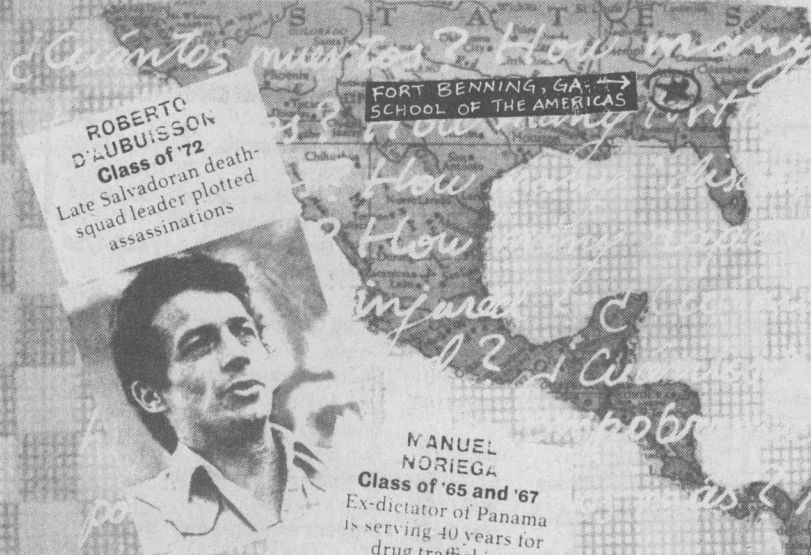


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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

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

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

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In This Issue:

How better to break open the new year than by breaking open an F15-E. Read all about the latest Plowshares action from those crazy, mad-cap activists. We'll even throw in a little history, plus some people's personal histories to mark our losses at their passing, some Behind Enemy Lines with S.O.A. ('cause that puts the enemy lines within our borders...Hmmm), updates from CACC, and the Coalition For Choice (right after the New Leaf) and some radical discussion with your standard medical experts and a foiled abduction for the reader who doesn't have quite enough action in their own life. Of course we all know that thought without action equals the big goose-egg, right? Best make a resolution.

The Peace Newsletter (PNL) is published monthly by the Syracuse Peace Council. SPC, founded in 1936, is the oldest community-based peace and justice organization in the United States.

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

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About the cover: "School of Scandal" by Anita Welych

The cover of this month's newsletter deals with the infamous "School of the Americas," a Pentagon-run training camp for Latin American military. Yes, the same military responsible for literally hundreds of thousands of atrocities in Central and South America. Human rights violations include numbers which seem almost abstract in their enormity: over 200,000 Argentines "disappeared" (euphemism for murdered) during the military dictatorship's tenure. At the other end of the spectrum was the lonely death, by torture, of two ordinary Colombians. The only reason I know is because I knew *them*. The anthropologist often traveled to remote regions and took his roommate along. Only months later did we find out why they never came back. Apparently, the military figured that, if they didn't look like military or natives, they must be guerrilla insurgents. They were tortured for information but since they had none, died in the process.

The text around their two figures reads:

En homenaje a mis amigos, el artista y el antropólogo, quienes fueron torturados hasta la muerte por los militares Colombianos en 1984. Y a todas las victimas de la represion militar en todas partes del mundo. (In honor of my friends, the artist and the anthropologist, who were tortured to death by the Colombian military in 1984. And to all victims of military repression everywhere.)

The text in white reads: ¿Cuántos muertos? How many died?
 ¿Cuántos torturados? How many tortured?
 ¿Cuántos desaparecidos? How many "disappeared"?
 ¿Cuántos violados? How many raped?
 ¿Cuántos heridos? How many injured?
 ¿Cuántos reprimidos? How many repressed?
 ¿Cuántos hambrientos? How many hungry?
 ¿Cuántos empobrecidos? How many impoverished?
 ¡Por las culpa de los graduados de esta escuela! By the graduates of the School of the Americas!

—Anita Welych

Letters

Dear Council Members and Peace Magazine:

Visiting Syracuse from Ottawa, I was pleased to run across the December 1993 issue of Peace Magazine. But I was shocked by your treatment of the campaign for which I used to be a coordinator.

Under the heading "Pepsi-Co Responds With Concern for Mis-guided (sic) Activism," you allow the firm to defend its bottling business under Burma's dictatorship, with no attempt at rebuttal. Odder still is your hidden editorial: "misguided." It lurks behind the context of PepsiCo's letter. The casual reader might attribute the comment to PepsiCo. But in fact, the letter makes no mention of the Boycott.

Through this ambiguity, SPC gives the benefit of the doubt to PepsiCo. This mocks your mandate to "challenge unjust power relationships." It is hypocritical in light of the review (in the same issue) of the film on Noam Chomsky, "Manufacturing Consent," a telling rebuke of corporate propaganda.

Let's dissect PepsiCo's intricate logic: its majority partner in Burma, the "private entrepreneur," is under the thumb of the military, and only operates with their approval. PepsiCo "may not agree" with rape and torture but offers its highly-visible presence to an illegal regime that lost the 1990 election. With its corporate allies behind it, the army elite boasts about its legitimacy.

PepsiCo too is "law-abiding"—it defers to U.S. foreign policy, over which it wields enormous power and influence. PepsiCo is "ethical"—funding sports programs in Burma allows both Pepsi and the brutal junta to declare their benevolence. PepsiCo is a "positive force for change" in Eastern Europe, where governments have succumbed to the forces of greed and turned their backs on the poor. The maniacal junta that ravages Burma need not change. Why should it? It's already pro-business, aptly described as "thugs, criminals and drug dealers" by former Canadian oil executive John Ralston Saul.

Tyrants and corporations alike obey the logic of power: seek only the barest pretence of legality needed to secure our consent. Pepsi ads pretend to be entertaining—whether they are or not. Likewise PepsiCo's "beliefs" need not be convincing, just outlast our resistance. In the battle for market share, like any other war, the first casualty is truth, unless we reject those that claim authority over us.

I hope Marge Rusk, who received the letter, can write a follow-up article. The present

To the Editor:

After all the work, expectation and anticipation of President Aristide's return, people here feel sad and depressed, yet they have hope because this inhumane, intolerable situation cannot be condoned by the people of the world.

There are two ways in which to end this unacceptable situation, one of which is through imposition of a complete blockade. For people who believe in nonviolent solutions to conflict situations, this is the only acceptable method.

Imposition of a complete embargo will end the easy flow of goods to the rich through the many coves and ports of Haiti and also the access along the Haitian-Dominican Republic border. Without access to air transport, those in illegal power cannot last.

Also it is necessary for President Aristide to return to Haiti for he is the duly elected president. If Haitians are to believe in democracy as the US wishes them to do, the constitutionally elected president must return. Oth-

erwise democracy becomes meaningless. President Aristide has fulfilled his obligation to the Governor's Island Accord. It is past time for Cedras and Francois to fulfill theirs.

Also necessary is the immediate return of the OAS/UN peace monitors. When they departed, Haitian people felt abandoned.

If the international community, including the US and the UN, do truly believe in self-determination of a people, they cannot abandon the people of Haiti who have chosen democracy as their way.

Let the people of the world not forsake the Haitians as we did the people fleeing Nazi Germany in the 1930s: The shameful treatment of Haiti is a crime against humanity being committed by the international community.

Cynthia Banas is a member of the Syracuse, NY Haitian Resettlement Committee and has been in Haiti since October 25 as an observer there. (see "FRAPH Abduction Foiled in Haiti" on page 19 of this PNL for more from the Cry for Justice Team)

"update" gives two out-of-date phone numbers, likely from a January press release. It gives my home number (without my name) for OPIRG-Carleton's S.E. Asia Working Group. The correct number is (613) 788-2757.

Let readers know of other campaigns against PepsiCo in Burma. Of urgent concern: The Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (New York) has submitted a shareholder resolution for May 1994, demanding that PepsiCo withdraw from Burma. Also, a major ethical investment firm, Franklin Research and Development (Boston), is spearheading the Coalition for Corporate Withdrawal from Burma.

You can quote more responsible firms such as Levi Strauss and Company. It withdrew its textile business in 1992, declaring that "under current circumstances, it is not possible to do business in Myanmar (Burma) without supporting the military government and its pervasive violations of human rights."

The SPC could canvass local groups for a campaign contact (OPIRG's boycott flyer can be customized), and join the growing network of citizen's groups worldwide supporting this boycott. Some of these include the Ottawa Disarmament Coalition, Canadian Friends of Burma, the International Union of Students (Prague), the Asian Human Rights Commission (Hong Kong), and the Committee for the Restoration of Democracy in Burma (based in the USA and other countries).

Finally, I urge that Peace Magazine adjust its editorial practices to distinguish reporting from propaganda. Let's not allow corporate benefactors to divide our common cause.

Sincerely,
Terry Cottam
Ottawa, ON CANADA

Editors' response:

Mr. Cottam brings up (and drops) a valuable dialogue in response to our treatment of the letter sent to Marge Rusk concerning her participation in the boycott of PepsiCo (December PNL, page 25). We fully recognize that we could have been more clear in defining our use of irony in our presentation of the response. It seems Cottam's reaction may center around a semantic mis-understanding. He places a "sic" after our use of "Mis-guided" in the subtitle, implying a mis-spelling.

However, the hyphen was meant as semiotic irony to call attention to the way PepsiCo is trying to "white-wash" its vile and murderous policy in Burma. Perhaps if we had used quotation marks instead (ie. "mis-guided") he would have felt we had clarified our sarcastic intent. He seemed to have no problem with irony in Brian Dominick's parody of corporate media (which he references in

Boycott Backfire cont'd on page

SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL PAGE

Two Down

This PNL marks my second year of running rampant down here at the Peace Council. Happy days before, happy days ahead. You know your job is odd when day-to-day survival is your only concrete measure of success. Of course instant world peace, an end to all forms of oppression, massive restructuring of social relations and an economic system based on something other than exploitation and murder would also be concrete measures of success, but we don't want to rush things. Maybe by Thursday, noon.

Reminds me of that brief moment not so long ago when the progressive movement thought it could shut down 'cause Benevolent Bill and Health-care Hillary were moving into the shoes of the First Family. Fortunately, Bill fit so well into the royale robes and the Reagan-Bush loafers that it was no shock to our System at all. They've even been so kind as to keep on lots of the previous appointees so as not to alter the "portrait of America" on the holiday cards or the monograms on the hankies.

How can we force all those other countries to learn how to mimic real, home-style American Democracy if we allow administrations to change all the faces just because a new party was voted into office. That's what I love about Democracy in the U.S.A.; consistency. Why change a perfectly profitable policy when you can just change market strategy.

Les is More

Speaking of ad-slicks, our Bill on Capital Hill is so smooth he's learned all the old Reagan-Bush lessons (new dog, same tricks), like "get someone to resign after a year of controversy and let them take the blame for every public policy error." All in exchange for a high-paid position as an advisor or CEO (Clearly Extraneous and Overpaid) for a friendly DOD corporation. When Les Aspin resigned last month he said it was "time for a career change." Of course, when most folks retire they just take a gold watch or a plaque or something. Les got more. He got Somalia, and Haiti, and Gays in the Military, and the Base Closings, and Barney, and the Beavis and Butthead fires. And Bill's left smelling like a rose garden.

Pat-e-cake

I would like to clarify that the "about the cover" for Amy Bartell's Pat Robertson "Jane" was written by Amy. We didn't make that clear, and are sorry if it bummed you out, but that's what she wanted, and it seemed wrong to make her change it for fear of offending. We prefer "laid back" to "censor."

Retraction

In our consistent rush to bring you the PNL-est PNL, we made a blunder in our intro to "Our Words," the article we reprinted in December, 1993, from Gai hwa na ge', the newsletter of the Onondaga Nation. We printed that the Grand Council closed the businesses on the Onondaga Nation. The businesses were closed by the Onondaga Council of Chiefs.

Thanks For A Great Craftsfair

The Plowshares Craftsfair committee would like to thank all of you who came and took part at our winter holiday festival. We raised over \$4000 for the Peace Council this year. Special thanks go out to the following individuals and groups for their help: Joe Carpenter, Paul Pearce, Bill Mazza, Brian Dominick, Helen Carter, Joan Goldberg, Debra Douthit, Lanny Freshman, Lucas Freshman, Daniel Freshman, Karl Newton, MaryAnne Keenan, Sue Thorne, Mary Cook, Amy Zankoff, MaryJane Monsour, Jonathon Durand, Diane Grafly, Glenda Neff, Cheryle Doble, Cindy Cordes, Linda Perla, Rosemary Dacko, Leslie Bliss, Jon Raes, Marcia Rutledge, Mara Sapan-Shevin, Larry Rutledge, Debbie Webster, Lynne Woehrl, Monica Brandis, Bill Streit, Sue Frankel, Joanne Bateman, Rich Decker, Maryanne Decker, Carl Mellor, R'anne, Joy Meeker, Mary Keough, Brent Bleier, Gary Weinstein, Mary Cook, Duane Hardy, Christa Cocciole, Ron Seeber, Amy Zankoff, Mary Jane Monsour, Nick Orth, Michael DeSalvo, Colleen, Jan, Michele, John Kerney, Will Ravenscroft, the students from Christ the King Confirmation class, James Shattell, Rick and Poody Edwards and family, Tom, Sam, Frederick and the great staff at the Southwest Community Center, all the musicians, dance troupes (Southwest Community Center dancers, Onondaga Nation school dancers, Morris dancers), local businesses that donated raffle items, craftspeople and anyone else we forgot to mention by name. We could not have pulled it off without you!

-- craftsfair committee (Rae, Karen, Margaret, Andy, Beth, Bill and Barb)

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Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares



Four Activists Disarm an F-15E in 49th Plowshare Action

Philip Berrigan, John Dear, S.J.,
Lynn Fredriksson, Bruce Friedrich

AT THREE O'CLOCK on the morning of December 7, 1993, four activists entered the grounds of Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in North Carolina. They proceeded to pour their own blood on and beat with hammers F-15E aircraft in protest of the planes' very existence.

Ironically, they had stumbled into the middle of an ongoing "Operation Readiness" exercise in which troops at the base were participating. Airmen who were in the vicinity assumed the action was part of their preparation exercise and did not intervene. Instead, they actually allowed the activists to conduct leafletting and lay out banners on the grounds of the base. It was not until an officer began shouting "This is not an exercise, this is real life!" that the four activists were apprehended.

The following piece was sent to us on the day of the action, December 7:

Statement of the Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares

The Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares act in the spirit of Isaiah 2: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." We seek the peace of Christ who requires that we put down the nuclear sword and love our enemies. We humble ourselves before the Spirit of Life to disarm the F-15E's at the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, ex-

pose the nuclear-capable weapons and begin the process of disassembly and conversion. We use the symbol of blood to illustrate the murderous purpose of these weapons: the blood already spilled in wars in Iraq and other areas of F-15E deployment. We beat the F-15E with household hammers—symbols of both the creative force in our everyday lives and of the transformation dictated by Isaiah.

The Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares occurs on "Pearl Harbor Day," in the season of Advent. The unconsidered patriotism of the day stands as an antithesis to the day's spiritual significance—Advent as arrival—for some the coming of Jesus the Christ; for others, the renewal of hope through revolutionary nonviolence.

Pearl Harbor is a grand militarist illusion. As Howard Zinn explains, "Pearl Harbor was presented as a sudden, shocking, immoral act. Immoral it was, like any bombing—but not really sudden or shocking to the American government...Records show that a White House conference two weeks before Pearl Harbor anticipated a war and discussed how it should be justified." Pearl Harbor and WWII combined to initiate worldwide economic restructuring which further divides the rich from the poor and leaves the U.S. a world class empire, the nuclear massacres at Hiroshima and Nagasaki and the beginning of American militarism.

While 50 million people died in WWII, throughout the past few decades over 40 million people have starved to death *each year*.

They starve because we remain complicit in the building of F-15E's rather than demand that these resources feed hundreds of thousands of children. Our silence contributes to violence, cruelty and greed.

In the spirit of nonviolent disarmament, we say no to nuclear weapons, no to milita-

rism, no to the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, no to the U.S. government that finances and develops this

genocidal weaponry, and no to an economic system which has been elevated to the status of a deity.

Nonviolence invites us to say yes to the distribution of food; yes to adequate housing, decent education, universal health care; yes to self-determination throughout the world; yes to healing the earth; yes to peace; yes to children; yes to community; yes to love and understanding.

We visit Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, then, to say no to death and war and yes to peace and life. We invite all to join us in this nonviolent transformation.

On United States Air Power, Disarmament, and the F-15E

Popular opinion believes that the U.S. is disarming. In reality, the United States will spend approximately \$500 billion on military dominance this year alone (includes DOE weapons budget and other non-Pentagon war expenses). Recently leaked Pentagon documents indicate that the targets of U.S. militarism are largely the third world countries whose resources we presently exploit.

Regarding START II, James Baker's comments from October 1989 are instructive: "Without the START negotiations, the domestic consensus needed to support essential modernization programs, not only mobile ICBM's, but also the B-2, Trident and SDI would be difficult to sustain...Our force modernization and arms control efforts reinforce each other." Indeed, disarmament talks have pacified much of the peace movement despite continued military spending madness.

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The Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares:

Philip Berrigan, 70, is a father of three, a WWII veteran, a Plowshares activist and an author. He resides at Jonah House, a nonviolent resistance community in Baltimore, which he co-founded over twenty years ago.

John Dear, 34, is a Catholic priest, a member of the Jesuit community, and a peace activist who works with the homeless in Washington, DC. He was born in Elizabeth City, NC, and attended Duke University in Durham. He is the author of several books, including *Disarming the Heart*, *Seeds of Nonviolence*, and *Our God is Nonviolent*. He is a member of the National Council of Pax Christi USA (a national Catholic peace movement).

Lynn Fredriksson, 30, is an activist and organizer for peace and human rights. She was co-director of the national office of Women Strike for Peace during the 1991 war against Iraq, and recently manager of the Project PLACE homeless shelter for men in Baltimore, MD.

Bruce Friedrich, 24, has been a member of the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker in Washington, DC, for over three years. The Catholic Worker is a nationwide movement dedicated to solidarity with the oppressed and to challenging the structures of oppression through the nonviolent tactics of Jesus, Dorothy Day, Gandhi and Rosa Parks.

The Players:

Philip Berrigan, John Dear, S.J., Lynn Fredriksson, Bruce Friedrich —vs.—

The U.S. National Security State, its functionary offices, especially:

The President and Commander-in-Chief William Clinton

Seymour-Johnson Commander John O. McFalls III

The U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, especially:

Sen. Lauch Faircloth (R-N.C.), Armed Services Committee

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), Foreign Relations Committee

Rep. Cass Ballenger (R-N.C.), Foreign Affairs Committee



A FAREWELL TO ARMS

WE COME TO Seymour Johnson Air Force Base today, December 7, 1993, to indict and witness against the United States National Security State for:

Crimes Against the Peace:

I. Reliance on the threat of nuclear first-strike capability as the ultimate enforcer for plunder, and the consumption of half the world's wealth by only 4.6 percent of the world's population. The F-15E is a present and immediate danger to all life and is a crime against humanity.

II. The idol-worship of nuclearism—the addiction to structural violence, torture and murder, with escalation dominance up to, and including, the threat and use of weapons of mass destruction (Nuclear weapons have been deployed or their use threatened no fewer than 34 times since 1945).

III. Further dependence on violence and war, as seen by the over 500 billion dollar proposed expenditure for the false security of military dominance this year alone (includes DOE weapons budget, CIA incursions budget, etc. not directly tallied in the Pentagon budget).

IV. The massive environmental degradation done throughout the world by U.S. militarism. The world's greatest purveyor of ecoviolence is the U.S. military—with, for example, nuclear testing, weapons production, radioactive waste dumping, nuclear power production and the contamination of our soil, air and water. Indeed, U.S. militarism has even irreparably poisoned our earth's stratosphere.

War Crimes:

Financing and arming massacres in Angola, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Northern Ireland, Palestine, the Philippines, Somalia, South Africa;

perpetrating blood baths in Iraq and Southeast Asia; incursions into Grenada, Libya, Panama and Somalia. This sample is recent and representative, but far from complete.

Crimes Against Humanity:

The starvation of over 40 million people every year in order to maintain the U.S. lifestyle. National Security Policy under Clinton moves full-force to maintain open markets and cheap third world resources. When the U.S. attends an earth summit, "our lifestyle is not open to negotiation." Our "lifestyle," protected by our military, forces the third world into destitution. The structure of international finance makes third world debts unpayable; International Monetary Fund "austerity measures" cause hyper-inflation and poverty for 1.3 billion people who live in constant want of enough calories to sustain life functions; over 40 mil-

lion of these people die each year (Bread for the World Institute, "Hunger 1994: Transforming the Politics of Hunger").

We also call to account the institutional churches which, in their complicity with the National Security State, fail to condemn militarism and consumerism.

Some of us follow Jesus Christ who commands us to "love one another" as the "great command" (Jn 13:34) and to love our enemies. Our lives are an attempt to "Choose life" (Dt 30:18) every day, and we feel that this requires of us hard choices and unequivocal devotion and faith in the God of Peace. All of us recognize the "Spirit of Life" as a spirit of love, antithetical to war preparations and United States weapons' dependence. Some of us are motivated by principles of common humanity which were spelled out in "International Law" at Nuremberg. Article VII dictates that complicity in the above-mentioned crimes is in itself a direct crime against the international community. All of us repudiate the aforementioned crimes of our nation and call on our fellow human beings to do likewise.

We, the undersigned, seek to disarm a part of the nuclear weapons system at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, and call all people of peace to carry our further acts of nonviolent disarmament. We act for ourselves, on behalf of our families, and for all the world's people. We echo the cry of peacemakers throughout history: "No more war! War never again!"

Philip Berrigan,
John Dear, S.J., Lynn
Fredriksson, Bruce
Friedrich



Motivated by the Prophetic Call

A History of the Plowshares Movement

Art Laffin

ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1980, the "Plowshares Eight" carried out the first "plowshares" action. They entered a General Electric plant in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, where the nose cones for the Mark-12A nuclear warheads were manufactured. With hammers and blood they enacted the biblical prophecies of Isaiah (2:4) and Micah (4:3) to "beat swords into plowshares" by hammering on two of the nose cones and pouring blood on documents. They were subsequently arrested, tried, convicted by a jury and sentenced to prison terms ranging from 1 1/2 to 10 years. In 1981 their case went under appeal in the Pennsylvania courts. In February of 1989 the Pennsylvania Supreme Court denied a hearing of any further issues in the case, and on October 2, 1989 the U.S. Supreme announced they would not hear the Plowshares Eight appeal. On April 10, 1990 the Plowshares Eight were resentenced by the Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas in Norristown and, with neither the prosecutor nor G.E. making any recommendations or asking reparations, paroled for up to 23 & 1/2 months in consideration of time already served in prison.

Since the Plowshares Eight action, other communities and individuals have entered military bases and weapons facilities and with hammers, blood and other symbols, have symbolically, yet concretely, disarmed compo-

nents of U.S. first-strike nuclear weapons systems: the MX, Pershing II, Cruise, Minuteman, ICBM's, Trident II missiles, Trident submarines, B-52 bombers, P-3 Orion anti-submarine aircraft, the ELF communication system and the Navstar system. Disarmament actions have also been carried out against combat aircraft, nuclear-capable battleships used for military intervention, and at an "Arms Bazaar."

In each case, people who have engaged in plowshares-disarmament actions have undertaken a process of spiritual preparation and non-violence training and have given careful consideration to the risks involved in such an action. Accepting full responsibility for their actions, plowshares activists have always peacefully awaited arrest following each act.

Resonating closely with this spirit of non-violent direct disarmament, other people, though not seeing their action arising specifically out of a Biblical tradition, have been compelled by their consciences to disarm non-violently components of nuclear and conventional weapons.

The Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares is the 49th Plowshares Action. In addition to the U.S., plowshares and other disarmament actions have occurred in Australia, Germany, Holland and Sweden. The backgrounds of plowshares activists vary widely. Parents, grandparents, veterans, former lawyers, teachers, artists, musicians, priests, sisters, housepainters, carpenters, writers, health care workers, students, advocates of the poor and homeless and members of Catholic Worker communities have all participated in disarmament actions.

In my view, the basic hope of the plowshares actions is to communicate from the moment of entry into a plant or base—and throughout the court process and

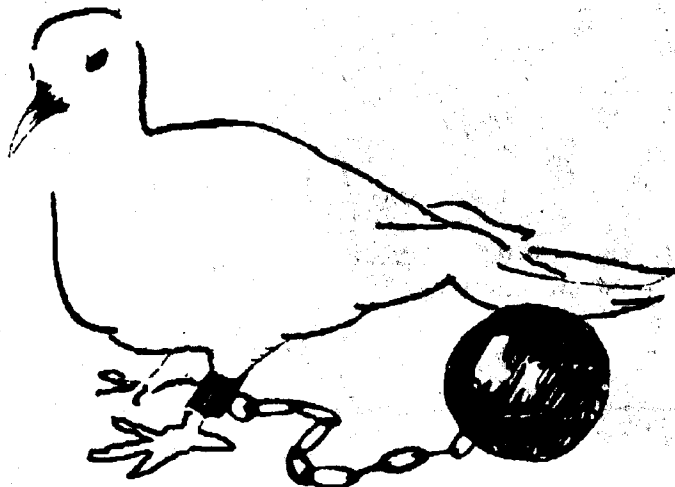
prison witness—an underlying faith that the power of nonviolent love can overcome the forces of violence; a reverence for the sacredness of all life and creation; a plea for justice for the victims of poverty and the arms race; an acceptance of personal responsibility for the dismantling and the physical conversion of the weapons and a spiritual conversion of the heart to the way of justice and reconciliation. Thus our resistance is not just to a particular weapon system, law or policy, but to the web of violence, fear and greed that underlies the policies of the national security state and which also lie in the very depths of our own hearts.

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The main symbols used in plowshares actions are hammers and blood. Motivated by the prophetic call, hammers are used to literally begin the process of disarmament that thousands of arms talks have failed to accomplish. The hammer is used to take apart as well as to create, and to point to the urgency for conversion from war production to products that enhance life. The blood symbolizes the mass killing nuclear and conventional weapons can inflict, as well as the murderous cost they now impose on the poor. Blood speaks, too, of human unity and the willingness to give one's life rather than to take life.

Plowshares activists believe that nuclear weapons and all weapons of war are anti-God, anti-property and anti-life and, therefore, have no right to exist. In the Trident Nein plowshares action that I participated in, we hammered and poured blood on missile hatches and sonar equipment of the first-strike Trident submarine. With spray paint we renamed the Trident "USS Auschwitz" because of our belief that such a weapon has no more right to exist than the Nazi gas ovens. The real crime being committed is not hammering upon weapons but the U.S. government's first-strike nuclear war preparations, its commitment to wage a war of aggression throughout the Third World to protect U.S. economic interests and its interventionist policies.

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Thus We Mark the Passing



Memorial to Three Among the Many Who Carried On the Struggle

by Gene Hardy

URING THIS PAST SUMMER three long-term laborers for peace and justice—all septuagenarians, my generation. Each of these men spent all his adult life in the struggle against war, and for peace and jus-

tim Peck, who died in July at age 78, emerged from the field of labor organizing among African Americans in the 1930s, to being a conscientious objector and anti-war activist in the 40s, working with the War Registers League. A prison sentence in Danbury Prison did not deter him from his work in anti-war, anti-draft and anti-nuclear actions. In 1947 he, with others, burned their draft certificates in front of the White House. In 1959 he was a crew member of the Golden Rule, the ship that sailed into the nuclear test zone in the South Pacific.

As a member of the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE), he was active in the Civil Rights Movement. To test the Supreme Court ruling segregating interstate buses, Jim, with the Freedom Riders,

led a bus in Washington bound for Mississippi. In Birmingham, as they stepped off the bus, they were attacked and severely beaten by a white mob. Jim, then in his mid-forties, sustained permanent injuries. Despite all this, he continued his activism. During the Vietnam War he organized demonstrations and anti-draft counseling. Part of his legacy are his books—*We Who Would Not Kill*, *Freedom Ride* and *Upper Dogs Versus Underdogs*. He left us with the admonition that the struggle will be a non-ending one... there's no rest in sight.

Homer Jack, a Unitarian minister, died in 1993. He was 77. From the list of organizations which he founded and/or headed, he did not spend much time practicing and not much preaching. For many years he was secretary general of the World Council on Religion and Peace, and in his retirement a few years ago, he used

the archives of the Peace Center at Swarthmore College to write a book about that organization. Two of the organizations which he helped to establish and in which he had long term, active roles were the Congress for Racial Equality and the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination. In the anti-war struggle, he was among the founders of the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, and he was co-founded, and for over ten years he chaired, the United Nations Non-Governmental Committee on Disarmament. He said, "It is not enough to write or preach. One must try, however, to jump into the fray."

In Delaware County, Pennsylvania, where he lived during his retirement, a committee is working to form a foundation in the name of Homer Jack. The purpose of the foundation

"It is not enough to write or preach. One must try, however, to jump into the fray."

will be to provide grants to people working for social change in the city of Chester, the most depressed city of its size (50,000) in the United States.

E.P. Thompson, who died on August 28, was born in England of an American mother and a British father. His father, a Methodist poet-preacher, was a close friend of Mahatma Gandhi's and worked passionately for Indian independence. His brother Frank, a poet, scholar and naturalist, was executed at the beginning of the Cold War while fighting with the partisans against the Bulgarian Fascists.

Edward's early preoccupation was as an historian. His 1963 book, *The Making of the English Working*

Class, is considered by many to be a masterpiece.

However, it is for his thirty-plus years of dedication to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament that he is best known. Starting in 1957, he fought the nuclear arming of Britain. His 1979 pamphlet, "Protest and Survive," was a parody of the government's book on surviving a nuclear attack which contained

such advice as, "If you have a home fire extinguisher, keep it handy." The thrust of the pamphlet was to prevent the installation of the new generation of cruise

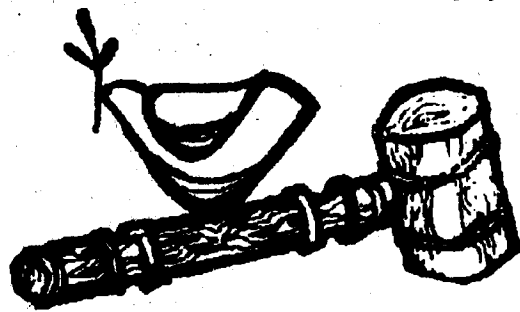
missiles in the English countryside. The response was tremendous. People came from all over Europe and many came from North America. The missiles arrived and were revealed—and the protests continued.

The parallel movement in the United States was FREEZE, growing out of the huge rally in New York's Central Park in the June of 1982, as well as other rallies around the country. A mock-up of the cruise missile was used in parades and demonstrations.

Thus we mark the passing of three men, among the many men and women who have carried on the struggle for peace and justice throughout the years. To paraphrase Joe Hill and Homer Jack, "Don't mourn, jump into the fray."

(Material for the above came from the E.P. Thompson Fellowship, Sept/Oct, 1993 and from The Nation, Sept. 20, 1993)

Duane is an activist and the volunteer bookkeeper for the Syracuse Peace Council.



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Behind Enemy Lines

Policy of Hypocrisy Part One

Brian Dominick

IF YOU'VE BEEN READING the *Peace Newsletter* with some regularity, or practically any other alternative periodicals, you probably have a pretty good idea of the relationship between the United States and Latin America: that of oppressor and oppressed. There are, quite sadly, no countries in exception to this truism. South America, Central America and the Caribbean are Uncle Sam's favorite targets of tyranny, torture and terrorism. That is not to overlook America's sovereignty over the rest of the earth—every region of the world suffers heavily at the hands of this empire, but none is so well controlled by the legacy of Columbus, Washington, Jefferson and the rest of our thuggish forefathers—"men of God" every one—as that which bears the misfortune of existing directly south of our border. Five centuries of conquest have rendered much of that land and most of its people utterly helpless, scarred by endless wars, cowering beneath the fearsome fist of its white oppressors.

The game of conquest, bound to no rules, is much the same as it was when Columbus first declared that the people he "discovered" in the West Indies would make "wonderful servants." The prospect of God, Gold and Glory remains as valid a goal to the white patriarch five hundred and one years later. But the order has changed—the Almighty Dollar now overshadows the deity in whose name blood was shed half a millennium ago. The methods are the same. Massacre and genocide are no less primitive now than they were in 1492. As is the case today, Columbus insisted that the inhabitants of the new land were the "best people in the world" while he proceeded to slaughter and enslave them by the thousands. They were the primitives, Columbus claimed, and five centuries of subjugation, of conquest, of destruction had been born. Beauty means little if it is not of magazine quality.

US Army Tyranny Academy

While the methods by which the white god practices his sovereignty have not been al-

tered, they have certainly become more efficient. The deployment of Uncle Sam's own mercenary army is seldom required—yet the rapes and murders and pillages occur on a daily basis under his control. His will is carried out in the absence of his uniform, prompting many of us to wonder how exactly this is done.

A large part of the answer lies in a secret camp at Fort Benning, Georgia. That is the home of the US Army's School of the Americas (SOA), alma mater of many of this century's most ruthless tyrants. At SOA, Latin American military officials are taught the art of population control. Neatly disguised as Low Intensity Conflict (LIC) training, the curriculum consists

of suppressing dissent and democracy. It seems the most dangerous of hypocrisies is the masquerading of imperialism and totalitarianism as democratization and humanitarianism.

The long list of SOA alumni (some 2000 troops attend the school each year, 55,000 total) includes such distinguishable figures as former Panamanian leader and CIA puppet-turned-ioner Manuel Noriega; Joseph Michel Francois, Haitian police chief and ouster of President Aristide, partly responsible for some 1800 murders since overthrowing the democratically-elected leader now in exile; and former Guatemalan intelligence officer General Manuel Antonio Callejas y Callejas who was responsible for assassinating thousands of suspected dissidents.

Established in Panama just after WWII as a jungle warfare academy for American troops, the school quickly became a producer of dictators. In fact, a large portion of the war crimes and atrocities performed in Latin America in past decades have been attributable to graduates of SOA. More than three quarters of the Salvadoran officers recently cited for atrocities by the UN Truth Commission were former SOA students. During the eighties SOA alumni terrorized El Salvador. During the seventies they wreaked havoc under the Somozas in Nicaragua. All along, more than twenty nations have fallen victim to the results of SOA's training regiment.

There is not a violent crime imaginable for which an SOA graduate has not been cited or convicted. Not surprisingly, rape is a favor-

Jim Walsh recently voted to effectively continue supporting atrocities in Latin America

Famous S.O.A. Graduates

S.O.A. spokespeople pay constant lip service to human rights while simultaneously doling out honors to graduates who have displayed consistent, brutal disregard for human rights throughout their careers. Following are well-known S.O.A. graduates, some of whom have received honors at the school.

Gen. Hugo Banzer Suarez, Bolivia: Former dictator (1971-78). Achieved power through a violent coup. Subsequently developed the "Banzer Plan," which became a blueprint for repression throughout Latin America. Banzer was inducted into the S.O.A. Hall of Fame in 1988.

General Lucas Garcia, Guatemala: Brutal dictator, 1978-82. At least 25,000 civilians were slain by government troops while Lucas Garcia was dictator.

General Hector Gramajo, Guatemala: Former defense minister and architect of genocidal military policies of the 1980s. Highly praised by school spokespeople, Gramajo spoke at an S.O.A. graduation in 1991.

General Edgar Godoy Gaitan, Guatemala: Godoy Gaitan is believed to have ordered the assassination of well-known anthropologist Myrna Mack in 1991. He took a year-long course at the S.O.A. in 1987.

General Jose Domingo Garcia Samayoa, Guatemala: Current defense minister, he recently accused participants of a Guatemala Human Rights Commission symposium on torture of being enemies of democracy.

General Manuel Noriega, Panama: Currently residing in a U.S. prison, Noriega frequented the school when it was still in Panama, and gave at least one commencement address there.

ite. Trainees are selected, no doubt, by our good friends (Freudian slip) at the CIA, notorious for their "discretion."

At the School of the Americas, students are trained in the art of LIC, i.e. population control. The effect of courses such as "nation building" (recently and eloquently demonstrated in Somalia by the slaughter of more than 1000 civilians by US troops) and "internal defense and development" is "to expand the bounds of military authority, to entrench the military in traditionally civilian areas and to incorporate military propaganda and intelligence networks throughout civilian society." (Vicki A. Imerman, SOA Watch)

In the wake of recent citations of SOA graduates for less than humane treatment of entire populations and connections between the school and particular atrocities, SOA commandante Colonel Jose Alvarez added a course on "humanitarianism" to the SOA catalogue. Because SOA alumni, who conduct most of the training at the school cannot be "trusted" to teach anything but warfare, American officers teach the new class. In order to become an instructor for the course, however, US Army personnel are required to complement the thousands of hours in combat training they have received with 12 hours of their own human rights training.

Also taught at SOA is a class called "the Church in Latin America" which explains that Liberation Theology is "subversive doctrine" and that "social, military, or political reforms are as dangerous to the state as armed guerrillas" (Imerman). SOA is a means of indoctrinating Latin American commanders. Propaganda methodology is both taught to and used on students at the school.

Among the "fringe benefits" offered to trainees and funded by the American taxpayer are trips to Disney World (how appropriate) and major league baseball games.

