured, and transported under stressful conditions. Cattle and horses used in rodeos are subjected to electric prods, caustic ointments, sharp spurs and bucking straps that pinch their genitals causing them to buck. In circuses, animals are kept confined in small cages or transport vehicles. Many are de clawed, defanged, and kept muzzled, chained and sedated. Whips, tight collars, electric prods and food deprivation are tools used to force them to perform painful, unnatural acts. Boxing kangaroos, dancing bears, and diving mules are examples of exploitative acts.

Our ancient ancestry binds us to nature and the natural life. Recognizing and respecting that union is an essential part of our mental development, peace of mind and contentment. The natural world is a refuge of humanity's spirit. Humanity must not become separated from the natural world. We, being animals, are part of them, and they are part of us. If humanity becomes separated from the natural world we will be like a cancer. Animals are not "underlings" as Henry Beston said, but are "other nations." By working against inhumanity towards animals, we preserve our own humanity. PAR is planning a demonstration against the Moscow Circus in October.

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# THE ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION COALITION

## Green Corner

Jim Foley



This month's column:

## Incineration

Gene Tinelli  
Recycle First

Sometimes, the best of future visions occurs when seen through lenses that have scanned the past.

At the beginning of the 1980's, our County joined with the thinking of that time and decided that a waste-to-energy incinerator be the major part of the solution to our solid waste problems. The risk/benefit ratio was believed to be relatively good and the Environmental Impact Statement filed in 1981 was favorable. However, as we enter the 1990's, we now have a decade of information we can use as feedback control to guide us as we assess our future. We at Recycle First are urging that a moratorium be placed on the building of any county waste to energy incinerator and that alternative technologies be used. There are two sets of reasons for this request, one economic and the other ecological.

A local study will be released this month showing that mixed municipal composting is less costly than building and operating an incinerator. Not only does this reflect national and worldwide trends but, since the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation considers composting to be a part of recycling, the law mandates that composting be considered *before* incineration if composting is economically viable.

Currently, a number of towns in the County are considering municipal composting and are exploring options to their incinerator contracts. Mixed municipal composting centers can be financed with private rather than public funds and this can save County taxpayers from floating a bond to finance a \$105 million incinerator. Onondaga County already is the fifth highest county in the State in property taxes per person and second in government spending per person. This is one area where we do not need to "be number one."

The other area of new information is much more lethal, that of mercury poisoning. Large parts of south and central Sweden, south Florida, and

other areas have become contaminated with mercury. Waste incineration, due to burning flashlight/radio batteries, thermometers, and lights, has been a major factor in Sweden and the largest source of this contamination in Florida. Despite manufacturers claims that "state of the art" incinerators are safe, these facilities cannot efficiently remove mercury from the stack gases. In fact, Ogden-Martin, the approved vendor for our proposed incinerator, documents this. Last year they said that their incinerator would not emit more than 1424 pounds of mercury per year into our environment. This year, they raised their projection to 3580 pounds of mercury per year. This is not a good sign.

Contamination of the environment occurs as the airborne mercury vapors are absorbed by trees or come to earth in rainfall. In the soil, lakes and streams, bacteria convert inorganic mercury into methyl mercury (a process that is accelerated by acid rain) which is then absorbed and concentrated in the food chain. We currently have mercury contamination in Onondaga Lake severe enough to make the fish too toxic to eat and a waste incinerator would spread this problem to the whole county. Even more frightening is the fact that the humans most at risk for mercury poisoning are unborn fetuses, in whom it causes severe central nervous system defects. Sections of our County are now among the highest in the nation with regard to infant morbidity and mortality and the proposed incinerator (and its toxic gases) is scheduled to be built within a few miles of these areas.

The reality of mercury poisoning should be taken very seriously. Several thousand instances of methyl mercury poisoning have been recorded in the scientific literature, with the most catastrophic occurring in Iraq in 1972. A total of 6530 people were hospitalized for treatment and 459 known fatalities occurred, principally as a result of eating homemade bread prepared from seed treated with a methyl mercury fungicide. The most researched mercury poisoning occurred in the vicinity of

At a recent talk in Phoenix, NY, people who are interested in the Greens suggested the option of starting a third party. Little did they know that they were bringing up one of the most hotly debated proposals facing the Greens and other movements.

It shouldn't have been surprising that these Phoenix residents were interested in a third party, even though many of them were active Democrats. They may know best that the two dominant parties are very similar, especially insofar as they have come to have a vested interest in the status quo.

But starting a "third" political party is problematic. The first major problem is the winner-take-all system of U.S. elections. When German Greens get 8% of the national vote, they get 8% of the representation in the legislature. No such luck here.

Nonetheless, Green candidates are being elected for local offices around the country, sometimes with the backing of a major party, and sometimes on their own. Still, electoral politics is controversial in the Green movement.

Some of the objections are pragmatic. Electoral politics takes energy away from other projects and encourages flash-in-the-pan organizing focusing on quantity in the short term rather than quality for the long term. People can also get tired of losing and may burn out.

Other objections are ethical. Should we clamor for a place for leaders in the centralized power structure rather than build a broader movement which works to replace that structure? An early Green movement in Canada foundered when it moved too soon into electoral activity and found itself without a grassroots base.

Despite these objections, it's hard to sit on the sidelines while voters must choose between two white male millionaires who both support the right of Americans to grab and exploit natural and human resources all over the world. We must elect Greens!

The compromise of most Green groups is to promote Green candidates, but to keep the focus on local Green projects rather than forming a permanent party organization (this is changing; details to come).

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# Lawsuit Brings Renewed Interest in Pico Workers Struggle

Nora Choi & Simone Sagovac

As you may know already, the three representatives from Pico Korea Union departed for south Korea on August 17, after a three month struggle in the U.S. They felt that this was a good time to be reunited with their families as well as to carry on the work in south Korea. Before leaving, the workers and their supporters from throughout the US and Canada held a week-long "Fast for Justice." This fast was simultaneously carried out by supporters in L.A. and the remaining Pico workers in Korea. Though we had a great deal of media coverage and gained support from all across the world, the fast failed to move Hitchcock to negotiate with the workers. Thus, the Center for Constitutional rights filed a lawsuit in Federal court on behalf of the Pico Korea Union.

## The Lawsuit

A Complaint was filed with the Federal District Court in Binghamton, New York on August 12, 1990 by Frank Deale, an attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights, on behalf of the Pico Korea Union against Pico Products, Inc. and Bernard Hitchcock. The primary charge in the complaint is that Pico Products and Mr. Hitchcock did not honor the Union and Pico Korea management, which was signed by representatives of both parties in November of 1988. Also charged is that the company failed to notify the workers in advance of the plant closure in accordance with the Plant Closures Act which went into effect in early 1989.

The response to the complaint came on the last possible date, and basically denies all the charges. Mr. Hitchcock's lawyer is Mr. Gerald J. Mathews, of Menter, Rudin & Trivelpiece, P.C., located on 500 South Salina Street, Suite 500 in Syracuse. Our attorney, Frank Deale, has been in contact with Mr. Mathews regarding the amount of assets left at the Pico plant in Korea. Upon filing the lawsuit the workers decided that they were no longer interested in safeguarding the Pico plant or property within and notified Mr. Hitchcock, giving the company a date in advance as to when someone should assume responsibility. In a recent press release

Mr. Hitchcock claims that nearly \$1.8 million in assets are missing from the Pico Korea plant. He is accusing the workers of having done away with this amount and states therefore any money he owes to the workers should be taken out of the missing assets. According to the Korean Embassy, the only sellable assets left in the factory were a number of used cars that would not amount to even a third of the workers' back wages. The workers note that Hitchcock quoted figures from a January 1990 report,

a full month before the pullout, thus, not accounting for items shipped or taken out of the county during the month of February. On the initial inventory listing which the workers provided, some items were merely overlooked and not accounted for; additions have been made since. Furthermore, Mr. Hitchcock is trying to hold the workers responsible for assets which he negligently left behind while running away more than

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## Serial Mass Killer Profiled



### George Metesky

Investigators say a serial mass killer stalking less developed areas of the planet is a shrewd "methodical maniac" with a talent for making his victims look like criminals and sick racial theories. Experts predict that the killer, who has left a trail of corpses across Latin America, is likely to strike in the Persian Gulf area next.

Criminologist Dr. Marion Delgado distinguished the mysterious murderer from other notorious offenders. "Your typical mass murderer has no accomplice. It's usually a man whose pent up rage suddenly explodes, resulting in a single event in which he massacres several people, often family, fellow employees, or persons that he believes wronged him," explained Delgado. "Your garden variety serial killer is a male, also acting alone, who goes through repeated cycles of cool deliberation and savage killing, usually of a single victim at a time. He is often what we call a criminal sexual psychopath, a man who hates women and can't feel empathy or remorse. The serial killer hides his crimes."

"The serial mass killer is different," Delgado told the News. "Also usually male, he never acts alone, instead ordering others to do his killing. He acts with cool deliberation, but unlike a Ted Bundy, he revels in his acts, striking heroic public poses."

Accounts of serial mass killers abound through the centuries. Some roamed from town to town in Central Asia on horseback, laying waste to all in their path. Others travelled by ship, killing, pillaging and raping in coastal areas. In the 19th century North American west, George Armstrong Custer directed repeated mass murder binges until he was brought to justice by an international posse led by Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse. Famous 20th century serial mass killers include A. Hitler, P. Pot, and R. M. Nixon.

Maritza Alabarca, who survived the killer's December 20, 1989 rampage in Panama City, describes her ordeal as initially appearing as something else: "It looked like a thousand points of light. Only when one of those points hit my neighbor's propane storage tank and burned down the whole neighborhood did I realize that the points were bullets." Other victims describe similar attacks on villages in El Salvador and Guatemala.

Dr. Delgado theorized that the criminal mastermind behind the attacks probably lives in a large white house, somewhere on or near the mid-Atlantic seaboard of the United States: "We've seen this kind before. The big problem will not be identifying him, but bringing him to justice."

# The Other Guatemala

Joan Goldberg

Guatemala -- land of eternal spring; land of smiling indigenous women in colorful, intricately woven dress; land of spectacular mountains and lakes; lush, tropical foliage; ancient Mayan ruins. That is the Guatemala of the travel guides, the picture postcards, the posters that greeted me upon my arrival at the airport. But what I experienced was another Guatemala. I found a country filled with misery, suffering, and extreme poverty. A country made up of 22 indigenous groups, each speaking a different language and together compromising over 60% of the population. Where 2% of the people own over 70% of the land. Where the average wage for a factory worker is equivalent to \$1 per day. A country which is a democracy in name only -- heavily controlled by the army. It is a country steeped in human rights violations and abuses, where there is little respect for the law and the perpetrators are treated with impunity. A country in which 100,000 people have died as a result of the repression and violence during the last ten years; 440 Indian villages have been displaced, 50,000 women have become widowed, 40,000 have "disappeared" and 200,000 children have been orphaned.

Five years ago Guatemala elected its first civilian president, Vencio Cerezo, since the U.S. backed coup overthrew the democratically elected government of Jacobo Arbenz in 1954. Cerezo's election brought great hope for the beginning of change for the people of Guatemala. But two right wing coup attempts made it clear that the army would not relinquish their power. Thus they continue to maintain control and human rights violations go unpunished while Guatemala claims to be a "democracy" by virtue of the fact that they had an election. Unfortunately, no candidate in the upcoming November election represents the needs of the popular movement. And there is the possibility of a victory for Rios Montt, whose previous rise to power in 1982 brought sixteen months of repression in which thousands died, even though he is legally ineligible to run.

I was part of a delegation that went to Guatemala in August to meet with representatives of popular movement groups (as well as members of

the human rights commission, the US embassy, the army, and the business sector). The testimonies I heard were painful, moving, and often chilling. They were spoken by labor leaders, women, workers, campesinos, peasants, exiled Guatemalans, the displaced, widows, and relatives of the "disappeared." We met with groups in Mexico City, in Guatemala City and in the countryside. And everywhere people echoed similar themes: the high cost of living, the increase in poverty, the problems of the indigenous population (exploitation, discrimination, intimidation), the violence and repression and human rights abuses by the army, the effects of 500 years of racism and illiteracy and terror, forced service in "voluntary" civilian patrols (refusal to serve results in threats, kidnappings, torture, death), the loss of economic self-sufficiency and dependence upon an export economy, the 500 homeless children living in the streets of Guatemala, the high rates of infant mortality and illiteracy and the lack of health services, medicines, school supplies, and schools. We met with workers who had been fired for trying

to organize a union and with a doctor who had received death threats and was forced into exile for organizing in his community.

We visited a community on the edge of a garbage dump in Guatemala City where people make their living by collecting paper, plastic, metal, and glass and sell them for a miserable price. The dump is also their source of food and clothing. They have been struggling for four years under threat of eviction, petitioning the government to give or sell them the land, but so far have received no favorable responses.

Though their living conditions are often inhumane, people somehow manage to maintain their sense of pride, dignity, hospitality and courage. And despite the hopelessness and frustration and danger, people are working collectively to condemn the violence and end the repression and intimidation. There is a massive struggle for land and life. Alliances are being formed -- of workers, peasants, students, the displaced, families of the disappeared. There have been strikes and demonstrations as a response to the repression. There have been denunciations of human rights abuses and petitions to the government and to the human rights ombudsman. Men are refusing to serve in the civilian patrols under the threat of death. There is a growing movement of consciousness raising among the indigenous, among women.

The United States continues to supply arms and military aid to the government of Guatemala. If you want to work to change US policy, write your senators and representative to oppose all forms of security assistance and to support the struggle of the Guatemalan people for justice, democracy and economic development. Locally, you can volunteer for the Working as Neighbors project, a work-a-thon to support community services in Syracuse and raise funds for Sanctuary and medical aid to Guatemala. ♡

*Joan just returned from Guatemala and is active in local Central America support work. Currently she is helping to coordinate an October Work-a-thon to raise material aid for Guatemala.*



## Working As Neighbors

On Saturday, October 20, the Central America Coalition is sponsoring a sixhour workathon to raise funds for Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary and medical aid to Guatemala. We are recruiting volunteers to work at local community service organizations (Vera House, Lesbian Gay Youth Program, Salvation Army, Spanish Action League, and others) and to solicit pledge money for each hour of volunteer work you do. We are also looking for sponsors. Registration forms will be available at SPC or call Joan at 673-1083. The workathon will conclude with a concert by Charlie King at Plymouth Church at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at \$5-\$15 can be purchased at the door.

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approach to the 500th. I quote from their declaration: "Thus it is that the brutality of the conquest is not something of the past. Sadly, it remains a present reality. The sacking of our natural resources, the destruction of the habitat, the assault on our cultures...the strangling of our economies with the payment of an immoral and unpayable debt...the militarization of our rural areas...etc." But the most public challenges to the Columbus legacy are ongoing demonstrations and arrests due to an exhibit that will be displayed over the next two years throughout this country, called "First Encounters."

Who was Columbus? The more relevant question for our time is: "Does Columbus, and the leaders and investors who back him, live today?" For the United States the answer is a resounding YES. Columbus's name may today be abbreviated LIW, and it stands for Low Intensity Warfare, that is waged on military, political, and economic fronts simultaneously. It is waged against the troublemakers of the third world who dare to challenge American interests. El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras are good examples. LIW fights to protect entrenched oligarchies and/or their military enforcers against the mass of the population. When we side with those who use assassins, we too become part of the horror, killing off our sensitivity to pain and suffering. We look the other way. And eventually moral corrosion finds its way to all levels of our own society. Leaders subvert the constitution, they lie to Congress, break laws, conduct break-ins of citizen organizations, use words to describe tortures like "democratic resistance" or the "moral equivalent of the Founding Fathers". How can we hope to have and preserve democracy, free-dom and justice in the United States when we promote directly or through proxy, tyranny, exploitation and inequality outside our own borders.

The evil of Columbus lives! Examine leaders; question investors; then go home and look in the mirror! Live with environmental by-products of exploitation. Columbus lives as long as we view the have-nots of the world as enemies and do not face the racist dimensions of our society. ♀

Win lives in Deruyter.



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parachute flares going off day and night; tanks, armored personnel carriers, 50 caliber machine guns and out on the river there are nets and police boats.

The troops have also surrounded the Mohawk Community Center, which houses a school and food bank, where about 150 Mohawks are gathered. According to army officials the Mohawks in the Community Center are not viewed as a threat. Linda Cree, a Mohawk, who is staying at the Community Center said that she can't go home. "I have tanks, barbed wire, and soldiers with 50 caliber machine guns in my driveway."

Troops are stationed on all roads leading to Kahnésatake. According to David, "Some of our people were picked up at the barricades or going through the [police] blockades. If you left, for instance, to do any shopping and people were trying to do that or if you had a job outside. People would be picked up and in a couple of cases - one guy was taken to a barn, shoved down into the back seat of a car so that he couldn't see and the police worked him over pretty good. A couple of other guys were picked up on the river, taken to a police parking lot, and they had the crap beat out of them. One guy was burned with cigarettes on his stomach. Another guy was just picked up a while ago trying to get back in [to the Mohawk territory], his family is here, he works up near Ottawa. He has been going back and forth all the time but this time they wanted him to sign a blank statement. When he refused he was worked over."

Linda Simon, director of the food bank, said that many people didn't leave the territory for fear of arrest or harassment. Others are afraid that they won't be allowed back into the territory by the police or army. Due to the military presence people are unable to get out to go to the store, bank, post office or jobs. A lot of people have lost their jobs.

On September 10th two vehicles from Syracuse, NY took food to the food bank at Kahnésatake. The food did get through to the Community Center in the Mohawk territory. The food bank feeds about 200 people on the reservation who are dislocated and unemployed due to the military action.

Reservations have contributed to the food bank but this was the first shipment from a city according to Simon.

Food is not being allowed through military lines to go to those Mohawks in the treatment Center, said David. The last time food was allowed to be sent to that group of Mohawks was on September 6th.

Anyone wishing to contribute food or money to purchase food may contact the Peace Council (472-5478) or Debbie Glidden (423-8165).

Negotiations in Ottawa are at an impasse. The feeling among the people at Kahnésatake is that the army is preparing for a massive assault. Since the army moved in, there have been a group of reporters in with them trying to cover the story. On September 5th the army said that it wasn't going to allow the journalists batteries for their cameras or tape recorder or new tape. Now the army is not allowing food to be brought to the journalists. We find that disconcerting. It seems that the army is preparing for a military solution. ♀

*Debbie is a long time Syracuse resident and activist who initiated the food shipment organizing that is continuing from Syracuse.*



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## Book Review

### Agents of Repression

The FBI's Secret War Against the Black Panthers and the American Indian Movement

Ward Churchill and Jim Vander Wall  
509 pgs; 1988 South End Press  
\$15 softcover

reviewed by Rich Stuchiner

Every so often a book is published that shocks the living hell out of you. *Agents of Repression* is such a book. Written by Ward Churchill and Jim Vander Wall, this book offers an unbelievable look inside the FBI's counterintelligence operations of the mid-sixties and seventies, completely destroying the facade that the FBI is merely an organization devoted to fighting crime. Instead the book shows that the FBI is little more than the political police of the United States Government.

*Agents of Repression* offers a brief look at the formation of the Bureau and of its founder and director for almost 50 years, J. Edgar Hoover. It details the part Hoover played in orchestrating the infamous Palmer Raids of the 1920's where over 6,000 warrants were issued for "alien radicals" and over a thousand people were deported. These raids helped to crush the rising tide of socialism and labor struggle in America and advanced the career of J. Edgar Hoover.

Two chapters of the book are devoted to the COINTELPRO (counterintelligence program) era involving the Black Panther Party. The FBI used numerous illegal means in their attempts to destroy the party, including wiretaps, infiltrators, agents provocateur, harassment, arrests of activists, attempts to stir up anger between different factions, fabrication of evidence and even assassination.

In the pre-dawn hours of December 4, 1969, heavily armed members of the Chicago police department, equipped with a floor plan, raided a Black Panther apartment. The floor plan was provided by informer William O'Neal who had infiltrated the party so well that he was director of Panther security. The floor plan included the room and position where Fred Hampton slept. Fred Hampton was a 21 year old activist who became the leader of the Illinois Black Panther Party. Because of his effectiveness as a leader and mobilizer he

was targeted for assassination. At about 1:30 a.m. on the night of the raid, O'Neal left the apartment after giving Hampton a drink laced with a sleeping pill. This would render Hampton unconscious for the coming raid. The police burst into the apartment killing Black Panther Party member Mark Clark instantly. They then fired 42 shots in the direction of what was Fred Hampton's bedroom. These shots wounded Hampton and the following exchange ensued: "that's Fred Hampton... Is he dead? ...Bring him out. He's barely alive; he'll make it." After this exchange two shots were fired, both hit Hampton's head at point blank range; "he's good and dead now," one officer stated.

This case was finally settled in 1983. Not one officer was to serve any time for the murders of Mark Clark and Fred Hampton, and the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party was effectively destroyed.

At the same time the Black Panthers were struggling for a just society for African Americans, the American Indian Movement (AIM) was seeking redress over various grievances with the US government. It was in this context that the FBI and J. Edgar decided the American Indian Movement needed to be destroyed. By this time some of the information detailing the FBI's illegal and unconstitutional methods were being brought to light. This caused much public outrage so Congress in its usual manner convened hearings. At about the same time as then-FBI director Clarence Kelly was swearing before Congress that COINTELPRO was an anomaly and would never happen again, the FBI was gearing up for a long war with the American Indian Movement on the Pine Ridge reservation. This war would include all the tactics that were used against the Black Panthers but on a much larger scale. Unfortunately, the results were the same.

In 1973 AIM was engaged in a program to recover land from the US government that belonged to the Oglala Lakota Indians on the Pine Ridge reservation. Unbeknownst to the Indians, the government had discovered uranium and other minerals on the Pine Ridge Reservation itself, thus the historical need to drive the Indians from their land. During the years of 1973-1976 more than 60 members of AIM died violently. None of these homicides has ever been solved, and many cases were left un-investigated despite numerous instances of eyewitnesses wil-

ling to testify. The FBI's excuses were "lack of manpower," but at that time the FBI enjoyed the highest ratio of agents to citizens at any time in its history.

But as Churchill and Vander Wall show the FBI were in fact too busy infiltrating AIM. "During 1973 alone, the Bureau amassed more than 316,000 separate file classifications on AIM and its membership. As a result, 542 charges on such weighty matters as 'trespassing,' 'interference with federal officers,' and 'theft' of a used pair of cowboy boots were referred to Federal prosecutors."

These are just a few examples of the numerous horrifying tactics used by the FBI. *Agents of Repression* is rife with examples and documentation of the highly illegal manner in which the FBI conducted itself; and lest you relax in the comfort that this no longer continues, be aware that the FBI continues to do business using the methods perfected against the Black Panthers and the American Indian Movement. The last chapter details instances of FBI illegalities and chicanery used against Central America activists in the eighties. This book will impress upon you the fact that if you struggle for justice in the United States, and are vocal about it, you will come face to face with the very undemocratic nature of our country. ☸

*Rich, who continues his four year quest for a real and meaningful education at Syracuse University, is a frequent contributor to the PNL.*

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no economic or social freedom, we are forced to depend on what little money we can generate apart from government assistance. A trapper's average annual income of \$700 is pitifully small but is considered by the federal government to be a "livelihood." It is, however, hard for Native leaders to argue against this minute sense of independence.

### **Government and Fur Industry Motives: Public Opinion Manipulation**

With fur sales in decline, the Canadian government commissioned a study entitled *Defence of the Fur Trade*. One section dealing with "Public Opinion Manipulation" suggested that "defence of aboriginal cultures could be a good counterbalance to anti-fur or anti-trapping campaigns."

Because of the deep sympathy Canadians and Europeans feel toward the plight of Native people, the Canadian government and the fur industry have chosen to use us to protect the entire billion-dollar fur industry. They have gone so far as to suggest that people opposed to commercial trade are advocates of cultural genocide. They advocate to promote the myth that trapping is culturally and economically central to Canada's Natives.

This policy results in the illusion of concern for Native Canadians while poverty, inadequate housing, social services, daycare and education are met with cutbacks to federal economic development programs and a refusal to recognize Native land claims and the right to self government.

### **Yesterday's Values Today**

Indigenous survival is not synonymous with Canada's fur industry. Quite the opposite is true. History has shown that the commercial fur industry actively promoted the disintegration of our culture, a process which continues to this day.