The \$5 million annual bill which we foot every April pales in comparison to the price tag that strangles the people of Latin America. The victims of SOA are human beings like the six Jesuit priests or their housekeeper and her daughter all of whom were murdered in El Salvador by 27 officers, 19 of whom were SOA graduates. Then there were the 100-150 "disappeared" Honduran civilians who vanished under the rule of SOA alumnus Gen. Policarpio Paz Garcia. The results have taken the form of mass graves, charred corpses left in public as "examples" of the

fate of democrats and severed arms of infants. Fresh out of training at Fort Benning, SOA's finest hurry home to terrorize entire populations. Proportionally, School of the Americas Alumni constitute more than their fair share of war crimes and acts of inhumanity.

In 1991, Father Roy Bourgeois, who had experienced the wrath of SOA while in El Salvador during the 1980s, formed an organization called School of the Americas Watch. SOA Watch has since tirelessly investigated the activities of the school, obtaining, declassified documents and testimony through the Freedom of Information Act. Unfortunately, much of the material is blatantly censored. A copy of one document, which I have seen is riddled with black marker, shadows of lies cast upon the truth, cloaking names and protecting terrorists.

But Bourgeois, along with SOA Watch co-director Vicki A. Imerman, has shone a light behind the bold and concealing lines of our enemy's pen and brought the SOA controversy into the mainstream. Newsweek ran a critical article on the school last August and the US House of

Reps. voted on cancelling the program altogether. While 60% of Congress voted against closing SOA (including "our own" Jim Walsh), the result can only be seen as progress. However, it must be concluded that the "representatives" who voted in favor of SOA indeed chose to continue atrocity training. In all fairness, though, at the time of the vote

most congresspersons knew little about the school.

I first wrote in depth about the School of the Americas (elsewhere) about 3 months ago. At that time I called for—along with SOA Watch and most of the "peace community"—closing the school outright. Since then I have been thinking a lot

about SOA and its effects on Latin America. A major difficulty with such a stance is that if the school is shut down the training will continue elsewhere even more covertly. The CIA, in conjunction with US Special Forces, has in the past conducted such operations in considerable secrecy South of our borders. In fact, if the tasks now performed at the school were to be handed to the CIA, the budget would be instantly classified as would all of its activities. So we are faced, as I see it, with a great dilemma. The problem, I suggest, is not only with specific practices of the American military, but also with the train of thought demonstrated by our leaders in the form of a policy of hypocrisy.

For more information on the School of the Americas contact SOA Watch at PO Box 3330, Columbus, GA 31903, Tel. (706) 682-5369 or Brian at the Syracuse Peace Council.

SPC is currently working on bringing Father Bourgeois to Central New York this spring for speaking engagements. If your organization is interested in hosting a forum, please contact us.

Brian is a political writer who is even more pissed off this month than he was last month. He is also the editor of Behind Enemy Lines Quarterly. For a free copy, write him at 4383 Belleflower Circle, Syracuse, NY 13215.

Logo of the S.O.A. Interesting choice of ships, no?



There is a national rally to close the School of the Americas at the Fort Benning S.O.A. co-sponsored by Veterans for Peace and S.O.A. watch on Jan. 17, 1994.

Call Ray Stewart in Syracuse for more info, or call S.O.A. watch at (706) 682-5369. S.O.A. Watch is at P.O. Box 3330, Columbus, GA 31903.

Father Roy Bourgeois

will be in Rochester and Buffalo the first week of February. Contact SPC for his itinerary, or call Sally Bermudas at 544-6954 for information on his stay in

Rochester from Feb 4-6. Father Bourgeois will be in Buffalo on Feb. 6-7.



"Return to Starting Point"

It's hard to believe that an entire year has passed since Altered Space relocated. However, our first anniversary members' show, entitled "Return to Starting Point" is certain proof of the passage of time.

It has been a year of tribulations and triumphs as we sought to establish ourselves as a community-based presence in Central New York, struggling with our philosophy as well as our plumbing. Our physical plan has developed along with our membership and mission. If you haven't attended an Altered Space opening recently, now's the chance to see all the changes. Please join us for our gala reception on Friday, January 7, 1994, from 7-10 p.m.

Member artists participating in the exhibit are: Bill Mazza, Melissa McElroy, Roger Morris, Paul Pearce, Susan Peck, Peter Sandwall, Kathy Tills, Anita Welych and Vandy Wood. A wide range of media and approaches will be on display at Altered Space from Friday, January 7, until Sunday, February 6, 1994.

Gallery hours are 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, and 12-4 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. If you have any questions, please call us at (315) 479-8675.

Call for entries to

"Being Patient: Women and Health"

Altered Space is sending out a call for entries to Central New York women for an upcoming, juried show entitled, "Being Patient: Women and Health." We welcome entries reflecting both positive and negative view points on the issue. Entries may include literature, performance, visual arts and other creative disciplines and should reflect the theme of women and health.

This show is being held in conjunction with the Third Annual Matrilineage Symposium to be held at Syracuse University. The "Being Patient" show marks the second year that Altered Space has participated in the Matrilineage Symposium.

Altered Space will receive entries on Friday, February 11, from 5-8 p.m. and Saturday, February 5, 1994, between 12 noon and 4 p.m. All work must be ready for presentation. Accepted entries must be reclaimed on Saturday, March 6, 1994, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. unless other arrangements are made.

SYRACUSE COMMUNITY CHOIR

& the People's Music Network

People's Music Network Visits Syracuse

Later this month Syracuse will be the site of a national folk music conference. The three-day event kicks off with a concert Jan. 28 featuring folk legend Pete Seeger.

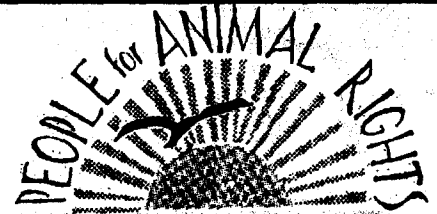
"This is a once in a lifetime event for Syracuse," says Phil Rose, local coordinator of the event. "How often do we have the opportunity to have Pete Seeger lead us in song? He is truly the grandfather of folk music in the United States. He is also a man of great presence."

Rose and a volunteer committee of the Community Choir are the local coordinators for the Jan. 28-30 conference, the annual "winter gathering" of the People's Music Network for Songs of Freedom and Struggle. The concert will be at Syracuse's Landmark Theatre, 362 S. Salina St. Tickets for the concert are on a sliding scale \$7.50 to \$25 and are available from the Landmark box office, Ticketmaster or from Community Choir members. The Landmark is accessible.

Loyal folk music lovers may hear some of Pete Seeger's famous tunes, including "If I Had a Hammer" and "Turn, Turn, Turn." In addition, the concert will feature the Community Choir, St. Anthony's Gospel Choir, honored guests of the Onondaga Nation and other local musicians.

The conference will include workshops on performing, songwriting and song swaps at Percy Hughes Elementary School on Jamesville Ave. Organizers expect about 150 out-of-town guests, many of whom will be offered hospitality by choir members and friends. There will be special children's programs. The cost of the conference (including concert) is \$75-90 by Jan. 7 and \$85-100 after Jan. 7. The fee also includes six meals, workshops, home hospitality and child care. No refunds after Jan. 20. Scholarships are available. Registration forms are available by writing: PMN, P.O. Box 6664, Syracuse, N.Y. 13217-6664.

The People's Music Network was established 17 years ago. It is a group of people who come together to share their music of freedom and struggle and their common vision of a world in which all types of oppression are



Protect Your Companions From Winter Woes

Like you, dogs and cats cannot tolerate bitter cold and wetness. People for Animal Rights and the Humane Society of the U.S. offer these tips:

- Do not leave dogs or cats outdoors when the temperature sharply drops. Short-haired, very young or old animals should never be left outdoors. Most dogs and cats are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise.
- Wind chill can threaten an animal's life, no matter what the temperature. Dry, draft-free doghouses should be big enough for the dog to sit and lie down but small enough to hold in its body heat. Doghouses should have the floor raised a few inches off the ground and should face away from the wind with the doorway covered by burlap or a rug.
- Outdoor animals need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Check water dishes often to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen.
- Warm engines in parked cars attract cats. To avoid the cat's injury, bang on car hoods to scare them away before starting engines.
- Salt and chemicals used to melt ice can burn the pads of animals' feet. Cat litter is an effective alternative to prevent slipping and is also less toxic for the environment. Wipe animals' paws with a damp towel before animals lick them and burn their mouths.
- Anti-freeze tastes sweet but is deadly poison to animals and children. Non-toxic, environmentally friendly anti-freeze is now available. As with any chemicals, wipe up spills and store them out of reach.
- Dry heat can dry out a cat's or dog's coat and skin. A small amount of vegetable oil in their food will help keep them soft.

Cara Burton

replaced by communities organized on the principles of harmony, peace and justice.

"Syracuse and upstate New York have had such great musical and political traditions," Pete Seeger told Rose last month. "Look at the women's encampment at Seneca, the underground railroad, the fight to stop the toxic waste dump in the Southern Tier, the workers of the Erie Canal and the famous Syracuse Peace Council."

The New Leaf



FOOD FOR PEOPLE, NOT FOR PROFIT

JANUARY 1994

From the Editor

Steve Schur

Greetings! I hope you all had a happy holiday season. This is the fifth issue of *The New Leaf* to be printed in the *Peace Newsletter*. So far feedback on this venture has generally been positive, but we have a few adjustments to make.

In order to meet the needs of the printer the peace council uses for the PNL, we have a new deadline of the 10th of the previous month for article submission. This assures that the newsletter is on the streets by the beginning of the month. Articles submitted for *New Leaf/PNL* should be on a topic related to food, nutrition or upcoming SRFC events. Since the PNL is already a political voice newsletter, it seems redundant to print political articles in *The New Leaf/PNL*, unless of course it relates to food! Feature articles should be generally 500 - 700 words in length and preferably submitted as a word processor file on a floppy disk. Disks are available to borrow at the coop, or, if you use your own it *will* be returned to you.

We would like to be able to print at least one recipe in each issue, so if you can't stop talking about how good Aunt Hazel's Swedish tofu balls were over holiday dinner, share the recipe with everybody!

We also feel that it is important to have a separate *New Leaf*, published quarterly and distributed only at the store, in which members can share thoughts or express opinions to other members about how the coop should be operated, or just life in general. We would like an issue out by the end of January, so if you have anything to say, please submit it ASAP.

Thank You. ☺

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The Promise of a New Year At SRFC

Sue Warford

The New Year is almost here, it is the winter solstice when we experience the darkest time of the year. As the days get longer the new light brings rebirth. 1994 promises to be a year of renewed vision and enthusiasm for the staff, council, and membership of the Syracuse Real Food Coop.

A lot has been happening at SRFC. The council (our board of directors), made up of volunteers who have jobs and responsibilities outside the coop, responded to the recent crises with new energy and a fresh sense of commitment. With Larry Rutledge as the new president, Walley Francis as the appointed treasurer, and long time dedicated core worker Laura Reeder as newly elected council member, the council and the various committees have spent many long hours researching and implementing solutions.

The personnel committee, after finishing its recommendation for a new staffing structure, went to work on writing a new personnel procedure and conducting for the first time evaluations of the management. A call went out for members to join the hiring committee and this committee advertised for applications for the positions of general manager, assistant manager, and data entry clerk. After holding interviews, they hired Sue Warford, a member of the previous management collective, as general manager and Gloria Kraegel, our Sunday staffer/membership coordinator, as assistant manager. Gloria and I work well together, we respect each other and share a common vision for a successful, dynamic coop. You'll also notice a new face behind the counter, since we happily hired Lauren Mofford-Wing as the new staff person who will take over Gloria's Sunday shift and Dave Brule's Monday shift.

Most exciting is that we will enter the New Year with our doors wide open to any who would like to shop! Now that

we've opened our doors to all, we expect to increase our sales, to better stock our shelves and to renew our relationship with the community. On January 3rd we'll be doing our quarterly inventory and at the same time repricing our shelves so that the public can shop at the shelf price while members receive a discount and working members an even greater discount! If there is any member looking for work credit, we will need help on January 3rd, please come sign up at the store for a two hour shift and you'll receive double work credit.

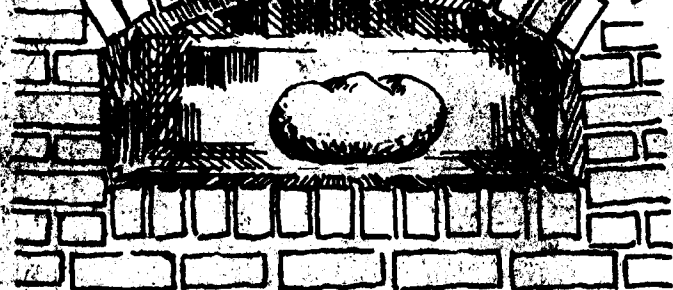
The Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union, which has rented a space in our building is moving to its new location on Westcott Street. Although we are sad to see them leave, we are excitedly discussing possibilities for using that space.

Our New Year's Resolutions include buying new coolers and freezers which will better utilize our space and save on energy bills, making our building wheelchair accessible by building a ramp to enter the store, possibly painting the inside again and even painting a mural on the front of the store. If you have any ideas or skills or materials you'd like to offer please contact us at the store 472-1385. We are continuing to accept donations for the building of our ramp.

Although 1993 seemed to be the year we lost our sense of direction, it allowed us to reevaluate our mission and to renew our vision. This is an ongoing process. An ad hoc committee has been formed to continue this work, by discussing our mission, affirming it and redefining it, if necessary. We welcome anyone interested to join this committee and help take the Syracuse Real Food Cooperative into a new era of growth and prosperity. It is after all, our membership which makes us strong.

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20 Simple Ways to Reduce Waste

Amy Kahn

This is a continuation of Amy's series on waste reduction.

Hang this on your refrigerator or bulletin board as a reminder!

In Your Home

1. Re-use plastic and glass containers as holders for leftovers, supplies or canning (mayonnaise and peanut butter jars are great).
2. Invest in a battery charger, and use rechargeable batteries.
3. Make your own cleaning products and garden insecticides from nontoxic ingredients.
4. Use sponges for clean-ups, and cloth towels for hand-wiping.
5. Use plastic wrap, foil and wax paper sparingly. A plate or pot top makes a great storage cover.
6. Use old grocery bags for garbage.
7. Compost kitchen and yard waste for a nutrient rich soil additive.
8. Leave short grass clippings on the lawn, or compost them.
9. Use a diaper service or cloth diapers.

At the Grocery Store

10. Use a cloth, net or other reusable bag. Next best is to re-use your own bags numerous times. If you buy one item, don't use a bag.
11. Buy loose fruits and vegetables instead of pre-packaged ones.
12. Stop buying "disposable" razors, lighters, pens, etc.
13. Look for products that are made from recycled materials, or can easily be reused or recycled. Support genuine "green" products.
14. Buy in bulk and store food, juice and cleaning supplies in smaller containers.

As You Make Each Day Count

15. Donate used clothing and household items to an organization, or recycle into other items.
16. Share magazines with another reader, the library, a doctor's office or a retirement home.
17. Use old letters and envelopes as scrap paper and for lists.
18. Make a barbecue with twigs and logs, not charcoal and lighter fluid.
19. Combine car trips, or better yet, take a bicycle or walk.
20. Write to manufactures to urge them 1) to eliminate unneeded packaging or, 2) to continue using environment friendly packaging.



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CNY Support Shifts Albany Into Action

Jessie Davis Lawsuit Update

Nancy Rhodes

NINE YEARS AFTER police killed African American psychiatric client Jessie Davis in his Albany apartment, his sister Louise Thornton's federal lawsuit for wrongful death and civil rights violations was finally coming to trial in Judge Neal McCurn's Syracuse courtroom the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. The case was postponed again until Feb. 3rd, but it this time may be because the tide is turning: the delay was requested by all six Albany attorneys so that the Albany City Administration could consider their advice to settle out of court rather than risk losing. Judge McCurn warned both sides that he will not grant any further delay if a settlement isn't reached.

Contacted mid-December in Albany, Lew Oliver, the Thornton's attorney, said there is a strong possibility that there will be a trial in February. Their settlement figure is not negotiable, for one thing. Many involved also feel strongly that airing the truth is more important than forcing Albany to pay a settlement. Grand Jury proceedings and Albany Police Internal Affairs proceedings have all been secret.

Oliver said there is renewed enthusiasm in Albany since extensive media coverage of the postponement here, which included coverage of a rally the morning of November 30 and other support generated from the grassroots community of Syracuse. There is a new fundraising effort in Albany churches to help pay legal costs, especially for the expert witness fees if the trial opens. Oliver is filing a motion to finally get access to the Grand Jury minutes. As noted before in these pages, the Albany Times-Union brought to light that the Grand Jury never saw police photographs discovered only a year ago which contradict police statements about Jessie Davis' death. These photos helped turn the tide.

Lew Oliver says a second factor has been support here in Syracuse. A change of venue last spring moved the trial here, jeopardizing

the already strained Davis family's ability to continue pressing the case. Years of grassroots fundraising in Albany had barely held their cause together. Oliver admits he thought at first the prospects of going to trial here were bleak. Ironically, the fact that a new Mayor takes office in Albany before Feb. 3 (the Mayor must approve a settlement) may present Oliver and Thornton with unaccustomed abundance of prospects: a Mayor open to talking and/or enough support to take a winnable case to court.

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Senator Moynihan for the U.S. District Court, Northern District, the same judgeship now occupied by Neal McCurn, who is currently presiding over the Jessie Davis case. Because of Whalen's history as Albany Mayor regarding issues of police misconduct, First Amendment violations, and environmental issues, a coalition of civil rights and environmental groups in the Albany region, including both the National Lawyers Guild and People for the American Way, are opposing his nomination and lobbying President Clinton not to appoint Whalen to the bench once Neal McCurn retires. Some 60 to 70% of the cases Whalen would hear as a federal District judge would involve civil rights, employment discrimination and en-



vironmental issues, and his jurisdiction would cover upstate cities such as Syracuse and Rochester as well as Albany. Jackie Warren-Moore recently wrote about the Davis trial in her Sunday column in the Syracuse Herald-American, quoting King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail": "I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham." If Thomas Whalen takes Neal McCurn's place on the federal bench, this may come back to haunt us.

Nancy is a Syracuse activist working with the Police Review Board and the Coalition for Justice.

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Update from La Estancia

Sister Community Project

THE SYRACUSE AREA now has a sister community in El Salvador thanks to the tremendous generosity of so many last year. We who visited La Estancia began an ongoing relationship with this remote rural village of campesinos. Interest has spread beyond the initial group, and we're happy to welcome others on board as well. While in La Estancia last February, we contributed to and visited several co-op development projects. We heard firsthand about the struggle to rebuild lives and homes in the wake of civil war. We shared the financial resources you entrusted to us.

Our sister community greatly appreciated the assistance.

Since our last visit we've maintained a flourishing correspondence. To give you the flavor, we're enclosing translations of one of their letters.

In February of 1994, seven Central New Yorkers are returning to La Estancia. We want to cement our ties and further collaborate in the work of rebuilding. We look forward to continuing our warm and rewarding interaction with these survivors of the war our government helped finance.

We do not want our relationship to be solely financial. We do, however, feel a need to share our North American affluence—derived in part from the underdevelopment of others. The people of La Estancia have ample human resources, but they need seed money to continue to develop their community.

We're asking you to again support La Estancia with us. By giving us as little as \$5-10, additional co-op projects can be funded. All of the funds our group raise this year will be going directly to these projects. For tax exemption,

Brothers and Sisters from the U.S.

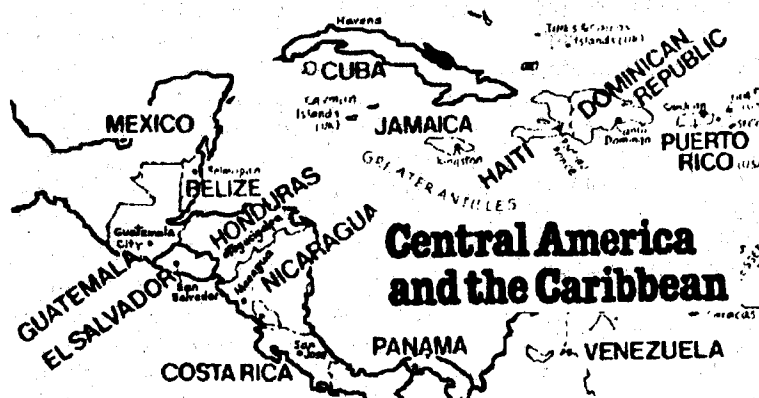
We don't know how to thank you for your solidarity with us. We admire how organized you are, although you do not come from a revolting country; and to come to a poor country, we the Salvadorans admire that. We thank you for the letters and photos. We hope that God continues to give you faith, love and hope for the other brothers and sisters who fight for freedom and justice. We, the Salvadorans, have lived through 12 years of war and we do not want to see this war repeated again.

*The community and La Pastoral
Goodbye, La Estancia always welcomes you.*

checks may be made payable to MMUS/El Salvador.

We invite you to see a small selection of slides from our last trip and contrast La Estancia with short segments from a video on Segundo Montes. This is a repatriated community we also visited, which has received vast international financial and spiritual support. Please join us for this information/social/dessert event at May Memorial Unitarian Society, 7:00 pm, on Sunday, January 23, 1994.

Thank you very much for your interest and accompaniment with the people of La Estancia and El Salvador. Together we can effectively demonstrate our solidarity.



CACC Meeting Notes

OUR DEC 8 MEETING was attended by members from La Estancia Sister Community Project, Haitian Resettlement Committee, Witness for Peace, U.S.-Cuba Friendship Committee and Veterans for Peace.

Ed Kinane, Ann Tiffany and Cynthia Banas are planning to return home from Haiti with "Cry for Justice" on December 22. They bring back first-hand accounts of extreme poverty in Haiti where 90% of the people live on one meal per day. Those interested in obtaining copies of "Haiti: A Look at the Reality," should contact Mary Sopchack at 426-0730.

Plans are in progress for the February 12 fundraiser to benefit the U.S.-Cuba Friendship III Project. The event will be held at May Memorial Unitarian Society (dinner, speaker, music). They need to raise \$850 to cover the cost of 1/10 of a school bus which will be donated to Cuba. School and medical supplies are urgently needed. Please contact Doug Igelsrud at 471-5749 for more info.

This past June, the Episcopal Diocese of CNY and the Episcopal Diocese of El Salvador formed a companion diocese partnership. For more information contact Sandra Cordingley at 689-2038.

Ray Stuart of Veterans for Peace shared information on the continued presence of U.S. troops in Central America (i.e. there are 450 in El Salvador) and the ongoing training of Central American soldiers at the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, GA (see "Behind Enemy Lines" on page 10 of this PNL). A national rally to close the School is being planned for January 15-17, 1994, at Fort Benning. Contact Ray at 422-5033 for more information.

The Witness for Peace National Office is organizing an Election Watch delegation to El Salvador in March '94—Also the local chapter is planning a CNY delegation to Haiti this summer. For more information contact Donna Macessey at 478-4001.



The Religious Right Steps Out in Facts for Fashionable Thought Control

by Bartell

DO YOU KNOW:

“Satanism,” “New Age” and “family values” are phrases heard at school board meetings across the country as the Radical Right organizes on the local level to impose its ideology on others. Those who are doing the censoring are, unfortunately, not at all concerned with the quality of public education. The attack represents a far broader political agenda, one which seeks to impose a narrow religious viewpoint on all students. Sexuality education programs have become a convenient lightning rod for this agenda. The Far Right wants to replace comprehensive sexual education with programs which censor, distort, which omit information and which inject subtle bias and misinformation for facts.

According to People For the American Way (PFAW), an organization founded on the principles of free expression and tolerance, library censorship challenges more than doubled last year, from 72 to 173 incidents. In the majority of challenges go unrecorded, the actual numbers are much higher. Primary targets for these censorship challenges are sexuality materials and entire sexual education programs. Furthermore, over a third of all challenges to sexuality education programs in 1991-92 were successful, resulting in either the removal or restriction of materials. In 1992, the NCS (Sex Information and Education Survey of the U.S.) documented close to 100 communities who faced organized opposition to family life and sexuality education programs.

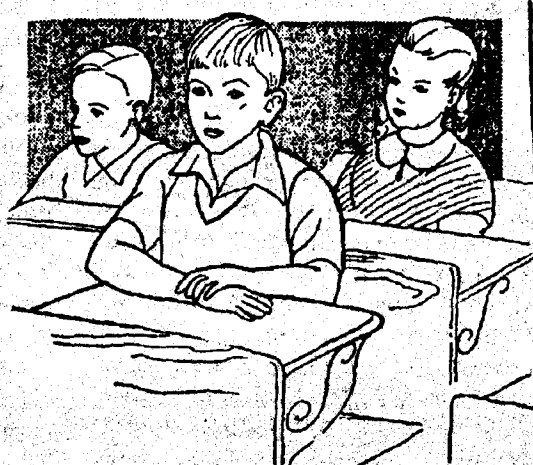
There is a strong desire to view these challenges as isolated incidents led by a few radical citizens. However, the remarkable similarity of strategies and the proliferation of local groups with similar names indicate that this is not the case. According to PFAW, “What at first seemed to be isolated challenges in towns across the country take on the shape of a nationally coordinated movement as objects, tactics and materials repeat themselves in inci-

dent after incident.” Among the groups initiating these challenges are: Pat Robertson’s Christian Coalition, Citizens for Excellence in Education, Concerned Women for America, Phyllis Schlafly’s Eagle Forum, American Family Association, Family Research Council and Focus on the Family.

Their goal now is to replace comprehensive sexuality education with a growing body of curricula which are fear and shame-based, otherwise known as “abstinence-only” or “Just Say No” programs. Some of the better-known abstinence-only curricula include: *Sex Respect; Me, My World, My Future; An Alternative National Curriculum on Responsibility (AANCHOR)* and *Responsible Sexual Values Program (RSVP)*. These programs, which have already been adopted by over 2,000 school districts across the country:

- utilize scare tactics and present misinformation, particularly about consequences of sexual intercourse, birth control, STDs and abortion;
- reflect a narrow ideology, often fundamentalist religious in nature;
- rarely deal with the diversity of families in our society;
- reinforce sexism, racism and homophobia, often excluding minorities and people of color; and,
- teach young people *what* to think, rather than *how* to think.

The result is a program which does not



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At school, as well as in the home, sex should be treated naturally, as a subject of normal interest.



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reflect the diversity of religious values in this country because one and only one religious viewpoint is legitimate. To ignore the realities facing young people today, and to deny them the information, skills and tools they need to maintain health and dignity, is to abandon them to ignorance and harm.

• **Pat Robertson’s empire and influence are expanding.** His Christian Coalition has been successful in running stealth candidates for school board and other local races, and recently a Coalition-supported candidate was elected governor of Virginia (Governor-elect George Allen acknowledged the financial support given to him by the Coalition but tried to couch his right-wing beliefs in mainstream language. The avowed Religious Right candidate, who ran for Lieutenant Governor advocating the complete platform, lost.)

But now the legal arm of the Coalition, the American Center for Law and Justice headed by Jay Sekulow, is opening a Strategic Command Center to coordinate litigation to “restore America to her Godly heritage.” It will be located at the nerve center of Robertson’s enterprise in Virginia Beach, VA. Robertson sees the Command Center as a library and training center for Religious Right attorneys and a place from which to dispatch “swat teams” of these lawyers anywhere in the country. Sekulow sees the Command Center as a think tank to create a whole Religious Right legal theory to foist upon the courts. “We’ve got to...come behind the courtroom to affect public policy—the law review articles, the thought processes...We’re fighting for the survival of a nation,” said Sekulow.

Amy is an artist/activist and a social voyeur.



Taking Off the Blinders

The Biomedical Snow Job

Joseph Smith

WHAT YOUR ROLE IS, is not to tell us how to do *our* science, but to tell us whether what we're doing is ethical."

These were the words of a Syracuse University biology professor whom a close friend (John Mckaig) and I debated on the evening of Sunday, November 21, 1993, under the blinding lights of Syracuse University's University Union Television studios.

Our competition was Dr. Thomas Fondy, instructor of Immunobiology and cancer researcher and Dr. Karen Hiiemae, head of animal research at Syracuse. Two formidable opponents for an art professor (John) and an undergraduate English and Textual Studies major to debate on the topic of animal research. Though the amount of knowledge on the subject was greatly in their favor, neither John nor myself were all too worried for we both had a sense that they would underestimate our abilities to debate them concerning an issue involving their area of expertise.

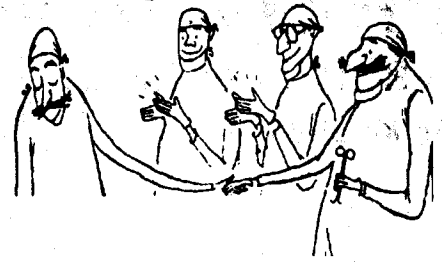
Nevertheless, I spent the entire day (and a few hours among the days prior to the event) with my nose buried in various Animal Rights texts and journals produced by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine and the New England Anti-Vivisection Society in order to brush up on facts concerning bio-medical research and its obvious inadequacy in finding cures for the ailments of this era's major killers.

When the show finally got underway, and after each member of the discussion had given his/her position on the topic, the debate immediately escalated to an entourage of half-finished sentences, interruptions and all out mockery of the opponents' views. The good doctors insisted that the use of animals in bio-medical research, and the methodology concerning the use of those animals, was inherent for finding the cures to the major diseases which affect people. When the topic of cancer research came up, I mentioned how the rates of cancer have increased per capita since the use of animals in cancer research began. Dr. Fondy dismissed my claims with the

wave of his hand despite the fact that John had brought into the studio with him documented proof documenting my statement. When Professor Hiiemae asked me what methods I thought would be better to use, I brought up the current use of clinical, in-vitro and post-mortem studies which are implemented after drugs have been tested on animals and are not yet proven safe anyway. Again, my comment was dismissed because I had stated that through the use of these methods, animal experimentation could be eliminated.

After dismissing my point, Professor Hiiemae replied by using her vast array of technical terminology. She mustered up all the scientific jargon she could possibly pack into three or four sentences. The audience in the television studio was mesmerized by her words even though they didn't believe or understand them. How do I know? I know because the majority of the audience was made up of friends to both John and I. They admitted to us after the show that they had no idea what Prof. Hiiemae or Prof. Fondy were talking about.

It was apparent that the Professors were caught off guard by my and John's knowledge of "their" field as they resorted to purposely talking over the heads of the audience to make their points. This "bio-medical snow job" is a perfect example of the tactics that animal researchers will resort to in the face of opposition. By showing off their textbook derived



ten cent words, bio-medical researchers know they are able to transfix the public into believing that they are "experts" and should not be delayed from doing their work by petty arguments when human lives are at stake. The fact is, human lives are still at stake when they are

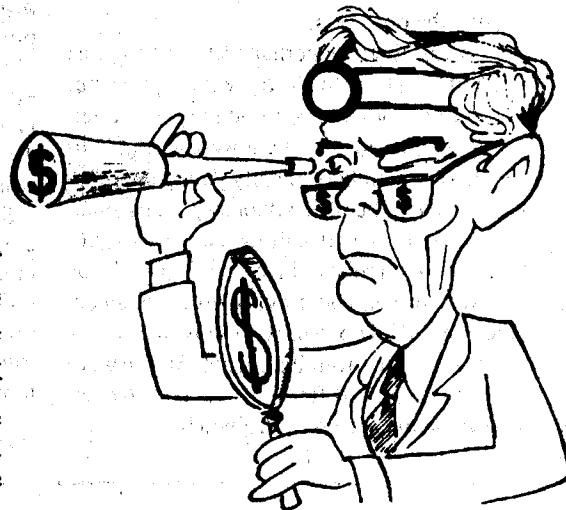
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busy with, or have completed, their work, for the outcome of their labor results in more tests, more expenditures of

tax-payer money and more delays to finding cures useful to human beings.

By leaving researchers to "their" science, the public will stay largely unaware of the bio-medical research practices that go on behind closed doors. They will never understand the facts concerning the differences between animal and human models. Yet this problem goes far beyond the knowledge of bio-medical practices and the everyday citizen. This problem goes all the way to the Congress of the United States and to the law makers who deem animal testing a vital and necessary component of medical advancement. We can not afford to listen to or agree with Professors like Thomas Fondy. As we continue to do so we will continue to give our silent justification for the systematic torture of defenseless animals in the name of medical advancement. Fondy's idea that it is up to us to tell them whether or not their practices are ethical leaves the bio-medical research community a back door out of the issue. Under his plan, as soon as we claim that animal research is unethical, animal researchers will claim that medical research will come down to the life of a loved-one versus the life of an animal. And as long as the public is kept in the dark about the methods of animal research, this uneducated public, out of fear and distress, will side with the researchers time and time again.

Joe is currently director of Syracuse University For Animal Rights and is an intern for the Peace Newsletter.





FRAPH Abduction Foiled in Haiti

A Report from the Jeremie Cry for Justice Team

Ed Kinane

ONSATURDAY EVENING, as the Cry for Justice Team was sitting down to supper in St. Helen's rectory, we heard that a man had just been abducted outside by several armed men. Neighbors had already alerted Team member Joel Klassen, who had been outside the rectory having a cigarette. Joel witnessed the abduction in progress and challenged the abductors, who claimed they were just going to a meeting. Joel responded, "It looks like you have someone who doesn't want to go with you." The thugs then brandished pistols and fled on foot with their hostage, Abner Joseph.

The abductors apparently chose Joseph, a hearing-and-sight-impaired man of the neighborhood, when he didn't hear their order to move off the church steps where he and some others were sitting. Joseph's mother, Anista Joseph followed the abductors as they took her son to the FRAPH office in downtown Jeremie, about a mile away. En route the abductors beat her, knocking her to the ground three times. She later told us that if she had not followed them, the abductors would have taken Joseph elsewhere and killed him.

While Joseph was being taken the Team joined Joel in the street and hastened to the military base across town to report the crime and demand immediate

intervention. At the base entrance a guard told Joel, the only team member who speaks Creole, that because it was the weekend no officer was present to receive the report. As the guard spoke, an officer drove up who said he was a major. He said he couldn't investigate or intervene until we provided him with the name of the victim (which we didn't have).

One of us then went off to get the name, and the rest went immediately to FRAPH's local headquarters, a couple of hundred yards from the base. Upon our arrival, FRAPH members (some armed) formed a cordon of about ten across the driveway entrance to prevent us

from entering. Although they yelled at and threatened us, we maintained our presence there. As we discussed what next to do, scores of townspeople gathered nearby in the moonlit silence to watch the drama. Besides discussion, we prayed. Shortly after, a Haitian man approached us and, in good English, asked if there was anything he could do. The man, Rev. Jean Wilner Guerrier, identified himself as "a Delegate of the Prime Minister." He told us he would go into FRAPH headquarters to seek Joseph's release.

The Delegate entered the FRAPH compound accompanied by three of us, Joel, Ed Kinane and Sr. Anita von Wellsheim (a 74 year old Sacred Heart sister who coordinates Pax Christi for the metropolitan Washington DC area). We met strong verbal resistance from the men guarding the compound. There was much shouting, "Pastor" Bonhomme, the most aggressive FRAPH man, held a long knife (sheathed). But the Delegate's rank and his



firm argument that "We can't let foreigners see us acting this way" prevailed. He was permitted to enter the office while we three "blans" (foreigners) waited

outside the open door.

We sat there for perhaps 30 or 40 minutes while the rest of the Team kept a prayerful presence outside the compound in the street. At any given moment there were from ten to 20 FRAPH members, mostly young men, between us and the office doorway. They blustered and threatened, calling us, among other things, "communists." Fr. Samedi's name was invoked in just about every other sentence. One man sidled up to us with a pistol protruding prominently from his pocket. But we were never touched and felt quite secure. We assumed the thugs were restrained by the belief

that if a foreigner were mistreated this would be bad PR for FRAPH.

Eventually the Delegate came out of the office leading Joseph. Joseph wouldn't or couldn't speak and looked extremely subdued or in shock. He had a large lump on his jaw and his left arm was bruised; appearing broken. We took him directly to a local hospital and later learned that fortunately neither his jaw nor his arm was broken. Afterwards he told his family that when the Delegate entered the FRPH office, they were preparing to hang him.

In addition to the CFJ Team members cited above, and several of our Haitian friends who must remain anonymous, the following Team members

also actively helped to achieve Joseph's release: Andy Petonak 29 of Wilkes-Barre, PA, affiliated with Pax Christi; Ned Smith, 26; Sr. Elizabeth Walter, IHM, 50, a campus minister from East Lansing, MI and affiliated with Pax Christi; Stacy Taeuber, 26, of Washington DC, affiliated with Pax Christi and Washington Office in Haiti; Nancy Laleau, who, although not a member of the Team, was part of the rescue. Nancy works in Haiti with the National Lawyer Guild.

Terms:

- Cry for Justice is an international coalition of Haiti solidarity groups (primarily North American) whose international volunteers are providing witness and protective accompaniment to Haitian people in several parts of Haiti during this time of crisis.
- Joel Klassen, 29, from Kitchener, Ontario, is a member of the Christian PeaceMakers Team, a project of the Mennonite Church, which is a member of the CFJ coalition.
- St. Helens is a very poor parish in Jeremie. Jeremie is one of the two main coastal towns in the extreme southwest of Haiti.
- FRAPH stands for Front Revolutionnaire pour l'Avancement et Porgres d'Haiti. It's a "party"/death squad violently opposed to the return of deposed President Aristide.

Ed Kinane, 49, of Syracuse NY is a Peace Brigades International Veteran.