The preservation of culture is an infinitely valuable cause which is misunderstood or given little priority by outsiders. But culture is a complex and multifaceted state. In the case of Canada's aboriginal, the commercial trap line has no place in our culture whatsoever.

The concept of living as part of nature and taking only what is needed is perilously violated in the quest to satisfy an outside element: the insatiable demand for luxury furs on the international market.

### **Native/Animal Brotherhood**

We believe that Native Canadians have become the victims of the federal government's policy to promote the fur industry. While claiming to help Native Canadians, in reality, it is the non-Native elements of the fur industry who most benefit. Meanwhile, the government too often fails to meet treaty obligations and resolve Native socioeconomic concerns.

A major reason prompting the formation of the Native/Animal Brotherhood was the government's funding of Native politicians to travel to Europe to defend the fur industry against initiatives to label trapped fur. We wanted to tell our side of the story but our applications for government funding have been denied. We must rely solely on donations to speak for our animal brothers. ♻️

For more information contact Native/Animal Brotherhood, 106-90 Carden St., Guelph, Ontario, Canada, N1H 3A3, phone (519) 821-8554.

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a year and a half ago.

### **The Korean Government's Response**

Until recently, the Korean government had been sympathetic but not helpful in this matter. When the workers returned to Korea, however, due largely to the support that they gained in the US, the ruling party of the government, Minjadang, made a special visit to the Union. They apologized for not being more helpful in the past and pledged their full cooperation in the future. Following this visit, the Labor Attache at the Korean Embassy in Washington, DC, Mr. In Nae Ko called us in Syracuse to discuss a letter he was sending to Bernard Hitchcock on behalf of the Korean government. The content of the letter stated that according to the Korean Standard Labor Law, which Mr. Hitchcock had violated, Pico owed the workers a minimum of \$427,000. The letter further stated that this amount had to be paid in cash, not in the form of assets or any other substitution. The government noted that the question of the assets left in Korea was a matter for Mr. Hitchcock to handle and that the Union had no responsibility whatsoever. Mr. Ko also pledged his support and cooperation with the lawsuit now in progress. We were pleased to hear the government's official position on this matter.

### **The U.S. State Department**

In addition to the Korean Embassy urging Mr. Hitchcock to negotiate, the

U.S. State Department has appointed someone to specifically handle the Pico matter. This representative placed repeated calls before recently speaking with Mr. Hitchcock and encouraging him to settle.

### **St. Vincent: New Old News**

Apparently this isn't the first time Pico has been involved in union busting tactics and exploiting workers overseas. In fact, Pico was cited as an example of multinational exploitation in a textbook! See *The Caribbean: Survival, Struggle, and Sovereignty*, by Catherine A. Sunshine, published in 1985 by EPICA.

For more information call the Pico Support Committee at 315-474-3350.

[This article was published in the August 1990 issue of *Pico Korea Workers Struggle*] ♻️

Nora and Simone are both staffpeople for the Pico Korea Workers Support Committee and have given much time and energy to help bring justice for the people of the Pico Korea Union.

## **EIC** cont'd from pg 15

Minamata Bay, Japan in 1953. A chemical plant discharged inorganic mercury, and this was incorporated into the protein of fish and shellfish. As a result of eating the contaminated seafood, at least 111 cases of poisoning occurred, with 42 known deaths. Because the mercury crossed the placental barrier, fetal injury was particularly severe. During the involvement, 42 of 400 live births exhibited evidence of brain damage despite lack of clinical symptoms in all but one mother. In the adults, no warning symptoms occurred in individuals exposed to methyl mercury until toxic or even fatal amounts had been incorporated; then, a latent period of two weeks to several months elapsed before neurological symptoms appeared.

Ten years ago, local planners were unaware of the above mentioned economic and environmental data, especially the fact that waste incineration produced large amounts of mercury emissions. We now have better information to guide us more safely into the future. We must use this data appropriately and place a moratorium on construction of our incinerator and use other less costly and safer technologies. To ignore this recent data and continue on our present course is more than negligent, it borders on criminal. The children of our children's kids deserve better than this. ♻️

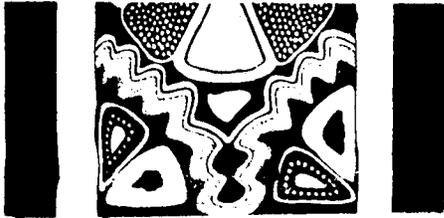
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insistence of no relations with the Soviets.

Nasser did use a \$12 million bribe from Kermit Roosevelt intended for the building of a CIA spy center in Cairo, affectionately called "Roosevelt's Erection" by Nasser, for building up Egyptian defenses.

In reaction to Washington's cut off of legitimate aid for the Aswan Dam due to increased Soviet reaction with Egypt, Nasser nationalized the Suez Canal Co. in the summer of 1956. The British, French and Israelis developed an invasion plan and the US, although supportive of the effort, did not take part. This was due in part to the fear of being pulled into a Middle East war with the Soviets and also with Eisenhower's reelection bid only three months away.

Placed partially out of the loop, the US did provide surveillance with the famed U2 spy plane. On one flight the plane twice passed a Cairo air-

field; on its second run the base had been destroyed by the Israeli preemptive strike. Two days later the French and British joined the Israelis as planned, but superior force did not prove effective and Nasser's army defeated the invaders.

Nassar's victory earned him the mantle of leader of arab nationalism, which was to effectively change the Arab world forever.

In Iraq during the second world war a occupation of the country by British forces due to the Iraqi overtures to Axis powers. This occupation and the British and American insistence of Iraq to sign the Baghdad pact led to the 1958 revolution against the puppet King Faisal.

Yet the revolution would probably have happened even with out these two factors, since like in so many "colonial" countries, 2/3rds of all the agricultural land was controlled by only .05% of the population, and the five fold rise in literacy gave birth to the spirit of Iraqi nationalism.

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ition, with today's Baathist leaders only a minority, led by General Adl al Karim Qasim. Qasim held control over Iraq until 1963, when his failure to modernize or reclaim Iraq's oil from British control frustrated his country's citizens.

### THE FRAMEWORK OF TODAY

The interventions for oil and control of "strategic" areas of the arab world by both the American and British governments has caused the deep resentment seen on your television screens and front pages of Arabs burning effigies and US flags. This anger has a cause, and as we will see in part two of this article in next month's *Peace Newsletter* imperialism and intervention did not end in 1960 or is it non-existent in today's Persian Gulf crisis. ☪

*Cletus Pinti is a member of the PNL committee and is presently involved with the community effort against escalation in the Gulf. Call Cletus at 472-5478 if you'd like to help!*

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| <p>14</p> <p>Crop Walk to raise money to fight hunger. Downtown Syracuse, Registration at 1pm at Clinton Sq. Bring banners. 445-9035.</p> <p>Syracuse Food Co-op general member mtg &amp; potluck at ECHO (crms of Eucled &amp; Westcott), 5pm potluck. 6:30pm mtg. 472-1385.</p> | <p>15</p> <p>EVERY MON. ACT-UP Mtg. 7:30pm 515 W. Onondaga St. 475-1544</p> <p>EVERY MON. Bivogress Workshop at Tea Here Now, 122 Trinity Place 8pm. Open male. Free</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>16</p> <p>Syracuse Covenant Sanctuary Mtg. at May Memorial 7pm 380C</p> <p>EVERY TUES. Meeting with those infected with HIV/AIDS AIDS Task Force of CNY</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p>17</p> <p>Sharing Nature w/your Child at Beaver Lake Nature Ctr. Autumn Leaves" \$2. 1:30pm. 638-2519.</p> <p>Onondaga Earth First! mtg. 7:30pm. call Andy 472-5478 for place.</p>                                                                | <p>18</p> <p>Sharing Nature w/your Child at Beaver Lake Nature Ctr. Autumn Leaves" \$2. 1:30pm. 638-2519.</p> <p>Sharing Nature w/your Child at Beaver Lake Nature Ctr. Autumn Leaves" \$2. 1:30pm. 638-2519.</p>                                                   | <p>19</p> <p>Open City Child Care Council's 15th Annual Dinner &amp; Awards Ceremony at Durstins, 800 (edge) St, downtown Syracuse, Benfield (Nottingham) Rd. 6:30pm. \$15.50</p> <p>What I Learned from My European Educator w/Vanessa Johnson, Women's Studies Prog at SU, 304A Schine Ctr. 12 noon.</p> |
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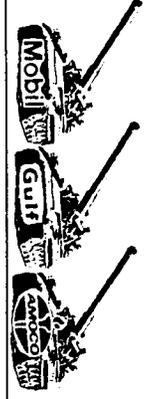
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## In This Issue

November's *Peace Newsletter* is a regular smorgasbord.

Featured is an article on Thanksgiving & Native Americans, another on the Korean peace settlement, and the second part to "Sins of the Dollar," an article focusing on imperialism and cold war in the Middle East.

We also give updates on the local peace organizing around the Persian Gulf Crisis, and a most urgent warning for our area's young people on the draft. Additionally, there are several pieces on the environment, and how it concerns us, and our kids as well.

To finish off this smorgasbord we have a reprint from the SU newspaper, *The Black Voice* entitled "The Color Black."

Don't forget, only one short month to go before the 20th Anniversary Plowshare Craftsair; see our ad on page 7 for all the scrumptious details.

The Peace Newsletter (PNL) is published monthly by the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC).

The PNL strives to serve some basic functions as the internal organ of SPC, as a forum for articles which discuss issues of concern to the peace movement, and to facilitate community interaction. The opinions expressed in the PNL reflect the diversity of opinions within SPC itself. While we are not able to print every possible viewpoint, we do welcome your letter and article submissions as well as suggestions and assistance.

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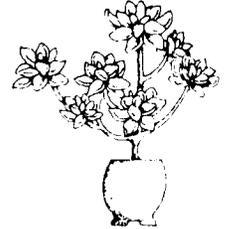
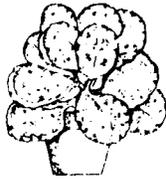
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# Letters

## Had Good Response

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone who responded to my October "unclassified" asking for odd jobs. I got more offers than I could take, and was able to pay my rent. I was touched by the response and felt once again supported by this community.

Now, I need to ask your help again. I may have the opportunity to travel in India for six weeks, learning from and working with women who are using Gandhian principles of non-violence to enact social change in their local communities. Western and Indian women of diverse cultural, racial, class/caste and creed backgrounds will come together to share their experiences and visions of spirituality, ecology and women's empowerment.

The delegation, sponsored by the Lisle Fellowship and the Ghandi Peace Fellowship, will visit rural and village communities and organizations committed to community development; non-violent action confronting industrial river pollution, deforestation and nuclear power plant activities; city sanitation and childcare.

I believe this would be an excellent opportunity to experience the realities of women's roles/power in a very different culture, learn how they perceive and resist industrial growth and threats to the environment, and explore how spirituality empowers, liberates, and moves women to everyday action. I am anxious to gain new insight into bridging cultural/racial splits in our local community. Hopefully, I would be able to document women's stories to share upon returning.

If my application is accepted, I will need to raise \$2500 in less than two months! That's why I need your help now. Please help me think creatively about fast fundraising. I need your ideas, your help organizing fund-

raising events, your donations of time, skills, talents, art work, space, etc. (Cash would also be gladly accepted, of course, but please wait until I know if I am accepted.) Please call me at 315/469-1707 eves, 475-1707 afternoons, or leave a message at SPC. And again, thank you for the loving care and support that continue to get me through the lean months.

In peace and struggle,  
Radell Roberts

## Upset At Treatment of Lincoln

Hi there,

Back in the June *Peace Newsletter* an article, *The Myth of Lincoln*, was printed. I didn't like it. Now I've just watched PBS' Civil War show and Lincoln came off as a pretty good guy in it to me.

Does Andy Molloy judge everyone by their smallest or worst deed? I would venture to guess that most Americans consider Lincoln one of their greatest presidents. What good does it do to alienate these by trying to offend them?

I have to wonder if the Syracuse Peace Council is a bunch of "better than thou" type people who really don't consider other opinions worthy in light of their own lofty and enlightened ones.

Hey, what I'm trying to say is that the article on Lincoln offended me. Now, how in the hell can a *Peace Newsletter* promote peace by offending? Sure, you are always going to offend somebody over something. It's inevitable. But why go out of your way, for no good reason, to do it?

Well, at least I feel better now getting this out of my system!

Take care.

Sincerely,  
Bob Toman

*Response - I don't consider Lincoln's comments degrading African Americans, or his freeing of people held in slavery only in the non union states in order to break the south as something to sweep under the rug or overlook in light of what some may think are the overall good qualities of Lincoln. My objective in the article was simply to raise points that are rarely*



What Do You Think ?

*talked about or even known pertaining to our idolatry of Lincoln.*

*I do not believe in building up devotion to single individuals which thus can serve to insulate them from criticism. If the PNL is not the place to try and address or make people aware of little known facts then where else in our information controlled society? When I learned how Lincoln showed his true concern for enslaved African Americans I chose not to keep him on a pedestal. And I wanted to give others a choice too.*

*You wonder how peace can be promoted by offending. Whenever society's common beliefs are challenged, people who don't want to give them up will be offended. If they stand in the way of justice, they stand in the way of peace. I feel that we should be offended if what we are holding onto is not the whole picture.*

- Andy Molloy

## Overpopulation

To the Editor,

For the first time in nearly two decades, the U.S. total fertility rate has climbed to 2.0. That may not seem like much on paper, but it translates into millions more people in our over-consuming, highly wasteful society.

Contrary to what many believe, the U.S. is the fastest growing industrialized nation in the world. Last year alone there were over four million births in the U.S. - more than in any year since 1964, the end of the Baby Boom. If current growth trends continue, we could add the equivalent of 165 cities the size of Boston to our population within the next 50 years.

Our growing population fuels, and is the underlying cause of, almost

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Letters are welcome! We provide this page for readers to express their views and opinions. Send typed letters to Peace Newsletter/Letter to Editor, 924 Burnet Ave, Syracuse, NY 13203.

# Thanksgiving & Native Americans

Debbie Glidden

In 1614 the Plymouth Company of England, a joint stock company, hired Captain John Smith to explore lands on their behalf. Along the coast of Massachusetts, in the territory of the Wampanog, Smith visited the town of Patuxet. He renamed it Plymouth in honor of his employers but the Wampanog who inhabited the town continued to call it Patuxet.

The following year Captain Hunt, an English slaver, arrived at Patuxet. It was common practice for explorers to capture Indians, take them to Europe and sell them into slavery for 220 shillings apiece. True to the explorer tradition Hunt kidnapped a number of Wampanogs to sell into slavery. Another common practice among European explorers was to give "smallpox blankets" to the Indians. Since smallpox was unknown on this continent prior to the arrival of the Europeans the Indians did not have any natural to the disease and smallpox would effectively wipe out entire villages with little effort required by the Europeans. From 1615 until 1619 smallpox ran rampant among the Wampanog and the Massachusetts, their neighbors to the north. The Wampanog lost seventy per cent of their population to the epidemic and the Massachusetts lost ninety per cent.

In 1620 the Pilgrims arrived in Patuxet. The pilgrims were a group of religious self-exiles from England. They were financed by businessmen outside the Plymouth Company as a joint stock company. They intended to settle just north of Jamestown but due to an error in navigation they landed in Patuxet, in Wampanog territory instead.

Most of the Wampanog had died from the smallpox epidemic so when the pilgrims arrived they found well-cleared fields which they claimed for their own. A Puritan colonist praised the plague which had wiped out so many of the Indians for it was "the wonderful preparation of the Lord Jesus Christ, by his providence for his peoples abode in the western world."

The Massachusetts Bay Company, another joint stock company followed the pilgrims to Wampanog territory. Massasoit, chief of the Wampanog,

formed friendships with the Plymouth settlers which he honored throughout his entire life. Massasoit's visit to the colony with gifts of food is the basis of our Thanksgiving Day. The colonists were given Indian corn, maize, which was

victed and imprisoned Indians for trespassing on lands that they now claimed for their own, though they had never been purchased from the Wampanogs.

The pilgrims who left England so that they could have freedom of religious expression denied the Indians their religious freedom. They

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unknown to the Europeans. The Indians taught them how to plant and cultivate it and maize made possible the colonists' survival.

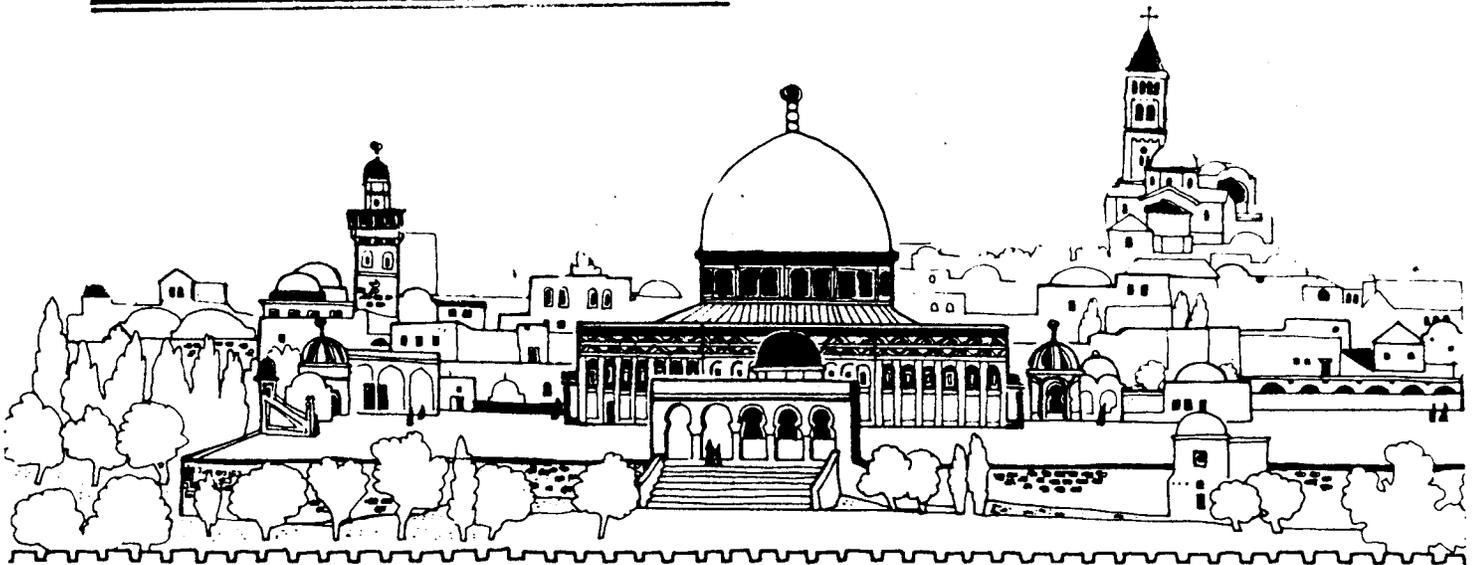
The same business ethic that made peace with the Indians profitable found aggression more profitable. As the colonists increased in numbers, so did their heinous crimes against the Wampanogs. The colonists would provoke situations that would end with whites in possession of the Indian lands. Wampanog lands stretched from Narragansett Bay to Cape Cod yet Puritan courts con-

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## Come See the House!

Stop in and see the new colors on the SPC house. What was once chipped and peeling white is now two shades of chocolate brown with red accents. We are really struggling to get the paint job finished by winter and believe it or not you can still help by calling 472-5478.

## Help Out at Our Craftsair

Volunteers are needed to help the Peace Council with its 20th anniversary Plowshares Craftsair. People are needed for publicity, art, set up, clean up, raffle sales, prize solicitation, etc., etc. The craftsair takes place December 8th and 9th at Plymouth Church in downtown Syracuse. Call coordinator Barbara Floch at 424-6015 or Andy at 472-5478.

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## Volunteer Spotlight On Chuck Durand



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When the weather and the seasons move on from warm summers to cool falls and winters a face begins to appear at the Peace Council with increasing frequency. Chuck Durand is one of the regulars. You might have recognized his ad for Cross Creek Nursery, which appears monthly in the PNL. As the planting season wanes, Chuck finds the time to assist us here at the office.

A multi-task man, Chuck specializes in paperwork and helping information find a home here in this, at times, busy office. And his contributions allow the staff to overlook the times when, well for instance, he brought instant coffee for the drip percolator, and then realizing the slight incompatibility, went ahead and made the stuff in the coffee maker anyway.

We talked to Chuck about his involvement in the social justice movement and about his history with the Peace Council. It was back in late high school years when Chuck began to formulate his anti military posture. It was the 30's, and "there were lots

of disarmament conferences that got me thinking" he says. His conclusions led him to later register as a conscientious objector during World War II. "My position was well formed before Pearl Harbor. I never questioned my decision as the right one for me and since that time there hasn't been anything that would make me think otherwise. Military action is a poor substitute for settling international disputes."

When called up for the draft in 1941 Chuck applied for CO status and was accepted in 1942. He was interned in the Civilian Public Service Camps until 1945. It was here that he met Norm Whitney, one of the founders of the Syracuse Peace Council. "He would come around to visit the CO's in the camp sites."

After being released, Chuck and his wife Ann (they both met in the camp - she a nurse) moved to Syracuse and immediately connected with SPC.

It's a warm day when the Syracuse winter winds blow Chuck back to us.

- Andy Molloy



# Will You Have To Go To War?

## Mid-East Draft Update

### Is the Crisis in the Mid-East Likely to Lead to a Draft?

Most observers do not believe that the crisis in the mid-east will lead to a draft. The military is having difficulty transporting the soldiers it currently has to Saudi Arabia. The military also does not have the training facilities to deal with a huge influx of recruits. It is also not clear that Selective Service has accurate information on registrants' addresses, nor that they have enough young people registering to support a draft.

However, if the conflict escalates, *Congress may consider a draft.* In any case, you should know how a draft would work.

### What Will Happen if a Draft is Reinstated?

1. Congress will pass a law reinstating the authority to draft.
2. The same day, a lottery will be held to assign a priority number to each birthdate in the year. Young men turning 20 in the current calendar year will be called first, according to their lottery number.
3. The next day, mailgrams will be sent to registrants whose birthdates were given low lottery numbers.
4. Draftees will have ten days to report for active military duty from the date the mailgram is sent, not the date that it is mailed.
5. Draftees will have less than ten days to file for deferments and exemptions.
6. The following exemptions and deferments are available: conscientious objector, hardship, minister or ministerial student (there are no other

student deferments), medical, homosexuality, surviving son (if your mother, father, brother or sister was killed as a result of military service you are eligible for surviving son status), and other less widely used deferments and exemptions (for more detailed information contact CCCO).

### What Can You Do to Prepare Yourself Now?

- If you are registered for the draft you need to prepare your claim now. Gather all the documents you will need to support your claim (i.e. medical documents for a medical exemption of deferment, financial information for a hardship exemption, or information on your beliefs if you are a conscientious objector).
- If you have not registered you will not be called for the draft, but you could face prosecution for failure to register. At this time the Department of Justice has stopped its prosecution of non-registrants, but that policy may change if a draft is reinstated.

### Are You a Conscientious Objector?

- If you are opposed to participation in all wars you think you are likely to have to fight in then you are a conscientious objector. This belief can be based on religious, moral or ethical reasons.
- Conscientious objectors can register with CCCO (write to us for information). Also if you are registered for the draft write to Selective Service about your beliefs. Date and keep a copy of all materials you send to Selective Service.

## Anti-War Cry in Syracuse

John Patrick Farrel

On Friday, October 5th, the Federal building in downtown Syracuse hosted People for Peace in the Persian Gulf's first rally. The group called the rally to demonstrate opposition to current United States administration policies in response to the invasion of Kuwait and to broadcast ideas for alternative responses.

Speakers included Emad Wajeeh, Jackie Warren Moore, Paul Hilton, Bruce Hare, Elena Levy, Bill Griffen, Pat Rector, Artis Lee, and others. These speeches shared a variety of common concerns, including the military escalation and hypocrisy of the Bush Administration, and a desire to see all occupations in the Middle East brought to an end. Music was provided by the Spontaneous Choir, Phil Rose, and Cliff Feldman, while PPPG member Doug Merchant acted as MC. The crowd, made up of a wide range of ages, numbered around 150 despite threatening rainclouds and the beginning of a long weekend.