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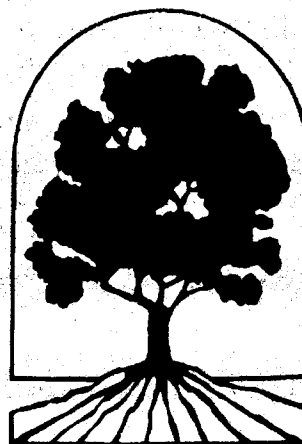
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One aspect of the U.S. arsenal receives key DOD consideration, and that aspect is air power. "Success" in the Gulf War and subsequent bombings has shifted the strategic policy of the U.S. military toward greater dependence on air power to enforce U.S. hegemony. U.S. Air Force General Lee Butler, Strategic Air Command (SAC) Commander, told a U.S. congressional committee in May 1991 that SAC "is broadening its focus beyond nuclear deterrence to a 'twin triad' concept in which the Command's bombers, tankers and reconnaissance aircraft will play a larger role in conventional conflicts...The key is a long-range bomber that can perform both [nuclear] and conventional missions...The dual capable bomber is back; it is the weapon of choice for a strategy and a command that must bridge the old and the new work order."

The shift is now clear. From recent bombings in Iraq to the planned deployment of nuclear-armed F-15E's in England, recalcitrant nations will continue to bear the devastating brunt of U.S. "weapons of choice." The obliteration of German cities, the nuclear bombings in Japan the devastation of Korea and Indochina—all of these form the bloodline to SAC's near apocalyptic destruction of Iraq. The new strategic thinking: more of the same.

The forty million dollar F-15E "Strike Eagle" is the most modern plane in the air force arsenal. A supersonic, all-weather, nuclear-capable strike aircraft, the F-15E will augment and eventually replace the F-111 in the theatre nuclear role. It was designed specifically to enhance the F-15C/D's nuclear capabilities. Toward that end, a rear cock-pit was added for dropping bombs, including B57 and B61 series nukes. Now it is also billed as an excellent long-range, deep interdiction bomber, capable of reaching any point in the world with one refueling.

The Seymour Johnson AFB's F-15E's were used throughout the Persian Gulf War, often flying as many as sixty sorties each day. Their final mission during the war was to halt the retreat of Iraqi soldiers out of Kuwait in the infamous "Highway of Death" massacre. Seymour Johnson's F-15E's were also employed to bomb Iraq earlier this year and they stand in readiness for deployment to Bosnia.

Phillip Berrigan, John Dear, S.J., Lynn Fredriksson and Bruce Friedrich are currently incarcerated. The charges under which they are being held have not been announced. They will be representing themselves and will most likely employ the necessity defense—under international law people are required to act against an oppressive or violent government.

They would surely appreciate supportive correspondence which can be addressed to them at Robinson County Detention Center, 2316 Sanchez Drive, Lumberton, NC 28358. All three men are being held in one cell while Lynn is in a segregated part of the prison.

Boycott Backfire cont'd from page 5

(in this letter), so we hesitate to assume an inherent lack of humor-sense.

While we appreciate the accurate critique Cottam offers of the PepsiCo response letter, it is a critique which we assumed would be clearly evident to our readership. Particularly, those familiar with the position of the Peace Council on multi-national corporations (and all centralized capital) as inherently violent institutions. Perhaps if there was such a thing as a "more responsible" multi-national we would quote them as Cottam suggests, but we have yet to experience such a thing.

What we fail to understand is the harsh language Cottam chooses to communicate with a grassroots organization (SPC) which supports the boycott of PepsiCo; multi-national. Without giving us any benefit of the doubt, and without displaying any sense of SPC's actual commitment to the causes of justice, he accuses us of propagandizing through our "hidden editorial" for "corporate benefac-

tors." The implication that we somehow support PepsiCo is entirely unfounded. This is not constructive criticism of a peer organization, but exactly the kind of derisive language which Cottam warns will "divide our common cause."

We appear to have ideological differences in our approaches towards community-organizing and media-theory. Unlike PIRG organizations (Public Interest Research Group) operating from a centralized, top-down structure, SPC exists on a community level first, and has actively resisted national or international affiliation (read financial support) with like-minded groups to retain a regional perspective. To draw conclusions based on a single article within a single PNL of an old and multi-

faceted community organization, is like judging your grandmother's personality on a bad hair day. It is reactionary at best.

If Cottam questioned us for not presenting a clear picture of the PepsiCo response letter, we could have discussed the role and responsibilities of grassroots organizations for continuity within its community. At least we could have compared ways information is presented and interpreted through media.

But we weren't granted even that level of respect from someone obviously committed to many of the same issues of social justice that the Peace Council is founded on. Cottam's patronizing and hurtful letter does nothing to forward the work of defining new and better ways of presenting and distributing information through the alternative press.

-the editors


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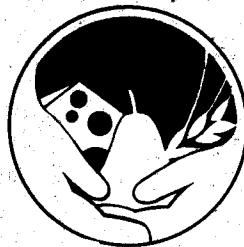
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16 Every Sunday: Support group for former and current mental patients. Spons. by Alliance. Plymouth Church, 3-5pm. Peggy Anne 475-4120. Every Sunday: Volunteer servers needed for dinner at Unity Kitchen. 1:30pm. Call Ann at 475-6781.	17 Every Mon: ACT-UP mtg. 601 Allen St. (Women's INFO Center). 7:30pm. 425-0673.	18 Support & Self-Education Group for Parents & Friends of Gay People meets at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St. 7:30pm. 474-4886.	19 Every Wed: Syracuse Community Choir rehearsal. At EOOH, corners of Westcott & Euclid. New members welcome. 7:15pm Call Karen 428-8724 for info. NAACP general mtg. 7pm. NAACP Office, 1125 S. Salina. 422-8883.	20	21	22
23	24 Veterans for Peace meeting. 7pm, 116 Concord Place. Call 472-6487 for info.	25 Martin Luther King Day	26 Every Wed: Alliance member- ship meeting. All welcome. At EOOH, 2nd fl., crms of Westcott & Euclid. 2pm. 475-4120.	27 Peace Newsletter mailing Party at SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. 5-7:30pm. Come one, come all! All welcome. 472-5478.	28 Pete Seeger in Concert at the Lanark Theatre. With the Syracuse Community Choir and other local performers. Event kicks off the annual winter gathering of the People's Music Network for Songs of Freedom and Struggle. Concert honors the traditional Onondaga Nelson. 8pm. Tickets \$7-\$15. Call 478- 8707 or 478-8604 for info.	29 People's Music Network for Songs of Freedom & Struggle annual winter gathering and workshops at Percy Hughes Elementary School. Call 478- 8707 or 478-8604 for info.
30	31	Every Tuesday: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Assoc. social. 8:30pm-mid. 750 Oatrum Ave.				

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Luckily, the University was careful enough to dispose of the waste "at the site, buried in trenches." all "in accordance with regulatory procedures in effect at the time." Also quite lucky, "the radioactive material has undergone radioactive decay" so "there is no hazard to workers at the site." Must have been those good, non-leaking trenches back when they made everything better, in the fifties. Now they would probably use plastic or foreign trenches or something.

Spin control has named this "Cornell University Former Radiation Burial Site" (ital. added) 'cause we don't have to worry about it anymore, 'cause it only used to be the site.
Consume information at the rate they feed it...

According to Webster, "aqueous" is defined as (1) of, relating to, or resembling water, or (2) made from, with, or by water

Nuclear power *and* nuclear research operate for the pursuit of profit. *This costs people lives.* We would not have to fight for this information if there was an ounce of concern on the part of industry. We are all "*affordable risk*" to profit. We are all collateral damage to "progress."

SPC is still \$200 short of buying a radiation monitor to use in the city of Syracuse. Please ear-mark your donations specifically to the radiation monitor. Also call or write to join our Nuclear Working Group

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Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1956, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

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

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

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

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In This Issue:

We have a little revolution thing happening with lots-o-stuff on the Mexican revolution after long discussions on whether it was a revolution or a rebellion and it was decided that it was a social revolution and not a political revolution which is certainly more than a rebellion so don't believe the press. And we re-visit cuba, and we check out danger-cows, and we say "hey!" to our friends at Plutonium Free Future, and we do community groups and the New Leaf, then our friends at the CIA and our friends at the Syracuse prisons and the new news on the Jessie Davis murder trial goin from Syracuse to Utica. Go figure...

The Peace Newsletter (PNL) is published monthly by the Syracuse Peace Council. SPC, founded in 1936, is the oldest community-based peace and justice organization in the United States.

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

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Mailing Party Helpers

Lots and lots of wonderful people came and stuffed the newsletters and it was beautiful of course except for the blizzard and the pizza guy not coming till real late when everyone had already left and I was almost late for the Post Office but I wasn't.

September Issue Deadlines

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About the cover: by Sue Peck, for the Matrilineage series.

The Super Subject and the Unnecessary Woman or Overcoming the System...Again

My apologies to the author, but I couldn't escape the imagery of the following passage from Susan Bordo's book, *Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body*:

"My rights--I'm the--father of the child. My wife and I were joined in matrimony, and there's a bond there which makes me the father of the children that come out of our family. God--you know, the way the system's set up, the woman carries the child. And if I could carry the child, I would. But that's not the way the system's set up. But the thing is, that after that child is born, half of that child--part of that child is me. And I'm part of that child. And I feel like by her having the right to abort that child is her having the right to destroy a part of me without me having any say-so. And--she--you know, she wants control of her body. But what about me? Am I not allowed to have control of my body? That baby is a part of my body also." (p. 91)

S. Peck

SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL PAGE

My Head Swims...

It ain't visions of sugarplums, but thanks goes out to all those large and small who created history last month by defining what was news. At some point in my life it was brought to my attention that history as a discipline is defined by a small group of historical man-figures. And that seemed significant.

Then it was brought to my attention that these man-figures fathered further control by writing their histories from the perspective of "significant individuals" and "personalities" who do the amazing and historical things, and that we the general throngs merely wander through life experiencing their fall-out (or hoping not to experience it). And that seemed like a good thing to know.

So this led to an understanding that historical periods and figures are actually defined from the bottom up. That it is the actions of the throngs that dictate the reactionary responses of the establishment's powers-that-be-'cause-they-got-the-big-guns. And that response is translated into the history of significant individuals by the man-figures. And that they gotta do that to condition us to the existing and

unjust hierarchy so that we feel like throngs as we pay off ridiculous interest rates on unnecessary credit-card purchases (Baaaa). 'Cause if we realized we have the power to alter our immediate environment, and that those alterations in conjunction with throngs of other people's alterations could result in a social revolution, then people might speak up against the violent and oppressive conditions we allow ourselves to live under.

Anyway this is the long way of saying that I'm tired of the people choosing the news that's fit to print, 'cause only so much news fits. And I find it hard to believe that nothing of significance happens outside of the tiny lives of a few media superstars. Someone will have to come up with a pretty good argument before I will believe that most significant, ongoing stories in the national press this past month revolved around: one abusive male's severed anatomy (and its various trials and tribulations), one woman who used a "ginsu" set in seeming self-defense, and the money each of them will make; a woman who skates good, a man who used to be married to a woman who skates good, the woman who skates good who the other women who skates

good hates, and how much money each of them will make; Michael Jackson and boys, how much money Michael Jackson makes, how much money the boy or boys stand to make; the previous, the pending and the future superbows, and how much money they stand to make; a devastating earthquake, how much money it will cost or make respectively, and a lot of snow, in which there must be money to make, somewhere.

Maybe I'm just uptight to think that some relevant news would have been nice, but I could just be information-addicted and never satisfied.

If you think twice about what you eat, think again about what you're fed. Information is power. *-Bill*

SPC Pot-luck Brunch

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PNL Editorial Committee: the EZLN

WE SUPPORT the actions of the Zapata Army of National Liberation (EZLN) against their continuing oppression by the Mexican government and the international economic community. We see their action as the result of centuries of resistance to the genocidal policies conducted against the indigenous populations living within the modern borders of Mexico. The fire of revolt was finally sparked by implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which promises to destroy any remains of cultural self-determination. NAFTA made it impossible for the Indigenous Chiapa people to retain economic independence through agriculture, promising to force the majority of their population into urban factories.

As nonviolent activists we recognize the complexity of supporting violent uprisings. As Northern activists (of the "first world") we do not wish to impose our cultural values on the EZLN or infringe upon their right to choose their method of resistance. We realize that our perspective on nonviolence is formed from Northern perceptions. Although we may make a personal choice to incorporate non-violence in our resistance efforts, either as lifestyle or tactic, we refuse to impose these choices on the EZLN. We support their right to self-determination, as we see their act as one of self-defense rather than one of outright aggression. This does not mean we can not or will not remain critical of particular developments in the course of events.

We always need to consider the abuses of human rights by either side of a conflict, such as whether or not steps were taken to try to prevent "unnecessary" endangerment of individuals. Such abuses would include, for example, directly involving "non-combatants" as the result of revolutionary action. This condition was met by the EZLN by attempting to leave the urban areas they had occupied (without casualty) and move the fighting away from concentrated populations. The EZLN expressed this goal to the Mexican army in a statement previous to the revolt.

We feel the EZLN saw themselves with no alternative to these actions. The indigenous population's "democratic" (read: electoral) efforts not only failed to protect their rights but, in combination with the efforts of the rest of the voting population of Mexico, had resulted only in even further loss of rights. The Chiapan people could no longer seek

change through the traditional politics of voting because such participation represents legitimization of what they see as the illegitimate government of an illegitimate country: Mexico.

But political conditions here are different. Our political climate makes it difficult, if not impossible, to expect a violent, social revolution to gain popular support; even if this path was something we found desirable. The American people in conditioned apathy, choose to turn their backs on ever worsening U.S. acts of violence and oppression would be resistant at best to accepting the necessity of rebellion as a means to change in their "democracy." The above statement, of course, excludes those people who fill roles of established authority, or those others engaged in the day to day survival of poverty. We consider neither of these conditions apathetic or compliant.

Again, we refrain from imposing these culturally-driven perspectives on the EZLN, which has taken those actions which it saw as necessary against the violence of authority. Actions which carefully drew attention not only to their personal struggle within the borders of Chiapa and Mexico, but to the economic manipulation by far larger and more deadly institutions of power.

While we continue to watch the concrete effects of the EZLN revolt, we also respect the symbolic power of their actions. In the clarity of their political and cultural position; in their

use of toy weapons and children to increase their "numbers" (although certainly not their firepower) against impossible odds; in their destruction of government documents in clear view of the public; and in their availability to the press; the EZLN made a clear appeal to an international community. Therefore, the significance of their action is not merely confined by borders, but is also directed to all those affected by the violence of multi-national capital and in particular, those people impacted by NAFTA.

Thereby, the EZLN recognized their position within a global political climate as well as the severity of their localized desperation. They have demonstrated that resistance needs to be organized and executed against international capital as well as against the authority of individual nation-states. By their example we can no longer continue to ignore the borderless mobility of corporate motives by struggling for justice within national borders.

Only by placing our localized struggles within the context of world-wide resistance can we overcome trans-national capital's domination of us, thereby breaking the shackles of our economic jailers who continue to reap profit from our common bondage.

Ideas for this editorial were discussed at an SPC Brunch on Sunday, January 16. Join us each month for a pot-luck and discussion to help us get our heads straight. The editorial was written by Joe, Brian and Bill, with a heap-o-help from our friends.



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Ejército Zapatista de Liberación Nacional

Indigenous Mexicans' Armed Resistance

Stephen Olmsted and
Fredrick Noyes

THE ZAPATA ARMY of National Liberation (EZLN) chose January 1, 1994 to rebel against the despotic Mexican government and its genocidal domestic policies. The EZLN opted to make the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) which went into effect only hours before, the starting flag for their revolutionary attempt. In the first few days of the new year, EZLN gained control of seven towns and one city in the Chiapa region of southern Mexico.

In the municipalities they seized, the EZLN freed political prisoners, opened stores for supplies, encouraged civilian looting, and returned public land records. Civilian and tourist safety was not threatened as they were allowed to move freely.

The language of the international corporate controlled media and political theorists consistently referred to the Zapata's action as a violent rebellion. Revolution is rebellion become conscious of its aims. Revolution is social when it strives for a fundamental change. The EZLN call for agrarian and economic redistribution. This is a call for a social revolution, not a political revolution.

The social revolution requires the whole society gaining consciousness of their desire and right of liberty. The economic and political conditions of a country are the fire

under the social revolution. The worse the oppression, the greater the dissatisfaction of the people and, consequently, the stronger the flame. This pressure from above causes a social revolution to hatch early taking the form of armed resistance against the oppressive rulers. The media's use of the words rebellion and violence are belligerent linguistic tactics used to separate an indigenous revolt from the support of socially conscious elements of society.

President Salinas's Response

Between twelve and fifteen thousand federal troops marched into Chiapas to reclaim the municipalities. The EZLN retreated into the mountains, where they had asked the federal army to confront them (to insure civilian safety). In the retreat nearly 400 people were killed.

The Mexican federal army carried out summary executions after reclaiming towns. A boy of 15 was found dead with his hands tied behind his back and his toy wooden gun lying beside him. For days the Military used army planes and helicopters to bomb the hillsides where the EZLN retreated. Anyone in those hillsides was bombed with the Zapata revolutionaries including civilians, tourists and the press.

President Salinas waited until January 4th to make an official response. His original response blamed the "violent" uprising on

everyone from the Catholic Church and human rights organizations to the Guatemalan refugees, who are in refugee camps in Chiapas awaiting return to Guatemala. Since his original statement Salinas has focused on the "rebel's" surrender and amnesty with the condition that leaders names be turned over to government.

EZLN Statement and Emiliano Zapata

On the day of the uprising, the Zapata Army of National Liberation (EZLN) put out a two page statement from the Lacandon jungle explaining the revolutionary attempt. The

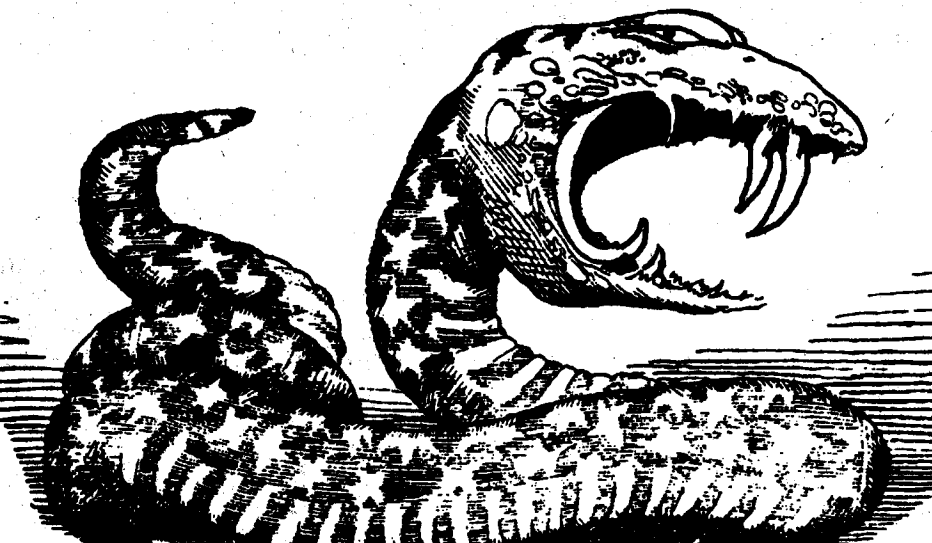
We need to be clear that the US has already intervened militarily by heavily arming the Mexican military

statement explains the oppression the indigenous Mexicans have been subjected to for the past 500 years and asserts their effort as "the only path" to divert the people from "hunger due to the insatiable ambition of a 70 year dictatorship." International organizations are asked to monitor battles to ensure that civilian populations are protected. The statement asks other Mexicans to join the struggle for work, land, housing, food, health care, education, independence, freedom, democracy, justice, and peace. (See page seven for full text.)

The Zapata Army of National Liberation (EZLN) took its name from one of the two great leaders of the Mexican Revolution of 1910-1917, Emiliano Zapata. Zapata, born a peasant, initiated his resistance in 1908 against the big land owners in central Mexico. When the bourgeois revolution succeeded in 1910, Zapata continued the struggle for the poor. With an armed force, made up primarily of indigenous people, Zapata moved through the southern region reclaiming land from the rich. Zapata's efforts continued until his political execution in 1919.

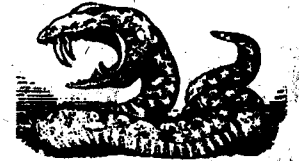
NAFTA and the U.S. Connection to the Uprising

The North American Free Trade Agreement was one of many reason for the uprising. NAFTA revoked collective ownership of land (article 27 of the Mexican constitution). Without the legal right to collectively farm, indigenous farmers have no chance to compete with



Today we Say Enough is Enough

The Declaration of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation



The following is the full text of the declaration from the Lacandon jungle by the Zapatista Army of National Liberation:

TO THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO:
Mexican Brothers and Sisters:

WE ARE A PRODUCT of 500 years of struggle: first against slavery, then during the War of Independence against Spain led by insurgents, then to avoid being absorbed by North American imperialism, then to promulgate our constitution and expel the French empire from our soil, and later the dictatorship of Porfirio Diaz denied us the just application of the Reform laws and the people rebelled and leaders like Villa and Zapata emerged, poor men just like us. We have been denied the most elemental preparation so they can use us as cannon fodder and pillage the wealth of our country. They don't care that we have nothing, absolutely nothing, not even a roof over our heads, no land, no work, no health care, no food nor education. Nor are we able to freely and democratically elect our political representatives, nor is there independence from foreigners, nor is there peace nor justice for ourselves and our children.

But today, we say *enough is enough*. We are the inheritors of the true builders of our nation. The dispossessed, we are millions and we thereby call upon our brothers and sisters to join this struggle as the only path, so that we will not die of hunger due to the insatiable ambition of a 70 year dictatorship led by a clique of traitors that represent the most conservative and sell-out groups. They are the same ones that opposed Hidalgo and Morelos, the same ones that betrayed Vicente Guerrero, the same ones that sold half our country to the foreign invader, the same ones that imported a European prince to rule our country, the same ones that formed the "scientific" Porfirista dictatorship, the same ones that opposed the Petroleum Expropriation, the same ones that massacred the railroad workers in 1958 and the students in 1968, the same ones that today take everything from us, absolutely everything.

**National Sovereignty
essentially and originally
resides in the people.**

To prevent the continuation of the above and as our last hope, after having tried to utilize all legal means based on our Constitution, we go to our Constitution, to apply Article 39 which says:

National Sovereignty essentially and originally resides in the people. All political power emanates from the people and its purpose is to help the people. The people have, at all times, the inalienable right to alter or modify their form of government.

Therefore, according to our constitution, we declare the following to the Mexican federal army, the pillar of the Mexican dictatorship that we suffer from, monopolized by a one-party system and led by Carlos Salinas de Gortari, the maximum and illegitimate federal executive that today holds power.

According to this Declaration of War, we ask that other powers of the Nation advocate to restore the legitimacy and the stability of the Nation by overthrowing the dictator.

We also ask that international organizations and the International Red Cross watch over and regulate our battles, so that our efforts are carried out while still protecting our civilian population. We declare now and always that we are subject to the Geneva Accord,

forming the EZLN as our fighting arm of our liberation struggle. We have the Mexican people on our side, we have the beloved tricolored flag highly respected by our insurgent fighters. We use black and red in our uniform as our symbol of our working people on strike. Our flag carries the following letters, "EZLN," Zapatista Army of National Liberation, and we always carry our flag into combat.

Beforehand, we refuse any effort to disgrace our just cause by accusing us of being drug traffickers, drug guerrillas, thieves, or other names that might be used by our enemies. Our struggle follows the constitution which is held high by its call for justice and equality.

Therefore, according to this declaration of war, we give our military forces, the EZLN, the following orders:

First: Advance to the capital of the country, overcoming the Mexican federal army, protecting in our advance the civilian popula-

tion and permitting the people in the liberated area the right to freely and democratically elect their own administrative authorities.

Second: Respect the lives of our prisoners and turn over all wounded to the International Red Cross.

Third: Initiate summary judgements against all soldiers of the Mexican federal army and the political police that have received training or have been paid by foreigners, accused of being traitors to our country, and against all those that have repressed and treated badly the civil population and robbed or stolen from or attempted crimes against the good of the people.

Fourth: Form new troops with all those Mexicans that show their interest in joining our struggle, including those that, being enemy soldiers, turn themselves in without having fought against us, and promise to take orders from the General Command of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation.

Fifth: We ask for the unconditional surrender of the enemy's headquarters before we begin any combat to avoid any loss of lives.

Sixth: Suspend the robbery of our natural resources in the areas controlled by the EZLN.

To the People of Mexico: We, the men and women, full and free, are conscious that the war that we have declared is our last resort, but also a just one. The dictators are applying an undeclared genocidal war against our people for many years. Therefore we ask for your participation, your decision to support this plan that struggles for work, land, housing, food, health care, education, independence, freedom, democracy, justice and peace. We declare that we will not stop fighting until the basic demands of our people have been met by forming a government of our country that is free and democratic.

Join the Insurgent Forces of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation.
General Command of the EZLN, 1993



con cuba: how it feels...

elana levy

two days after returning to syracuse, having been to cuba for two weeks, i went to the wake of a colleague from o.c.c., john richardson, 40, shot by a younger man when john answered the door. john was not the intended victim. when i first heard of his murder, and then saw him in the open casket some tears rolled down, but i wasn't feeling the death deeply. i asked myself why? i realized i was more angry than sad. i am angry because i KNOW that if john had lived in cuba he would still be smiling and hugging and greeting us in front of the elevator in the lobby like he's been doing for more than a decade at o.c.c. one more precious life cut short.

then a friend, who also had just returned from cuba, early in january, reported that the moment he stepped off the plane he was told his son, 20, had been stabbed and was in intensive care in critical condition. his response was: "members of the u.s. delegations worry about having their pocketbooks grabbed when they visit havana, but this stuff never happens. back again to babylon. the belly of the monster."

what a waste of lives. for what? why? i don't know, (i'm not quite that arrogant), the total answer, but i am sure that i know some of the answer.

what is ultimately DANGEROUS about cuba, is, amigas mias, cuba is the most rationally organized society i have ever seen. what makes the difference? decisions are not based on the so-called "bottom line." decisions are NOT based on profit. decisions ARE based on the needs of almost 11 million cuban people; when we speak of eating an egg, we're not speaking of one egg, we're speaking of 11 million eggs. it's really quite simple, and i know some of you will add, simplistic. i'll say this again and again, (the cubans always say: don't lie about us, tell the whole reality, our faults as well as our strengths), of course, cuba is not perfect, lots of blemishes, and more than blemishes now are the shortages.

in the last few years, the people of cuba have experienced a most difficult economic period. they call this the "special period." the government has maintained the benefits of a socialist economy: healthcare is free and readily available to everyone; education is free, including all levels of higher education; students are provided books, housing, and meals when studying away from home, including thousands of students from other third

world countries; rent cannot exceed ten percent of one's wages; daycare is available for all who need it, etc. at the same time, cuba is faced with a double blockade. first, the thirtysomething year u.s. economic blockade, which was tightened with the passage of the toricelli bill in fall 1992. second, the collapse of the socialist bloc in 1989, which had been cuba's primary trading partners.

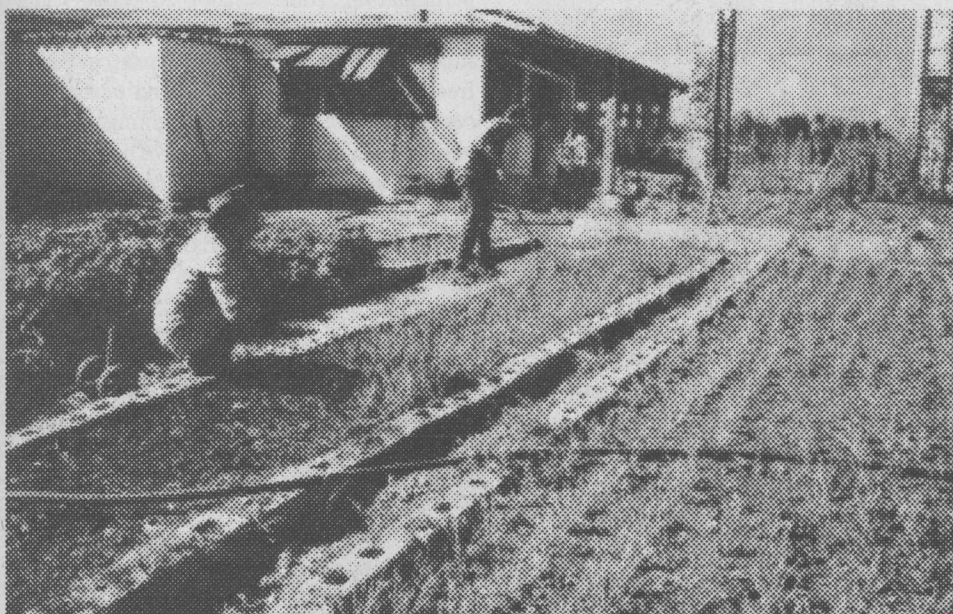
cuba had traded its sugar for the soviet union's oil. since the dissolution of the soviet union there has been a severe shortage of oil which effects every aspect of cuban life. electricity is cut off daily at scheduled blackout times, different for each neighborhood, because generators require fuel (of course, the hospitals are not effected). there are very few street lights for the same reason (also there's not the fear of being physically harmed walking the pitch black streets). the bus schedules in havana have been cut by two-thirds, creating long lines at every busstop. bicycles are the mode of transportation. even tourists, a major foreign exchange vehicle for cuba, aren't driven to as many areas or as far as previously to save fuel. nonetheless, the price of gas at the gas pump has not gone up. price is not based on supply and demand. gas is rationed. those who need gas, like doctors who have to get to the hospital, have a ration card. it is based on need. i am SURE that it does not work perfectly, that people find their ways, i know that cubans are human beings too.

even with cigarette packs, everyone's favorite hatred here in the u.s., the first pack of your ration is less than two pesos, then you can buy a few more packs for about eight pesos, after that you're on your own.

here's another example that grates against our first world teachings of "the rights of private property." if your car is flagged down to give someone a ride to the hospital or for whatever urgency, and you don't stop, you have committed a criminal offense if you don't stop to help.

at bus stops, people in yellow uniforms, amarillos, stop vehicles with room for passengers, to help alleviate the long lines.

in the tourist areas, young people gather around you to ask you for a caramello (candy) or a pen



Growing food for the workers of the Marble Factory. Isle of Youth. December '93.

...coming back home to the united states

or at times, dolares. a cuban may ask
stop, especially if they see you're
othered, but the attitude with which
at the young askers indicates under-
more than annoyance. while i'm
ng this i realize its because there are
es available in the cuban stores. one
omplaints of the federation of cuban
(our hosts in cuba), often heard from
others, is if cuba is a major sugar
r, why can't they provide caramelos
children?

w the question is one of priorities; how
the few dollars the cuban government
wdered milk for all children seven and
is a priority, and most still continues
supported. medicines, like azt (distrib-
e), for persons with aids, has to be
d from a third party source, because of
blockade. antibiotics for children and
ave to be imported. medical machin-
etera and so forth. people complain,
agree, but despite criticisms, people
their revolution.

ou ask, how are things going, the
is always: times are hard. i don't know
ng the people can bear this. at the same
e person you're talking to re-
ommitted to the revolution.

n cuba this december with a
s delegation led by margaret
author of *women in cuba*, who
cuba from 1969 to 1980, and
ive years ago came out as a
several gay and lesbian cubans
h our delegation. in every case,
ase, they would tell us of a life
was both known yet unspoken.
ed with their partner, their neigh-
ew, but no one spoke of it. the
as true at their workplace. in
is years they would not be cho-
represent cuba at international
ences. though unspoken, it was
ed it was because they were les-
very person spoke of the present
a time of opening in the society's
e towards gays and lesbians. the
popular film in cuba today is *fresas
plate*, about homosexuality, and
of the attitudes towards homo-

sexuality in cuba.
castro has spoken out
against homophobia.
one of the people who
spoke to us has been a
member of the cuban
communist party for
more than a decade.
when asked, he said he
was not "out". yet the
work he does in his
city is openly connec-
ted to the gay com-
munity, and is sup-
ported by the larger community.

each person before leaving us said: but that's
not my main concern, (referring to gay rights).
right now, what is most important is ending
the blockade. our struggle today is to maintain
our revolution. that's what we have to focus
on.

the openings in democratic and personal rights
is happening. santería, the most practiced
religion in cuba, is an integration of african
and christian beliefs. openly practiced, santería
permeates the culture. on the 24th of december,
the church across the street was full. elections



Turn of the century graphic:
Tasty food. Uncle Sam consuming Cuba.



One of the solutions to the oil shortage. Santa Clara, Cuba. December '93.

at all levels are now direct and by secret ballot.
when people speak to you on the streets they
feel quite free to complain and criticize. as a
visitor to cuba, you are free to go anywhere,
speak to anyone. the special period is seen
both as a time of particular hardship and a time
of new found creativity and openness, neces-
sary to achieve a self-reliant economy and
self-sustaining people.

as i wrote in august, of '93, food grows every-
where. every workplace has gardens and even
farms which supply the workers with nutri-
tious lunches, (i was privy to one on my last
day, when i happened to be in a marble factory
at lunchtime), and at times even surplus
to take home to their families. workers,
students, children in daycare, elders, per-
sons in hospitals eat a nutritious lunch,
even taxidrivres have an assigned hotel to
eat lunch.

el fin de ano, 31st of december, is a major
family holiday, celebrated with a special
family dinner. special rations were avail-
able to all cubans, which included a
chicken for every four family members,
sweets, rum, bread, grapefruit. on the isle
of youth the ration for the family feast
included 32 specialties. magaly, who i
stayed with on the isle of youth, speaking
of the special rations said, "that's so people
can have renewed hope for the new year.
in your country some people have much
more, but some people have nothing.
here at least everyone has the same."

*elena is a syracuse activist who has
recently returned from cuba.*



BGH For Health?

Because You're Not a Calf Anymore...

Joseph Smith

AS PEOPLE BECOME more aware of the connection between diet and health, vegetarianism has become increasingly popular over the past few years. Yet many vegetarians still justify their consumption of dairy products on the grounds that milk is necessary for physical well being and that milk production is of no harm to cows whatsoever.

Naturally speaking, fresh, unprocessed milk has an incredibly high fat content. Why? Because milk, in essence, is food for the newborn calf, not for the human. Milk is designed to give the newborn calf the nutritional requirements it needs to gain weight quickly. Additionally, milk's high calcium content satisfies the calf's bodily demands for building a skeleton with enough bone mass to support the enormous amount of weight the cow will put on as it grows.

Quite unnaturally, human beings are the only mammals that drink the milk of another species and the only animal that drinks milk after infancy. This prolonged and unnatural consumption of a food stuff designed for the developing body of the calf results in such conditions as osteoporosis (the loss of bone mass from too much calcium), kidney stones, lactose intolerance, breast cancer, heart disease, breast development in males and the decrease in the age children reach puberty (both due to the presence of estrogen in milk).

As far as milk's record in terms of animal abuse is concerned, cows raised for milk production are repeatedly artificially inseminated and kept continuously pregnant. This continuous demand on their bodies takes its toll, drastically reducing the animals' life spans. By this (continual pregnancy), adverse effects on the animals' immune systems requiring more antibiotics to keep the animals healthy in their crowded conditions. The continuous number of offspring from dairy cows supplies the veal industry; an industry

notorious for its inherent cruelty, with a steady number of male calves while the female calves follow their mother's footsteps through the trials of milk production all the way to the slaughter house where the Dairy industry dumps it "unproductive" cows.

Though there are many vegetarians and other people concerned about their health, few believe the above arguments concerning milk production are enough to get them to adopt a vegan diet (a diet free from all animal products), and take that final step. Today there is a new reason to give up milk consumption. If the above arguments aren't strong enough to get you off milk, maybe the following facts will be.

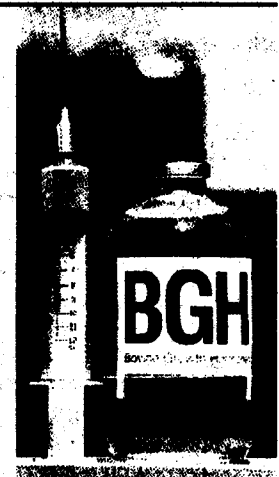
On November 5, 1993, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the commercial sale and use of synthetic Bovine Growth Hormone (rBGH). What does this mean for you? It means that meat, milk, and other dairy products tainted with rBGH will be in stores, restaurants, and school cafeterias nationwide starting February 3, 1993. And if this wasn't scary enough, the FDA stated in its approval of the drug that it will not require labels to appear on milk, dairy products, or meat treated with the synthetic BGH. Thus, consumers will have no idea of how to differentiate between products with or without the synthetic hormone.

BGH presents no benefits at all to those consuming it. Rather, those destined to reap the rewards of rBGH are the multi-national pharmaceutical companies like Monsanto, Upjohn, American Cyanamid, Eli Lilly and

Agri-business corporations researching these so called "break-throughs" of modern science. The introduction of synthetic agents into our nation's food supply calls into question the role of the FDA

in determining health risks for consumers. Dr. Richard Burroughs, staff veterinarian and senior scientist of the FDA, was fired in November of 1989 after raising some questions concerning the health risks of rBGH. According to the FDA, he was fired for "slowing down the process of approval." Dr. Burroughs reported that the FDA did not assign reviewers with the expertise needed to evaluate the data

and that adequate human health studies on the effects of rBGH had not yet been conducted. He also reported that cattle treated with rBGH have higher than normal levels of reproductive problems and increased udder inflammations and infections. By suppressing this vital information, the FDA is in violation of its own internal policies by assisting industries to reap profits from genetic engineering.



Good Business?

One may wonder whether the injection of rBGH into cows will be a sound financial move for our nations farmers. The truth of the matter is that the over production of milk resulting from rBGH injections is estimated to force up to 30% of america's small dairy farmers out of business just 36 months after rBGH is introduced. In fact, there is already a surplus of milk, cheese, and other dairy products that tax payers spend billions of dollars annually to absorb the excess. Hence, the introduction of rBGH will make a bad situation worse.

Cattle, start your engines!

Toted as "crack for cows," rBGH supercharges a cow's bodily functions forcing the animal to produce more milk while simultaneously stimulating the increase of other bodily processes not involved in milk production. The accelerated bodily processes result in the mass release of hormones into the animal's blood stream. Studies on milk produced from cows injected with rBGH show hormonal levels of sometimes 1,000 times greater than the amount of hormones found in milk produced under "normal" conditions. One hormone which was found in significantly higher levels in blood is IGF-I a hormone that appears to be identical in cattle and in humans. Elevated levels of IGF-I in humans can cause acromegaly, a disease which causes enlargement of the hands, feet, nose and chin, as well as glucose intolerance and hypertension.

Growth Hormone cont'd on page

Toward a Post-Cold War Mission

"Plutonium Free Future" Renews Its Call for a Plutonium Free World

Kazuaki Tanahashi

ON BEHALF OF "PLUTONIUM Free Future," a group based in Berkeley, California, I would like to thank the Syracuse Peace Council and Altered Space for co-hosting the exhibition "Awakening in the Plutonium Age" at Altered Space in Syracuse, April 16-May 16, 1993, and for organizing a workshop with me, titled "Art, Crisis and Vision" held on April 18.

Our group is currently asking organizations, cities and nations to pass a resolution for a plutonium free world. It calls for a world free from the military and civilian use of plutonium and an international ban on plutonium production. If you are interested in helping spread this resolution, please contact: Plutonium Free Future, 2918 Shoptalk Ave., Berkeley, CA 94704. Phone: 510-540-7645.

As an extension of the exhibition, "Awakening in the Plutonium Age," I would like to share with you some of the recent communal thinking I have helped develop. The following are the comments accompanying oral testimony presented to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, September 22, 1993, before representatives of the U.S. Department of Energy at a public hearing on reconfiguration of the nuclear weapons complex.

IMAGINE A TIME when there is no more plutonium at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab or at any other national labs in the United States. That means there is no further development of nuclear weapons in this country. A plutonium free world needs a plutonium free America. We urge you to direct the tremendous knowledge, ingenuity and resources of the U.S. Department of Energy to the goal of bringing peace to the world and establishing peace with the environment.

Human society may have reached a moment when the cold war has ended and a "warm revolution" is beginning. Excuse me for using this unfamiliar term. It refers to something dramatically different

from the cold war, which divided humanity, fostered hatred, and threatened us with the danger of global annihilation.

The "warm revolution" is a shift of social consciousness and action that moves humanity away from the destruction of the environment and society. It could include an intensive international competition for large-scale development of natural and life-affirming energy production, as well as for the conservation of energy.

Plutonium Free Future and Rainbow Serpent International made a joint proposal called "The Rachel Carson National Project" to Secretary of Energy Hazel O'Leary when our representative Claire Greensfelder met with her on July 27. This is a proposal for an intensive effort to achieve a surge of wind and solar energy production. We suggest that the project be completed within a period of three years, the same amount of time that the Manhattan Project took to achieve its goal of developing atomic bombs.

Named after the American biologist who pioneered the world's ecology movement, The Rachel Carson National Project can be a driving force for production of energy that nurtures people and protects the environment. This is an energy project that will help all life to flourish rather than spreading cancer-caus-

ing radioactive materials throughout natural systems.

The United States is the most advanced in the technology of wind and solar energy production. We want the US to keep the lead and win the international competition for a new energy breakthrough—the "warm revolution." Leadership in their enterprise will bring growth in industry, exports, and jobs. As members of Plutonium Free Future, a group of US and

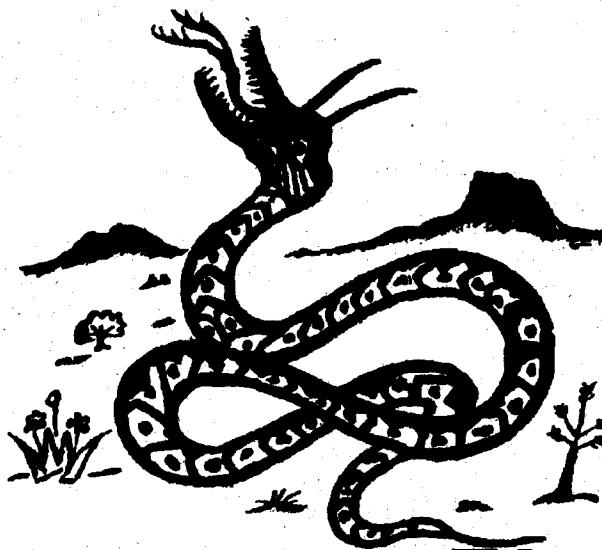
Japanese citizens, we also want Japan and other nations to win this competition. This is a kind of competition in which everyone can win.

The "warm revolution" is a shift of social consciousness and action

DOE took the major role in research and development of nuclear weapons and nuclear energy. This role of DOE was inseparable from the defense, foreign, and energy policies of the United States during the cold war era. Now that the cold war is over, there is no justification for further development of nuclear weapons. Now that we are all aware that there is truly no safe means of storing nuclear waste, further development of nuclear energy ought to be halted.

DOE's current proposal for "reconfiguration of national labs" seems to be aimed at improving old facilities for research and development of nuclear weapons. This is not acceptable. We should not develop any more weapons of massive destruction. Research on nuclear weapons should concentrate on the safe dismantling of existing warheads and management of radioactive materials taken from them. We believe that "reconfiguration" of national labs is unnecessary for this limited purpose.

This is the moment for you, member of DOE, to re-examine your mission. Please exert your wisdom and ask a fundamental question: What is the best way for you to serve the American people and at the same time benefit the rest of the world? Let us remind you that your work to meet fundamental energy needs in a way that enriches humanity and is non-violent to nature will affect not only Americans in their generation, but the whole world for many generations to come.



Awakening in the Plutonium Age



SYRACUSE COMMUNITY RADIO

Syracuse radio listeners desperately need an alternative to the rigidly programmed music stations currently in the area, as well as an information source that presents local and regional events and public affairs. There is also the lack of a reliable (i.e. non-commercial) news service that provides critical analysis of national and international issues. We can continue to lament this situation as we scan the radio dial, or we can look for alternatives.

Syracuse Community Radio (SCR) and Pacifica News Service are coming to the Salt City. These two broadcast efforts will help fill the vacuum on the airwaves of Central NY for those of us who are not content to listen to top 40 from some by-gone era and news from Big Brother. We would like to serve the purposes that the so-called public stations were originally created for and have largely failed at: to be a voice *for the public*. Not a voice for corporate and government interests, but for people. This is revolutionary only because it is not currently being done by anyone else.

SCR was very pleased to work in conjunction with the Peoples Music Network to bring Pete Seeger to Syracuse to perform with the Syracuse Community Choir at the Landmark Theater on January 28. It was the first of many performances that we want to bring to Central New York in the coming years. We have a rather ambitious wish list of performers and speakers that we hope to see in the Salt City.

It appears that WSCR may get on the air much earlier than we had hoped. Since the FCC allows low power transmissions without a broadcast license on AM, we are considering the use of several transmitters to broadcast in various areas of the city to give folks a taste of what community radio will be like when we reach our full potential. As some might remember, several of our founders produced weekly programs that were broadcast in the Westcott area during the Radiovision project of 1991-92. It was very memorable to see cars parked in the area with avid listeners inside tuning us in and getting a little dose of radical radio. So any aspiring broadcasters should scribble their ideas down and get in touch with us. And of course we would be happy to hear of any other pirate stations taking to the airwaves. Dust off those radios, folks!

We are also nearing an agreement for a space for our production studio and offices.



We are happy to announce that a newly formed artist craft collective has chosen to setup shop in a storefront of Earthbound Cooperative Community. The collective will be comprised of members from the Central and Southern Tier of New York — including citizens from The Onondaga Nation. The storefront will operate as a cooperative effort by the artist and crafters to sell their works. Cooperative enterprises such as this one are truly in the spirit of the Earthbound project. Anyone interested in this artist/craft collective should contact Margaret Williams at (315)422-4210.

As part of our continuing support of Syracuse Community Radio, Earthbound will be making part of its space available for a fund raiser/dance party on February 25, 1994. Some of you may remember the "Peace Groove" fund raisers/dance parties held at Earthbound. Syracuse Community Radio expects to uphold the tradition of "fun" associated with these fund raisers. For more information on Syracuse Community Radio call Frederic Noyes at (315)437-9579.

In the past we have given a figure of \$36,000 for 675 square feet as a "price" to join us as a co-housing member. It should be noted that this figure is not an absolute. For those families who need more space, there are other designs that can be carved out to make more room available. Furthermore, the cost is something that can also be flexible. If you have an interest in the Earthbound project, please do not let the lack of funds stop you from contacting us. Earthbound is not about profits, it is about housing and cooperation. Though there are costs and expenses that must be considered, when the constraints of profit making are removed from the formula, there is considerable room for flexibility. If you would like more information about being a co-housing member of Earthbound, please call us at (315)422-4201.

James Shattell & Margaret Williams

Hope to be able to report on all that for next month.

In the meantime, check out our general meeting on the 17 at Dewitt Community Library (in Shoppingtown) and our *groove*. Yes, that's right—back by popular demand, a gathering and dance party that will live up to the reputation on February 25 at 916 N. Salina St. 8PM 'till it ends. Contact: SCR, PO Box 207, Jamesville, NY 13078.



Youth For Environmental Sanity (YES!) is a diverse team of young people with a common vision. They want to help America's youth feel a sense of meaning and purpose in their lives. They want a positive future and a supportive world in which to live. They want healthy people and a healthy environment.

The YES! Tour travels North America giving informed and enthusiastic presentations to school assemblies and leading empowering workshops. In their first three years, they have reached more than 375,000 students with their call to action for a better environment. YES! is a nonprofit organization based out of Santa Cruz, California. It is run by youth between the ages of 17-25. They are young people with a mission who have reached an estimated 80 million people through local and national television, radio and press coverage. They also lead summer training camps, publish organizing manuals and produce a newsletter for their members and for schools they have visited. And now, YES! is coming to Syracuse!

People For Animal Rights and the local Sierra Club have joined forces to bring this marvelous group to speak to our area youth. During the week of March 14-18, YES! will be in the Syracuse area delivering their powerful message to High School and Jr. High School students. The YES! Tour will be presenting two assemblies at Liverpool High School and one at Sodus Intermediate School. At this writing, there is still room on their schedule. If you or anyone you know is interested in bringing the YES! Tour to their school, please contact either Linda or myself at the numbers below. Don't let your school miss this opportunity. YES! may not be in the Central New York area again for quite some time.

The YES! Tour has also agreed to make a special evening presentation. For those who would like to see this empowering group of young people in action, they will be making their presentation to the general public on Tuesday night, March 15, at the May Memorial Unitarian Society located at 3800 East Genesee Street. The time is 7:30 PM and admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. This is a MUST SEE presentation for anyone, age 12 to 112, who cares about the future of this tiny planet we call "home"! For more information, please contact either PAR at 488-PURR (9:00AM-6:00PM) or Vikki Lammers at 488-6269 (6PM to 10:00PM).

Vikki Lammers

The New Leaf



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FEBRUARY 1994

Everyone is welcome!

Sue Warford

Everyone is welcome to shop at the Syracuse Real Food Cooperative. You need not be a member, but we encourage you to take advantage of one of our membership plans and receive a discount at the cash register every time you shop! It's simple to join—come in and speak with our staff and we'll sign you up.

To become a member:

- regular membership costs \$10 per year. We ask that you make a one time capital contribution to the coop, which can be returned to you when you leave—\$10 per \$10,000 of household income;
- student membership costs \$5 per semester, or \$9 per academic year, no capital contribution is required;
- honorary membership is offered to senior citizens 60 years or older and to persons with disabilities; all fees are waived and we grant you honorary work status.

Member benefits you receive:

- 5% discount on all goods in the store.
- the opportunity to work in exchange for an additional discount;
- the option to place special and bulk orders at extra savings;
- a voice in the operations of the coop, from voting on issues to running for the SRFC council, our governing body.

It pays to become a member! *



Next Council Meeting

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New Pricing Structure at the Coop

Sue Warford

Well, we finally did it! After opening to the public we have repriced our shelves and reprogrammed our cash registers. Now the public may shop at the shelf price and our members receive a discount at the register. Also, the council, after considering recommendations made by the management and the ad hoc Membership Committee, voted to institute a new discount structure, whereby as a member you save 5% off all products in the store. Those who work two hours per month (working members) receive a 10% discount, and members who work two hours per week (core workers) save 15%.

Because of increased competition and declining memberships in the last decade, most food coops have chosen to open to the public and in many cases have also reduced their member discounts. Essentially, the member discount is a patronage dividend. Food coops have found it easier to budget and manage the patronage dividend by giving it at the register in the form of a discount, rather than distribute it annually. This is in keeping with coop principles: the patronage dividend is based on the

profitability of the coop. If the discounts given to members are too high, members could be saving money, but at the expense of the store's well being. The key is to maintain a balance between providing enough of an incentive for people to become members and volunteer their labor and keeping sales at a high enough level that will profit the store and the members.

In our case, we not only gave large discounts at the register, but we were giving the discount to a select portion of our membership—working members and core workers. Non-working members not only never saw a patronage dividend, they were being surcharged 15% at the register. So in adapting a new price structure we wanted to provide incentives to become a member and to volunteer time at the coop, but at the same time improve our profitability. The new pricing structure is more fair in that it closes the huge gap between non working members and core workers, thus spreading our patronage dividend more evenly among our membership. In repricing the shelves for the public, many of the products were marked up as much as 10 percent above

☛ *New Pricing, next page*

PEC Update

Karen Peissinger

Along with the positive changes at the Coop, there have been changes in the Product Evaluation Committee (PEC) In December, Dave Brule departed with Sherri and Emma to France where Sherri will pursue her doctorate in French History. We all wish them well in their new "neck of the woods"! Dave, the chair of the PEC for two years, worked with PEC members Kate Rooney and Karen Peissinger. Together they implemented the infamous Two Cents Board and investigated Coop members' questions, concerns and suggestions.

Recently at the December 1 meeting,

Dave handed over the PEC chair to Karen P. along with PEC archives dating back to the late 1980's (they say 80's nostalgia will become hip in 1994!). Now Kate and Karen are looking for a few enthusiastic people to be part of the PEC and contribute to ongoing projects such as the Coop Product Survey and product investigation/searches. The PEC meets monthly, usually in the evening and in the outer University area (carpooling may be able to be arranged). If this sounds like a committee with which you would like to be involved, please call Karen Peissinger at 475-2202 after January 23. *

New Pricing, continued

the old shelf price which was the working member price. Since working members now receive a ten percent discount at the register, they will notice little change in their grocery bill, except a small savings since many products could not be marked up the full 10% and still be competitively priced. Core workers, who have been receiving a 12% discount off the working member price in return for working two hours a week, will be saving less, since their discount at the register is now 15%, they now save 5% more than a monthly worker. Non-working members will notice big savings, as they now receive a 5% discount from the shelf price (public price), which means only paying 5% more than a working member, rather than 15%.

It still pays to work at the coop! Not only do you get to participate in the daily operation of the store and to work with friendly people, but you save 10% off the shelf price. And spread out over a year, this can mean a substantial savings! We feel that this new price structure will be easier for everyone to use and to understand. And we, the staff and council, welcome your questions and feedback regarding the new pricing structure. One last note: To receive a discount we ask members to present their membership card at the register! Thank you for your patience through all of these changes. *

Whole Wheat Corn Bread (Vegan!)

Karen Peissinger

Sift together these ingredients:

- 1 cup whole wheat bread flour
- 1 cup corn meal
- ½ t salt
- 4 t baking soda

Mix into the above:

- 1 cup soymilk (unflavored)
- ¼ cup applesauce
- 4 T honey
- 1 egg equivalent of egg-replacer

Pour into non-stick bread pans or muffin tins. Bake at 425° for 20-25 minutes. Let cool 10-15 minutes before cutting.

This recipe lends itself well to your creativity. For instance, you may want to add cinnamon, nutmeg, ground cloves, raisins, chopped nuts, sunflower seeds, chopped dried fruits, or anything else! For dinner you may want to try chopped hot peppers or shredded carrots. Have fun! *

Smart kids make smart choices

Amy Kahn

Attention all coop kids! You can be a "trashbuster" by making smart decisions and a few easy changes in your everyday life. Here are some fun examples.

Track your "daily garbage output". Write down everything you discard, from the minute you get up until you go to sleep. Or, carry your trash in a large bag for a day. Then decide how you can reduce it by using the three R's—reduce, reuse and recycle.

Now, let's pack your lunch. Get out your reusable bag or lunchbox.

Put in:

- your napkin (how about a bandanna or a cloth napkin you can reuse rather than a paper napkin?);
- pack your sandwich in a plastic box with a tight fitting lid (if you must, use wax paper because it biodegrades in the landfill);
- how about something to drink? bring your beverage in a reusable bottle or thermos (juice boxes waste natural resources and last for decades);
- last, add your dessert; if you like pudding or applesauce, bring it in a reusable cup (convenience portions are expensive and use lots of natural resources).

Add all these tips together, and you have a nutritious lunch that's friendly to our environment!

Here's a radical idea: Start an Ecology Club at school or with Scouts. Try one of these projects.

1. Organize a playground cleanup.
2. Plant a tree on school grounds.
3. Start a letter writing campaign.
4. Organize a garage sale at school to sell old toys and clothes.
5. Plan a recycling paper drive at school.
6. Ask the school cafeteria to be more environmentally aware.
7. Think up goals of your own to help old Mother Earth!

Thanks to: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. *

General Membership Meeting

Sunday, February 13, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Euclid Community Open House
Corner of Westcott and Euclid

Dinner provided at 5:00pm, donation requested (about \$3-5 to cover costs).

Members! Here's a great chance to have a say in coop happenings and earn work credit. All attending members will get to vote on issues and receive one month work credit.

All are welcome to attend

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Please call store 472-1385 if you have items for the agenda.

If interested in receiving double work credit for preparing a dish please sign up at the store or call.

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Syracuse Joins US-CUBA FRIENDSHIPMENT III

Douglas Igelsrud

The third Pastors for Peace caravan of humanitarian aid to Cuba will be the biggest yet, surpassing the 100 tons sent in July 1993 and including several school buses. Members of the Syracuse community are partially sponsoring one of the busses, along with communities from Ithaca and other areas in the Northeast. Local activist Hank Strunk will be joining the Caravan which will stop in Syracuse on February 24.

A fund raising dinner/dance will be held at May Memorial Unitarian Society on Saturday February 12 at 5:30 p.m. (We are starting early so people need to go to the Joan Baez concert at 8 p.m. will be able to join us for dinner.) Ron Schuffler is coming to Syracuse especially to cater the dinner. The evening will

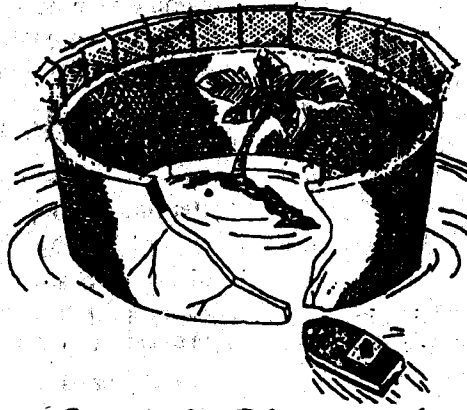
include short presentations by people who have recently returned from Cuba, and conclude with lots of Cuban and Caribbean dance music provided by D.J. Paul Weichselbaum.

Pastors for Peace is an action/education project of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization. They have been vigorously and courageously challenging the U.S. economic embargo by sending humanitarian aid to churches in Cuba without applying for, or accepting, a license from the U.S. Treasury Department. By publicly defying the economic embargo and the travel ban against

Cuba, Pastors for Peace is forcing the U. S. government to either change its policies or publicly defend positions the general public will not support.

Because there is limited space available on the Caravan, we have emphasized smaller

items. We are asking people to bring donations of NEW school supplies and NEW sealed packages of over-the-counter medicines (aspirin, vitamins etc.) to the dinner on February 12. For a more detailed list of material aid and collection places, check the enclosed flyer (for PNL subscribers) or call Doug Igelsrud at (315) 471-5749 for more information.



End the Blockade!

CACC Meeting Notes

Having a potluck and simultaneous coalition meeting seems to be working out effectively. While enjoying Paul's great potatoes, and Shirley's delicious bean soup (along with many other dishes just as terrific), a group of about 20 people conducted an efficient information sharing and planning meeting that began promptly at six and concluded at 7:30 p.m. We hope you will join us for our next meeting. Discussion included:

1) Next meeting February 9th - 6 p.m. - Plymouth Church

2) WFP hotline information on the recent uprising in Chiapas.

3) Emergency Response Network - commitment to six telexes per year. Contact Ann Tiffany at (315) 478-4571 for more information.

4) The group of three Haitian refugees in Syracuse is looking for a two or three bedroom apartment. Contact Harvey Pinion 474-4836 if you can help.

5) WFP has opportunities for people to observe the upcoming elections in El Salvador. Nancy Gwin hopes to be going.

6) Information about Pastors for Peace Friendshipment (see article on this page). Hank Strunk expects to be part of the Caravan.

7) Ann Tiffany and Ed Kinane reported on their recent trip to Haiti as part of the Cry for Justice project.

8) Haiti Fast: Hunger for Justice - sign up and pledge to fast with us one day a month until justice comes to Haiti. Contact Ann Tiffany.

At 7:30 p.m. Witness for Peace and the La Estancia project held separate meetings.

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Policy of Hypocrisy Part Two

Covert Fundraisers: Alternatives to the Bake Sale

Brian Dominick

"The United States gives terrorists no rewards. We make no concessions. We make no deals."

— Ronald Reagan, June, 1985

IN A DEMOCRACY, or a state which mimics a democracy with some degree of success, it is imperative that the government has the consent of the population before it gets "entangled" in a "long term" war. The American people, as they have demonstrated many times since the 1960s, will not stand for a protracted conflict (hence all the "short" wars since Vietnam, but this is indeed progress). The establishment is on the run whether we realize it or not.

However, by limiting a government's practices without changing its intentions, we merely force it to alter its methodology. Democracy flies in the face of the real politic. But like a flag, it is merely a symbol for the appeasement of the people, meaningful perhaps but of no actual significance. The state will never fail to carry out its wishes. Never.

Hence a new scenario: covert war which is equally as destructive as overt war. It is, in all actuality, worse than overt war in that it cannot be stopped through democratic means. We cannot oppose that of which we are not aware (except ideologically — but ideology and the real politic are entirely unrelated).

American covert operations performed on behalf of "national security" have been bravely documented by former perpetrators-



turned dissidents and selfless survivors who insist on revealing the truth. While studying the activities of super-secret factions like the Central Intelligence Agency, undoubtedly the most powerful organization in all of history, one's stomach is sure to turn. At the very minimum, ten million deaths since 1947 are attributable to this monster. The CIA is virtually untouchable, according to law. It sparks wars and it wages wars — yet it is rarely seen. The CIA runs the Western Hemisphere, if not the entire world. And guess who runs the CIA...

The largest obstacle to covert action is not moral or legal — it is financial. The only logistical hamper to secret wars is the acquisition of funds. However, fund-raising is made much easier when no one is looking. Since spoken policy is tossed out the window like so much campaign rhetoric during applications of the real politic, and the public eye has been blinded, the ball and chain of principle are no longer a binding force. The only factors are what is real, what is feasible and what is profitable.

Amidst the swarm of anti-drug hysteria which has swept the nation since the mid-eighties, cocaine smuggling has become a most profitable import/export business. The drug war has had one significant effect on the drug trade: the price of cocaine on "the street," (similarly to that of other drugs) has risen to 40 times its original value — tax free, tariff free. Sure, there's always a chance of getting busted... unless, of course, you happen to have a permanent GET OUT OF JAIL FREE card — liability free.

"Narcoterrorism," CIA Style

At this point certain things begin to make sense. The CIA's protection of Manuel

Noriega since 1972 despite the fact that he was a known drug trafficker all along isn't much of a mystery. It is now logical that virtually the same Colombian "kingpins" have remained in business the whole time despite apparent military efforts to "wipe them out" (how hard is it, in a country with no civil rights protections, to



bust a drug lord who lives near a massive coca plantation and whose name is infamous among the locals?). Those same drug lords purchase protection from the very puppet regimes whose strings the CIA manipulates.

All of this sets the stage for a scandal so panoramic that in comparison even Iran-*contra*, a related event, is belittled. Enter the Reagan/Bush administrations, Manuel Noriega,

the Medellin Cartel (among others), the *contras* and, you guessed it, the CIA. The details remain unclear but the evidence is overwhelming: during the 1980s, the CIA, probably under executive order, in cooperation with the Panamanian government, participated in drug smuggling in order to finance the war against the Sandanistas in Nicaragua.

Senator John Kerry, after heading a commission which was thoroughly investigating covert activities south of the border, declared in 1988 that the CIA itself had physically smuggled unknown quantities of cocaine into the US aboard its own aircraft on some 50-100 occasions. As part of the CIA's untouchable status, no Agency plane can be subjected to inspection by anyone, anywhere. It has also been discovered that the CIA intervened in Drug Enforcement Agency arrests and confiscations of cocaine. At least 24 times during the eighties, the CIA ordered the DEA to drop and forget charges against international drug traffickers who have since been connected to the CIA itself (surprise, surprise) by researchers.

Cover-ups, Payoffs, Ripoffs and Double-crosses

The whole scenario of "arms for drugs" is laced with shady characters and many schemes describing how the shipments and trades actually took place have been alleged. Perhaps the most blunt summary of the whole deal is the statement drugs/arms smuggler Gary Betzner gave of his trips to and from CIA agent "Farmer" John Hull's Costa Rican ranch on the Nicaraguan border. Before a US Senate Subcommittee in 1987 he said, "it was guns down, cocaine back."

A millionaire named George Morales claims that, after being indicted in 1984 on cocaine charges, he was approached by CIA operative Octavio Cesar who offered to "take care of" Morales' drug charges in return for \$250,000 every three months. According to Morales' Congressional testimony, this offer had come through Octavio from then-Vice President Bush himself and the funds were diverted to the *contras*.

The Medellin Cartel and Manuel Noriega were neck deep in these fund-raisers at one point, but as recent witch hunts exemplify, the rules are always changing.

As I write this, the newspapers are reporting that the final probe into the Iran-*contra* scandal is being released. Conducted by independent prosecutor Lawrence Walsh, the investigation claims to have uncovered much. It seems that although they broke no laws, then-President Reagan and Vice President Bush were fully aware of all goings on and subsequent coverups. In other words, they violated laws, or at least their own professed principles, by not preventing other violations. Of course, we all know that their participation was more than as "accomplices," but in the end, the confrontation between reality and justice is a stalemate.

The released version of Walsh's findings (narrowed from 2000 pages to 566 pages and probably from R to PG-13 by congressional censors) is reportedly a biting document despite noncooperation from much of Congress and all of the executive branch. Those who would have been indicted have already been pardoned. That evidence which might have

convicted was restricted on grounds of "national security." Here is a perfect example of a situation in which the entire population is aware of an executive branch injustice and is yet completely helpless.

Not only can the perpetrators never be held accountable for their actions or "inactions," but there is no way to prevent future incidences of underground atrocities.

Prosecutor Walsh once said that Bush had "manifested an absolute disdain for the rule of law." It is not so much his disdain for law with which I take issue — in Bush's case, it is the violent form such disdain took. As a result of Iran-*contra* and the drug smuggling scheme, thousands of Nicaraguans and perhaps others are dead.

Proliferation of drugs on the American market is much greater, but if you are caught using what the government has provided you are likely be

thrown in a dungeon, especially if you are a person of color and thus a favorite target of the establishment.

The scenario is sticky, tangled and often confusing. Certain details do not add up, and like in the Iran-*Contra* debacle, convictions in the "Drug War Scam" would be nearly impossible. Certainly, though, CIA involvement in drug smuggling deserves further investigation. Senator Kerry's courageous attempt to confront the CIA (I give credit where credit is due) was ignored. Its relevance to the understanding of the real politic versus rhetoric is monumental, but our children may not read about it in their history books. Oliver Stone's next movie, *Noriega*, promises to reveal the "whole story" from the viewpoint of the Drug War Scam's most infamous villain/victim. Still, we will be helpless to act even after the truth has been told. It is up to us to maintain a vigilant criticism of government policy as practiced and not just as spoken.

It is useless to start naming names and pointing fingers. That those who "manifest" corruption in the hierarchy can be weeded out, and that the system can be repaired, is an illusion maintained by democratic governments. In reality, the system infects itself by



John Poindexter

relegitimizing its own ideals while subjecting them to application by greedy individuals.

If we begin pointing fingers, we will at some stage wind up indicating ourselves, for we are the ultimate perpetrators of injustice. By participating in, ignoring, and/or failing to abolish a corrupt system, we have legitimized and perpetuated it. We can start by naming Reagan and Bush, then the monsters which backed their campaigns, then the voters who chose them... but we cannot stop there. We must then indict all participants in the system which facilitated their rise to power. In the end, we are all guilty of arms for hostages, dollars for drugs, and every other violent act around us. We can call for Bush's head on a platter, but until society changes, the system will not; and until the system changes, men (and possibly women) like Bill Clinton will replace men like George Bush, none of them less evil than their predecessors and all of whom practice with regularity a policy of hypocrisy.

Brian is a political writer (still pissed off) and the editor of Behind Enemy Lines Quarterly. For a free ample copy, send a stamp to 4383 Belleflower Circle, Syracuse, NY 13215.

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Two Demonstrations Against Injustice

Activists Continue to Draw Attention to Syracuse Prisons

of Syracuse safe? Again we say, NO! There is no connection between jailing more people in order to lessen crime. We believe jails like these, old and new, actually promote crime! Jails like these frustrate and harden people and then release them. As a result, the streets are more violent and unsafe than before.

TOGETHER WE ARE members of PAX Christi, Jail Ministry, the family of Jo Flores (who recently in the PSB jail was denied medicine and who died as a result), the Syracuse Peace Council, and citizens concerned about justice, crime, and incarceration. We question the purpose and need for jails, both old and new. Regarding the PSB jail, we entreat every citizen to respond to these urgent inquiries: Has the PSB helped solve the crime problem?

All of us raise our voices to answer this question: NO! First of all, the very laws that jails represent state that each inmate has no protection and presumption of innocence until guilt is proven. Too often the reverse is true: in the cell the inmate is treated guilty with or without trial.

Has this place helped to make the streets

Has this place served to protect the rights of innocent people? Once more, we say NO! Jails like these deny the legal and human rights of inmates by punishing them, by torturing them, and by shackling them. Nothing leads us to believe that the new so-called "justice" building will, for all its cosmetic additions, be any different.

Although the rich and powerful commit crimes, they are seldom jailed. Instead, present and future jails cells are filled with persons of low income, African Americans, jobless workers, Latinos, homeless parents and adults. Persons of minimal wealth and mainstream influence are most likely to be jailed, though most have not been tried.

Instead of the millions wasted on building jails, old and new, we advocate that tax payers' dollars should be spent to eliminate the root causes of crime! That means low income housing, job training, improved schools, drug and alcohol rehab programs. Such support would provide and restore hope to people, strengthen families, weaken the frustration and dampen the discouragement that leads to violations of the law and to the inevitable mockers of justice that these jails stand for.

The date of December 28 was as appropriate day to protest in order to connect a 2,000 year old injustice to similar crimes today. As scripture relates, King Herrod

was angry and fearful that the newborn Christ would threaten his rule. So acting to protect his power, he ordered all infants two years old and younger to be slain. Herrod's primitive act of physical slaughter is a counterpart in today's acts of moral and spiritual dismemberment. People behind bars in these jails are grievously injured in visible and hidden ways. We who have supported and defended them offer witness to that.

As time passes all citizens will be required to share in the very concerns that we are raising. Certainly we welcome the ideas, the presence, the input of each member of this community.

Stand with us for a few minutes or longer.

The above statement was distributed during a vigil at the Public Safety Building (PSB). At midnight on December 28, 1993 a coalition of activists rebuilt the wooden prison cell originally occupied by Kathleen Rumpf last year (See *PNL*, August 92). Kathleen had built her cell in front of the PSB to call attention to the abuse within the building's walls. After living in her cell for nine days on bread and water, Kathleen began a campaign which has brought national attention to the conditions of the PSB; and in particular, to the use of steel shackles by the guards as "restraint."

Kathleen's cell was rebuilt this past December as a symbol of the continued struggle against the violence of the prison. The cage was set up at the PSB next to the construction of the new "Justice Center" [sic]. When completed, the Justice Center will be a new prison representing part of the City of Syracuse's plan for revitalizing downtown.



Kathleen Rumpf outside the PSB on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jessie Davis Trial On and Moved Again!

Nancy Rhodes

ON JANUARY 12, 1994, Albany offered Louise Thornton \$350,000 to settle out-of-court her lawsuit against the city of Albany and five Albany police officers for the death of her brother, Jessie Davis, nine years ago. On January 19, Louise had her attorney, Lou Oliver, turn them down. If you've followed this story in our pages, you know the trial was moved to Syracuse last year and has been delayed several times, most recently in November so the new City Administration of Albany could consider the merits of its own attorneys to settle out-of-court since they were almost sure to lose in Federal Judge Neal. The judge warned both parties he would not grant another delay until February 3. But he has now moved the trial date to June 20, and moved the trial location this time to Utica. If you've followed this case, you know getting it into court at all has been a saga of delay and expense, including discovery of a cover-up of suppressed police



photos contradicting the police version of Jessie Davis' death. Support of local activists allowed the Davis family to plan to go forward with a six to eight week trial in the middle of winter in a strange city a hundred and fifty miles from home. Scrapping together funds to pay for expert witnesses has been on-going.

\$350,000 is an unusually large offer to make. First of all, Jessie Davis wasn't working at the time of his death, so no loss of income over his lifetime could be projected. Second, he had no children to deprive of his support or estate. There's no guarantee a jury would match the city's offer.

But Louise Thornton says of her decision to go to trial, "I'm already poor so I won't miss it. You can't buy truth and justice."

Contacted in Albany, Alice Green of the Center for Law and Justice, a long-time key supporter of this case, says, "They have trivialized this case and trivialized his life by making it just a dollars and cents issue. Now they're attacking me and Louise, saying we're wasting tax-payers' money by going to court. But the tax-payers need to know that unless we change the way we deal with people this will happen. There hasn't been any acknowledgement that his death was wrong, or that

Louise Thornton needs to be approached as a human being."

Large out-of-court settlements prevent public airing of such incidents typically and have little systemic effect on local police practices or how citizens and the police interact. The city of Los Angeles has routinely paid out-of-court settlements totalling in the millions annually; this did not prevent the notorious Rodney King beating, nor did it prevent the denial and closing off of the ranks from Chief Daryl Gates on down.

The Jessie Davis case has now dragged on, with bitterness and without resolution, for nearly a decade in a city without a Citizen Review Board, costing Albany more than is measured by \$350,000. Alice Green says there is renewed interest in citizen review of police misconduct in Albany these days.

In the meantime, Louise Thornton and Lou Oliver will need the same things in Utica they needed here: a place to stay during the trial in June, some office space, some help in getting the word out about Jessie Davis' death and their case. If you know some folks in Utica who can help, let us know at 474-6603.

Nancy Rhodes is a Syracuse activist working with the Task Force on Community & Police Relations and was instrumental in the creation of our Citizen Review Board to monitor police misconduct.



throughout the night and into the following morning people took shifts vigiling within the cell, despite the bitter cold. The police coming in and out of the PSB did not choose to end the protest, leaving the vigil as a testimony to the connections of violence between the existing structure of the prison and the new jail. Three weeks later, the coalition returned to the PSB and the Justice Center to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. day with a vigil. The group joined together to highlight the racism which operates within the prison system, both social and economic racism work together to keep disproportionate numbers of Black and people of color behind bars. As long as misplaced priorities continue to be used and use prisons we will continue to contribute to these institutions of violence. The current system is merely a concrete symptom of racism and racism within our greater society. We stand together in protest to demand change.



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Studies by the FDA and Monsanto show that milk from cows tainted with rBGH contains more saturated fat than milk produced by cows free from rBGH. These reports also document the appearance of significant amounts of pus found in the milk from artificially charged cows as well. Yet if fat and pus in your milk concerns you, I'm sure you'll be happy to hear that studies also estimate there are more than 80 different drugs in use in the Dairy industry and most of these have been found in human milk.

As if the intensive farming of livestock animals wasn't bad enough, multi-national pharmaceutical corporations and the FDA are trying to make it worse. Like all the other attempts to manipulate mother nature in the billions of dollars invested in rBGH to produce tainted milk and sick animals. Remember, the dairy cows confined to pens wearing girdles to support their artificially enlarged udders can not say "no." We on the other hand, can. Educate, Agitate, Organize!