PPPG formed spontaneously in the wake of the Gulf crisis and is composed of a variety of community, church, and university activists. The group plans to continue a variety of activities focused on the crisis. Anyone interested in joining the group is warmly encouraged and should call 472-5478 for information of future meetings and events.

(CCCO - Western Region, PO Box 42249, San Francisco, CA 94142)



# Sins of the Dollar

Cletus Pinti

*(This article is the second of a two part piece on Imperialism and the Cold War in the Arab World)*

In 1932, when Iraq received its false independence from Britain, Kuwait's Emir Ghazi asked for an annexation of Kuwait from Iraq. But this was ignored until 1961 when the British decided to grant Kuwait its independence, and not out of the goodness of the hearts of Englishman either.

The real reason for independence was to give Kuwait some degree of self control, after its neighbor to the north Iraq had just broken the chains of British imperialism. Iraq and Kuwait had been under the same regional control during the Ottoman Empire, and true borders were never clearly defined. When independence was granted in 1961, Iraq massed troops on the border with Kuwait, but the ever diligent British returned to protect the oil interest of British Petroleum and Gulf Oil. Iraq's president Qasim finally bowed to international pressure and British military might, and in 1963 officially recognized Kuwait's independence.

British and American oil interests would be safe in Kuwait for 12 more years until the Kuwaitis, not Iraq, turned the tables on the foreigners and bought out all foreign oil concessions on Kuwaiti oil.

In Iraq, President Qasim ruled for only one more year, when a 1964 coup led to the rise of the Baath party of Iraq. The Baath would have to wait four more years to gain total control over Iraq in 1968 under General Anwar Bakr, and soon to be vice president Saddam Hussein.

Six years later the CIA funneled millions of dollars in covert aid and weapons through the Shah of Iran to the Kurdish rebels. The Kurds, unhappy that they received an independent state from Iraq by the British, had rebelled for years against the Iraqis, not just the Baath regime. The Kurdish fight for independence was never realized, partly because the majority of the Kurds did not seek independence.

## ISRAEL AND THE US

In 1967, one year before the Baath

rise to power in Iraq, the Israelis launched the massive military assault on the west bank of the Jordan river, the Sinai, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem, killing thousands and displacing thousands more Palestinians. This



effectively gave rise to the PLO and many years of bloodshed that continues today.

The British and Americans stood by opting not to get involved, creating a void of international opposition over Israel naked aggression. This unspoken approval gave Israel new leaders, giving them cause to believe they were the strongest army in the region.

This proved to be untrue in the early days of the Yom Kippur war of 1973, when the Egyptian army attacked from the west on the Sinai, and the Syrian army from across the Jordan River. These surprise attacks initially led to the fear by Israelis that their conquered territories might be lost, so Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger helped supply Israel with massive amounts of military aid, and an eventual Israeli victory.

This outright intervention into middle eastern affairs by the United States and the support for Israeli destruction of Palestine so outraged the arab world, that long time US puppet the Shah of Iran led the OPEC embargo of 1973 against oil sales to the west.

## OIL EMBARGO

The embargo, which was meant to hurt the US economy and Washington, instead placed a dread fear of the Arabs in the minds of Americans waiting in gas lines. But while the embargo ended shortly after it began, the "oil crisis" did not. It rose to an all time high of \$32 a barrel in 1977, giving American oil companies in Saudi Arabia a unheard of windfall profit.

When the profit gusher stopped flowing in 1982, all the US oil companies and OPEC suppliers were devastated, except for the Kuwaitis. Kuwait had started to diversify, turning its raw crude into refined petroleum products, and in 1983 bought two large oil refineries from Gulf Oil in Holland and Denmark. To market its new found product, the Kuwaitis built the largest string of gas stations in all of Europe, the Q8 line.

This ever growing Kuwaiti portfolio was owned entirely by Kuwait royalty, now deposed. It may soon be dispossessed of all its billions. The future of the estimated \$200 billion in foreign investments, not to mention the billions of barrels of crude reserves, is uncertain.

Most of the billions are owned either by the government or the royals, which may be the same thing in the eyes of the powers that decide Kuwait's future. Will the money return to the large oil companies: Gulf, Texaco, and British Petroleum; or in return for freedom would the Kuwaiti offer new oil concessions to these fine corporations?

Due to the Kuwaiti royals' drive to obtain everything western, they have betrayed their Arab people. For years during the Iran-Iraq war the Kuwaiti government supplied aid to Iraq, as long as Iraq would protect Kuwait from the fierce Iranian regime. Iraq fulfilled its side of the bargain, but

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# The Color Black

Lynne Davis

Seeing that the color Black is mysterious and of the unknown, it has been seen that Caucasians view African-Americans in this sense. But why is this? Black is the name of a color; when a Caucasian refers to someone as being "Black," it is a way of keeping things on a level of unfamiliarity. Hence, it is yet a way of reinforcing the notion of not knowing the other by physical and emotional means, and proves to be very superficial.

Based on this general idea, and the fact that the color Black does not possess any kind of humanistic characteristics, it is thus implied that those referred to as "Black" are viewed as inhuman; something with no innate value whatsoever. But perhaps African-Americans are related to that of the unknown, maybe because no one makes an effort to discover what exists on the inside of our "Black shell." If no one is willing to make such an effort, we as a people thus remain mysterious. But while calling someone Black may refer to his skin color, it may also stem from where his "kind" originates from.

The continent of Africa has often been referred to by the ignorant as the "dark" and "gloomy" continent, implying that it is a place of the mysterious and the unknown. Hence, people from this continent are referred to as "Black" which also connotes the meaning of being unknown and mysterious as well. Thus, we of African descent may be referred to as "Black" not only because of the color of our skin, but also because we are related to the "dark" from which we come.

Africa is also viewed by the ignorant as a very primitive continent as well, when in fact it is a continent filled with culture and history that has remained intact. Nowadays, we refer to ourselves and prefer to be referred to as African American because when referred to as "Black," we are thus stripped of human characteristics; and ultimately of a cultural

Of all colors, Black is the most dominant because it is the darkest color represented by the total aspect of light. Thus, Black represents all colors put together: yellow, green, blue, red. As an African-American, I am as bright as the color yellow; not only am I intelligent, but I spread sunshine wherever I go. I am as durable as the color green; I have a



and historical background. Hence, when we are instead referred to as African-Americans, this dichotomy implies that we are in fact human and we do possess a culture and history.

While we have examined the color Black as merely a word and the kinds of negative connotations it represents, the color Black has continually been used as something positive. Black may be mysterious and unknown to some, but to others Black is powerful, strong and beautiful.

strong sense of my African ancestors who thrived in the green lands of Africa. I am as composed as the color blue; I am coolly confident of myself and what I represent. I am as fiery as the color red; I possess a very strong and powerful concept of self. Thus, the color Black constitutes all of the above. ♪

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## Ferron To Play Landmark Theatre

Musician, performer, poet: Ferron has been on a continuing search to find and distill the essence of experience, and the personal truths of that experience, through her art. It hasn't always been easy: Ferron has never been the type to take the easy way out and her quest for autonomy and artistic integrity has presented her with a series of challenges. But Ferron's commitment to her music has remained true and, in turn, inspired others: her previous two independently produced albums, *Testimony*, and 1984's *Shadows on a Dime* received across-the-board critical acclaim and gained Ferron a nearly fanatical following.

Now nearly six years after *Shadows on a Dime* garnered a four-star rating from Rolling Stone and was placed alongside Bruce Springsteen and Prince as the best album of the year by the critics of the Boston Globe, Ferron returns with *Phantom Center*. Alternately moody, playful, stringent and sly, the Canadian singer-songwriter's first album for a major label is filled with what one critic called "rich, archetypal imagery," delivered by a voice crackling with the ache of experience. *Phantom Center* maintains Ferron's vision while framing it in contemporary pop-rock textures. For years Ferron has been a cult heroine: with *Phantom Center*, the rest of the world will catch up with a talent as singular as Ferron's name.

"My family, my background of poverty, is not what's important. What's important is that I had some kind of longing that drove me on, drove me out of my family's house, drove me into this thing and that thing until I could finally start saying, 'Now it's worth it, now it's worth paying the price, now it's worth writing the song.'" -- Ferron

Ferron will be appearing at the Landmark Theatre on Friday, November 16th.

## Common Council Passes Fair Practices Law

Sue Weiss

On October 1st, the Common Council passed the Fair Practices Law by a vote of 5-4, to extend civil rights protection to all people in the City of Syracuse, regardless of sexual orientation. The Common Council Chamber was filled to standing room only with supporters of the law. Public statements in support of the law were made by a variety of individuals and organizations prior to the vote, with only one individual speaking out against the law.

Common Councilor President, John DeFrancisco, who does not vote except in the case of a tie, made an eloquent request of his fellow Coun-

tylors to vote unanimously in favor of this anti-discrimination law. Unfortunately, some members of the Council remain so prejudiced against Lesbians and Gays that they were unable to extend these basic civil rights to them. Bernard Mahoney and Rick Guy had the most negative comments to accompany their vote against the law. They were joined by William Bush and Edward Carni.

Voting in favor of the Fair Practices Law were Charles Anderson, Joseph Nicoletti, Joan Christensen, Susann Panek and Robert Romeo. Mayor Tom Young still has the power to veto this law, but he has stated that he intends to sign it into law. Following the passage of this law, the Fair Practices ad hoc committee plans to provide education about the law, in hopes of deterring any acts of discrimination based on sexual orientation.



## EARTH FIRST!

**Onondaga EF! Says Support the  
Environmental Bond Act**  
Andy Molloy

On November 6th we in New York state will have one important choice to make on the ballot. While the candidates running for this or that probably offer no incentive for many of us to bother voting the Environmental Bond Act should.

While we would favor an even more broad reaching act that invests the amount of money truly needed to offset and restore damaging human influence on the environment that thousands of other species live in with us, we recognize that this is a fine step towards that goal.

Economists talk about the concept of external costs. One of the major shortcomings of our economic system is that it fails to account for all costs when planning despoliation ("development"), running factories, or trading the earth's materials. It only takes into account internal costs such as cost to build the factory, and rarely takes into account the environmental costs such as long term pollution, and climate change. Indeed, there is a need for citizens to vote unanimously in favor of

no way to measure the costs of destroying habitat of the Massassauga rattlesnake on an economic level and there should not have to be. If a wetland is scheduled to be filled in for a housing development, the ecological costs are rarely even attempted.

Think of this bond act as an attempt, however limited, to internalize some costs we have for too long ignored. One of the most important aspects of the act would be to provide \$800 million for land acquisition, much of it in the Adirondacks. As one of the last potential Big Wilderness areas in the east this opportunity is vital to insure the land can remain closed to ruination through development and private abuse. Humans "own" and have run of virtually every land area in the state. Untrammeled big wilderness areas in the 'Dacks can allow other species such as lynx, moose, goldthread, and winterberry to exist on their own and not suffer the devastating fate so many thousands of species are encountering around the globe and our own state today.

The money spent is hardly a drop in the bucket when balanced against how much we should spend to offset environmental damage. This two billion is not a one year expenditure anyway, it will probably be in use for ten years down the road. We can't miss this opportunity. Please vote yes on proposition one: the Environmental Quality Bond Act.



**HOMeward CONNECTION**  
Christopher Community

friend. During weekly visits and outings, the volunteer friend offers basic assistance, emotional and social support.

Homeward Connection asks volunteers for a commitment of about two hours each week, for at least six months. Your meetings will vary according to the family's needs and your mutual interests. You may study at the library, go grocery shopping, talk over a cup of coffee or play in the park.

Homeward Connection will hold our next volunteer training on Tuesday, November 13, from 6:30pm to 10:00pm at 1654 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse. The 3 1/2 hour session will focus on the volunteer's role as a friend - the process of meeting a stranger and building understanding and trust over time. Please call Stacey Smith at 424-1821 for further information and to register.

**Volunteer Training; Become an "Intentional Friend" Through Homeward Connection**  
Stacey Smith

"What I like about Homeward Connection is that it seeks to reestablish a woman within the community. This can only come about through friendship and human understanding... Volunteering also heightens my awareness and sensitivity to another person's reality."