Who is pissed off like Brian, is the current director of Syracuse University For Animal Rights, an intern for the Syracuse Peace Council, and editor of HAMMERMILL magazine. To obtain a copy send \$.75 to HAMMERMILL C/O the SPC.

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multinational corporate owned farms. Leaders of EZLN called NAFTA "a death sentence for the indigenous people."

Since the collapse of the international coffee agreement, Chiapas farmers have depended on domestic corn sales for their subsistence. With NAFTA, American grown corn will be shipped into Mexico at half the rate Chiapas farmers are presently receiving for their corn. It is estimated that over a million farmers will have to migrate to urban centers for wage labor.

The situation for factory workers in Mexico is no better. Within days after the US Congress approved NAFTA, GE fired 11 workers from its Juarez motor plant and Honeywell fired 20 women union activists. During the Mexican uprising the United States was already working to incorporate the country of Chile into the free trade agreement. We can not stand aside while the trans-national corporate plutocracy expands throughout the Americas. Trade cannot be free until labor is free.

Anti-militarist organizations in the U.S. have already started the call for non US intervention. We need to be clear that the US has already intervened militarily by heavily arming the Mexican military over the last 60 plus years. If the uprising does continue the U.S. can be counted on to send troops to supplement the relatively small Mexican army (100,000 troops). All the hot buttons are there and ready to be pressed. They've already started talking about US citizens safety in the region and Chiapas is an oil rich state.

Chiapas's Oppressive History

The indigenous Chiapans are descendants from the Mayan and Aztec people who's oppression commenced when Hernando Cortés brought the Spanish conquest into what is now Mexico. In 1823, the state of Chiapas was annexed to Imperial Mexico. Under Mexican rule, the situation improved little until the revolution of 1910. Zapata brought land re-

form to the peasants and the Mexican constitution. After Zapata was killed in 1919 the people were left with land but no funding to enable them to use the land. The peasants were forced to lease their land to the corporations and work the land for less than subsistence.

For over 60 years the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) has ruled Mexico virtually unchallenged. On July 6, 1988, the coordinator of the Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solórzano, won Mexican popular vote for president. He was denied office through massive fraud, and his rightful place was taken by Salinas de Gortari of PRI. Since 1988 over 250 supporters of PRD, including 14 of the 1993 candidates, have been assassinated.

Chiapas is known to the world for the lush jungle ruins left by the Maya, the baroque colonial churches left by the Spaniards and the deep inequities that have prevailed since the two cultures met. Chiapas ranks last among Mexican states in households with electricity (66.9 percent), last in the number of children under 14 who attend school (71.3 percent) and last in the number of people over 14 who can read (69.6 percent). It is fourth from the bottom in the percentage of households with access to sewers (41.2 percent) or running water (58.4 percent).

CONCLUSION

American jingoism is sure to blur the indigenous revolution with its outcome. Revolution is a process. The Chiapas uprising may only bring about political reforms. Social pressure needs to be raised to ensure an outcome that reduces oppression and gains reforms that will help the revolutionary struggle to continue.

As activists we need to continue the propaganda to bring about greater social consciousness. To succeed we need to understand the history of revolutionary attempts. The contemporary attempt by the EZLN is one we should not let go unnoticed.

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

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Letters

Is Ignorance Bliss?

To the Editors:

Some would say, "No animals should be used in bio-medical research," arguing that using animals to "serve" a human need is unethical. Still others would say that animals are so different from man that such research is useless. But what about the use of animals in the study of HIV, the most "difficult" infectious agent yet known because of its ability to keep changing? What about the millions of Americans with insulin-dependent diabetes? Too many become amputees, and even with a well-maintained injection regimen, diabetics are susceptible to peripheral blood vessels and nerve failure. Can we tell Americans suffering diseases like AIDS and diabetes that animal research is a waste of time? The debate over the use of animals in bio-medical research deserves our serious attention, and I propose the consideration of the following questions that I feel are at the root of the matter.

Are rats and mice (the most commonly used animals) that different from humans? Though they are smaller, have fur, etc; more

than 90% of their bio-synthetic pathways (the production of energy and the removal of wastes) are identical to ours. Choosing the correct model is pivotal in research. For example, experiments on squid have shown us how our nerves work, the research on a primitive crab has shown us how the receptor mechanisms in our eyes enable us to see, and the amoeba (a single celled organism) has shown us how our white blood cells move to the cite of infection and remove the organisms responsible.

Is it immoral or unethical to use an animal, or any other living thing, to obtain knowledge about "how we function when normal" and "what is wrong in disease?" If you believe that "all living creatures are exactly equal in the eyes of God," then you could argue that we have no right to study the amoeba, a crab, a squid, let alone a rat and, equally, no right to strip bark and kill Pacific old growth forest yew trees for Taxol to use as a drug to treat breast and ovarian cancer.

sponsible use of animals in research is legitimate, the key word being responsible.

The numbers of animals used in biomedical research is steadily declining. However, that number will not, while the public continues to demand "cures" for all ills, drop to zero. This is a society that wants life to be "risk free." We have to weigh the cost and benefits of testing to check for avoidable risks and/or serious side effects from the risks of no testing at all.

The questions I have raised are serious. We do not need campaigns of misinformation or discrimination. Still less do we need violence or the threat of violence. Each of us must reach a considered and informed opinion. I ask you, if you oppose the use of animals in biomedical research, would you ask your physician, if acutely ill, "Have animals been used in the study of my disease and/or proposed treatment?" Would you not ask, because you do not want to be faced with that dilemma? Those are questions we have to address for ourselves, our families, and for society at large.

Karen Hilemae

Professor of Bioengineering
and Neuroscience, Syracuse University



Joe Smith Replies:

I agree that the public deserves the right to make its own considered and informed decisions concerning the use of animals in biomedical research. Yet the public's chances at obtaining any significant amount of information in opposition to vivisection is severely lacking in comparison to the scientific literature, institutional pressure and financial backing involved in promoting animal experimentation. Therefore it is imperative that people acknowledge and report the tactics vivisectionists use to protect themselves, so that informed decision making can take place.

The proposed question at the end of Hilemae's letter is a perfect example of the tactics to which I'm referring.

Is it easy to make an informed decision when you are faced with a problem and you are not familiar with any alternatives to the most readily available solution?

Joe Smith



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On Bosnia: A Collective Apathy

A PNL Editorial

THE PRIMARY MOTIVATING factor for the actions of the Western Powers and the UN Security Council is the preservation of "business as usual."

In this sense, "business as usual" means the maintenance of individual nation-states competing for economic supremacy. Nation-states control a territory defined by economic, environmental, cultural and/or ethnic resources. It is the preservation of this control which directs the actions of a nation-state's leaders, sometimes against the stated values of that region's people.

It is also true that, particularly in the case of democracies or plutocracies (according to Webster, a plutocracy is "a government or state in which the wealthy rule, or a group of wealthy people who control or influence a government"), there is a mutual relationship between the interests of the rulers and the ruled. For example, it is precisely because we live in a violent, racist, patriarchal culture that U.S. foreign policy is hierarchical, expansionist and capitalist. At the same time, the actions of our government reaffirm these qualities in the people of the U.S. One can consider our leaders as the personification of the violent aspects of our culture, taken to the extreme, to preserve our "quality of life."

Nationalism is one tool used by the nation-state to retain domestic support when repressive means are "necessary" to maintain control.

In the case of the Balkan conflict, the Western Powers (WP) have been hesitant to take decisive action, presumably because they have perceived no active threat to international business as usual. The political interests of those countries who dictate the policy of the UN Security Council focus on not allowing this conflict to spread outside the boundaries of the former Yugoslavia. This policy effectively throws Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) to the wolves.

Internally, BiH faces a nationalist Croatia backed by Germany and parts of Europe, and a nationalist Serbia supported by Russia. There is a threat that existing struggles, such as the

rival interests of Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece and Russia, may trigger a wider war. However, precisely because of their specific alliances, it is doubtful that either country would pursue an expansionist agenda beyond the previous Yugoslavian borders. Therefore it appears that the WP have sacrificed the Bosnian people in order to preserve their global order.

The people of BiH have consistently asked that the UN arms embargo be lifted ("Resolution 713" has been in place since 9/25/91) so that BiH is able to retaliate against their Serbian aggressors. BiH argues that the embargo places Serbia at an unfair advantage, as Serbia is better equipped militarily, and remains less effected by the embargo. The ability for BiH to defend itself would grant greater autonomy to BiH in a situation where they are subjected to an unequal balance of weapons and power.

Technically, however, there has never been an arms embargo against the sovereign state of BiH. UN Resolution 713 applied an embargo against the state of Yugoslavia during its period of active aggression against Croatia, predating the existence and recognition of BiH. Although Res. 713 has been subsequently reaffirmed by Res. 724, 727 and

757, Resolution 713 was never amended to include the sovereign state of BiH under the auspices of the embargo. All subsequent resolutions were directed at Serbia, which retained both the capital city of Belgrade and the political designation of Yugoslavia. Therefore there has never been a legal justification for not supplying requested arms to Bosnia (see

Boudreau, "Memorandum on the Alleged 'Arms Embargo' Against BiH," 1/14/94).

If we accept this premise, it means the WP have had no political interest in resolving the conflict

in BiH until now. They have used a mythical arms embargo to rationalize "non-involvement" to the world community. The embargo has been touted as a means of returning peace to the region. But effectively, all it has done is justify collective inaction by the members of the UN Security Council, inadvertently solidifying the Serbian position. With no immediate recognizable economic or territorial benefit, the WP are not willing to commit resources to a prolonged conflict merely in the interests of human rights and the preservation of the Bosnian people.

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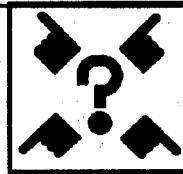
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History shows us that international law has never effectively restricted the activities of the WP. For example, when convenient, the US disregards UN resolutions for its own purposes as evidenced by the US acts of aggression against Nicaragua, Libya, Panama and Iraq. But the WP fail to bypass the alleged embargo in order to allow BiH greater self-determination. It can only be concluded that if the WP are abiding by a nonexistent UN resolution, it is to serve their own interests, and not the interests of Bosnia or its people.

The WP governments are aided by the international media who play up the "ethnic cause" of Balkan conflict. The media ignores the reality of multi-cultural Bosnia by continuing to treat the countries involved as political equals. This false equality downplays the brutality of the Serbian nationalist war on the people of BiH. The Serb policy of "ethnic cleansing" has already cost the lives of an estimated 200,000 Bosnians and displaced over a million more. This is not a contest among equals, it is a stated policy of genocide. To treat it as anything but genocide is to contribute to the crime.

Now the WP are being forced to react to the moral outcry of their citizens. Between the constant threat of widespread war, and due to citizen pressure, these governments find themselves in a

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position of either taking action or losing face in the world community. It is naive for us to assume, however, that governments will act out of any sense of moral or ethical obligation. It is important, however, to recognize that these same governments will use arguments of morality and ethics to justify their own political actions and violence.

What Next?

And so we find ourselves faced with a situation where the discourse of military intervention is offered as our only recourse. Once again, as Progressives we are offered only limited options dictated by the actions of nation states. By all media reports, our choice is between lifting an arms embargo or requesting UN military intervention. This is a choice

without choice, much like the "support our troops" jingoism of the Gulf War. When the US bombing of Iraq began, activists in this country were faced with wearing yellow ribbons (and effectively supporting the war) or falling pray to the mad accusations of wanting US soldiers to die. It is as necessary now to remain clear about the Balkan conflict and the principles of our activism, as it necessary then to stay focused on the corporate motives of the war against the people of Iraq.

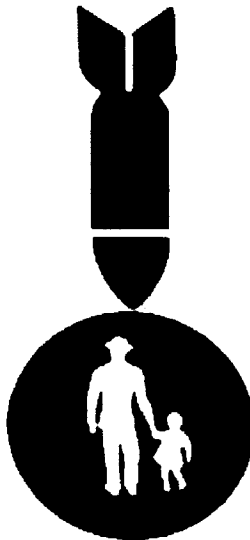
We cannot allow ourselves to be drawn into a political dialogue where the discourse is defined by those governments who helped incubate the problem. We must continue to separate the people from the war. It was government agendas which delayed action so long as to render nonviolent alternatives "impractical."

Instead, we renew the call for non-violent means of conflict resolution to deal with international strife. These forms of civil defense need to be both democratic in nature and subject to the guidance of the vic-

tim state, in this case BiH.

This system should be organized to prevent the exploitation of the conflict by any of the intervening parties. At all times the principle of self-determination must be the paramount consideration for all decisions.

Conflict must be dealt with structurally to be effective. This means breaking down the deep-seeded hatreds that develop along nationalist lines and which are never affected by the "solution" of military intervention. We need to recognize the seeds of nationalist hatred in the agendas of power and profit, and develop new systems of social order which break down those hierarchies. Grassroots activists often work on structural violence in our interpersonal relationships, but fail to apply this principle to international relations.



We deny that it is up to us to present all the "answers" for developing these methods of intervention. It should be enough to look back at the failures of military intervention, to demand change, and to commit our minds and bodies to the process of that change.

We have historic examples of successful, nonviolent resistance movements which addressed not only the immediacy of the given conflict, but also managed structural change in the behavior of the affected groups. Not the least of these was Ghandi's India.

In the immediate past, we find attempts at international, nonviolent resistance against war such as the "Peace Camp" on the border between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, as well as the "Mir Sada" (Peace Now) and "Sjeme Mira" (Seeds of Peace) efforts at international non-violent intervention in BiH. Whatever the outcome of these publicly labled "failures," these efforts were valuable additions to an ongoing dialogue of international resistance.

It is our challenge as nonviolent activists to apply these examples and methods in order to bypass a nation-state insistence on violence as the only means of dealing with conflict. Only through principled resistance can we maintain perspective on international policy while addressing localized social injustice.

Perhaps this way it will someday be possible to completely by-pass the violent system of nation-states and solidify a democratic movement of political accountability based on an ethic of self-determination for individuals and cultures.

It is vitally important to look carefully at the forces which place us in a position reactive to our government's designs. We need to make sure we recognize the signs of nationalist manipulation as they develop. This way, when we are again subjected to UN "Peace-keeping," such as we've seen in Somalia and Bosnia, we can join our voices and our bodies together to define our own path forward.

Info for this editorial found in "War at the Crossroads." from the Balkan Resource Group (see July 93, PNL), Connexions, Peace and Democracy News and Z Magazine.



Experiencing the Silence

Recollections of the Holocaust Memorial Museum

Joan Goldberg

SOME RECOLLECTIONS of my recent visit to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. The museum is dedicated to presenting history of the persecution and murder of six million Jews and millions of other victims (gypsies, Slavs, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, physically and mentally handicapped) of the Nazi regime. The museum was created "to educate the living and remember the dead."

Through artifacts, remnants, film, photographs, models and voices one silently witnesses the persecution, the terror, the humiliation, the desecration, the destruction, the unspeakable cruelty and suffering, the systematic murder of millions

I REMEMBER walking through the lost communities, a glassed-in passageway upon whose panels are etched an endless list of names of European Jewish communities — communities that exist no more — gone — disappeared — wiped off the face of the earth;

Looking up inside the tower of Ejszyszki reaching up three stories, the walls covered with over 6,000 portraits collected by a survivor to commemorate her lost community, all but 29 of its 4,000 citizens killed in a single day;

Seeing glass cases filled with piles of shoes — boots — sandals — pumps — women's — men's — children's — long covered with dust. And suitcases — hurriedly packed with their most prized possessions for a journey to who knew where, the names of the owners still visible on them, abandoned;

Facing a wall of identity cards — ordinary faces — shaved heads — striped uniforms — numbers tattooed on their forearms — the pain and resignation in their staring eyes;

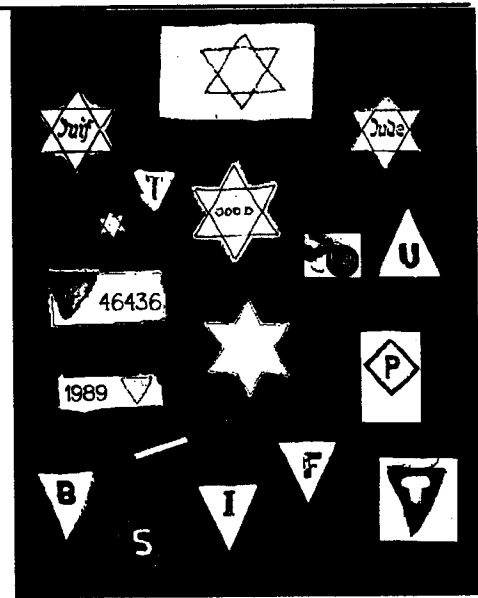
Witnessing the American response (or lack of it?) — the cries unheard, ignored. The boat/ship sent back. The doors/shores closed to people in need. The Allies refused to bomb the camps, to get involved. Roosevelt (a friend of the Jews?) wants to remain "unentangled;"

Feeling inspired by The Resistance — the uprisings — the sabotage — against such incredible odds — little David battling Goliath.

Celebrating the liberation — the Allies disbelief, the survivors' tears of joy, of hope. No homes to return to. Now classified as Displaced Persons, Refugees. Dreaming of the Return of Zion;

Viewing The Wall of the Righteous — the names of all the non-Jews who helped people escape. The Danes who resisted as a country, who hid the children. They simply did what they had to do, often risking their own lives;

Listening to the voices of the survivors and their testimony — their enduring memories. Amid their horror and pain maintaining their spirit and unbelievable will to survive;



often wondering how they did, feeling guilty that they did;

Experiencing the silence of the bystanders, those who were neither the killers nor the victims. And, once more, vowing NEVER AGAIN.

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FROM PRAGUE, PARIS, AND AMSTERDAM,
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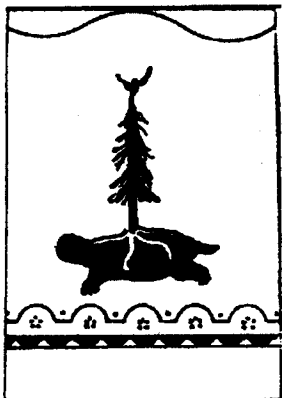
Struggle to Maintain Onondaga Sovereignty

A "Common Questions and Answers" Guide to the Blockade

Support Onondaga Sovereignty

A DIFFICULT AND PAINFUL conflict is taking place on the territory of the Onondaga Nation. The conflict pits the Onondaga Council of Chiefs, Clan Mothers, Faithkeepers and those among the Onondaga people who are loyal to the traditional Iroquois governance, against a small group of business owners who have operated illegal cigarette, gas and restaurant businesses on Onondaga Territory on Rt. 11 near a busy Rt. 81 interchange. The supporters of the traditional government of Onondaga have organized nonviolent human and material blockades of these businesses in an attempt to either force them to comply with Onondaga law or to close. A tense stand-off has developed that has lasted for several months. Despite concerted efforts by the blockaders to remain nonviolent, several confrontations have been incited by the business owners. The situation at present is tense. The strain on the Nation has been great. The Council of Chiefs, Clan Mothers, Faithkeepers and their people, however, are determined to prevail. To them the issue is the very survival of Onondaga sovereignty, a sovereignty that has been sustained, against great odds, for better than a thousand years. The Onondaga people, the Keepers of the Sacred Fire of the Iroquois Confederacy, are one of the very few indigenous nations in all of North America to have never lost or ceded their sovereignty. This is something of which they are justly proud. The people of Onondaga expect that a sovereign Onondaga people will thrive seven generations hence. The people of

the Longhouse have asked us to help inform our communities about what is happening today at Onondaga, to help clarify the issues and to help people understand what is at stake. The is-



issues are complicated and we don't pretend to know all the answers. We provide our understanding of the situation as we see it. We invite your participation in our effort to support the continued sovereignty of the Onondaga people.

Who Are We?

We are an informal group of community and cultural activists in Syracuse and Onondaga County. We are united in our pride in the accomplishments of the original people of this area and in our commitment to support their leaders. Many of us have worked over the years with the Council of Chiefs, Clan Mothers, Faithkeepers and their people on issues of peace, native rights and the protection of Mother Earth. We trust leaders of the Onondaga people and are organizing whatever support we can provide to them.

Why Are Onondaga's Leaders Also World Leaders?

Most of us recognize that the Earth is in the throes of global environmental and political crises of extraordinary seriousness. The Earth's life-support systems are in danger. These crises are the consequences of patterns of industrial development, exploitation and colonialism through which modern civilizations have badly mistreated the Earth. Many indigenous peoples throughout the world, including those of the Iroquois territories, have often opposed careless and ruthless types of "progress" and warned of the destruction that would surely follow. As the truth of these warnings grows ever more obvious, people throughout the world are increasingly turning to indigenous people for advice and hope. The Chiefs, Clan Mothers, Faithkeepers and elders of the Onondaga Nation are particularly sought out because, whereas many indigenous people have lost their independence and traditions, the Onondagas, through an incredibly brave and powerful struggle lasting more than four hundred years, have retained their sovereignty and have thrived in many ways. As a result, the Chiefs, Clan Mothers and Faithkeepers of Onondaga are recognized worldwide. Therefore, the struggle for Onon-

daga Sovereignty, and the insistence that the Onondaga Nation Council of Chiefs be treated with the respect and legal deference accorded the leadership of a sovereign nation, has worldwide significance and must not be treated as a local issue among competing local interests.

At hundreds of forums around the world, native elders have eloquently taught that each creature on Earth has its job to perform and that the world is alive and sacred in so far as these tasks are performed faithfully. The assignment given to the human creature is the most simple, but the one that alone requires human intelligence; that job is to give thanks that all the other jobs have been well done. The

job of caring for Earth, our home, and providing for our families becomes much more simple when our Original Task of thanksgiving is performed well.

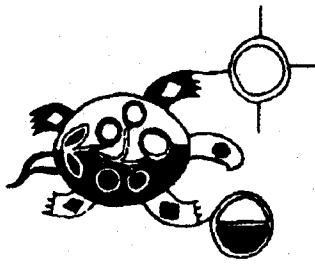
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—*Tadodaho, Chief Leon Shenandoah.*

What Is The Current Situation?

U.S. activists challenge the U.S. government, why shouldn't the businesspeople at Onondaga challenge their government?

The appropriate forum for challenging the decisions and laws of the Onondaga Nation is at Longhouse meetings and in conversations with Chiefs and Clan Mothers. The business owners have not been able to achieve their self-serving goals in the Longhouse, so they have begun a campaign of slander and intimidation. When non-Indian progressives challenge the U.S. government, it is usually to take unjust power away from the rich and give power to the people. The business owners are a wealthy elite who have made huge profits operating businesses on Onondaga land without the consent of the Onondaga Nation's government. After eight years, the patience of the chiefs and the people finally ran out, and the businesses were shut down. The business owners have used the false issue of accountability to justify their refusal to pay the rather meager tax of 25 cents per carton of cigarettes. The Nation's financial records have been available at Longhouse meetings for any Onondaga to look at. The real accountability question, not raised by the commercial media, involves the obscene profits reaped by the



business owners at the expense of the Onondaga Nation. The business owners' lawyer, quoted in the Herald-American on 11/14/93, claimed that 70,000 cartons per week were being sold at Onondaga. At a conservative profit of one dollar per carton this is a yearly profit of \$3,640,000! And this doesn't include gas and other items sold! This is big money and money is the central issue as far as the business owners are concerned.

The Onondaga Traditionals Aren't The Only "Real" Indians—Why Support Them?

It's true that there are Indians living in many locales in Central New York including the city of Syracuse. Onondagas living on the Nation do not claim to be the only real Indians. They do, however, rightfully claim to be part of a centuries-old governing and cultural system that has survived 500 years of European genocide and exploitation. They do rightfully claim to be a sovereign nation, and, as such, they are a great deal different than Indians who have chosen to not live as a nation.

I Can't Take Sides. Isn't This An Indian Dispute With Two Factions?

To call the Onondaga Nation a "faction" is a bit like calling the U.S. a faction in a dispute with a large corporation. The business owners have taken their power grab beyond the borders of Onondaga. They have a great deal of money with which to create propaganda and influence people, and they have their customers—people who want cheap cigarettes and gas. Their greed may ultimately result in greater tragedy than has already occurred. Non-Indian communities have the unique and rare opportunity to take a small step towards redressing centuries of exploitation and hostility. By supporting the sovereign Onondaga Nation we are saying that wisdom and authority do not flow from money, and we are saying that a traditional government struggling to maintain ancient earth-centered principles is worth taking sides to preserve.

"If there is concern for our demise, then help us survive on our terms."—Tadodaho, Chief Leon Shenandoah.

How Can We Support The Onondaga Nation When They Don't "Democratically" Elect Their Leaders?

To claim that the U.S. system is the only valid governing system is extremely arrogant. Not to mention the fact that capitalist democracy works best for the rich and less and less well for people as you go down the economic ladder. Over 50% of U.S. citizens don't even participate in its system. In the Onondaga and Iroquois system Clan Mothers choose and remove Chiefs. The Council of Chiefs rules as a body, not as individuals. The Chiefs are selected for their wisdom and commitment to their people. The head chief of the Six Nation Iroquois Confederacy or Tadodaho is always an Onondaga Chief. Any person at Onondaga can appear before the Council of Chiefs at the Longhouse to present grievances or request assistance.

What Can We Do To Help?

1. Patronize Onondaga and other Indian business and craftspeople. Do not patronize businesses operating at Onondaga without the sanction of the Onondaga Council of Chiefs.
2. Write letters to the editor of daily and weekly papers supporting the Onondaga Nation.
3. Educate yourself by reading books such as *Exiled in the Land of the Free*, *In the Spirit of Crazy Horse*, *Wisdomkeepers: Meetings with Native American Spiritual Elders* and *A Basic Call to Consciousness: The Hau de no sau nee Address to the Western World*.
4. Host an educational gathering of friends and neighbors in your home. Non-Indian presenters are available through SOS at (315) 428-8724.
5. Attend public events at Onondaga. Get to know the people, their customs and their way of life.
6. Invite an Onondaga representative to speak at your school, place of worship, neighborhood center, union or club.
7. Subscribe to the Onondaga Nation newsletter, *Gai hwa na ge'*, (There's Lots of News) at \$10 per year from: Onondaga Nation, via RR Box 239, Nedrow, NY 13210.



Who Is S.O.S.

Maxine Polomski

THE ABILITY TO LIVE freely, safely, healthily and happily is an inherent right guaranteed to all human beings. As members of Support Onondaga Sovereignty (SOS) we are a community-based group offering support for the traditional Onondagas during their struggle with business people who, by their illegal practices, are circumventing the traditional structures and authority of the traditional Onondagas. The on-going conflict between the Onondagas and the business people is riddled with myths and confusion. As a voice in the non-native community, we are attempting to dispel these myths and turn confusion into clarification as deemed acceptable by the traditional Onondaga people.

SOS is not the Syracuse Peace Council. Some people involved in SOS are also affiliated with the Syracuse Peace Council. As members of the peace community, the issues raised by the struggles of the Onondagas have moved us to become involved.

To date, members of SOS have met regularly to discuss the events between the traditional Onondagas and the business people. We have created and distributed literature explaining the conflict. We have held community-wide discussion sessions. We have attended meetings of the Clan Mothers and Faithkeepers to listen to their needs and learn what more we can do to support them.

Above all, we are committed to respecting the sovereignty of the traditional Onondagas. We are absolutely supportive of the expressed wishes of the traditional Onondagas that, as a sovereign nation, they are capable and determined to settle the conflict as peace-loving people.

We support the traditional Onondagas' assertion that the conflict is "not about money or any kind of sale. It's about showing respect for who we are, what our ancestors fought to preserve for us, and what we want our children to enjoy—their traditional rights as Haudenosaunee" (*Gai hwa na ge'* Onondaga Nation Newsletter, May 1993).

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Policy of Hypocrisy: Part III

The Aftertaste of Conquest in Haiti

Brian Dominick

IN 1492, Christopher Columbus and his entourage of conquistadores landed on the island of Haiti, planted a Spanish flag on its soil, and christened it "Hispaniola." Five hundred years of oppression have followed, including the complete extermination of the island's indigenous population.

It goes without saying that the United States has taken great interest in the island for some time now, especially the country of Haiti (which shares the landmass with the Dominican Republic). The US has been deeply involved in Haiti's development throughout this century, during which time American troops have occupied it on and off. Although the US has supported iron fisted dictatorships in Haiti for a long time, it is the present day circumstances with which this piece is most concerned.

In 1986, US-backed tyrant and President-for-Life Jean-Claude Duvalier was forced into exile by a massive grassroots popular movement. Duvalier had ruled the country ruthlessly and violently and had been responsible

for an unknown number of deaths—mostly of democrats and reformers. He had maintained, with the support of the US government and international capital, a powerful army and a draconian secret police force—the Tontons Macoute—which he used to enforce his maniacal political philosophies and Machiavellian power cravings.

In the wake of this, the first in a series of sudden transfers of power that would shake Haiti over the next six years, a power vacuum of sorts was formed and quickly filled by Armed Forces Chief General Henri Namphy. Namphy, a US favorite, had been closely associated with Duvalier who was now living peacefully in France. In Duvalier's absence, his successor implemented few changes. Instead, he maintained the terrorist regime which the people had struggled so furiously—and at such costs—to erase. The man who then-Assistant Secretary of State Elliot Abrams had called "Haiti's best chance for democracy" turned out to be a carbon copy of his vicious predecessor.

Meanwhile, popular movements, especially in rural areas, were gaining strength. The seed of liberation theology, which preached "the preferential option for the poor" and other "radical" ideals, had been planted and was growing to envelope the impoverished but newly-empowered populace. Massive grassroots organizing was taking place all around the country, and the people were courageously insisting on an end to the terrorism which they accurately called "Duvalierism without Duvalier."

Soon a leader emerged. From a tiny rural church, Father Jean Bertrand Aristide began gaining attention as he denounced the regime which was then in power and demanded democracy in no uncertain terms.

Reacting to international and domestic pressures, the government scheduled elections for November 1987. In order to ensure that Namphy would retain the helm, the Tontons Macoute were re-created and an expansive campaign of mass terror ensued in the form of a series of massacres, including a systematic slaughter of voters on election day which was so violent that the elections had to be canceled. Conveniently, Namphy remained in power. After the election day slaughter, military aid from the United States was *officially* suspended. However, since it was late November, some 95% of this aid had already been received by the terrorist military regime. And, in actuality, covert CIA funding persisted.

The rescheduled elections resulted in a loss by Namphy, but his power was quickly restored in a military coup which was followed by yet another coup, this time seating Duvalierist General Prosper Avril and his new junta.

Just prior to this latest transfer of power, Namphy's Tontons Macoute had attacked Father Aristide's church, killing 13 people and leaving 77 wounded. At this point, Father Aristide, who was obviously in great danger, was advised to flee the country. Instead he went underground and later emerged to place himself on the ballot of the next election which was scheduled for December of 1990. In a surprise victory, Aristide earned 67% of the votes, defeating the US-backed candidate (who received the second most votes) by a margin of 53%. The grassroots movements of Haiti had united and defeated Duvalierism, US imperialism, the Tontons Macoute, and the short-term threat of further oppression.

While Haiti's people prospered greatly under President Aristide's short-lived tenure, the United States continued to resist his administration in many ways, not the least of which included increased spending on conservative, counter-revolutionary organizations. While pretending to respect Aristide's sovereignty, the US was tipping the scales to the right. Also, in an attempt to taint Aristide's flourishing image, the US seemingly switched its policy on allowing refugees into the country. During the previous ten years of Duvalierist terror and junta rule, the US had allowed only 28 out of 28,000 refugees into the US. During Aristide's seven months in office, while the





refugee rate dropped dramatically, the United States welcomed a total of 20 refugees.

President Aristide nevertheless maintained the principles for which he'd been elected. He denounced capitalist influence and insisted that the people of Haiti, for the first time in Haiti's recorded history, be the beneficiaries of government. He called for a new independence and resisted the aggressive, imperialist imposition of American capital. "I cannot accept," Aristide had said before the elections, "that Haiti should be whatever the United States wants it to be... This is normal, capitalist behavior."

And so the neo-liberal expansionists in the US and around the world decided it was time for yet another change. The US Central Intelligence Agency, which had retained its influence over the Haitian military and police forces throughout the Aristide administration, instigated one last coup d' état. The military overthrew Aristide. In an attempt to disguise its own participation in the uprising, the American government secretly employed the US Navy SEALs to rescue a handful of Aristide officials who had been captured during the coup.

Aristide's government, now in exile, was replaced by the treacherous command of despot General Raoul Cedras and his US-trained death squad leader Joseph Michel Francois. In the absence of the Tontons Macoute (at least in name), Francois, a US Army School of the Americas graduate, ordered the deaths of at least 1,000 resisters during the first two weeks that followed the coup. In the wake of that bloodbath, another 1,200 deaths have been recorded and perhaps several thousand more have taken place in rural areas where international observers are largely absent. Throughout (at least until recently, and perhaps currently), the CIA has quietly but admittedly sponsored the Cedras Junta.

I would like to pause here for a moment. I think it is important that we understand the extent to which the monstrous government of Haiti implements the political repression methodology which it was taught by the United States military, on American soil. No, I cannot imagine in my wildest dreams what it would be like to call Haiti my home; to live there for years and endure tumultuous political currents and a seemingly endless sequence of one

military regime succeeding another. But I can see quite clearly that it is my government which has facilitated and encouraged, throughout this century, the demise of a people.

Democracy as Commodity

Shortly after the coup, then-President Bush and his aides declared their support for the democratically elected leader of Haiti. But within a few days, the administration's attitude reversed. Amid (false) reports of atrocities and human rights abuses which allegedly occurred during Aristide's tenure, the White House revoked its support for Aristide. On October 4, 1991,

just four days after the coup, President Bush said, "We want to see President Aristide returned to power," echoing Secretary of State Baker's previous statement: "Until President Aristide's return, this junta will be treated as a pariah..."

Behind the scenes, the hot potato of reality was being passed from the White House to the practitioners of the real politic, and the CIA was carrying out its orders by spreading lies throughout Washington.

By October 7, the Bush camp had changed its tune to: "It is the rule of democracy that we support. We don't know [if Aristide will return to power] in the sense that the government in his country is changing..." This statement paralleled de facto Prime Minister of Haiti Jean-Jaques Honorat's claim that "there is no relationship between elections and democracy." Honorat had, after all, been selected as figurehead by the Cedras junta as a reward for successfully planting misinformation in Washington. With the help of the CIA, Honorat's "human rights" organization, CHADEL, had delivered to the US a volume of alleged, recorded Aristide atrocities. The document, which received much attention but little actual reading, contained "not a single case of government-endorsed or government-encouraged violence" (Kim Ives, "The Unmaking of a President," *NACLA*). While Capitol Hill rhetoric referred to the CHADEL file, it never actually described its contents, and ever since,

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the allegations have weighed heavily on Father Aristide's campaign to be returned to Haiti.

Since the earliest days of Aristide's exile, the political situation has been one of compromise on his part. The United Nations, the United States, and the illegitimate Cedras government have encouraged and/or forced Aristide to sacrifice whatever clout he might have managed to maintain. In a desperate attempt to return quickly to his office, President Aristide has compromised time and again, accepting time schedules, an unpopular prime minister, and various types of "checks and balances" which are nothing more than conservative influences

which will ensure that, if Aristide is someday returned to power, he will be helpless to act in any significant manner.

The international press has, as usual, demonized the one individual who has offered true potential and hope to the people of a desperate land. Even before his inaugural, Bill Clinton reneged on campaign promises to stop the indiscriminate repatriation and imprisonment of Haitian refugees to America. And he has proven an empty supporter of Haitian democracy, as easily swayed as his predecessor.

We must realize that it is not merely the individuals who hold office who decide suddenly that democracy can be bargained with or reasoned against. In fact, the decisions go on behind the scenes, in Trilateral Commission meetings and multinational boardrooms where the powerful define, and dictate to puppets, a policy of hypocrisy.



Much of the information contained in this article was found in Year 501 by Noam Chomsky (South End, 1993); and in the Jan/Feb issue of NACLA Report on the Americas which includes several articles under the title "Haiti: Dangerous Crossroads." Both publications are highly recommended for further reading and available at the Front Room Bookstore.

Brian is a political activist, writer, and editor of Behind Enemy Lines Quarterly (4383 Bellefleur Circle, Syracuse, NY 13215). This is the last of a three part series. "Policy of Hypocrisy."



Curing the Number One Killer

What is the number one killer of dogs and cats in the United States? The unexpected answer is: euthanasia. The cause is pet overpopulation and the cure and prevention is to spay/neuter.

Each year 10-12 million of the 27 million dogs and cats born in the United States are killed, approximately a million a month. This number does not include the millions of dogs and cats whose bodies are scraped off our highways, nor the 35-60 million estimated number of feral (wild) cats, nor the number culled from litters for perceived imperfections, nor the hundreds of thousands that are abandoned, neglected and abused. With pet overpopulation, only the lucky ones are killed in shelters.

Bred by humans as companion animals, dogs and cats deserve better. We must find a way to stop this crisis. As a society, it is our responsibility to provide the most humane care possible. Locally, statistics show that 88% of 5,585 cats and 58% of 3,936 dogs dropped off at the SPCA never found a home.

Shelters want to get out of the killing business. They have been trying to educate the public for years, yet the killing continues. Low cost spaying/neutering services have been made available and licensing differential fees have been put into effect, yet the killing continues. Many counties have passed legislation aimed at controlling the number of unwanted pets.