-Homeward Connection volunteer

Homeward Connection is an inter-faith ministry with families who become homeless. Our staff and volunteers accompany families (usually single women with children) as they make the transition into a new home and life. We offer basic assistance, information, advocacy and emotional support for up to one year after moving.

Starting over can be difficult. Many women speak of isolation, loneliness and the weight of single-parenting. Children often need extra affection and care. In response, Homeward Connection has developed a network of "intentional friends." When a woman or child expresses interest, we introduce that person to a volunteer

**Community Darkrooms**  
316 Waverly Avenue  
(Watson Theatre Complex)  
443-2450

Includes use of our new Amiga 2000 computer.



**"SPORT"**

David W. Phillips

Fall and winter are times where the general public is not usually out in the woods. Less than 7% of the people in New York State hunt.

Even fewer of them partake of the grotesque practice of trapping, only 1% of american trappers are professionals who rely on trapping income for their livelihood.

Most trappers are amateurs, trapping for "SPORT" and a little extra income, which averages less than \$200.00 annually per trapper.

The most inhumane of the methods used to trap is the steeljaw leghold trap. It is a hazard to public safety, for both pets and people. Trappers and the D.E.C. both defend this trap, claiming that many of the animals are "found sleeping." The American Veterinary Medical Association reports these animals are actually in shock due to excruciating pain! Over sixty countries as well as the state of New Jersey have banned the trap within their borders.

Also among the cruelest forms of "SPORT" is bowhunting. A bowhunter must hit an area no larger than a basketball, known as the "kill zone." Failure to do this results in a slow agonizing death for the animal- usually a deer. Many bowhunters have tracked a "gut shot" deer for an entire day, only to come home empty-handed. The deer suffers from prolonged pain, lowered resistance and possible infection.

I was once a "sportsman," believing that I was helping nature by thinning the deer herd. I now know however that hunters only deplete the gene pool. By taking the biggest and strongest deer, they leave the smaller, weaker deer ones to repopulate. Perhaps that would explain why the NYS record for the largest whitetail deer antlers has stood since 1939.

Natural predators such as wolves and coyotes take the oldest and weakest first; thus Nature insures that the strongest of Her creatures survive. As for me, I still hunt, but I capture my prey on film. When I shoot with my camera I leave the woods as I found it.

The Family Division of Catholic Charities  
Presents  
5th Annual Workshop On  
**Teaching Self-Esteem:  
A Holiday Message**

A special experience for you to learn new ways of appreciating, validating and honoring yourself and others

Presenters: Hugh Gratz & Jeff Douglass

Date: December 1, 1990, Saturday Time: 9:30-12, 1:30-4

Location: May Memorial Unitarian Society Fee: \$25  
3800 W. Genesee St., Syracuse NY

For registration or more information, contact Ronny at 424-1849.  
Consider registering early as there is limited seating available.



**Central New York Chapter  
New York Civil Liberties Union**

**Combatting Censorship of the Arts**  
Marcy Waldauer

Saturday, November 17, 1990 the CNY Chapter ACLU and the NYCLU Foundation will present a panel discussion on Combatting Censorship of the Arts. The 6:30 pm program at May Memorial Unitarian Society, 3800 East Genesee Street, Syracuse will be preceded by a wine and cheese reception and art sale. Dinner will be held after the program at MMUS.

The current controversy over government funding of the National Endowment for the Arts, arrests of artists, museum directors, and musicians on obscenity charges; we are very much aware of the interaction between art and politics. Just what is art? What is obscene? Who should pay for "obscene art"? The panel discussion will be moderated by attorney and first amendment defender Karen De Crow and will include artists, art critics, and gallery directors.

Tickets for the program and reception are \$5.00; those for the program, reception and dinner are \$25.00. All proceeds go to the NYCLU Foundation, and are used for education and litigation on behalf of civil liberties

For information and reservations, call the Central New York Chapter, NYCLU (315) 471-2821.



**A Food Program For You**

Share, a self help food program, is a partnership of thousands of people, food producers, community groups, your neighbors, and you - helping people to eat and live better. This program can provide food for you and your family and has no age, income, or geographic requirements. If you eat, you qualify.

Basically, you register in advance of the monthly distribution, pay \$13.00 in cash for each Share unit ordered, work two hours monthly in community service for each Share unit ordered, and then receive (usually on the fourth Saturday of the month) a food package of frozen meats, fruits, vegetables, packaged food, and staples. The food package is worth at least double your money.

The two hour per month work requirement can be met in a variety of ways. Volunteers are needed to run the Share local registration/

distribution and work at the warehouse (you may sign up for this work at the time you register). You may also volunteer elsewhere in your community. Appropriate service includes volunteer activity that makes your community healthier, happier, safer, or better.

Food pick up time and place will be provided when you register and usually occurs on the 4th Saturday of each month at your host site. It is up to you to understand clearly when to pick up your food and to be there on time. You may arrange for someone else to pick up your food for you if they have your receipt. Much of the food in your package is perishable. If you fail to pick up your food, it will be given to charity and no refunds or credit can be given.

Food Share of Central New York began in the spring of 1989. It is a part of Share, New York (est. 1985) and Share, USA (est. 1983). Share programs have also been established in Guatemala and Mexico.

You may register for this program at any of these sites:

- P.E.A.C.E., Inc. Food Bank  
202 South Beech St  
Contact: Linda Boyd  
470-3354
- Northside Community Center  
P.E.A.C.E., Inc.  
229 Wolf St  
Contact: Mary Town  
470-3332
- Assumption Church  
812 North Salina St  
Contact: Glenna Sobol  
422-4833



**Rainbow Coalition**

Thomas Jefferson, in refusing a third term as President: "That I should lay down my charge at a proper season is as much a duty as to have borne it faithfully. If some period be not fixed, either by the Constitution or by practice... the... office..., will in fact be for life, and that will soon degenerate into an inheritance."

**VOTE "NO"**  
**ON CITY PROPOSITION NO. 1**  
**KEEP THE TWO-TERM LIMIT**



YES



NO

City Proposition Number One

A LOCAL LAW OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE AMENDING ARTICLE V, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 5-201 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SYRACUSE - 1990, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Shall a local law of the City of Syracuse, proposed by the City Charter Commission, abolishing the two-consecutive-term limit for the office of Mayor, be adopted?

**"THE REAL THREAT TO DEMOCRACY  
IS THE POWER OF INCUMBENCY!"**

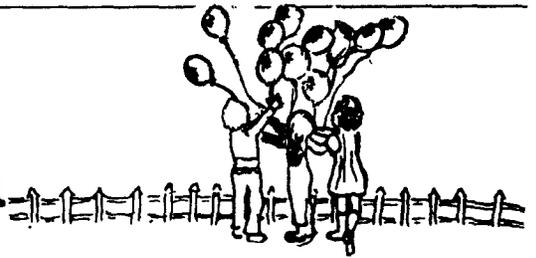
**Say NO to:**

- unfair campaign advantage
- voters having no real choice
- patronage and cronyism
- concentration of power in one office
- big business money
- doors closing to new ideas

**FACTS:**

- The President of the U.S. has a two-term limit.
- Over half the States limit terms of executive officers.
- Syracuse had a one-term limit from 1935-1960.
- Over the last 20 years incumbent Mayors have outspent their challengers 3 to 1.
- In 1989 city employees contributed 35% of total funds raised by the incumbent Mayor (\$80,000).
- Only twice in the 20th Century, and never since 1960, has an incumbent Mayor in Syracuse lost a bid for re-election.

# The Environmental Information Coalition



This month's column:

## Our Children's Environment

Peter Swords  
SANE/Freeze of CNY

Last year, over 250 Peace Children, including 30 from Syracuse, opened the UN General Assembly with a program called "Peace Day," connected by satellite with children in Moscow and Costa Rica. They sang songs, performed skits and presented resolutions. They gave the planet an "environmental checkup" -- broadly assessing the state of Earth's resources, population, nutrition, pollution, and security. They recommended big changes in the way world leaders deal with the planet's -- and children's -- needs. And they promised to come back every year to check their progress. This year, 50 area Peace Children attended the Children's Summit. I juxtapose two memories of the week of October 1, 1990: Having just returned from the U.N., where they sang and presented resolutions, the kids can read the New York Times story of their event and the



text of President Bush's speech about the needs of children. But there is also the news that the US did not ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and that Bush had left the Children's Summit immediately after his speech, to the annoyance of UN staffers.

Why did Bush leave in such a hurry? To deal with the Budget Summit (and the Gulf conflict). Why did the US not ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child? Because it enjoins signer nations from executing 15- or 16- year old criminals, and does not guarantee the rights of fetuses. But in a larger sense, the rights of the child are not recognized in Washington, DC (or in Syracuse), just as the whole planet -- our children's environment -- was invisible

from the Budget Summit. From the Budget Summit point of view, the environment is a set of costs to be postponed, and our children are a resource to be exploited. We play into that delusion when we take environmental issues one by one, like "balloons" or "PCBs." We get fragmented, like so many line items, and lose our values.

If we look at the planet now from the point of view of our children, we see that they/we are an endangered species, and our environment is a living being, also at risk. But seeing things from this angle, while scary, gets our priorities together and gives us power.

We know the global hazards. More even than before "the Cold War ended", nuclear weapons are a threat. The balance of power shifts, the targets will change, and there are terrorists and possible accidents. We are losing fossil fuels, soil, and many other limited resources. Toxic pollution is ruining the nuclear waste from weapons and power plants keeps piling up with half lives in the thousands of years. The world economy is crumbling under national debts and industrial failures. Poverty and population raise the pressure on all national governments to use arms. We recall the old understatement, "war is not healthy for children and other living things".

From the Children's Summit, what are the Rights of the Child? Health, water, sanitation, food, growth, women's rights, family planning, education, safety (from abuse, exploitation and war), a clean environment, and the end of poverty. Each signatory of the Convention is urged to prepare a plan to implement the goals of the Summit, including budgetary priorities reflecting the future well-being of children.

What are the goals? Well, the first is to reduce infant mortality by one third. A year ago, the Bush Administration task force on infant mortality was readying its report. There were 18 recommendations for action involving existing and new agencies, totaling \$480 million in

planned expenditures. Since November 1989, the administration has been sitting on that report, because its findings were too expensive to release. \$480 million? Half a billion? That's about half a Stealth bomber.

The Budget Summit forecasts outlays for '91 to '93 of \$300 billion a year for the Pentagon, plus or minus a few billion. That's not including the cost of the Gulf troops and war hardware. What is this continuous expenditure doing for the safety, health, growth and well-being of children?

More directly, what are the cuts in

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**"...the U.S. did not  
ratify the Convention on the  
Rights of the Child..."**

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child nutrition, housing, education, health, etc., doing? The answers are in our own backyard, where CNY infants die at Third world levels and Onondaga County has to choose between funding mental health and aiding preschool education for children with handicaps.

It will be a long time before the federal budget is seen from the "mountaintop" of Martin Luther King or the Children's Summit. What we can begin to do in Central New York is to get together on our children's needs: demand a peace dividend for their environment and economic conversion for their future; demonstrate nonviolence and tolerance; reduce waste and pollution; feed, shelter, educate, protect, heal and respect our children and each other. In the words of Ella Vitiuk, Peace Child,

"So do everything just to save this world from being killed,

Shake all this world with the strongest power of your love,

To this life, to your friends, to the flowers, to the sun,

to the child who has just been born..." ♪

*Peter is active with SANE/Freeze and this summer helped organize the town meeting to claim the peace dividend.*

# Peaces

Canadian army soldiers were scheduled to leave the Mohawk territory, Kanasetake, near Oka, Canada. People will not be able to continue with their lives as Quebec Provincial Police will take over patrolling the area. In addition police will oversee highways leading to the Mercier Bridge, which was blockaded by Mohawks from Kanawake in a sympathy action with those being attacked at Kanasetake. It has been suggested that the police are trying to cut off communication and solidarity between the two Mohawk communities.



At noon on November 1st while ROTC member Patrick Colclough is having his conscientious objector interview at Saint Lawrence University, there will be a rally on campus in support of his conscientious refusal to be sent to the Mideast. The exact place is soon to be announced. For more info call Carrie or Tom at 315-337-5265.



On the Oglala Nation in South Dakota there exists a unique and special radio station. The station, KILI, is independently native owned that has been up since 1983. Located in the poorest county in the United States, with an unemployment rate of over 75%, the radio is an absolutely vital link for the people. Where not many have a television or live even hundreds of miles from a communication center the radio provides services that literally tie the vast 9000 square mile community together.

"With the start of school, children need to know that KILI is on the air, telling them where to go, when weather emergencies (of which we have dozens each winter) will affect their lives. And that KILI is there to play their music, announce their achievements... reinforce their identities as the future of our proud nation."

KILI has an emergency cash need and is appealing for donations to keep their valuable programming on the air. (KILI Crisis Emergency Fund, First National Bank of Gordon, PO Box 290, Gordon NE 69343-0290)



The three Pico Korea Union members are due to arrive back in Central New York by November 13. They will undertake a nation-wide speaking tour and also be testifying during the lawsuit against Pico Products Ltd. based in Liverpool and run by CEO Bernard Hitchcock. The union was forced to take Hitchcock to court to try and recover back wages and severance pay when Pico Korea Ltd. closed shop and fled the country. Hitchcock's multinational has done this before in the Caribbean.



The indomitable Gary "Paintbrush" Weinstein prepares to put in his 100th hour of devotion to see that the SPC house experiences true outer rejuvenation. His commitment to this project is already legendary in talk at 924 Burnet Ave.



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# West Valley

## NY's Own Nuclear Dump Site

Kath Buffington

**N**ew York State already has a nuclear dump site. Using it for the state's "low-level" waste is an appealing idea to many-- why ruin two areas?

There are a number of reasons. When the facility was developed and subsequently began to bury waste, it was "state-of-the-art"-a state that has proved to be woefully inadequate.

Much of the initial examination of the site has proved it to be incomplete. There is so much erosion and landsliding that it would be difficult to find a section acceptable under state and federal law. The water table fluctuates and is near to the surface, also a problem under regulation. Groundwater rising back to the surface and carrying radioactivity from the trenches has been a consistent problem.

Using the two existant burial grounds is out of the question - large sections have already been exhumed and there are continuing problems with the other parts.

Another reason to avoid West Valley is to keep from interfering with

the current government project aimed at cleaning up 600,000 gallons of high-level liquid waste. The Nuclear Fuel Services (a subsidiary of W.R. Grace) facility was the first (and only) commercial reprocessing plant and was also a state-licensed burial ground from 1963-1975. It also had an NRC-licensed burial site in the same property.

The reprocessing plant ceased operating in 1972. (NFS sold the facility to Getty Oil in 1969.) Getty dumped it and the site reverted to state control. The state and federal governments worked out a cleanup agreement: the \$1 billion+ cleanup bill will be split with 90% being paid by the federal government, 10% by the state and \$20 million by Getty. This doesn't even take into account the low-level waste buried in unlined dirt trenches.

The first small steps at cleaning up the high-level waste have finally been taken. However, the first production of glass bricks made from the high-level waste isn't even scheduled to run until 1993 ( the theory is that

solid waste will be easier to store, monitor, and then move than the liquid.

It has taken years to get to project off the ground. Changing the purpose, use, and activity on the site could only interfere with the existing cleanup efforts.

In addition, the West Valley site has leaked many times and continues to leak. For example, in January, plant officials announced that there had been a plutonium/kerosene leak from the high-level burial ground. They also admitted that the detection wells were not functioning as they had hoped and that strings (rather than large, detectable plumes) of kerosene are moving through the clay.

*Note: Thanks to Carol Mongerson for her years of research and action. Any mistakes in this article are mine, not hers.*

*Kath, now living in Allegany, once lived here in Syracuse and was diligently involved in Peace Council organizing. She is still with us from a distance.*

## You Wouldn't Dump It In Your Backyard. Don't Dump It In Mine.

By Tom Paxton

This great song on the radioactive waste dump fight was done on 5/15/90 for Cortland County CARD.

You wouldn't dump it in your backyard, Don't dump it in mine That stuff will poison the land I love till the end of time  
You'd like to hand me your mistakes, Well I decline You wouldn't dump it in your backyard, Don't dump it in mine

You love your high tech solutions, you love your space-age machines. You love pulling on that switch to watch it glow.  
But there's one little problem: What'll you do with all that waste ? Then you look in my direction, and I say "No!"

This land is good and productive, this land is home to us all. This land is where we are proud to take our stand.  
So you've got one little problem when you think of dumping here. We don't want your ugly faces on our land

You wouldn't dump it in your backyard, don't dump it in mine  
That stuff will poison the land I love till the end of time  
You'd like me to handle me your mistakes, Well I decline  
You wouldn't dump it in your backyard, don't dump it in mine

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You've got your tame legislators, you've got your bright legal minds. You've got your deep, deep pockets filled with cash.  
But there's one little problem: We've got homes and families. We don't want you and your radioactive trash.

You've got your giant reactors, You've got your pipes and your valves. You've got your bright, gleaming gauges on your shelf.  
But there's one little problem: You've got all this glowing glop. But I guess you'll have to keep it for yourself.

You wouldn't dump it in your backyard, don't dump it in mine  
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# A Korean Peace Settlement Is Possible

*Committee for a New Korea Policy*

Imagine what Koreans felt seeing the cold war hostilities melt away in Germany. It was so quick. People had said it would never happen.

The catalyst for German reunification was the decision by Mikhail Gorbachev and the leaders of the USSR to end attempts to dominate East European politics and to initiate a military withdrawal from Eastern Europe. The United States could play a similar catalytic role, sparking serious negotiations between North and South Korea for a major reduction of military forces on each side, setting the stage for Korean reunification.

## Reunification Roadblocks

The leaders of North and South Korea have reason to fear a change in the antagonistic status quo. A mood of trust and peace could stoke a popular reunification fever that could burn both regimes.

Kim Il Sung, in Pyongyang, does not want to see North Korea swallowed by the South as East Germany was devoured by the West. Hard fought social gains could be lost, as well as power itself. South Korea does have twice the population and a much larger economy, which is sailing on the present capitalist tide of history.

Roh Tae Woo, in Seoul, is not a popular leader and has only a tenuous grasp on power. Koreans in both South and North Korea might well feel that he and his brand of politics would provide poor leadership in a reunified Korea.

But the fact remains, Koreans in both South and North Korea long for reunification. A major policy shift by the dominate super power, the United States, could unleash a popular demand too strong for either regime to resist.

## The Threat Is Gone

Long beguiled by the rhetoric of the communist threat, Congress has been willing to pay \$3 billion per year



to keep 44,000 U.S. troops in South Korea. Congress has not blinked at the \$12 billion per year the Pentagon spends preparing to fight a war in Korea.

But faced with a tremendous budget deficit and a greatly changed international climate, many in Congress are taking another look. It seems absurd to spend billions when the U.S. faces no real military threat in Asia. The USSR is pulling back its navy and is in the process of withdrawing 260,000 troops from Asia. Clearly the small country of North Korea does not menace the United States.

North Korea is not a serious threat to our ally South Korea either. An analysis by the Center for Defense Information shows that South Korea can defend itself. North Korea currently has more troops and a larger quantity of some weapons, but the South, with twice the population can have as large and sophisticated a military as it needs. With a GNP that is variously estimated to be four to ten times as great as the North's, South Korea can and does greatly outspend North Korea on its military and has bought more technologically advanced weapons.



## Peace Proposals

The elements of a comprehensive Korean peace settlement are on the table, waiting for the negotiators to arrive.

Both North and South Korea have called for the signing of a nonaggression pact between the two. Each has suggested that a series of military confidence building measures take place.

North Korea has proposed that each side reduce its huge army of over half a million, down to 100,000 troops. In recent proposals North Korea has advocated verification measures, including neutral international inspection.

Pyongyang is insistent that the several hundred US nuclear weapons, the only such weapons on the peninsula, be withdrawn. Also, North Korea, joined by a growing chorus in South Korea, demands that US troops be withdrawn, but proposes that, if Washington wishes, this be done in stages.

Finally, Pyongyang urges that a comprehensive peace treaty be signed to officially end the Korean War. The Pentagon, in nod toward the new realities, announced, in April 1990, that it would withdraw 7,000 troops from South Korea, over a three year period, and vaguely projected further troop cuts in coming years.

## U.S. Steps for Peace

But, if Washington truly wished to encourage a peace settlement in Korea there are several additional steps it could take.

Currently a US general is commander of both most South Korean forces and UN forces in Korea as well. It is difficult for South Korea to sit down as an equal with North Korea, if a foreign general commands its military. The US should transfer command of Korean troops to a Korean general and transfer control of UN forces to a commander from a neutral country.

In December 1988, the US initiated a series of low level diplomatic meetings with North Korea in Beijing China, ending 35 years of total lack of State Department contact. The US should work to improve relations with North Korea, including much more active and high level diplomacy, aimed at securing a peace treaty to end hostilities. To build trust, the US should end the series of provocative war games it holds each year in South Korea.

Washington should actively encourage North and South Korea to seek a non-aggression pact and a mutual reduction of their massive armed forces.

Most dramatically, to break the log jam, the US should announce it will withdraw all of its nuclear weapons, troops and military equipment from South Korea, in a staged manner, over a specified, short, period of time.

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when the Kuwait exceeded OPEC quotas, Iraq threatened to bomb Kuwaiti tankers. US warships came to the aid of Kuwait, at the cost of American lives. But the importance is not in the US response to the "tanker war," but in the new imperial role the Kuwaiti government was playing middle eastern affairs.

Kuwait had learned its lessons well from the British and applied them to other countries in the gulf. In 1988 when the Kuwaiti parliament began downtalking Saddam Hussein, the Emir dissolved the parliament indefinitely. Most recently the Kuwaiti government broke off discussions with Iraq over disputed oil reserves, and the Kuwaiti violation of quotas.

No one dare support Saddam Hussein, "the madman of Baghdad," but his reasons for invasion of Kuwait and its present annexation are founded in legitimate disputes with the former Kuwaiti government.

The failure of the Bush administration to see any legitimate dispute with Kuwait, is the basic failure of the imperialist. Bush has no problem recognizing that Kuwait has every right to rule and dominate its neighbors foreign and domestic policy either by economic or social blackmail, but demonizes Hussein for using final and extreme methods to remove Kuwaiti exploitation from his citizens' backs.

The peace movement has no choice but to condemn Saddam Hussein and his violent acts, but we must also look upon the acts of imperialistic violence done by the US, Britain, and even Kuwait to see the whole picture of oppression and struggle in the middle east. We must look towards negotiation on all sides of the problem; this includes Israel and Syria, but also the Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein because he is not going anywhere anytime soon. ☸

*Cletus Pinti is a long time SPC activist. Cletus's article is available in its entirety, just give us a call (472-5478).*

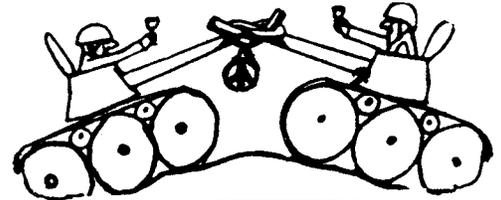
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## Pilgrim cont'd from pg 5

passed laws that any Indian who refused to accept the puritan's religion would be put to death for blasphemy. They also passed laws which prohibited all activity, even on the part of Indians, on the puritan sabbath.

Though Massasoit strove to maintain peace between the native tribes and the colonists the Wampanogs had begun to hate the white man long before his death in 1622. They demanded that his son, Alexander their new chief, resist white abuses.

After Alexander resumed his chieftainship, he was ordered to appear before the colonists to declare his loyalty. The colonists sent troops to fetch him. During the extensive interrogation, Alexander became very ill. He died as his friends were carrying him home.

His brother Philip became chief. Philip's wife and son were captured by white explorers and sold as slaves in the West Indies. In 1676, colonist soldiers ambushed Philip's camp and murdered him. Philip's head was cut off and taken to Plymouth where it was impaled on a pike. It remained on public display for 25 years.

On Thanksgiving Day, white man celebrates Massasoit's visit to the colonists with the food that enabled their survival. But that day of celebration is a day of national disgrace. The United States runs red with the spilled blood of the original inhabitants. I for one shall mourn this Thanksgiving Day. ♀

*Debbie lives in Syracuse. She initiated the local response to assist Mohawks at Kanasatake in Quebec.*

## Letters cont'd from pg 4

every environmental problem we face: loss of natural areas which are the homes of many species and the refreshing spaces where humans can recover from too much "civilization", water shortages, pollution of air and water, more garbage, traffic jams, crowded living, etc.