There are many health and behavioral benefits to altering your pet. Altered pets have a considerably reduced rate of malignant tumors, their natural tendency to roam in search of a mate or to territorial spray is substantially curbed. Altered pets are healthier and happier. The cost can be subsidized by some vets, shelters and animal welfare organizations. Considering you have made a life long commitment to your companion animal, the cost is very low.

It is not ethical to continue to kill companion animals that cannot find good homes—controlling their numbers through spaying/neutering is. Without it, death is the best we have to offer our best friends. There are many ways you can help, for information about what you can do contact the Coalition to Prevent Pet Overpopulation, now at 963-4146.

Nancy Camorati

Syracuse War Tax Resisters Support Group

Cause for Celebration—Reflection—Action
The War Tax Refusers' Support Committee, the network of support behind the Randy Kehler-Betsy Corner house who are struggling with the IRS, sent us this:

Through IRS notices, seizures, and other attempts to make us pay for killing, through many arrests, jail terms, and court proceedings, we have remained free, true to our consciences, and kept "alive" by hope—as well as by your local support.

The house was seized by the IRS because Kehler and Corner owed more than \$45,000 in federal income taxes. They stopped paying in 1977 to protest the country's military involvement around the world. They redirected their federal taxes to community organizations working with and for victims of militarism.

The house was purchased at an IRS auction for \$5,400 by a local couple. After a year and a half of nonviolent struggle, a settlement was reached on Dec. 31, 1993, and the house returned to the land trust.

Although the media has characterized the settlement as a defeat for the family that bought the house at the IRS auction, and therefore a victory for "the tax resisters," we do not see it as such. The focus of our struggle was never against (the purchasers), but for life, for stopping killing, for refusing through nonviolent means to be forced to pay for war and death.

The Syracuse War Tax Resisters Support Group, as part of the Central New York Affinity Group supporting the struggle in Colrain, camped out in Colrain at the house-site for a week in 1992, for the week beginning New Year's in 1993 and for a week during the summer of 1993.

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, a planning meeting will take place to discuss activities for TAX DAY '94, that April 15th date underscoring the travesty of hundreds of millions of dollars wasted on controlling Third World People by militarism: death, threats of death, and economic strangulation—while here at home the soup lines grow and budget cuts impale those already suffering.

Planning for Tax Day Demonstration, Thursday, March 17th - 7 pm, at 340 Midland Av—call 478-4571 for directions.

New York Yearly Meeting —Quakers—

Peace Institute 1994

JUSTICE is the theme for the annual **Peace Institute** sponsored by New York Yearly Meeting (Quakers). The weekend-long gathering will be held at the Center of Renewal, Stella Niagara, New York from April 29 until May 1, 1994.

The Institute has a three-fold focus under its major theme:

- **Environmental (Stewardship) Justice**, as a call for right sharing of the world's resources, just and democratic processes for waste and environmental management, and the careful stewardship of God's gifts to all beings for time immemorial;
- **Restorative (Transformative) Justice**, as a call for a love and healing in response to crime, seeking to restore the victim, the offender, and the community to the right relationships which the crime has violated;
- **Economic (Redistributive) Justice**, as a call for fair distribution of economic opportunities and responsibilities, in which equality is reached for all, regardless of race, class, age, gender, or sexual orientation.

The program will include plenary speakers as well as concurrent workshops in each area of focus. Howard Zehr of the Mennonite Central Committee will speak on Restorative Justice, economic justice will be addressed by Chuck Mattei. The Saturday plenaries and workshops will be rounded out by a Sunday morning panel discussion with workshop leaders and keynote speakers, exploring with attendees how the three areas of focus are intricately connected. Participants will also share meals, time for fellowship and personal connection, as well as a meeting for worship. Participants will be housed at Stella Niagara. Friends (Quakers) in the area have generously offered their hospitality to members or attendees of the Religious Society of Friends. Cost (including five meals and two nights' stay) is \$95 per person (\$ 45 for those with Friendly hospitality).

While this is a Quaker sponsored event, we hope to bring together people of all persuasions who are concerned with the issues of justice.

For further information about the Peace Institute, please call Paul McCold, Schenectady (518) 377-4912, or Charlotte Frantz, Buffalo (716) 892-8645.

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NEW PRODUCTS!

HORMONE FREE MILK

AT THE COOP

Recently there has been a lot of concern expressed about artificial growth hormone (BST) being added to milk. We are getting calls daily from people asking if we carry hormone free dairy products (all dairy products do have some level of hormones naturally present). For years now we have been carrying some hormone free, chemical free, antibiotic free products including local yogurt by Meadowsweet, who milk their own range fed cows; local free range eggs and chickens Backbone Hill and Natahala Farm; steroid free beef from Maple Ave Farm; and organic yogurt, cheese, and butter. And now we will be carrying hormone free milk delivered to us from family owned Hillcrest Dairy in Moravia, who milk all their own cows. In the next few weeks we will stock whole milk, two percent, skim milk, and chocolate milk in half gallon reusable glass bottles. I also understand that Bryne dairy is looking to carry hormone free milk. Just goes to show that if we demand healthy unadulterated foods we will get them. That's what food coops are all about!

- Sue

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Next Council Meetings:
 Wednesday, March 2nd
 Tuesday, April 5

EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEES

OPENING DOORS TO THIRD WORLD FARMERS

Equal Exchange trades with some of the poorest farmers in the world. For centuries, trade has worked against them. Like all over the world, they have no control over the price they get for what they grow and are dependent on exporting cash crops - even when they don't have enough food for themselves. There is no easy way out of poverty for peasant farmers in the Third World. As the price of seed, fertilizer and tractors goes up, the price these farmers get for their crops tends to go down. Despite these unequal trade relationships, Third World nations must still grow and export cash crops because they need foreign exchange to pay for farm machinery, medicine and other consumer goods. In some Third World countries, peasant farmers are joining together to form cooperatives. By working together they hope to become better at production

and gain a stronger voice in the marketplace. For example, the UCIRI Cooperative (the Union of Indigenous Communities of the Isthmus Region) of 2,000 Indian coffee farmers in southern Mexico markets their organic coffee to alternative trade groups like Equal Exchange. Equal Exchange pays the coop an amount that is higher than the world market price. UCIRI uses this premium to provide sorely needed social services, such as transportation, health care, communal stores, and community grain mills. Equal Exchange was founded in 1986 by three veterans of the food cooperative movement, who recognized that many smallscale organic farmers needed help in marketing and decided this could be expanded to Third World farmers.

-Sue

IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE STORE RECENTLY...

We have repriced our shelves and reprogrammed our cash register so that the public shops at the shelf price and all our members get a discount at the register. Just by being a member you save 5% off all products in the store, those who work two hours per month receive a 10% discount, and members who work two hours per week (core workers) save 15%. We feel that the new pricing structure is more fair. It also encourages non-members to join the Coop so they too can receive discounts.

DONATIONS FOR A NEW COOLER

Our cheese cooler "died" in mid-February, accelerating our search for a new one. We have received donations and loan pledges of over \$500 so far—more is still needed—thanks everyone!

Seeds will be coming to the Coop
 by MARCH 1ST...
 Can spring be far behind?

- UNTREATED SEEDS - OPEN POLLINATED VARIETIES
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GARDEN OF EARTH BEAN
BLACK TURTLE DRY
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Three Soybean | GREENS | SWISS CHARD
PARLEY Turned Green
Palm Leaf
KOHLEWASSER KALE
RED RUSSIAN KALE
COLLARDS
MUSTARD-Minima |
| PEAS | CAROL, LEE
MAESTRO, SW
SUGARSNAP
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EARLY JALAPENO
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SUNSHINE | TOMATOES | BONNY BEST
PINE
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BEINZ PATTE |
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YOUNG CROOKNECK | HERBS | SHREVEY BASIL
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LEMON BALSAM
CHIVES
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DILL, MARSHMALLOW |
| Winter Squash | BRUSH BUTTERFLY
PINKA BIRD BUTTERFLY
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CONSTITUTION STEW
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DELICATA | FLOWERS | BACHELOR'S BUTTON
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RADISH-Cherry Bete
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TURNIP Purple Top |
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YELLOW GLOBE | SPINACH | Long Standing Bloomingdale |
| LETTUCE | BLACK SEEDED SALAD
SALAD BIRD
PRIZE HEAD
BUTTERCRUNCH
ROMAINE
RED DANLEAF
SERA, DATAVIUM | | |

Two recipes for a cold blustery day.

-Submitted by Amy Kahn.

VERMONT

CHEDDAR CHEESE SOUP

Makes about a gallon
 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
 1 (12 oz.) bottle of beer (optional)
 1 cup finely chopped onion
 3 Tbsp cornstarch
 2 cups finely chopped carrots
 1/4 tsp. baking soda
 2 cups finely chopped celery
 1/4 tsp paprika
 2 quarts chicken or vegetable
 3 1/2 cups skim milk stock
 1 1/4 lbs grated sharp cheddar
 2 cups flour
 cheese (can use low fat)
 salt and pepper to taste
 chopped parsley

Saute onions in butter until transparent, add carrots and celery. Add vegetables to soup pot with stock and beer. Heat to boiling, then simmer until vegetables are tender. Scald milk over medium heat. Combine flour, cornstarch, baking soda, paprika, and cheese in a tight lidded bowl or a bag and toss to mix. When milk is hot, add cheese mixture. Cook and stir often until cheese melts and mixture thickens. Add to soup pot. Season to taste with salt and pepper, garnish with chopped parsley. Serve hot.

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FEATURE COFFEE OF THE MONTH:

from Equal Exchange Organic
 CAFE MEXICO Medium Roast!
 Smooth taste with medium body from
 the UCIRI cooperative of Indian
 farmers. Come try a cup! Fresh ground
 and fresh brewed daily at the
 Syracuse Real Food Coop.

DATE AND OAT BARS

Very low sugar. Makes 2 dozen.
 Preheat oven to 375° F

3/4 lb pitted dates, chopped
 1/2 1/2 cup butter
 1 Tbsp flour
 1 1/2 tsp sugar
 1/2 cup water
 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
 3/4 cup unsweetened grated
 2 1/2 cups oats coconut or
 finely chopped nuts
 1/2 tsp vanilla extract

Combine dates, sugar, and water in saucepan. Bring to a boil and simmer for about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Let cool, and stir in coconut or nuts. Mix graham cracker crumbs, butter, vanilla extract, and oats together until well mixed. Press 1/2 oat mixture into bottom of a greased 9 x 12-inch pan. Top with date mixture and spread evenly. Top with remaining oat mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 30 - 35 minutes. Cool in pan and cut into bars.

The New Leaf

Editor: Steve Schur 471-1769

Please submit articles no later than the 10th of the month. Articles receive one month's work credit. Prefer floppy disk, Mac or IBM formats accepted. We are looking for an editor to take over the New Leaf starting this spring. Please contact Sue at the Coop or Lauri at 471-1718(w).

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Cooking with Garlic

-Submitted by Amy Kahn

Cooking with garlic does not mean that everyone who eats is going to have garlic breath. In her book *Garlic Cookery*, Martha Rose Shulman explains that recipes using garlic can differ in the amount of garlic they use - small, moderate, and large, and in flavor from subtle to strong, but quantity does not always correspond to intensity. One raw clove pressed into salad dressing or mayonnaise will be much more pungent than lots of cloves simmered in stew. The following is one recipe from her book and one I learned from my brother.

Garlic Broccoli Stems

(a great hors d'oeuvres to use up the stems when serving the florets elsewhere)

Stems from 1 & 1/2 lbs of broccoli,
 peeled and sliced 1/4-inch thick
 1/2 tsp sea salt
 1 Tbsp wine vinegar
 1 clove garlic, minced or pressed
 2 Tbsp olive or safflower oil

Toss broccoli stems with salt in a jar and refrigerate several hours. Pour off whatever liquid accumulates and rinse. Add vinegar, garlic, and oil together and shake well. Add stems. Refrigerate for several hours. Place in a bowl and serve.

Roasted Garlic and Brie

French baguettes cut or torn into pieces
 Brie, warm and runny
 Garlic heads

Roast garlic heads whole in oven for 1/2 hour or so at 300° F. Squeeze garlic onto bread and spread with brie. To be completely decadent run slices back under broiler until cheese bubbles. Enjoy.

COMMITTEE BULLETIN BOARD

The Coop has several permanent committees and a number of ad hoc committees that need are meeting on a regular basis. If you're looking for a way to become involved in the coop, here's a great work opportunity!

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School of the Americas, Fort Benning Georgia

Father Roy Bourgeois Speaks in Syracuse

Ray Stewart

THE SYRACUSE Community was treated to an inspiring talk by Father Roy Bourgeois this past Feb. 5 concerning the closing of School Of the Americas (SOA) at Fort Benning, Georgia (see "Policy of Hypocrisy", Jan. 94, PNL).

The School Of the Americas has become well known for its training of 55,000 military specialists from Central and South America at US government expense. Manuel Noriega, as well as most of the perpetrators of the El Salvadoran church murders, are among the graduates.

Father Roy reviewed his background starting with his service in the Vietnam War. He was a volunteer for combat and as a naval officer he was awarded a purple heart. Eventually, he became disgusted with the war, resigned his commission and became a Maryknoll priest. At his Maryknoll assignment in South America and later in El Salvador, he was continually confronted by military terrorists. This experience confirmed for him that the priesthood was his proper place.

It was his close friendship with two of the four Maryknoll church-women murdered in El Salvador that led him to return to the States and take more aggressive action.

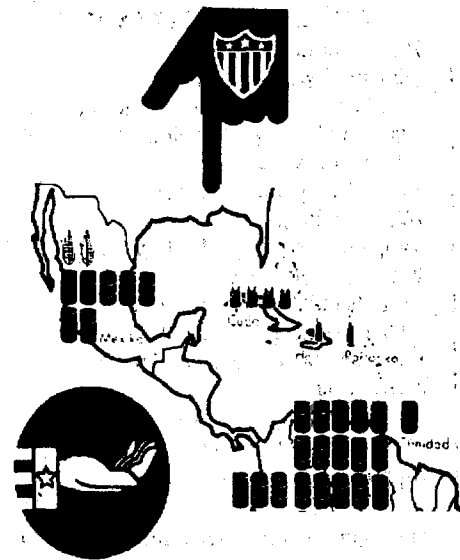
Eventually he took up residence in an apartment at the entrance to Fort Benning. Here he and a small band of activists protested the activities at SOA. He and two other priests were sent to federal prison for their actions.

Roy came to Syracuse as part of an upper NYS tour. The tour was sponsored by Pax Christi, Veterans for Peace, Witness for Peace, Peace Network, Churchwomen United and representative Louise Slaughter.

Roy, as coordinator of SOA Watch, and the national Witness for Peace are organizing a 40-day fast to be held on the capital steps in Washington DC from April 11 to May 20. Syracuse area peace and church groups are planning to participate in the fast as well as sponsoring local activities calling attention to it.

The purpose of the fast is to focus attention on Congress so that we can obtain the votes to defeat the funding for SOA. The vote last October on the Kennedy Amendment (to stop SOA funding) garnered an amazing 174 votes. We did not have time then to lobby effectively for the amendment, but now we are planning to get the remaining 44 votes for passage. In October, representatives Slaughter and Hinchey voted to close the school, while Walsh, Mchugh and Boehlert voted to keep it open.

I ask, should we close Griffiss, Plattsburg and the Seneca Army Depot, and keep the



SOA open to train more terrorists? Call your representative now!

The past eight months have been particularly productive for Roy. Two very successful rallies by Veterans for Peace members from 16 states and Canada have been held at the Benning gate. Also national press coverage has been positive. The UN report on the Salvadoran atrocities helped focus on the school. Good coverage appeared in *Newsweek*, *the Nation*, *New Yorker*, *Harpers*, plus *The Atlantic Constitution*.

For more information on upcoming activities, contact Donna Mackessy at 478-4001 or Ray Stewart at 422-5023.

Central American Report

Witness for Peace

A delegation to Haiti is being organized the last two weeks of July. Call Mike Pasquale, 471-8919 for more information. School of Americas Watch is holding a forty-day fast from April 11 - May 20, to put pressure on closing down the School of Americas, a military training base where many of the officers implicated in human rights abuses in Salvador, Haiti, Columbia etc. were trained.

La Estancia Project

Fund raising efforts were very successful. Two thousand dollars to go directly to the community along with items such as donated solar package (panel, batteries, etc.), wheelchair, etc. The delegation will leave February 19.

Pastors for Peace Cuba Friendship Project

Fund raising dinner was attended by over 120 people and \$1,700 was raised. The success of the event was due in large part to Ron Schuffler who drove in from Boston especially to prepare his famous Latin cuisine including cheese enchiladas and picadillo. His return added a bit of nostalgia to the evening. It was a great show of solidarity. The project was featured in front page articles in both the Post Standard and Herald Journal. If you are interested in being a member of the emergency response network, which will be activated if the caravan gets stopped at the Mexican border on its way to Cuba, call Doug Igelsrud at 471-5749.

Haiti Committee

People are being asked to write Congressman Jim Walsh, PO Box 7306, Syracuse, NY 13261. Report from people who visited Jim Walsh was that he was not that informed on the issue. If anyone would like a presentation on Haiti call Ann Tiffany 478-4571.

Upcoming events:

Show—A Peasant of El Salvador, March 4, 4 PM, St Paul's Cathedral \$4 - \$8 sliding scale.

Salvador vigil/watch, March 20, 1 - 4 PM, St Paul's Cathedral, call 474-6053.

A fund raising dinner/cultural evening is being organized March 26 to help a group of Syracusans travel to Ghana for a work project. Call Aggie Lane; 478-4571 for more information.

Choice. What a Beautiful Life

Lauren Elizabeth Wing

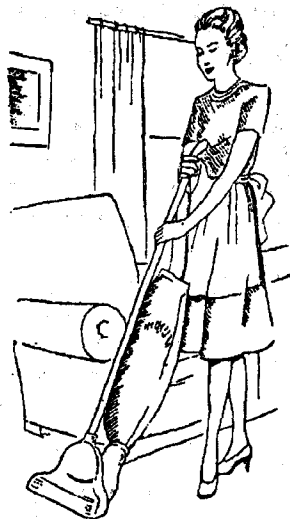
HAPPY, HEALTHY CHILDREN run out of the school doors and bask in the sunlight, laughing and tumbling. Heart-warming Hallmark glimpses of childhood charm the television viewer in a slickly produced advertising campaign. Set up as a Public Service Message, a voice-over states: "All of these children have one thing in common, all of them are unplanned pregnancies that could have ended in abortion... Sometimes the best things in life aren't planned. Life. What a Beautiful Choice." This ad campaign is sponsored by the Arthur De Moss Foundation of

Pennsylvania. Named for its founder, a born-again Christian who made a fortune in the insurance business, the grants are oriented to Christian evangelical and allied conservative causes. The Foundation supports such evangelical missions as the Campus Crusade for Christ, Executive Ministries ("Dedicated to winning business executives to Jesus Christ"), The Pat Boone Foundation, and Rebirth of America ("concerned with the departure of present day America from our Founding fathers' respect for Moral law").

The trade publication *ADweek* has estimated that the foundation is spending \$20 million annually on the current anti-choice television campaign. The sentimental visuals have an underlying bitter message of selling morals and placing a woman's decisions about her own life in public judgement.

Planned Parenthood Center of Syracuse has been regularly picketed by anti-choice activists and has received several threats of violence over the years. In 1989, members of Operation Rescue invaded the clinic and shut down services for several hours. In January of this year, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that abortion providers may use the RICO Act (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) as a basis for lawsuits against anti-

choice extremists who block abortion clinics. The National Organization For Women first brought this case to court as a remedy for protecting the rights of women from being trampled by groups like Operation Rescue. The ruling in *NOW vs. Scheidler* was in response to a wave of anti-abortion violence in 1993 that left one doctor dead, another wounded, and clinics from California to Pennsylvania smoking from arson and firebombings. Anti-abortion groups such as Advocates For Life and Defensive Action openly encourage violence against clinics and call the killing of the Florida physician "justifiable homicide." RICO is designed as a last resort, but if clinics need to use a legal means in order to protect women's access to health care services, they can now do so.



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Barring unusual complications, it is permissible for the pregnant woman to keep up with her usual routine of cooking, mending, dusting and vacuuming.

Wendy Wright, a spokeswoman for Operation Rescue, called the decision "a complete travesty of justice... This opens the floodgates for RICO to be used against anybody who uses free speech in a way that offends somebody else." Cal Thomas in his *Herald-Journal* column wrote: "Today's alleged extremists could be regarded as tomorrow's heroes. Those who go to jail today might have a holiday named after them tomorrow." Anti-choice groups are not peaceful protesters doing acts of civil disobedience. Much of their campaign is built upon intimidation, harassment, and violence against

women. Anti-Choice groups who draw comparisons to the Civil Rights movement, demonstrate an offensive twisting of the language and activism. The Civil Rights movement was working to increase and expand the lives of people, Operation Rescue is restricting the lives of women. A better comparison might be to the groups of white supremacists who surrounded Southern schools in the early 1960's and prevented African-American students from entering. Sweetening violent protests with the borrowed language of the Civil Rights Movement is as much a facade as the glossy DeMoss advertising campaign.

Insidious efforts of anti-choice activists

in several states have limited a women's access to reproductive health services. After five years of legal wrangling over a 1989 Abortion Control Act in Pennsylvania, women seeking abortions will now face a twenty-four hour waiting period. In reality, the 24 hour waiting period is longer than a day, sometimes pushing the pregnancy past the first trimester and jeopardizing a woman's health. It also creates additional barriers for women who may not have access to transportation or over-night lodging. The new law also requires parental consent which is of the De Moss world where families have complete trust and communicate on all levels. Laws that mandate parental consent push pregnant minors to delay or deny their pregnancy when they put off parental discussion. Such a law may also push young women into an intimidating public court system where they experience the intrusion of a judge into their personal lives.

In Syracuse, City Republicans led by Councilor-at-Large Rick Guy, appointed Ann Marie Buerkle to the Common Council to fill the seat vacated by Bart Bush. Buerkle, an anti-choice activist, is a member of Operation Rescue and Friends for Life. She has twice lost bids for a seat on the City Common Council, and now she will remain in this position until a November 1994 election is held. Buerkle hopes to keep the seat for the remaining three years left in the term. Rick Guy said Buerkle was the best of about thirty candidates who applied for the job: "I think she represents the common-sense values of the community... Her positions are consistent with other candidates elected citywide in November. She is intelligent, articulate, and very attractive—the criteria necessary for a good candidate." Buerkle said she wants to show people that there is more to her than her anti-abortion stance, "I am pro-life, but I think the issues that face the Common Council are nil." She will be taking over Bush's seat as chair of the council's Economic Development and Environmental Committee. The Coalition For Choice is not deceived by this diffusion of the issues. After twenty-one years of *Roe v. Wade*, it is important that the pro-choice voice continues to be heard as the forces that want to fight reproductive freedom have a slick and clever agenda.

For more information: Contact Coalition For Choice, P.O. Box 761, Dewitt, New York 13214, (315) 677-9758.





Whose Common Future?: "Reclaiming the Commons" by the staff of The Ecologist

Joy Meeker

IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO when it was a struggle to get people in the US to acknowledge environmental degradation as a major social and political issue. I remember studying Peace Studies in 1990 when my professors were all excited about this new book, *Our Common Future*, which was hailed as possibly the most important policy book of the 1980's. Its big contribution was that the policy makers who wrote it finally acknowledged the seriousness of the environmental crisis, especially in terms of the degradation of the Third World. They stated that since there were no nation state boundaries that could keep pollution out, everyone in the world shared a common future. We were also told not to worry because the same types of people would still be in control of our future, the only change was that these people would now try to be more sensitive. So really it was the same old story, talking about maintaining and further centralizing economic progress while acknowledging that the environmental side effects to this growth should be controlled. The growth, reframed as sustainable development, was not challenged.

Today it's no longer a struggle to get folks to acknowledge the environmental mess we're in. People know there's a problem and that it's getting worse, but are a bit overwhelmed about what to do about it. Part of why it's so overwhelming, beyond the pure magnitude of the problem, is that there is no effective way of halting environmental degradation without disrupting the entire structures that led us here. The old (modern) stories and world order frameworks serve to contain the idea of the crisis, and also help maintain the basic power configurations we've been trained to accept. One of the most powerful things we can do in response to environmental problems is to disrupt these containing stories by remembering or creating our own ways of thinking and acting that open up oppositional possibilities.

Whose Common Future, which is written by the editors of *The Ecologist*, adds insight to creating and sustaining this type of resistance work. *Whose Common Future* responds to the paternalism of the policy makers who wrote

Our Common Future, these same policy-makers more recently helped instigate the recent UNCED (United Nations Conference on Environment and Development) conference in Rio. The book argues that the question of *who* is defining the future is the core concern in order to address the environmental crisis. The struggle is "not to win greater power for the market or the state, but to reinstate (local) communities as the sources of social and political authority."

In order to promote this decentralization of power, the authors describe in detail the violent process of the enclosure of the commons as it began in the creation of the nation state and the expansion of market economies. The enclosure movement initiated in the 15 and 19 centuries in Europe redefined land as owned "property," transforming it into a commodity which can be continually improved upon. This "improvement" really meant profit, and was disconnected from the previous goal of the commons, which was to meet the needs of the community. Because people's needs were no longer being met, strong controlling forces were necessary to contain resistance. While this control obviously includes militarized infrastructures, possibly its strongest force today is in the homogenization of information and culture which helps arrest people's ability to resist.

One of the most interesting arguments within the book is the importance of controlling language in order to homogenize cultures. This management of language and information is crucial so that people will accept and help recreate the assumptions that make the domination of a global economy possible. The authors elaborate on the structures that create "languages whose use allows enclosers to eavesdrop on, 'correct,' and dominate the conversation of the enclosed." For example, countries are labeled as "developing," which intends to convince the people and leaders that they should allow themselves to be measured "along a common yardstick" and that their "differences are actually

deficiencies requiring aid." This type of measurement displaces discussion and exploration of the imperialistic forces which are the main source of the poverty.

The authors purposely do not offer pre-packaged solutions after their discussion. Instead they suggest that activism can destabilize the problematic "solutions" that are being imposed on us by the centralized leadership of nations and corporations. They suggest that creating and defending "open, democratic community institutions" can help "ensure people's control over their own lives." They also encourage communities to seek to rejuvenate what is now working, to "combine traditional and

The person who would challenge the logic of justice in any one aspect of the chain must eventually confront the whole system.
Whose Common Future


new approaches and to develop strategies that meet local needs." While local control is not claimed as an insurance of environmental sustainability, it is a necessary prerequisite.

A weakness of the book is that it focuses mainly on class and state interests, mentioning but not elaborating on the uneven impact of environmental degradation on people of color and women. The book I will review next month, *Toxic Struggles: The Theory and Practice of Environmental Justice*, includes racism and sexism as crucial forms of domination that must be challenged, and discusses the influential environmental justice movement currently gathering momentum in the U.S.

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The Continuing Saga of rBGH...

Because You're Not A Calf Anymore Pt. II

Joseph Smith

"We're a business and if it helps us become more efficient and competitive, that's the name of the game."

WHO DO YOU THINK said the above statement? The newest CEO at General Motors? The president of General Electric? Bill Clinton? We couldn't be that lucky (or at least not as shocked).

The mouth that made the above statement belongs to Jim Winkle, a dairy farmer in Vogel Center, Michigan. Why is that statement shocking? It's shocking because the "it" of that sentence refers to rBGH (synthetic Bovine Growth Hormone), the hormone that is supposed to "revolutionize" milk production. Those supporting the hormone's introduction say it will help usher in a new era of efficiency and environmentally safer practices on American farms. Those against it say it hasn't been adequately studied and poses a health threat to the American public. Regardless of the controversy, the FDA did not require milk producers to label milk contaminated with rBGH.

Anyway, that's all said and done now. The use of rBGH went into effect on February 4, 1994, and it went into the nation's cattle a week later. For the first time in bio-technological history, consumers will have no way of knowing what they are purchasing. Now all that is left to do is wait and see the hormone's results, and I have a distinct feeling that pure food campaigns, animal rights organizations and consumer protection groups will be doing a big "I told you so" sometime in the near future. I hope I'm wrong.



Testing, 1, 2, 3...

Results you say? Isn't it already known that the use of the hormone will increase milk production? That is correct, but that is only one third of the results to which I am referring. The results that I'm interested in are the number of small dairy farmers that will be put out of business (an estimated 30%), the increase of federally funded dairy price supports paid for by you and me (\$300 million now, \$500 million in the future), the decrease in milk prices paid to the farmer leading to a 1% decline in dairy farm income (thus resulting in a \$546 million dollar decline by the year 1999), etc. But don't just take my propagandist animal rights words for it, a Wisconsin Senator was quoted by the *New York Times* as saying,

"This study has confirmed my worst fears, this product will result in a significant loss of income and drive dairy farmers, many of whom are struggling, out of business."

Yet the economic impact of rBGH is only the tip of the ice cream. There are more serious "results" involving the health of those who ingest anything (dairy or meat) from cows injected with the hormone.

While *Time* magazine and other mainstream media sources discredit the effects rBGH may have on consumers and downplay the warnings from consumer protection and pure food groups, the fact remains: increased hormone levels in cattle will result in greater use of antibiotics. These media sources are lying to you (surprise, surprise). The large milk manufacturers can rest assured knowing

that the public will continue to buy their poisoned products. The use of antibiotics will increase, and this is why: the process is quite simple, for just as in human beings, increased stress and excessive wear and tear on the body will weaken the immune system. The stress inflicted on a "normal" dairy cow under usual factory farming practices already requires the addition of antibiotics to

aid the animal's failing immune system. Dairy cows are repeatedly milked dry by their owners who keep them on a continuous cycle of pregnancy. This endless gestation period drastically reduces their life span, from the normal 15 to 20 years to approximately seven to ten. Now, just imagine the extra stress put on the animal that is given a drug that makes it produce more milk on top of the milk it is producing from being continually pregnant. The wear and tear on the animal's immune system will be unparalleled. Thus, if you think rBGH-treated cows

won't need additional antibiotics, you're mistaken.

But what does that mean for milk drinkers and meat eaters? Just because a cow dies from being injected with hor-

mones, does that mean it will effect consumers? The answer is yes. Forget about (just for the remainder of this article) saturated fat's link to cancer and heart disease. The antibiotics used in treating these animals has been proven to end up in their blood and tissues, a short stop before being passed on to humans. This path of poison brings the consumer of such products face to face with a myriad of diseases and ailments ranging from cancer to allergies.

Studies by Monsanto (the company responsible for developing rBGH for commercial use, under the name Posilac) and the FDA revealed that, "there may be an unacceptable level of tissue reaction with prolonged use of rBGH." The press seemed to miss that one, not to mention the numerous diseases (other than udder infections) that arise in cows treated with the hormone. Still, the FDA promises that rBGH is safe. But if the FDA's promises of rBGH's safety are anything like the claims of the pharmaceutical industry concerning the antibiotic already used in milk production, we're doomed. One routinely used drug, Sulfamethane, promoted by the drug industry as "safe and effective," is a known carcinogen and has not been taken off the market.

The large milk manufacturers can rest assured knowing that the public will continue to buy their poisoned products

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America Laughs

Study on the Study of America: America's Funniest Home Videos

Kirsten Reynolds



MANY PEOPLE ENJOY watching "America's Funniest Home Videos," a comedy that airs every Sunday night from 7:00 to 7:30. On the surface, the show gently exposes the imperfections of human nature and the blunders we often unknowingly cause. We like the show because it gives us a chance to laugh at ourselves once in a while and not take life so seriously.

Unfortunately, we must be on our guard while we watch "America's Funniest Home Videos" and other shows like it, because lurking behind the nonthreatening comedic mask is the propagation of racist, sexist, conservative ideologies. A television show's content is influenced by dominating social trends and the ideologies of those in positions of power. At present time, the dominant ideologies emphasize white-male supremacy, the nuclear family model and an intolerance of sexual orientation.

The first clue that "America's Funniest Home Videos" enforces conservative ideological interpretations of society is the racial composition of the studio audience. When the camera pans over the crowd, it reveals an audience of primarily white faces rather than an audience of diverse ethnic backgrounds. The audience participation is an important part of the show. Every week, a contest is held to select one home video that a family in the audience produced. After the audience selects a winner, Bob Saget, the host of the show personally congratulates the beaming family. The focus on the "white" race subliminally reinforces the notion that African-Americans or other people of color should not be included in mainstream America, but remain on the perimeters as the insignificant "other."

Another example of the conservative ideological framework behind the comedic facade of "America's Funniest Home Videos" was the approval of the nuclear family model to the point of excluding other types. The vast majority of the families represented in the audience belong to a traditional nuclear family (father, mother, kid). While I do not oppose the existence of the nuclear family, I am op-

posed to the lack of representation of other types of existing family structures. The lack of representation of other types of families, such as single-mother or single-father families, enforces the impression of acceptable familial forms and non-acceptable familial forms.

"America's Funniest Home Videos" validates the traditional nuclear family model for the consumption of the mass audience and thereby molds future attitudes and tolerances. The show's time slot from 7:00 to 7:30 is a time parents generally spend with their children before they go to bed. As children are exposed to selected models of living and behavior, they begin to mimic and adopt these attitudes and thereby continue the legacy of America's conservative ideologies.

Stuart Ewen, a cultural theorist, proposes in his essay "Advertising and the Development of Consumer" that the media is integral to reflecting and reinforcing contemporary social relations and conditions. He argues that contemporary mass media "is responsive to

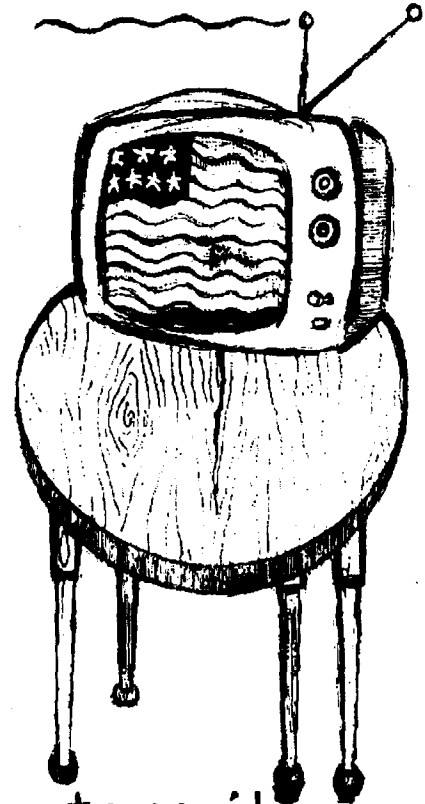
various social narratives of modern life or prevailing belief systems." For example, "America's Funniest Home Videos" responds to social narrative constructed out of the belief that the world is out of control and can only be saved by a return to more traditional values such as the traditional white nuclear family structure. Not only does it reassure its white audience that America is returning to more traditional values, it actively excludes those who deviate from this norm by not representing them at all.

Stuart Ewen also argues that mass media "offers symbolic empathy with social critiques, creating symbolic acknowledgements of pervasive social problems rather than offering material solutions." Most members of the "America's Funniest Home Videos" viewing audience watch humorous programs to escape their consciousness of social problems such as the disintegration of family social bonds. "America's Funniest Home Videos" creates a utopian vision into which viewers can escape, of a society filled with successful, close-knit families. The utopian vision of the family is reinforced throughout the entire show. Visually, the theme of a stable American home is graphically repeated throughout the stage set which is comprised of several large rooms, complete with a large television set. The host, Bob Saget, is a respectable, young, unassuming, gently comical family man who relates stories of his youth or present family. The interaction between the host's character as young white father figure and the home videos reinforces the utopian vision and ideology of successful white American families.

The media seeks to create a uniform society, ideologically homogenous that ignores or excludes the exception, the "other." The "other" are those people who do not belong to close-knit nuclear families or whose skin is not white. The media creates. The existence of ideologies in itself is not destructive. The damage comes about by the forced consumption of one ideology to a mass audience by the will of those in positions of power. This analysis of a popular television show, "America's Funniest Home Videos," illustrates the methods and goals used to enforce a conservative ideological framework.

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Lies, Antibiotics and Money

According to a "Nutrition fact sheet" by the National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics, rBGH will *not* increase antibiotic residues in milk because the United States milk supply is protected by "stringent standards." Are these the stringent standards they are referring to the same as those of the pharmaceutical industries? The promotion of a known carcinogen as "safe and effective" doesn't seem all that stringent to me.

The truth of the matter is (and you won't hear it from the TV news) that the FDA has no idea what the "results" of injecting cows with rBGH will be, other than a 15% increase in milk production. The current dairy surplus has cost the American tax-payer \$18 billion since 1980. The popular media will not print the truth about the hormone for the simple fact that the industry is scared that people will

stop buying dairy products. Yet even if rBGH was safe, and according to the suppressed studies by the FDA and Monsanto it isn't, the increase in the use of antibiotics (which will occur in spite of the slick blue flyers in the Wegmans dairy section) are definitely not.

In conclusion, the practices of intensive farming are scary enough without rBGH. Now that it has arrived and bio-tech corporations are in business with the FDA, it is sure to get scarier. In the past, one could squeak by on a vegetarian diet and remain relatively hormone free. Today, as bio-technology creeps steadily up to and into the animals, a vegan lifestyle is the only way to escape the poison's our cherished institutions are being bought to approve. That is, until they start to attack our vegetables. Hey, they think food is a business, remember? It's our job to tell them it isn't.