Although we in the U.S. comprise only 5% of the world population, we use 25% of the world's commercial energy, produce more garbage than any country in the world, and generate 21% of the world's carbon dioxide (the major contributor to global warming).

Unless we achieve population stabilization, sheer numbers are likely to overwhelm any gains we make in resource conservation, pollution control, and energy efficiency.

through life, give me a very secure idea of this man's life.

Those who have lived the recent history created by Adolf Hitler, will understand my hostile attitude I feel

In our own lives, we can make a difference by choosing to be child-free or to have no more than two children. As responsible citizens, we can urge our government to reverse its policy under Reagan of withdrawing support for many family planning programs in this country and other nations. As a matter of individual rights and a matter of survival of the planet, women and men must have the information and resources available to make informed choices about whether and how many children they want.

Sincerely,  
Linda DeStefano  
Syracuse

## Pass It On

Greetings,

Please send me three more copies of your 10/90 Newsletter - even greater than usual! I gave my copy tonight to Nick Garrielides who spoke to our Peace Tree on the subject of the near-east crisis from the vantage point of an anthropologist at SUCC who some ten years ago taught at the university in Kuwait for a year and who said very much the same sort of thing as Cletus Pinti. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Cummins  
Cortland

## Christopher Columbus

History has introduced to me the man Columbus, and by the so-called glory given to the heroes of "American History" the journey of Mr. Columbus toward the false glory given to George Washington! Adolf Hitler is a clone of George Washington, and there is no fool who is going to change what history and life has taught me for the past five and a half decades!

The recent statement made by Oren Lyons, about the News Media's silence over the serious circumstances surrounding the Mohawks at Oka, Canada will prove beyond all doubts the true concern the *American News Media* has in regard to our Native People!

Why are we natives hated by the News Media? We are not really despised by the individuals who do the reporting. It is all controlled by the financial power of corporations that decide what the people are allowed to read and know. And for this reason the U.S. News Media refused to publish the *truth* about the Oka dilemma, only because American Officials were responsible for this entire mess!

Christopher Columbus was prosecuted!! And anybody who is prosecuted by the Courts or News Media, over political issues, feels only a small part of what our Native Messiah, Tadodahhoo (as well as Jesus) did who also suffered the persecution of ignorance.

Have a good weekend,  
Onondaga Warrior

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# Book Review

## Necessary Illusions Thought Control In Democratic Societies

Noam Chomsky  
422 pgs; 1989 South End Press  
\$16 softcover

reviewed by Rich Stuchiner

Indignation toward the mass media is common, especially among progressives. For those who have wondered about how the media bias the news and the reasons behind their biases, Noam Chomsky's latest book, *Necessary Illusions, Thought Control in Democratic Societies*, offers a splendid critique of the U.S. mass media. The book is based on five lectures delivered over Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio in November of 1988 and annotated with five appendixes of evidence of a systematic bias in the media.

Chomsky's thesis revolves around what he calls "the propaganda model;" this model, which was first tested in *Manufacturing Consent, The Political Economy of the Mass Media*, a book he co-authored with Edward Herman, states that the media will only cover certain events while downplaying or ignoring others. One example is the chapter "worthy and



unworthy victims" where Chomsky and Herman look at the coverage given to one murdered Polish priest versus the coverage given to one hundred murders of religious figures in Latin America. The priest, Jerry Popieluszko, had 78 articles written about him in an 18 month period. Over a period of 19 years 57 articles were written about the 100 deaths of religious figures in Latin America. The reasons, as Chomsky concludes, are not hard to snuff out, Jerry Popieluszko was murdered in a communist state and thus is deemed a

worthy victim by the media. The 100 or more religious figures murdered in Latin America, some of whom were American nuns, are unworthy victims because they were murdered in U.S. client states, or as the media like to refer to them, "burgeoning democracies."

This is the overall theme of *Necessary Illusions*: events that are unfavorable to the U.S., its clients or the dominant political prejudices are either ignored, downplayed or explained away, while abuses by official enemies are given much attention and fitted with the proper indignation so that the public is sure to fall into the good guy/bad guy dichotomy. The book is rife with examples of this dichotomy; some of the topics covered are: "The Sanctity of Borders," which deals with the selective application of this doctrine in regards to Nicaragua and Israel; "La Prensa and Its Colleagues," which deals with the extensive coverage given to the trials and tribulations of the CIA funded paper in Nicaragua. The U.S. mass media's utter hypocrisy and unbelievable subservience to power is revealed as Chomsky discusses the attention given to La Prensa in comparison to other U.S. client states such as El Salvador, Guatemala, and Israel.

Another topic, "The Media and International Opinion," is an important chapter if one is to try and make sense of all the hoopla surrounding the U.N. as we fall deeper into the Persian Gulf crisis. If you have read the papers lately you find out about what a treat institution the United Nations is, but this has not always been the case. Now that the U.N. is going along with U.S. policy somewhat, it is exulted as this great body of international law and peace-keeping. But throughout the eighties it was denounced as "a third world talking shop" because time and time again the U.S. was isolated from the international community in resolutions such as the condemnation of the invasion of Grenada, the bombing of Libya, and the refusal to pay war

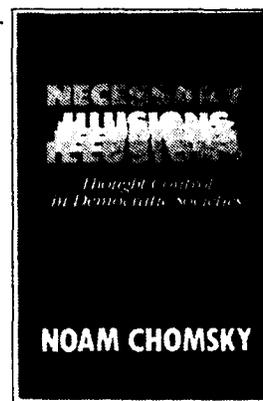
reparations to Nicaragua as deemed by the world court. But thanks to the media these instances of international solidarity are conveniently ignored, as thus they do not exist.

Chomsky also discusses some of the reasons why the media are biased toward the powerful interests in the U.S. The reasons: they are part of the powerful interests in this country. The U.S. mass media are big businesses whose main purpose is to make money. But since the media are businesses they also have certain biases inherent in their ability to cover news. This pressure is also handed down to the reporters who feel the pressure to conform and not get the boss or the advertisers mad. These factors as well as others help to bias the media toward the dominant class.

As Chomsky states, "Case by case, we find that conformity is the easy way, and the path to privilege and prestige; dissidence carries personal costs that may be severe, even in a society that lacks such means of control as death squads, psychiatric prisons, or extermination camps. The very structure of the media is designed to induce conformity to established doctrine. In a three minute stretch between commercials, or in seven hundred words, it is impossible to present unfamiliar thoughts or surprising conclusions with the argument and evidence required to afford them some credibility. Regurgitation of welcome pieties faces no such problem."

In *Necessary Illusions*, Chomsky does an excellent job of debunking the propaganda that is abundant in our mass media. He also sets up a clear and concise argument on why our media are biased and why they need to be changed. This book goes a long way in helping to rewrite the wrongs that are printed in our daily papers. ♪

Rich is a frequent contributor to the PNL and is busily plowing through Syracuse U's distinguished political science major.



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| <p><b>4</b> Serra Club Tour of Bowdoin Recycling at Bowdoin Recycling, 1925 Park St. Families welcome 10am. Sue 673-1494</p> <p>Harvest Festival at Ossiningo Pot Luck Feast of Native American foods w/program, Waarman Center, Hilton Rd, Apsalachin, NY 1-3pm</p> <p>North American Indian Club Speech/Dinner, 210 Fabius St. Noon-6pm 478-7425</p> <p><b>11</b> Angola Independence Day Speaker, Jeremy Levin, ex-postage from Lebanon &amp; CNN reporter. Call for time &amp; place</p> | <p><b>5</b> Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets, 7pm</p> <p>Syracuse Cm Legislative mtg City Hall 3rd Floor, 2pm Open to public.</p> <p>1974- Karen Silkwood becomes internally contaminated with plutonium</p>                               | <p><b>6</b> Election Day</p> <p>Open Writers Workshop by Community Writers Project at Erwin Methodist Church 7-9pm free, open to all. 479-8053</p> <p>SANE/FREEZE monthly program/Sane Energy-the relationship of war, economy to consumptive energy habits. May Memorial 7:30pm 478-7442</p>                | <p><b>7</b> Teach In on the Gulf Crisis w/ speakers &amp; discussion Maxwell Aud. 7pm SU</p> <p>Syracuse Common Council Mtg. City Hall 3rd floor, noon</p> <p>Open to the public</p> <p><b>EVERY WED.</b> Alliance meets at ECOH 6pm 475-4120</p>                | <p><b>1</b> EVERY THURS. SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm. Lots of fun, 472-5478 for info.</p> <p>Gay &amp; Lesbian Alliance (GLAS) meets at Trinity Episcopal Church Parish House, 523 W Onondaga St. 7:30pm 422-5732</p> <p>Onondaga Earth First! mtg call Andy 472-5478 for place</p> | <p><b>2</b> "Forever Wild" Concert &amp; image slides w/Keniger Walker Jim. Solo: ECOH. Suggested donation \$4-\$7. Refreshments available. 7:30pm 471-7312.</p> <p>Gay Mens Support Group, at Grace Epst. 7:30pm 471-6618</p> <p><b>9</b> EVERY FRI. Act-Up ECOH 7:30pm</p> <p>"Women's Perspectives on Issues in the Latino Community" Angela Ocasio, founder of ANACLA, Rm. 304A, Schine Cir., SU noon</p> <p>Lesbian Support Group meets at Women's INFO, 501 Allen St. 7-9pm 478-4636</p> | <p><b>3</b> "Wildlife Preparing for Winter" From the Family Nature Experience for children w/puppet or guardian Beaver. Lake Nature Center. 10:30am 638-2519</p> <p><b>10</b> Flea Market &amp; Craft fair to benefit Gay &amp; Lesbian Alliance of Syr. at Trinity Episcopal Church Parish House, 523 W Onondaga St. 10-4 638-1993 to donate.</p> <p>"Sisters" talk at Maxwell Aud. SU Prof. Marnee 7pm 424-0340</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p><b>12</b> Alicia Plano Guy - Hispanic poetry &amp; music at Goldstein Aud., Schine Cir. SU 4pm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>13</b> EVERY TUES. Lesbian &amp; Gay Youth mtgs. 6-9pm</p> <p>Amnesty Intl Group 4373 meets at St. Michael's Church W. Genesee St. Camillus 7:30pm 422-9890 (and 11/27)</p> <p>Syracuse Common Council Mtg. City Hall 3rd floor, noon</p> | <p><b>14</b> NOW CNY chapter general mtg at Marine Midland Park, 360 S Warren St. 7:30pm 455-7866</p> <p>City at Peace mtg at Burnet Park, Zoo 7:30pm 478-7442</p> <p>Handicapped Issues' Gifted Aud., SU 6pm 424-0340</p>                                                                                   | <p><b>15</b> Gay &amp; Lesbian Alliance meets Trinity Episcopal Church Parish House, 523 W. Onondaga St. 7:30pm 422-5732</p> <p>"Equality" (talk) Grant Aud., SU w/Prof. Brythan 6pm 424-0340</p> <p>Onondaga Earth First! mtg. call Andy 472-5478 for place</p> | <p><b>16</b> 11/18 1-11/18 2nd Statewide Conference on Labor and the Environment at SUNY ESF. SU Over 20 workshops, speakers, panels, concert. 518-462-5527</p> <p>Ferron Concert at Landmark Theatre, downtown Syracuse</p>                                                       | <p><b>17</b> Combating Censorship of the Arts panel discussion by CNY ACLU at May Memorial Unitarian Society 6:30pm, reception, art sale, and dinner. Reservations \$5 for dinner. 471-2821</p> <p>Separated and Divorced Support Group for Women "Findinf Support services" at Women's INFO. 10-2pm</p>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p><b>18</b> EVERY SUN. Metropolitan Community Church Worship service. 6pm, Grace Episcopal Church. 471-6618</p> <p>EVERY SUN. Poetry reading at Tea Here Now, 122 Trinity Pl. Open Mike Free</p> <p><b>25</b> EVERY SUN. South Africa Now, weekly news from South Africa. 5pm WCVY Channel 24</p> <p>EVERY SUN. Peoples 60 Minutes, Cooke Cable Ch. 7, 8pm 472-5478</p> <p>EVERY SUN. Support Group for people with Psychological Issues, Alliance 3-5pm Plymouth Congregational Church</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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