Joe is the current director of Syracuse University For Animal Rights, an intern with the Peace Newsletter, and editor of Hammermill Magazine. To get a copy of your very own send \$.75 to Joe C/O the Peace Council.



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To nominate someone for the 1994 Peace Award, please contact our office at 478-7442 by March 15th. Thank you for helping us recognize the wonderful people who work for peace and justice in Central New York.

Peaces

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Dinner provided by Vera's Place. RSVP to Commonworks, 475-4822.

Agenda:

- 6-7 PM: Eat, meet, schmooze, check out literature tables.
- 7-8 PM: Reports from co-ops and new projects. What is the Co-op movement doing in the Syracuse area?
- 8-9 PM: Discussion. What do we want from our movement? What do we want CommonWorks to do?

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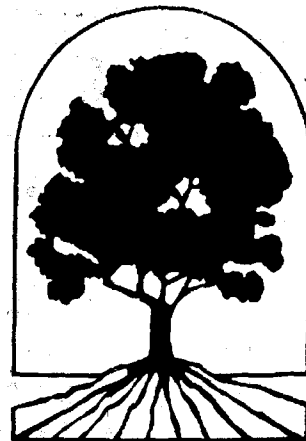
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<p>13</p> <p>Every Sunday. People's 60 Minutes. Adelpia Cable Ch. 3. 8pm. Produced by Syracuse Peace Council.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Every Mon: "At Home with a Poet" storytelling, poetry, myths. Adelpia Cable Ch. 7. 10pm.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Youth for Environmental Sanity giving "empowering presentation" at May Memorial, 3600 E. Genesee St. \$3 adult, \$2 student.</p> <p>Drug Legalization Debate with Peter J. Christ and John Duncan, Fed. Attorney. Cazenovia College. 7:30pm.</p> <p>Spons by Reconsider: Forum on Drug Policy.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Now CNY Chapter mtg at Marine Midland Bank, 360 S Warren, Syracuse. call 487-3188. 7pm.</p> <p>NAACP general mtg. 7pm. NAACP Office, 1125 S. Salina. 422-6833.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Planning meeting for TAX DAY Demonstration. At 340 Midland Ave, 7pm. Call 478-4571 for info.</p> <p>1st & 3rd Thursdays: Gay & Lesbian Alliance meets at Trinity Parish House, 523 W Onondaga. 7:30pm.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>"Social Analysis Versus Culturalism in Anthropological Studies of AIDS" lecture by Paul Farmer of Harvard Univ. At Bird Library, 1916 Room, SU. 3:15pm.</p> <p>Margaret Randall speaking on "The Failure of 20th Century Revolutions to Develop a Feminist Agenda" At Marshall Aud., Marshall Hall, ESF. 7:30pm. 423-7850.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>3/19-3/19: Conference: Advocacy for Economic Justice in Central America. Brings together activists from upstate NY & NE Penn. to teach & learn about economic forces operating at home & in Central America. Many topics & speakers. At Downtown United Presby. Church, 121 S. Fitzhugh, Rochester. \$20 includes meals. 716-381-5608 to register.</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Annual Meeting of the Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union. Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison St. 2-4pm.</p> <p>Brunch at the Syracuse Peace Council. Potluck at 11:30am, discussion at 1pm. All invited.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Every Mon: ACT-UP mtg. 601 Allen St. (Women's INFO Center). 7:30pm. 425-0673.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Support & Self-Education Group for Parents & Friends of Gay People meets at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St. 7:30pm. 474-4836.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Every Wed: Syracuse Community Choir rehearsal. At ECOH, corners of Westcott & Euclid. New members welcome. 7-11pm Call Karen 428-8724 for info.</p> <p>"The Question of Islam in the International Context" lecture by Ali Mazrui. At Marshall Aud., Marshall Hall, ESF. 7:30pm. 423-7850.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>SPC council meeting, 924 Burnet Ave. 6:30pm.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Every Fri: PNL Committee meets at 924 Burnet Ave. New members always welcome. 472-5478. 1pm.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Volunteers needed for GLAS float in Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade. Noon. Info call Harry at 478-5225.</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Every Sunday: Volunteer servers needed for dinner at Unity Kitchen. 1:30pm. Call Ann at 475-6761.</p> <p>Every Sunday: Support group for former and current mental patients. Spons. by Alliance. Plymouth Church. 3-5pm. Peggy Anne 475-4120.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>"Indian AIDS and the Will to Genocide" lecture by Lawrence Cohen from U Cal at Berkeley. At Bird Library 1916 Room, SU. 4pm.</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Every Tuesday: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Assoc. social. 8:30pm-mid. 750 Ostrum Ave.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>SPC council meeting, 924 Burnet Ave. 6:30pm.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Peace Newsletter Mailing Party at SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. 5-7:30pm. Come one, come all! All welcome. 472-5478.</p>	<h1>March 1994</h1>	

We have an organizing Chance on SINGLE-PAYER HealthCare....

....IF we get started NOW! (Congressional vote slated for fall, but the insurance companies want it by June to derail our organizing.) 2/24/94

Although there is a Citizen Action committee in Syracuse (and elsewhere) made up of good people(see below), Citizen Action nationally is supporting the Clinton, feeling that organizing around Single-Payer is a lost cause. If you agree with me that progressives should speak for the best healthcare system and use it to further the continual organizing struggle(polls show overwhelming support for SP concept); and if you agree with Sara Nichols (SP organizer with Nader's Public Citizen CongressWatch) that we won't even get a Clinton plan unless we organize for Single-Payer, then you will want to become a local organizer for SINGLE-PAYER (get the insurance giants out of the profit loop; set a single-egalitarian tier system with budgetary caps as required across the whole system for everybody) SP >Senate bill: Wellstone(\$491) / House bill: McDermott(HR1200)

The trouble is that you and I need to know more.... so come on down to SPC, the info can't be beat. Come on down, there are two videos, and give yourself a treat! (remember the Cole Muffler jingle?) Also there is the Organizer's Packet including the SPAN Petitions for the nation-wide drive ending in Congress on April 22nd. Take home a packet for \$3.00 and try out the petition. Direct questions to Bill ~~Ma~~..SPC (SyracusePeaceCouncil) 315-472-5478.. & I'll be back 3/28/94 Hank Strunk and we will have an action Saturday in early April.. or organize one before I get back!

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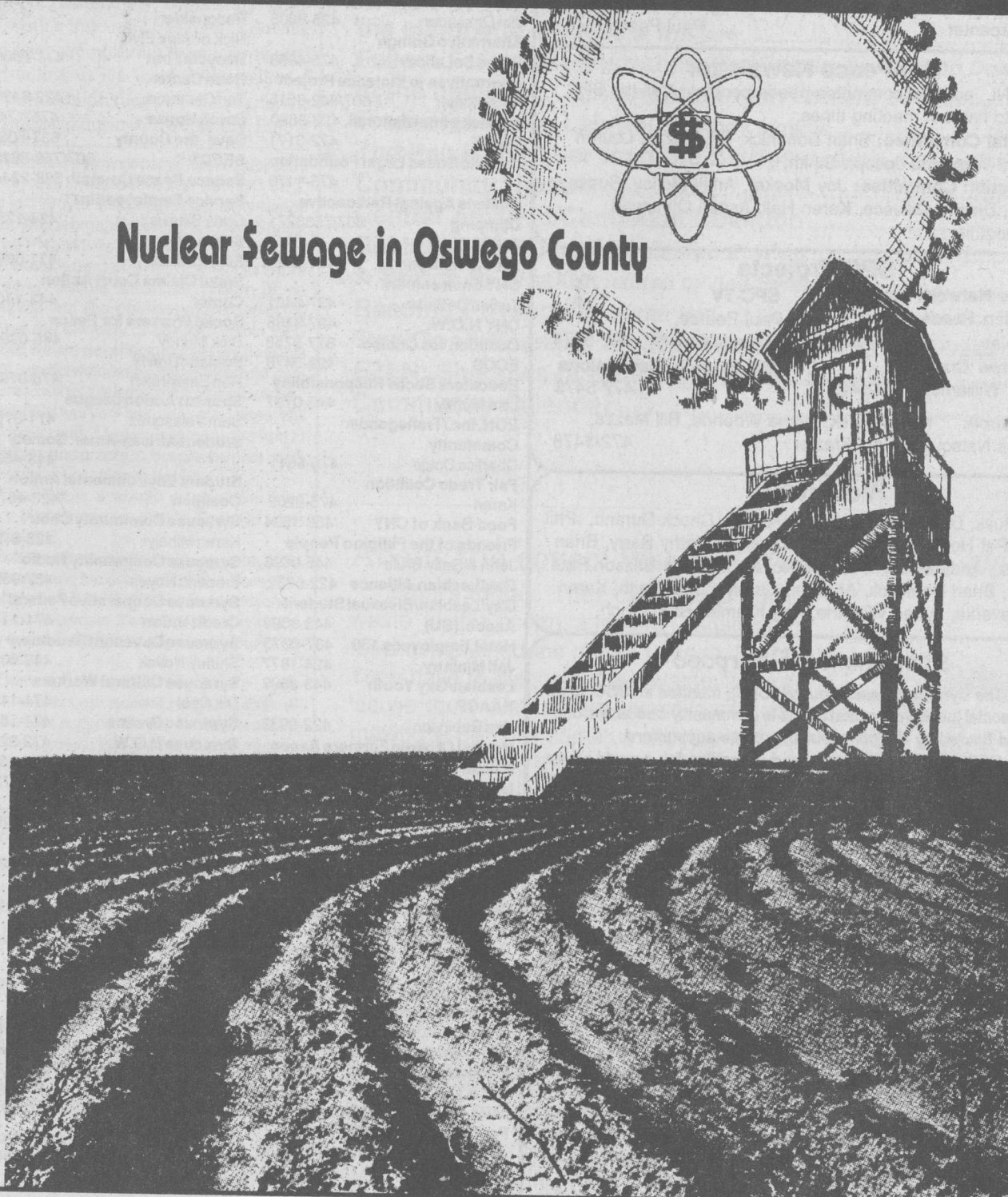
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Statement of Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1956, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

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

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

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

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SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL PAGE

The Spectacle of the Active

"ACTIVISM," according to Webster's *Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary*, is, "a doctrine or practice that emphasizes vigorous action (as the use of force for political ends)." Webster's instrument of thought correction then proceeds to define "politics" as "...activities characterized by artful and often dishonest practices" and/or "the total complex of relations between men in society."

Well, our post-modern-neo-conservative-draft-dodging First Man has returned to his roots. Not comfy sitting a-round his oval office (how else can you sit in an oval office?) while there are rights to Right, injustices to Right, and just about any policy he can get his hands on to Right, President Bill has turned to direct action in order to enact change. Even though it's been ages since he organized those "anti-America" rallies in Russia (while "escaping" his service in Vietnam), Bill didn't miss a beat when he had a chance to join the "Lawmakers Fast" to draw attention to hunger.

The country's President "volunteered to participate" in response to a letter, a veritable "call to action" if you will, from Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, who organized the fast to "show concern for those who never have enough to eat" (*Syr. Post-Standard*, March 24, 1994). The Big Fella's sensitivity to Human Rights is so personal and so sincere that "It was not something the President intended to make public," according to White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers. Dee Dee was so choked up in fact, she could barely gurgle in His defense, "You guys are so—is there one quiet gesture that this man can make?" That kind of Academy Award loyalty doesn't come cheap.

"Damn it, Jim, I'm a doctor, not a miracle worker!"

I was first alerted to this "fast to show concern for those not fortunate enough to have jobs in Washington" by an earlier *Post-Standard* article announcing our local Congressman Jim Walsh's upcoming participation in the same fast. There was a lovely file photo of the pre-fast, robust Walsh looking every bit his serious self. The article summed up the crux of his commitment as such, "I think it's a real good idea," said Walsh, "It's very consistent with my own involvement with my fellow man."

Imagine my relief. After watching Jim vote for the use of force in the Persian Gulf (see pg. 6, this PNL), and after he voted to tighten the economic sanctions on Cuba with the 1992 Cuban Democracy Act, I mistakenly thought Jim was for *creating* hunger. Little did I know he was merely a closet activist (like Big Bill) just waiting for his chance to step out. I bet he fasts at home all the time, between meals, just waiting for moments like this.

Hungry, Like a Wolf

'Cause, It's not that I'm against organizing to stop hunger. It's just that it's becoming more and more common for the tactics of the left to be blatantly co-opted by the Right and the powers that be. In a single media event, the status-quo manages to win on all fronts. In the obvious, some people will actually think the politicians actually care, having never read the above Webster's quote. Less obvious, it associates mostly nasty people with our hard-earned public image of, if not popularity, the sincerity of our trouble-making. And least obvious and most important, by co-opting the images of popular movements, the Right negates the future effectiveness of these tactics. It is the media savvy—the Operation Rescues, the Pat Robertsons and the Rush Limbaughs, as well as the creation of the PC debate and the Advertising Designed politicians—who recognize the power in stealing the images of

activism. If, after creating the false dichotomies of Us against Them (Conservatives against Liberals, Republicans against Democrats, etc.), the corporate media negates that difference by showing images of activists on both sides (demonstrator/counter-demonstrator), it leaves the news-consumer situated outside the conflict, comfortably watching from the center. Why leave your arm chair?

Unfortunately, we know that the politics of capital are more subtle and complex than the world of good and evil. For those of us focused on outreach and education, the oversimplification of our issues closes down any room for discussion, effectively erasing our arguments by defining them.

Our challenge, then, is to develop new tactics which define our arguments, support our activist communities and still rattle-up business as usual, before our actions are sold as "the usual business." No small task. But compared to a President who is able to fast for hunger while simultaneously causing hemispheric starvation by forcing NAFTA down the very throats he should feed, we're talking small potatoes.

If the military did have a bake-sale for bombers, they would do it to improve their image; and it would work.

"Eat the Rich."



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Bill

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Life Under Siege

An Examination of Embargo Conditions in Post-War Iraq

Lynne Woehrle

In a small Baghdad grocery store, a child of perhaps five came in, clearly proud to be doing an important errand. He was clutching a five dinar note (270 dinar = \$1)...The five dinars bought one egg, which the boy carefully carried to the door -- and then it dropped. Traumatized, he fell to the floor and tried to gather the broken egg up in his small hands. As I searched my pocket the shopkeeper went over, tapped him gently on the shoulder, and proffered another one...

...No one has toilet paper. All paper is compulsively collected and re-recycled. Legend has it that when the USA dropped vast tons of leaflets on the Marsh Arabs, telling them that they were their friends, the illiterate, but never stupid Marsh people collected up this unexpected windfall from the sky, and sold them to the government for recycling.

— Felicity Arbuthnot

THREE YEARS AFTER the U.S. stopped bombing Iraq during the Persian Gulf War, what is life like in the embargo-besieged country?

For most Iraqis life is day-to-day survival—shortages of food and medicine. Caught between the hard-line foreign policy of Clinton and the repressive regime of Hussein, for most people in Iraq the war is not really over. While before the Gulf War malnutrition had been virtually eradicated, now children are described by reporters as “stick thin.” Because of the damages of the war and the shortages and inflation caused by the embargo, most Iraqis live on a starvation diet. People, especially children, are dying of simple, treatable diseases because there is little medicine or equipment.

The embargo established by United Nations (UN) Resolution 687 at the end of the Gulf War prohibited the sale of Iraqi oil and ordered Iraq's weapons of mass destruction eliminated. The embargo on Iraqi oil was meant to weaken the government, forcing compliance with UN monitoring of Iraqi weapons production. Oil is Iraq's main source of foreign currency and is used to buy the necessary imports. George Bush, President at the time, also hoped that the embargo would weaken Saddam Hussein's regime. By depriving the people, the Bush administration thought an opposition movement would emerge and challenge Hussein's rule.

Since Bill Clinton took office, his administration's policy toward Iraq has been characterized by a cycle of trust and mistrust toward Saddam Hussein. Before taking office,

Clinton adopted a conciliatory stance saying that he was ready for a fresh start if Hussein would change his ways and cooperate with the UN. Six months later in June 1993, based on an investigation which suggested that Iraq backed a plot to assassinate Bush while he was visiting Kuwait, Clinton ordered a missile attack on Iraqi intelligence headquarters near Baghdad. A couple of months later it became clear that the evidence used to justify the attack was weak at best. Perhaps the attack was more related to Clinton's reputation as a President weak in foreign policy and strong on domestic issues.

The Security Council of the UN holds the power to lift the embargo once the monitors agree that Iraq is complying with the disarmament order. During the summer of 1993, Rolf Ekeus, head of the UN commission overseeing Iraq's disarmament, made progress in getting Iraq to agree to comply and cooperate with the terms of Resolution 687. In return the UN would lift the embargo on oil. However, by fall it was no longer clear that the Security Council would look favorably on lifting the embargo.

In a policy statement by the Clinton Administration in December 1993, the basis for the resistance to lifting the embargo became clear. The U.S., along with a few other nations, feels that the embargo is the only leverage the

international community holds in regulating Hussein, and they are not prepared to give this leverage up while the informally-stated goal of overthrowing Hussein remains unachieved. The December statement added terms to the embargo calling for Iraq to recognize the sovereignty of Kuwait (respect the borders) and to stop the abuse of human rights. Neither of these demands are formally part of Resolution 687, however they are now the requirements set forth by the United States on the basis of other UN resolutions. In addition, the U.S. called for a six to twelve month waiting period after Iraq agrees to the disarmament monitoring before lifting the embargo.

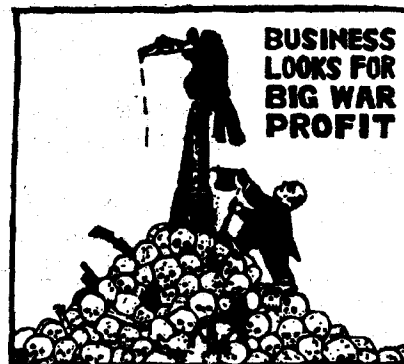
Iraq can take advantage of a temporary economic fix through UN Resolution 706 which permits them to sell \$1.6 billion worth of oil to pay for imports of essential goods. However, the resolution also stipulates that the UN would closely monitor the distribution of the supplies purchased. Iraq has considered taking advantage of Resolution 706 to try to alleviate desperate shortages. However, Iraqi leaders feel that it is a violation of Iraqi sovereignty to require the UN to regulate the distribution of goods.

According to Mike Viola of Medicine for Peace, a U.S. based organization that sends medical delegations to war-torn Iraq, most

Iraqi people view the negotiations around the embargo in one of two ways. Some people believe that if they continue to comply with the terms of Resolution 687 then eventually they will prove themselves trustable and the embargo will be lifted. However, others point out that there have not been weapons violations in months and yet the embargo remains. The

latter group argues that there is no reason to comply with anything because the embargo will not be lifted as long as it is advantageous to the United States, regardless of Iraqi compliance. Meanwhile, according to Viola, the big problems for the Iraqi people are inflation and shortages of food.

While it is easy to feel compassion for the average Iraqi citizen caught amidst the power plays of geopolitics, most of us are placed in the position that if we are not for Clinton's





policy then we must be for Saddam Hussein. The realpolitik model of adversarial stances makes it difficult to be on "the side" of ending the suffering of people for whom a broken egg is a traumatic experience. While the embargo inflicts increasing suffering on the poor, we envision little else that will pressure Saddam Hussein to end the human rights abuses of the Kurds and the Shiite Marsh Arabs.

For example, during the last year several events have made it clear that Hussein is trying to force the Marsh Arabs to evacuate their homes. According to a UN report released last November, the Iraqi government initiated military attacks against indigenous Arabs who inhabit the marshes in the southern region of Iraq. The government cut off the food and medical supplies and drained the wetlands on which the Marsh Arabs depend for survival. This, compounded with the consistent repression of the Kurds, many reports of executions of dissidents, and surfacing evidence that Iraq has a history of using chemical warfare, has increased international concern for the consistency of human rights abuses under Saddam Hussein's government.

International policy toward Iraq continues to shift. In late January, Iraq showed renewed interest in complying with the disarmament program. In mid-February the *New York Times* reported that the UN has speeded up its monitoring of Iraq's military industries to try to determine if there was compliance with the disarmament terms of Resolution 687. UN representative Rolf Ekeus is working with the Iraqi government to encourage compliance which would mean that the Security Council could lift the ban on the oil exports. The ability to sell oil would perhaps provide the opportunity to restore the ever deteriorating post-war economy in Iraq. However, the United States, a member of the UN Security Council, remains strong in its additional conditions for the lifting of the embargo. Ironically, those whose power is threatened by the U.S. stance are the members of the Iraqi government that have supported compliance with Resolution 687.

Perhaps the most salient question at this time is whether a continuation of the oil embargo against Iraq is an effective means for enforcing international standards of human

rights. While it has effectively forced Iraq to destroy its weapons of mass destruction and agree to

long-term UN monitoring of the military industries, there is no clear evidence that Resolution 687 has the power to unseat Saddam Hussein, or even to convince him to change his ways in regards to ethnic minorities in his country.

While embargoes have often proven to be useful as leverage in the enforcement of a negotiated agreement, they can quickly become weapons of power when used indiscriminately or when new conditions are attached in hindsight. Take for example the thirty year embargo against Cuba, enforced by the United States. Over time, many Cubans have lost all sense of what it would take to end the embargo, other than the failure of their way of life. To institute an embargo you have to be a powerful nation or alliance. Is it acceptable for powerful countries to use embargoes to enforce compliance at will?

Perhaps the Iraqi people are beginning to see what is clear to the Cubans. The oil embargo against Iraq is not about merely meeting the terms of agreements negotiated at the end of the Gulf War; it is about Iraq accepting the power of the U.S. to regulate or lead the international community in regulating Iraqi internal affairs. This model gives little positive encouragement for actual social change. Rather, it leads to discouragement and disempowerment of those who might be inclined to fight internally for change. Increasingly the Iraqi people seem to be filled with hopelessness and with anger toward an international community that is draining away their resources and livelihood. Much of that anger can be seen played out against the ethnic minorities which are critical of Hussein's leadership.

What exactly should be done remains unclear. We are faced by competing priorities of political human rights and basic human needs. It is clear that once again the least powerful suffer the most from these international negotiations that seem so distant from the small boy in the grocery store. But the separation is false, and if we look closely we see that the average citizen of Iraq is being seen as a pawn, if s/he is seen at all. Moreover the U.S. media inundates us with the terrors

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cordial charming, even tender
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miner's hat.
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by Michelle Brisson

committed by Saddam Hussein against the Shiites and the Arabs, while we know next to nothing about the desolate living conditions brought about by the oil embargo. The foreign policy model of us/them gives us little room to support the average Iraqi. Because we must be critical of Hussein's human rights abuses, we shy away from criticizing the continuation of the embargo. What we might fail to see is that the embargo is now stretched beyond its original intent to include conditions it is unlikely Saddam Hussein will ever be willing to meet. It is that tension that feeds the hopelessness of the Iraqi people and forces them to live with a survival mentality.



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Fallout From Demonstration Continues

Seven Jailed for Defending Disarmament Activists

Stephen Dear

GLOBAL POWER FOR AMERICA. That's the motto at the site of one of the most dramatic nonviolent civil disobedience protests in North Carolina; that of the Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro.

Fallout from the December antinuclear demonstration will continue throughout the year as, at one point, over 20 people were in detention, seven of whom were held in jail for related protests. So far over 200 people have participated in support demonstrations, vigils and events. Upcoming months will see five separate trials as well as other events related to the protest. It will call upon the support of activists across the state to take up these opportunities to work for disarmament.

At about 2:00 a.m. on December 7, 1993, veteran peace activist Philip Berrigan, 70, Lynn Fredriksson, 30 (both of Baltimore, MD), Jesuit priest John Dear, 34, and Bruce Friedrich, 24 (both of Washington DC), entered the periphery of Seymour Johnson. For two hours they waded through a stream, crawled over fields, hid and waited while hundreds of soldiers ran and drove around them. Unbeknownst to the four activists, the base was in its 23rd hour of wargame maneuvers.

The four scaled a wall and ran up to an F-15E Strike Eagle bomber. They immediately began to "disarm" it with simple carpenter's hammers.

They were spotted almost immediately. Repeated cries of "Defcom Charlie!" and "This is the real world!" echoed across the tarmac. The four managed to put some dents in the fuselage, pour their own blood from baby bottles into air intakes and to display two banners on the side of the plane that read "PAX CHRISTI — SPIRIT OF LIFE PLOWSHARES" and "DISARM AND LIVE."

Dear and Friedrich chanted mantra-like, "We are nonviolent. We come in the name of peace." The four left copies of both an indictment and a signed statement against the US military and government. For that single minute of "injuring government property" they each face ten years in prison, three years probation, a \$250,000 fine and an angry judge.

The four activists have foregone conventional legal representation, but were originally allowed by a federal magistrate to have attorneys in an advisory capacity. At their arraignment in mid-January, US District Court Judge Terrence Boyle vacated the magistrate's approval of advising attorneys and denied a motion by the defendants to be able to meet together to plan their defense, or to meet with any attorneys. Then, against the wishes of both sides in the

case, Boyle scheduled the trial for February 15 in Elizabeth City, the small coastal town where John Dear was born and lived until he was eight years old.

Prior to the trial, Festival of Hope celebrations with dinners, speakers and music were held in both Raleigh and Elizabeth City with more than 200 people attending. Local media reports in Elizabeth City referred to "militant anti-war activists," leading many townspeople

to accuse local hosts as helping "communists" and "terrorists." Without fail, all mainstream media accounts of the action have described it with words such as "at-

The judge laughed and yelled "You're in contempt!"

tack" and vandalism."

Following two hours of jury selection, the trial lasted less than 30 minutes before the judge declared a mistrial and over 20 courtroom guests were detained facing contempt charges. As the trial began the prosecution introduced a *motion in limine*, requesting the judge to prohibit the defendants from making any comments related to international law, "necessary defense," US foreign or domestic policy, or the US military; thereby effectively stifling the defendants of the ability to explain their actions. Over the objections of Berrigan and Friedrich on behalf of all four defendants, the judge did not deny the motion but said he would handle issues as they arise.

Fredriksson began to read the defendants' opening statement. They acted, she said, "to expose the bloody warmaking of the entire US military...and to begin the process of disassembly and conversion." The Judge overruled the prosecution's objection to the statement, warned Fredriksson, and allowed her to continue. "The so-called criminal justice system," she read, "which includes this court, offers legal sanction to the high crimes of the government and its military." At this point the judge said, "You've gone too far. Now I have to stop you." But she continued. The judge laughed and yelled "You're in contempt!" and said that she could not continue. At that point Dear rose saying, "Well, I will," and continued reading the statement even after US marshals yanked it out of his hands. Friedrich followed suit. He invited friends in the courtroom gallery to stand and join them in turning their backs to the court. Approximately two



"The so-called criminal justice system," (Fredriksson) read, "which includes this court, offers legal sanction to the high crimes of the government and its military."

dozen people, probably over half of those in the gallery, stood, turned their backs, and began saying the Lord's Prayer. The judge segregated the protesters in the back of the courtroom and ordered the jury, defendants and guests removed. Those who stood and turned, risking a maximum six-month sentence without bond or trial, included actor Martin Sheen, who flew in from the West Coast to show support, and Daniel Berrigan as well as Debbie Beisk of Garner, Nancy Torre, a student at Duke University, and myself.

As the marshals were pushing the protesters towards the back of the courtroom, one marshal grabbed David Sawyer, 43, of Baltimore, MD. Sawyer's exact reaction to the grab is unclear, but he now awaits trial for assault on a federal agent, the agent having accused him of hitting and biting an FBI agent. None of the more than ten witnesses within a few feet of Sawyer saw him hit or bite. Instead he was quickly surrounded by at least five marshals who pulled him down by his hair onto the bench, grabbed and squeezed his neck and pushed his hands to his torso.

He was immediately led out of the court and placed in chains. Sawyer was the only African-American man in the court gallery. He appears to have been singled out early on, as he was the only person asked upon entering the building if he was carrying any weapons. As a family member of one of the defendants said, "Those marshals couldn't wait to get their hands on those dreadlocks [of Sawyer's]." For what it's worth, supporters are asking the civil rights division of the US Department of Justice to investigate the marshals' actions.

Those still in the courtroom sang "Peace is Flowing Like a River," "We Shall Overcome" and other songs before caucusing to discuss ways to show support for Sawyer. When a marshal announced that those who wished to leave may do so or face contempt charges by the judge, seven decided to stay behind. Reporters said the judge was smiling

and chuckling as he handed down six-month prison sentences for six of them. He allowed one to go free because she was the caretaker of her elderly mother.

Boyle has since issued orders that make it likely that each of the four Plowshares activists will be tried separately. The judge charged Dear, Friedrich and Fredriksson with contempt.

To the shock of supporters who testified on his behalf before a federal magistrate on February 18 in New Bern, Sawyer, who has no prior criminal record, was ordered to be held without bond until trial. The magistrate said he is "a threat to flee." Sawyer's attorney, a Raleigh federal public defender, had ten minutes to prepare the case with him before appearing before the magistrate. Attorneys familiar with the case believe the judicial officials involved are trying, irrespective of the facts, to send a message by handing down the harsh decisions.

[Since the original publication of this article in the March 1994 issue of The Prism, everyone arrested during the first trial has been released with the exception of Brad Sjosrom, who is currently being held at the Federal Correctional Facility in Butner, NC. Also, David Sawyer has been released on bond awaiting his trial on May 11. —ed. note]

Letters of support can be sent to the activists at the following locations: Phillip Berrigan, John Dear and Bruce Friedrich at the Chowan County Jail, PO Box 78, Edenton, NC 27932, and Lynn Fredriksson at the Hertford County Jail, PO Box 176, Winton, NC 27986.

The new trial dates for the Spirit of Life Plowshares are as follows:

- Phil Berrigan—April 11;
- John Dear—April 13;
- Lynn Fredriksson—April 18;
- and Bruce Friedrich—April 20.

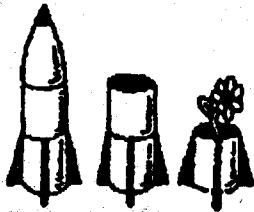
Steve lives in Chapel Hill, NC. He is the brother of John Dear, one of the four Plowshares activists.

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saturday afternoon matinee
rerun,
the same plot different faces.
this week's alien beings
crawl inside the
foolish passive
she-human.
again outrun—another broken
high heel the culprit—
hand held out to shield her
face
she hears the promise.

we wish you no harm,
declare the aliens
in arrogance ignorance,
we only need to
taste your blood
finger your nerve endings
suck the marrow from your bones
to know you
understand you better.

the host spreads her arms
in silent agreement
forgetting the trampling her
sister-soul endured
in last saturday's flick
in the name of
understanding.

by Michelle Brisson



SUPPORT PLOWSHARES!

Treasures In The Landfill

Three NY Nuclear Plants Send Contaminated Sludge to Local Landfill

Andy Molloy

SINCE EARLY 1988 the three nuclear power plants that sit on the shores of Lake Ontario in Oswego, NY have been treating on site their sewage waste produced at the plants in "non-nuclear areas." They then ship the waste to the Minetto Wastewater Treatment plant. This treatment process uses all sorts of little one-celled animals to convert human waste into something less waste-like and more like fertilizer. Bacteria eat the organic material that is sent in, and the one-celled critters eat the bacteria (sort of like a mini food web). When the original waste has been through this and a few other steps, it is sent as concentrated sludge on its way to the Bristol Hill county landfill.

Oswego County has had a law on the books since 1990 that prohibits radioactive waste material from entering their solid waste management system. That means it cannot go through treatment plants or end up in county landfills. They prohibit regulated isotopes and also radioactive material that is "below regulatory concern" (BRC). BRC is a category of radioactive waste that agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and Nuclear Regulatory Commission came up with to define radioactive material that they feel is safe enough to go into the regular waste stream. These agencies' reasoning, along with the nuclear industry's, was that not all levels of radioactivity are bad and the nuclear plants should be allowed to dump the really low level stuff (as they put it) in normal landfills and have it be treated like any other garbage. They argue that this waste contains amounts below background radiation levels and shouldn't be confused with more harmful levels.

Concerned residents in Oswego County and across the country didn't buy this normalizing of even minute amounts of radioactive waste. Oswego residents went to their county government with concerns about BRC waste; this spurred the county to ban the material. Much of the concern was that communities wouldn't be able to monitor this BRC waste to tell if it really was of inconsequential levels. Others argue that not enough is known about

these materials to set such levels as "harmful" and "safe." Still others were concerned about the strategy the nuclear industry was using to bolster their case that nuclear power is an acceptable form of energy supply. The nuclear power industry has been trying to allay the public's fears on many levels, from simplistic ads in national newsmagazines touting nuclear power as the answer to global warming, to renaming low level radioactive waste to innocuous sounding "below regulatory concern." The incredible problem of having no socially or environmentally acceptable way of disposing of nuclear plant-generated radioactive waste is a thorn in the nuclear industry's side. The myth of cheap and free nuclear power has already been dispelled. BRC categories may be a first step towards convincing the public to change their view of the industry.

When a Syracuse television reporter named Jean Kessner and two Volney residents, Chris and Howard Rose, went to the Oswego local government armed with information that showed that the nuclear plants had in fact shipped some minutely contaminated sludge to the county waste treatment plant and that it was being buried in the county landfill, red flags went up. This happened back in November of 1993.

Oswego County publicly denied they knew this was happening. The county immediately wrote to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) asking why they weren't told that contaminated sludge was coming out of the nuclear plants. Oswego County said they were mostly concerned about the health of people working at the sewage treatment plant and at the landfill, and whether the landfill would be contaminated. The DEC wrote back assuring them that it was an oversight that the county hadn't been told. According to Niagara Mohawk, which runs two of the three nuclear plants, just one out of 121 loads of sewage waste was contaminated. They also said that the level of radioactivity was 450 times below the state regulatory limits. Why, you could even sit on a pile of the sludge for an

entire year and receive less than 10% of the allowable dose of 100 millirems, according to the DEC.

Oswego County put out a position paper (dated 12/1/93) soon after, that stated they were confident that the sludge disposed in the landfill posed no threat to human health, worker safety or the environment. They based this on the minute quantities, that only one load of sewage was contaminated, and that DEC said no additional action had to be undertaken at this time. Nonetheless, Oswego County stated they would:

- (1) test new sludge from the nuclear plants as it became available (with the help of the DEC),
- (2) if feasible, set up radiation monitoring devices at the landfill (DEC would help the county set and run the monitors)
- (3) revise the county waste laws to set "specific regulatory limits based on the revised NY regs of 1993."

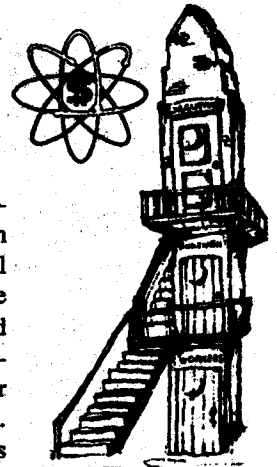
Oswego County's denial of knowledge and their stated concern for health and safety may have other reasons behind it. There are those who believe the county did know this was going on. And if they knew, were they then negligent in adhering to their own law? Chris Rose thinks this may be closer to the truth. "The county is not concerned [with the

shipments] other than they got caught and want to cover themselves."

Records obtained from the Oswego Department of Public Works show that the shipping of contami-

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nated waste was not a recent thing. All three plants were shipping contaminated sewage waste since 1989. NiMo may be correct (independent verification notwithstanding) in saying only one load was contaminated, *but this was only for 1993*. Niagara Mohawk shipped 12 contaminated loads (by their admission) out of 738 delivered to Minetto since 1989 (see Table 1). The NY Power Authority shipped 165 contaminated loads out of 180. Over 90% of the Fitzpatrick loads were radioactive to some degree (Table 1). This shipping of known contaminated sludge started in 1989, even though in 1990, both agencies indicated that no radioactive material of any sort was going into the waste stream.



The year 1990 was when the Nuclear Regulatory Commission enacted the BRC plan to permit very low-level radioactive waste to enter the normal garbage stream. The three plants were supposedly not interested or considering the policy. According to a Herald Journal article (4/20/90) NiMo "doesn't plan to seek NRC approval to dispose of waste from its Nine Mile 1 and 2 plants near Oswego, mostly because of public perceptions." The article also states that the spokesperson for the Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power plant run by the NY Power Authority indicated, "the utility is not planning such disposal and is not actively supporting the policy."

These statements don't tell what was really happening. Contaminated waste was already being allowed into the waste stream; it is only now that the public is finding out what has been going on all along.

Some of the concern comes from the types of radionuclides being generated at the

plants and put into the waste stream. Much of this material is Cobalt-60, and officials time and again state how the amount of Cobalt-60 is much less than even background or naturally occurring radiation levels.

But Cobalt-60 is not the same as these background types of radiation. A report put out by the Department of Radiology, School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh states that Cobalt-60 can be a health hazard at levels far lower than are presently set in regulations. The report stated that studies of very low levels of these radioactive materials "have indicated that the chronic, long-lasting exposures they produce appear to be thousands of times more serious per unit-dose than the short exposures to X-rays or gamma rays from nuclear explosions on the basis of which the present standards were set."

The report states that the latest studies indicate "that inhaled or ingested radioactive materials released by bomb-tests and by nuclear

reactors at very low doses of only a few millirads per year, well below the levels of natural background radiation, damage the immune system far more seriously than the naturally occurring radium, cosmic radiation or medical X-rays." Could not repeated dumping of minute amounts over many years add up to unsafe levels? Even though the possibility of ingesting these materials may be hard to imagine, inhaling could be a possibility for workers or those around the sludge drying or landfilling process.

It was a television reporter that had to break this news to the county and public. One issue this whole exposure has brought

up is whether Oswego County's own law against disposal of BRC radioactive material or regulated isotopes was violated by the nuclear plant administration. Whether or not this material is of the BRC category or is considered a regulated isotope has not been settled. Oswego County is waiting until the DEC rules on it and they are also waiting until sometime later this year when DEC will bring out its new regulations on levels of radioactivity. One question the Oswego Department of Public Works might face is, "Could the Bristol Hill landfill become classified as a low level radioactive waste site because of what has happened?"

Interestingly, the nuclear plants most recent application to ship on-plant sewage sludge for 1994 (filed on November 30, 1993) was rejected due to "incomplete application." A four page memorandum from DEC to the three plants listed items that needed to be answered before an application would be granted.

The Town of Volney is not sitting around to find out. They recently passed a local law banning "any radioactive waste" from the Bristol Hill Landfill. They feel that until more information comes out on just what level of radioactivity is safe or allowed they need a stronger local law than Oswego County's "no BRC or regulated isotope waste." This certainly doesn't make nuclear plants pleased, as the next shipment of sludge is scheduled for this July. It will be more expensive to ship the waste somewhere else for treatment and disposal. S. David Freedman, the new president and CEO of the New York Power Authority, has given the Fitzpatrick Plant two years to make money or he claims it will be shut down. They will have that much harder a task if they can't unload their sludge locally. Town of Volney supervisor Howard Rose says of the closing of the landfill to contaminated sludge, "We want to play it safe." It seems a prudent choice.

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Table 1: Radionuclides Detected in Loads of Sewage Sludge Delivered to Minetto

Facility	Year	Total Shipments	Number of Detections
New York Power Authority (Fitzpatrick)	1989	25	25
	1990	41	41
	1991	31	26
	1992	57	50
	1993	26	23
Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. (Nine Mile I, II)	1989	72	5
	1990	113	1
	1991	126	0
	1992	154	5
	1993	273	1

Data supplied by Oswego Department of Public Works. NYPA figures include detections for Manganese-54, Cobalt-60, Zinc-65, Cesium-137. Niagara Mohawk included detections only for Cobalt-60. A detection means that the shipment delivered tested positive for contaminants.

The Pen is Mightier than the Sludge

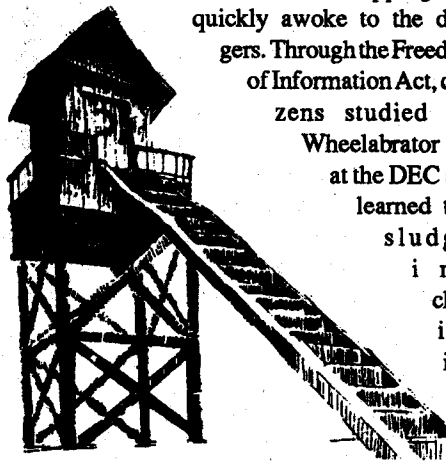
One Community's Battle Against the Import of Hazardous Waste

Louisa Burns-Bisogno and
Tom Bisogno,
Citizens of Putnam (COP)

NOT SINCE 1776 had the people of the Town of Southeast, Putnam County, New York, faced such a threat to their very survival. Instead of Redcoats, this time the opposition arrived in the village of Brewster in tailored gray suits. Instead of muskets, their scouting party carried slick brochures and a videotape that played enchanting baroque music over images of an attractive six bay sludge composting facility. In exchange for hosting a slightly larger 50 bay organic composting plant, these charming well-spoken executives from Wheelabrator/IPC promised tax dollars and host fees. They claimed their high tech operation would help the County get rid of its dry sludge, floor and yard wastes by turning potty soil into potting soil.

Though a shot was not to be heard in the pastoral hills of Putnam County, a faxed notice from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) signalled that the struggle against imported sludge had begun. According to the DEC over 12,000 smelly, noisy trucks and extensive heavy manufacturing equipment would annually process 252,000 cubic yards of food waste garbage, yard wastes and municipal sewage sludge. The frightening DEC document highlighted potential adverse effects Wheelabrator's proposed plant would have on area humans and animals, transportation, air, groundwater and surface water.

Citizens of Eastern Putnam County communities had been napping but quickly awoke to the dangers. Through the Freedom of Information Act, citizens studied the Wheelabrator file at the DEC and learned that sludge, including in-fil



fecal matter, heavy metals, asbestos particles, bacteria and viruses would be imported from a massive area including New York City, Nassau, Westchester and Rockland Counties as well as from just about every city in Southeastern New York State and parts of Connecticut.

Because the target site was close to three New York City reservoirs, Putnam citizens looked to the well-funded NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) for protection. Moreover, since the city's DEP had consistently been delaying and halting even the most benign commercial and economic projects for years in the county, many locals believed they would surely stop the project which would import enough hazardous wastes to build a sixty-two story skyscraper in the watershed every year. But for some unknown reason, the DEP was strangely silent on the subject of sludge.

Our newly formed group, Citizens of Putnam (COP), had to look elsewhere for allies. We networked first to other local conservation groups including SWAT, which was fighting their own proposed sludge plant to be built in the western part of Putnam County. COP began networking nationally with soil scientists, microbiologists, health professionals, environmental and public interest specialists and other sewage sludge victims. All of these contacts, including CCHW, added to our growing collection of data that clearly outlined the potential health and environmental risks of processing and composting municipal sewage sludge—deadly airborne pathogens and contamination of surface and ground water. The data also showed that we were not alone in our battle against sludge composting. A sludge juggernaut has been rolling across America ever since Congress banned ocean dumping, unleashing a tidal wave of hazardous waste on the country's vulnerable prairies, farms and landfills.

COP contacted the Putnam County Board of Realtors who issued a statement of their concerns about an adverse impact of the plant on area property values. This was duplicated and distributed by COP together with written

scientific and technical material to area residents and town officials. Through word of mouth, flyers, Letters to the Editor and ads, COP members alerted area residents to the upcoming New York DEC scoping session. The strategy paid off. At the May 12, 1993 scoping meeting, an overflowing crowd of 700 concerned residents angrily stated their

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opposition to the application, backed up with a petition of over 2,000 signatures alerting officials to the public outrage. Outside of the initial presentation by Wheelabrator/IPC, not one citizen in the

three hour session spoke in favor of the project. Despite overwhelming public opposition to the plant, COP still had an uphill battle. One COP member was threatened with arrest while handing out flyers and soliciting petition signatures near a local supermarket. Indeed, many governmental officials and local business groups were initially in support of the sludge project citing its economic benefits. Wheelabrator/PC had already made many alliances while our new citizen's group was cast as ill-informed or misinformed NIMBY's. Never mind that it was Nassau County and New York City that didn't want the toxic sludge in their backyard and were trying desperately to ship it out to a politically less powerful community.

Words proved powerful weapons as COP provided every town and county official with copies of the documentation which began arriving almost daily from CCHW and other environmental groups such as New York Public Interest Research Group and the Citizens Environmental Coalition. Informed citizens began calling, visiting and writing key officials and letting them know how they felt. Diligence paid off and the Southeast Town Board issued a resolution opposing Wheelabrator's application and revising an earlier resolution supporting it. Then, after a visit by COP to Albany, both State Senator Pataki and Assemblyman Leibell came out in strong opposition to the plant. Still, more allies were needed.

COP met with business and service groups, school boards, civic associations and

THE PROJECT



IN THE BEGINNING was the project, and then arose the assumptions. And the project was without form and the assumptions were void. And the darkness was upon the faces of the implementors. And they spake unto their manager, saying,

"It is a crock of shit and it stinketh."

And the manager went to the second level manager and he spake unto him saying,

"It is a crock of excrement, and none may abide the odor thereof."

And the second level manager went to the third level manager, and he spake unto him saying,

"It is a container of excrement, and it is so strong that none may abide before it."

And the third level manager went to the Regional Director, and he spake unto him saying,

"It is a vessel of fertilizer, and none may abide its strength."

And the Regional Director went to the Bureau Chief, and he spake unto him saying,

"It contains that which aids plant growth, and it is very strong."

And the Bureau Chief went to the Division Director, and he spake unto him, saying,

"It promoteth growth, and it is very powerful."

And the Division Director went before the Commissioner, and he spake unto him, saying,

"This powerful new project will promote growth of the agency."

And the Commissioner looked upon THE PROJECT and say it was good.

—From an anonymous Department of Environmental Conservation staff person.

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er organizations providing them with ob-
sive information to offset the advertising,
s pitches and slick public relations mate-
s provided by Wheelabrator/IPC. When
sludge company issued their "Compost
Book," COP published a booklet, "Un-
standing Wheelabrator's Compost Fact
Book."

COP was holding its own in the war of
nds when one member observed that no
had officially determined if the proposed
fit the local zoning ordinance's defini-
a of "Light Manufacturing." Citizens per-
ded local officials to ask that question of
Town Engineer who wrote that the
elabrator project was definitely not "Light
ufacturing." The question then moved to
Southeast Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)
final, official determination and a public
ring was scheduled for August 12.

But while residents prayed that the threat
their health, safety and welfare would soon
settled by the local ZBA, a startling dis-
ch opened a new front. None other than
rt F. Appleton, the powerful Commis-
er of the DEP was counseling Putnam
als not to worry. "Importing and pro-
ng mountains of potentially deadly pol-
nts," Appleton wrote, "was merely a 'light
ustrial' operation." It apparently didn't
er that Mr. Appleton's blatant interfer-

ence violated his own Draft Watershed Regu-
lations and the city's own light manufacturing
standards. Nor did it matter that NYC Comp-
troller Holtzman had put DEP on notice in
1991 that its policies "could be turning a water
pollution problem into an air and land pollu-
tion problem of unknown magnitude." Holtzman's warning that "shipping sludge
that does not meet environmental standards to
other states could insure that city sludge is no
longer accepted outside of the City of New
York" apparently prompted desperate mea-
sures rather than cautious review.

Because Mr. Appleton is both "Water-
shed Protector" and "Sludge Czar," he could
complain in public about a few gull droppings
on a Yonkers reservoir causing E-coli out-
breaks one day, while at the same time pri-
vately promoting the siting of tons of infected
human feces and toxins near three vulnerable
reservoirs.

Once the "sludge" connection between
Commissioner Appleton's position and that
of NY DEC Commissioner Jorling was re-
vealed to the public, it became apparent that
both agencies were working together to get rid
of New York City's sludge wherever and
however they could. Our fight took on an
added level of urgency and it became more
important than ever for COP to stop the project
locally. It was clear that neither the DEP nor

DEC could be counted on to protect Putnam
County.

Undaunted, COP provided thirty-two
exhibits to the Zoning Board, including a
number of site specific evaluations from
Stephen Lester of CCHW, Dr. Stanford Tackett
and others. At the same time, flyers, letters,
calls and mailers alerted thousands of citizens
to the importance of the ZBA meeting. ABC
television, which had covered this issue be-
fore the hearing, was also at the hearing bring-
ing national attention to our fight.

At a standing-room-only meeting of 1,100
citizens the Southeast Zoning Board unani-
mously ruled that processing pollutants was a
heavy manufacturing operation and was there-
fore not appropriate in a light manufacturing
zone. Putnam had finally won the battle.

But the war goes on. It will continue to be
fought by vigilant, informed citizens until
there is a national effort to find ways to safely
and reasonably handle the huge sludge prob-
lem that threatens to bury the US in toxic
wastes. From the mounting body of evidence,
it appears that sludge composting, as it is
currently practiced, is definitely not an answer
America can live with.

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The Welfare Watchdogs

Raise the Shelter Allotment Provided by NY State to Welfare Recipients

New York State welfare grants are divided into two portions. The shelter portion, which covers rent, varies to reflect local housing costs both by family size and by county. A recipient receives either the actual rent or the maximum shelter allowance, whichever is lower.

In New York State, this maximum shelter grant falls far short of the non-luxury fair market prices, and consequently, often leaves welfare recipients unable to meet their basic non-rent needs.

Examples from Onondaga County

Right now \$270 is the maximum monthly shelter allowance given to a family of three by welfare for a rental that includes heat. The HUD fair market estimate for a non-luxury two bedroom apartment with heat is \$521/month. We know of one woman with two small children whose rent is \$475 a month, including heat. When her \$270 shelter grant is spent, she still owes \$205, which comes out of the second portion of her grant. When her full rent is paid she has \$86 per month left to pay for her cooking gas, electric bill, diapers for two, laundromat expenses as well as any necessary clothing or other non-food stamp items.

Another woman we know, when rent is paid for herself and her pre-teen son, has no cash whatsoever. She still has cooking gas and electric bills. She cannot purchase even used clothing, basic school supplies or any extras beyond her food stamp budget of approximately \$.75 per person, per meal.

These are not isolated examples. In 1992, 90% of welfare recipients in Onondaga County pay rent above the maximum shelter allowance. Half of all recipients in this county pay over 150% above the maximum shelter allowance.

Although the long term answer to welfare must include dramatically increased job availability, higher wages and useful reforms in the healthcare and childcare systems, in the meantime, it is important to raise the shelter allowance in New York State.

The Stonewall Committee

The Stonewall Committee, an organization dedicated to combatting homophobia and heterosexism, is offering a retrospective of the past 25 years called "Stonewall through the years," which examines the events leading up to the Stonewall uprising and the changes (or lack of changes) which have occurred since. Our goal is to weave a picture of the last 25 years through the rich, diverse voices of our community—lesbian, gay, bisexual, young and old, white people and people of color, novices and experienced writers.

An evening will be set aside early in June so that the history of Stonewall can be explored and shared through your poems, short stories or essays. Those interested in submitting their work should address their entries to:

**The Stonewall Committee
246 E. Water Street
Syracuse, NY 13202**

Be sure to identify each piece as a submission and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope so that our selection committee can notify you of our decision. Entries must be postmarked no later than April 30, 1994. Each piece of work should include the writer's name, address and phone number.

Please share your wisdom, insights, pain and hope with us!

The proposed 1994-95 state budget released by Governor Cuomo, does not include an increase in the shelter grant. But the New York State Department of Social Services and Senator Holland, chair of the Social Service Committee for the Senate, support this raise. Please call or write your state legislators to make sure this proposal comes to the floor and is passed.

This article was written by Hope Wallis and is submitted by the Welfare Watchdogs, a project sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. The Welfare Watchdogs involve women who have received welfare in the past, are presently receiving welfare or have been denied welfare, who work together for positive changes in the welfare system, from their perspective. For more information call (315) 469-7386.

THE LIVING ROOM

The Living Room

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Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. including lunch and Bible study at 11:15a.m.
Thursday 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. cards and games.

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We are a cooperative program of several community agencies including the Hospice of CNY, the Urban League and the AIDS Task Force. Call us at 479-7362 for more information on schedule, activities and location or to learn more about supporting our program.

Play Jeopardy

with the Welfare Watchdogs and SPC

Join us for an evening of questions and answers to educate ourselves on issues surrounding welfare.

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The Welfare Watchdogs educate and activate locally about the welfare system and legislation as well as providing support for persons receiving welfare.

Call 472-5478 for more information.

Central American/Caribbean Coalition Report

CACC HELD ITS MONTHLY potluck meeting on March 9. Our dessert was a colorful cake presented to Nancy Gwin. Nancy recently joined the national Witness for Peace (WFP) board. She was leaving in a few days for El Salvador to help WFP monitor the national election there on March 20.

Mike Pasquale reported on the upcoming WFP Central New York delegation to Haiti in July. People are beginning to fill out delegations and sell chocolate to raise funds. Call Mike (471-8919) for more info.

Doug Igelsrud reported on the progress of the current Pastors for Peace Caravan. The Caravan was then trying to cross the US/Mexico border with many busloads of material aid for Cuba. That morning local activist Hank Strunk, who was part of the 250 person Caravan, had phoned Doug from Laredo, Texas to mobilize our phone tree to pressure US

Customs to allow all the material to cross the border. After some hours' delay, except for a satellite dish and some other equipment, the material aid was allowed to cross into Mexico. [Eventually all the aid, including the satellite dish was allowed to cross. -Eds.' note]

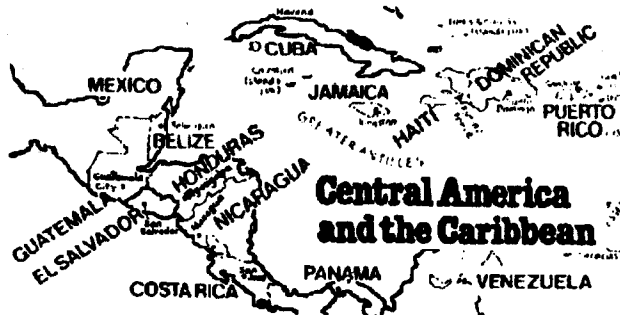
Shirley Novak reported on the 2nd annual trip to Syracuse's sister community in El Salvador, La Estancia. Eight Central New Yorkers took part in the 12 day trip in late February. Keeping a grueling schedule, the eight visited each of the five isolated rural hamlets that make up La Estancia to bring material aid and to further cement ties with the people.

The Central New Yorkers also visited El Mozote, the site of the 1981 massacre of over 900 peasants by the US-trained Atlacatl Battalion. The delegation was briefed there by Rufina Amaya, sole survivor of that massacre.

Mark your calendars: the 40 Day Fast to Close the US Army School of the Americas will take place on the steps of the Capitol in Washington from April 11 through May 20. Some Syracusans will be taking part in the Fast organized by Fr. Roy Bourgeois of SOA Watch. Others will be making short visits to Washington to provide support and to lobby Congress. The Fast is sponsored by SOA Watch and by national Witness for Peace. For more info call Ray Stewart at 422-5023.

Our next CACC potluck meeting begins at 6pm, April 13. CACC meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at Plymouth Church in downtown Syracuse. We hope you'll join us.

Ed Kinane



COMMUNITY UPDATE



Earthbound Cooperative Community is proud to announce that Syracuse Community Radio has decided to move their offices into an available space of our co-op. The radio venture has already held important fund raisers at Earthbound which have resulted in much excitement about developing a broadcasting radio station from the site of Earthbound. There is a clear parallel between Syracuse Community Radio's attempts to gain access to broadcast media and Earthbound's attempts to define our own housing needs. Both groups efforts represent a desire to gain control over the aspects of society which determine our quality of life. We welcome Syracuse Community Radio as a member of Earthbound.

All of the families of our community have agreed to become a group subscriber to Karen Kerney's organic farm. This is a program of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) where by the consumers of farm products support growers with direct monetary and

labor contributions in exchange for a percentage of the crop yield. This cooperative arrangement between grower and consumers allows the consumers to obtain a large quantity of food at a lower cost while reducing the cost to the farmer.

The CSA arrangement is a clear way for members of Earthbound to work together to improve their lives and gain control over the aspect of the economy that affects them. Plans are in the making for community canning and preserving days so that our expected bounty can help feed us next winter. There are also plans to make space for a community pantry. It is hoped that in the future most of our food could come from CSA arrangements.

Earthbound is always looking for families or individuals who would like to help us carve out a cooperative community from the urban setting in which we reside. We have recently been made aware of many possibilities available in terms of financing which can make it feasible for those with low incomes to obtain housing in our community. Please, if you are interested in our community give us a call at (314) 422-4201.

James Shattell & Margaret Williams



A Storefront Craft Collective is being formed and will set up operations at 914 N. Salina Street in Syracuse—the site of Earthbound Cooperative Community. The storefront will be a cooperative effort among regional crafters to provide a showroom and retail space for their crafts. The responsibilities of the operation of the storefront will be divided amongst the members of the collective.

The collective will also accept consignments from nonmembers to allow an outlet for local crafters. We will be prepared to accept consignments beginning April 23, 1994.

All those interested in the craft collective as a crafter or consumer can call us at (315) 422-4201, or stop by after April 23. Margaret Williams

Traditional Crusades

Lauren E. Wing

THE VATICAN HAS announced the establishment of the "Pontifical Academy of Life" to challenge what is termed the "culture of death." This academy plans to crusade against contraception, abortion, and euthanasia. The spokesman said, "The church isn't interested simply in affirming its own teaching about life issues, but plans to work so that teaching be disseminated, explained, and defended." Participants in the academy must take an oath to follow Catholic teachings and all appointments will be made by Pope John Paul II. The president of the academy will be Jerome Lejeune, a leading anti-choice geneticist.

Anti-choice crusades continue on the local level as Albany buzzed with hundreds of "pro-family" activists. The New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, New Yorker's Family Research Foundation, The New York Association of Christian Schools, The Christian Coalition of New York State, and CHANGE-NY actively lobbied State legislators in the past month. At a recent conference, sponsored by the Christian Coalition of New York, a workshop was offered by Jim Sedlak of STOPP Planned Parenthood discussing ways of derailing the campaign for an increased Family Planning budget. In a publication of the Christian Coalition, activists are urged to put pressure on legislators so that increased funding programs for adolescent pregnancy prevention and school-based health clinics will not be implemented. "We can and must return morality to the center of our public life. Abstinence-based education has proven far more effective than contraception-based programs."

The Traditional Values Movement ("pro-family") is built upon a nostalgia for a make-believe world of the past. The movement is supported by traditional, hierarchical sex roles

and an opposition to feminism, employed mothers, contraception, abortion, divorce, sex education, school-based health clinics, extramarital sex, and gay and lesbian lifestyles. Traditional values also work against Secular humanism, Liberalism, and multi-culturalism systems believed to undermine U.S. nationalism. Christianity is at the core of the movement with a recognition of the absolute, unchanging, hierarchical authority of God. Man is appointed as God's delegate to head the traditional family.

The root desire of the Christian Right is the imposition of a Christian theocracy in the United States. As Tim Lahaye writes in his book, *The Battle For The Mind*; "We must remove all humanists from public office and replace them with a pro-moral political leader." Subversion of the secular is a racialized issue that supports the supremacy of the White Anglo-Saxon. The "Pro-Family/Pro-Life"



THE WOMAN WHO LOVES CHILDREN

The maternal instinct is not present in all women. When it is lacking or dormant, the woman may have a happy life without children; when it is a deeply felt emotion, no other interest can really make up for failure to experience motherhood.

agenda is a belief in absolutes, associating the literal existence of Satan as the 'Other.' Traditional Values is seen as "Americanism" and opposition to these values represent a dangerous and un-American Force. Foreigners, people of color, people of other religions or belief systems are seen as threatening and anti-American. The Right's attack on multiculturalism is derived from a racial nationalism.

As stated by a spokesperson from the American Immigration Control Foundation, "The combined forces of open immigration and multi-culturalism constitute a mortal threat to American civilization. The U.S. is receiving a never-ending mass immigration of non-western peoples, leading to a white-minority status in the coming decades."

For example, Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition (see Oct. & Nov. '93 PNL) was founded in 1989 to make the government more responsive to the concerns of evangelical christians and pro-family Catholics. "We seek to reverse the moral decay that threatens our nation by training christians to be involved in the political process." The Robertson presidential campaign in 1988 laid the foundation

for the Christian Coalition. It has become one of the major Religious Right political organizations of the 1990's. No longer looking to the White House to rally their forces, their agenda relies on grassroots organizing. Stealth campaigns elect "Pro-moral" candidates on local school boards and city Common Councils as in the recent appointment of Ann Marie Buerkle to the Syracuse Common Council.

"The mission of the Christian Coalition is simple," says Pat Robertson. "It is to mobilize christians—one precinct at a time, one community at a time—until once again we are the head and at the top of our political system." The Christian Coalition is well-organized, well-funded, and high tech with a Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) which changed its name to The Family Channel in 1989. Additionally, Robertson runs Standard News aired on more than 400 radio stations and the "700 Club," a talk/news program broadcast on 10,000 cable systems. The coalition's effect on local politics has a national impact. It is also international in scope. Robertson has personally been involved in "private" aid to the Nicaraguan contras and supported the Guatemalan dictator General Efraim Rios Montt in the 1980s.

The Coalition For Freedom (CFF) in Syracuse came together in response to the White Supremist march in Auburn earlier this year. The mission of the Coalition is to share information and take action against the political and social agenda of the Religious Right and other groups that threaten or infringe upon personal freedoms. It is made up of representatives from Planned Parenthood, the CNY Chapter of N.O.W, Coalition For Choice, the Stonewall Committee, A.A.U.W., Religious Coalition For Reproductive Rights, Educators, activists and professionals. The CFF, along with the Syracuse Peace Council, took action in October against Pat Robertson who came to Syracuse as a part of the New York State School Board Association convention. Currently, the CFF is working on plans for a fall conference in Syracuse, to expose the political agenda of the Religious Right. The CFF works to research and keep informed on the forces that practice hate and intolerance. The Voice of Choice needs to be heard over the Traditional family agenda.

For More information on the Coalition For Freedom or the Coalition For Choice contact: Lauren E. Wing at Planned Parenthood. 475-5540.





A Bridge to Disaster

A Look at the Costs of Natural Gas as the "Safe" Alternative

Edited by Joe Smith
from a Greenpeace Report

NATURAL GAS HAS BEEN and is being hailed as the bridging fuel that will take us from our current dependence on fossil fuels to "clean" renewable energy sources. Many environmentalists are jumping on this bridging fuel concept and are even promoting the use of natural gas as the way to settle the ever-growing conflict between the continuous demand for more energy and the agenda to repair our damaged environment.

Yet, in the May 6, 1993 Greenpeace report entitled "Natural gas: Bridging Fuel or Roadblock to Clean Energy", Greenpeace asks the questions that the American public needs the answers to before we can make an educated decision on whether or not switching over to natural gas utilities and methods of transportation is worth the effort.

Is natural gas less of a contributor to global warming and less polluting? When compared to the use of coal and oil, the answer is "yes", but only when the impact of combustion is examined alone. When we take a look at the total fuel cycle, the answer becomes a loose "maybe." If we ask the question, "Is natural gas less of a polluter and contributor to climate change than conservation, efficiency and renewable energy?" the answer becomes a resounding, "No." At our present situation, when our energy choices hold the well-being of future generations in the balance, if we fail to ask the right questions, we will surely be stuck with the wrong answer.

A Bridge?

Artificially cheap natural gas is cornering the utilities market. Renewable energy sources have represented 12% of the total new electrical generating capacity selected in recent competitive bidding, while natural gas captured 54%. If the infrastructure, which includes Detroit car makers, pipelines, and corner filling stations, are built to accommodate the American Gas Association's estimate of four million new natural gas vehicles that will be on the road by the year 2005, then the natural gas industry will have effectively cornered the market for future generations as well.

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, if we continue to consume and burn fossil fuels at the current rate, the global average temperature will rise nearly 3 degrees C by the end of the next century. In order to stabilize carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations in the atmosphere, our emissions would need to be cut by 60% to 80%. If we immediately switched to natural gas, thus replacing coal, oil, and gasoline, the 30% or so potential reduction in CO₂ emission would fall far short of the goal.

Commercial natural gas is approximately 90% methane, a global warming gas 20 to 60 times more powerful than CO₂. The currently acknowledged (approximately) 3% leakage rates of methane from all the production, processing, transportation and storage is enough to cancel out any CO₂ reduction gained by switching from oil to natural gas.

Nine hundred and sixty billion tons of carbon remain locked in the global natural gas reserve. If only one third of that carbon is released (from any and all fossil fuels), we will push the global average temperature past the upper limit (2 degrees C, 3.6 degrees F) for the "allowed" warming beyond which "the risks of grave danger to eco-systems, and of non-linear responses, are expected to increase rapidly." This includes such impacts as a rise in sea level, which would seriously threaten small island nations and be potentially devastating

to such low lying areas as Bangladesh. Flooding at such an immense level would in turn create millions of environmental refugees. Additionally, such a rise in sea level would dramatically change agricultural systems and areas of regional drought, precipitating the complete destruction of eco-systems and woodlands.

Other environmental impacts would include: the expanded drilling for gas and oil in envi-

ronmentally sensitive areas, the production of thousands of tons of toxic drilling residues and radioactive water which is normally discarded in our oceans, rivers, bays, etc., acid rain, large amounts of reactive hydrocarbons, oxides and nitrogen in addition to the air emissions from each drilling rig (which are produced at a rate equal to 7,000 cars each driving 50 miles a day), wetland loss, and a multitude of other impacts from the construction of new pipelines.

The Oil Lobby

The lobbying of the fossil fuel industry and the investment of billions of dollars by corporations like Texaco, Exxon, Mobil, and Arco are sure to play a role in the development of an infrastructure which will include the newly expanded utilities and transportation markets, thus increasing America's dependence on natural gas. The probability of this lobby allowing research and development of renewable energy sources is non-existent, even 20 to 60 years down the road. Support for the transition to natural gas will be the affirmation of a fossil fuel addiction for several more generations to come. Along with this addiction will follow the military and interventionist policies of a country committed to cheap fossil fuel whose reserves, just like oil, reside predominantly in the unstable Middle East and former Soviet Union.

As environmentalists, we are called to re-examine our position on fossil fuels and the acceptance of natural gas as a bridging fuel to a world of renewable energy. We must ask ourselves if this plan of action is a way to living in a world at peace and in accordance with the environment or a detour on the road to a future with sustainable energy.

Joe is currently the director for SU for Animal Rights and a member of the PNL Editorial Committee.



Reading Privilege

Karen Hall

"I CAN'T BELIEVE I have a friend who thinks everything is text." A friend tells me this over coffee at my kitchen table. What do I think about it? Near the top of the list is a defensive response: in the English department where I was a graduate student, viewing things other than works of literature as texts was a radical, weird thing; viewing works of literature as texts was a radical thing. I'm also disappointed. Do we have to keep covering the same ground? Yes, obviously, we owe it to ourselves, each other and our viewpoints to travel through this discussion as many times as necessary as long as growth and change come out of the discussions.

For a number of years I have tried to live in two worlds—the academic world and the "real" world. When interacting outside the academy, I feel apologetic, I find myself beginning or ending sentences with, "I'm not really an academic, but..." When I was interacting within the academy, I felt apologetic, but for different reasons. I have no credentials, have studied with no great men, haven't even read many of the great works by great men. These things make it hard to clear a space from which to speak. I also felt uncomfortable with the manner in which competition was set up between my two worlds: mind vs. body, thinking vs. doing. The first element in the binary being privileged over the second. I am neither a great thinker nor a great doer. My greatest contribution

may be embodying these contradictions and speaking from this place of contradiction.

I feel that my position is heavily weighted with privilege. I was able to attend four years of schooling at a private, liberal arts college and three years of graduate school at a state university. I had access to affordable health care and housing, extensive libraries, and stimulating conversations. I felt less uncomfortable having privilege for two reasons: I don't believe we can take ourselves out of systems of privilege and power, so positioning ourselves strategically within them is our

best option, and because I believe we can subvert systems of privilege and power from within by having discussions which invite others into subversive ways of thinking, knowing and living.

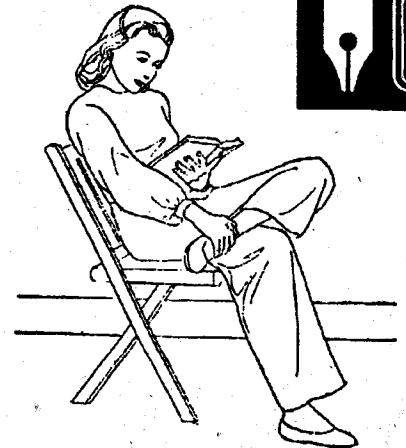
For me, this meant teaching and teaching, meant talking to first year college students about different standpoints from which they could interpret not just written works but reality in the many forms it takes. Our quarters were only ten weeks long and for most of my students, these were the first conversations they had ever heard, no less been a participant in, about such concepts. I was dismissed as weird and stupid. They looked at me blankly when I asked them to apply a difficult essay I had had them read (analyzing how the state gains access and control over domestic space in Latin American countries) to their own lives. They know how to talk about their own lives, why did they have to read these articles full of vocabulary they didn't know? Their complaints rang familiar in my ears. The power dynamics were different, but the anxieties were similar—I do not need your theory to tell me how to think; I think for myself.

Inevitably my students would tell me they didn't need to read Jean Franco to have this discussion. Inevitably my friends in the "real" world tell me we don't need theory, high or low, in the public sphere. Interpretation alone will not bring on the revolution. I have found, however, that some theories do

Access to the ability to read and interpret is a privilege and privilege is frequently abused.

provide individuals with ways of interpreting which help them make their lives healthier and help them understand how they fit into systems of privilege and power. For some, strategic resistance follows closely behind such an understanding.

One student, for example, analyzed her father's gun room for the writing assignment which accompanied the Franco essay. As a child, she had looked forward to spending time with her father in his special room and helping him clean the guns. When her younger brother became old enough, however, she was replaced and no longer had access to the gun room or to quality time with her father. Now at 18, I watched her re-view her feelings of



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sadness and loss, and begin to develop a feminist perspective. She was trying out words like "sexism" now; I can only hope that an understanding of patriarchal violence followed. Rather than feel that she lacked something or that her father was to blame, she saw the incident from her life in a wider context, one which allowed her to feel sad and angry and to understand that there were players beyond herself and her father at play in this family dynamic.

Viewing reality as a series of texts is an act of control and containment which is far from unproblematic. I, the reader, become the one who knows and the text becomes an other, a passive object I act on. I can become overzealous in my dexterity and ability to read and critique in increasingly obtuse ways. I can create an elite group of readers, a closed community of interpreters. Some academics do this, others do not. Access to the ability to read and interpret is a privilege and privilege is frequently abused.

However, by giving the widest number of people possible access to discourse and knowledge and ways of interpreting that the dominant culture wants to keep them from, I believe we are thinking, acting and resisting all at the same time. In future articles I'd like to explore how interpreting personal experiences within the therapy movement can lead individuals to action within the public domain and to how reading postmodern theories of ideology can lead to non-productive conflicts and inaction, but that this is not a necessary result.

Karen was a graduate student at the Ohio State University. She is currently living in Syracuse and trying to make the various pieces of her life fit in a meaningful way.

Two Good Reasons for War Tax Refusal

Local and National Activities for Tax Day 1994

Paul Frazier

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT permits people facing induction into the armed forces (as well as for people in the armed forces who have a change of conviction) to make a claim of conscientious objection. The claim states clearly and simply that one has a belief—moral, religious, or ethical—that it is wrong for him or her to participate in war in any form (a “defensive” as well as an “offensive” war). Further delineations allow one to accept working in the armed forces as a noncombatant or to claim exemption from that position as well.

This exemption is not a part of the Constitution, as is the case in many countries. Exemption from participation in war for reasons of conscientious objection is a law passed by Congress—and what the gods give the gods can take away.

The future of war tax refusal includes the possible scenario of a law allowing for conscientious objection (CO) to paying for war, similar to the law permitting CO status for participation in warfare. The logic runs straight: if a law provides exemption for not participating in war, then another law can make provision for conscientious objection to paying for warfare.

Refusing to pay war taxes this year will not bring this government to the brink

of economic collapse, but the act of conscientious objection to pay for war will push the boundary a small step further. We know, even looking quickly at issues and causes like the right of women to vote, the civil rights movement and stopping wars, that change comes from acts of conscience and the accompanying cost.

During WWI men faced the death penalty for refusing to take part in war. We have moved a long way, haven't we? The men—and women—now facing death are not the conscientious objectors of this country, but those of other countries defined as threats to the status quo by their own countrypeople: military forces trained in our own Ft. Benning at the School of the Americas (SOA) (for more info on SOA, see Jan & Feb '94 PNLs).

What better reason for not paying war taxes than to push to close the School of the Americas?

Nonpayment of war taxes this year fits well with the 40-day fast and protest going on in Washington, DC, April 11th through May 20. The fast and protest, co-sponsored by Veterans for Peace, Witness for Peace and SOA Watch, calls for Congressional lobbying efforts during the 40 days of fasting (April 11 — May 20).

Some Syracusans have committed to the fast. Others are planning a caravan to DC the first weekend of May. A terrific reason to take the family to Washington! Call the SPC for more information about the caravan.



Locally, war tax refusal and the \$5 million funding for the SOA come together on Friday, April 15, Tax Day. The Syracuse War Tax Resistance Support Committee has organized a protest:



**Friday, April 15
Noon — 2p.m.
at Columbus Circle
Protest War Taxes and the
Funding of the School of the
Americas**

These two hours make a difference in the future of the School of the Americas—and in tax refusal efforts. The risk is to believe that money—your tax money and how you choose to direct it—does indeed “talk.” The next time you go to a movie, remember tax refusal and the SOA as you reach for your wallet. Contemplate saying to the ticket giver-outer, “I want that ticket without paying.” You won't get in to that movie. And neither will the government use your tax money for terrorism if you so choose.

We hope to see you on April 15 at Columbus Circle, noon to 2 p.m. Refuse to pay for terrorism with your wages! Say “Stop the funding of the School of the Americas!”

*Paul is a Syracuse resident,
tax resister and gardener.*



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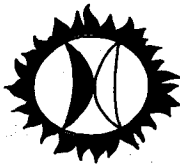
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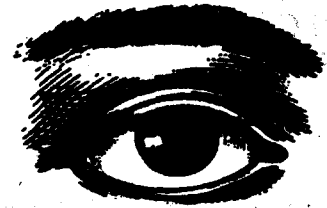
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EZLN: Shadows of New Rage



Communique from the Clandestine Indigenous Revolutionary Committee

General Command
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To the Mexican People:

To the people and governments of the world:

To the national and international press:

The Clandestine Indigenous Revolutionary Committee-General Command of the EZLN directs itself to you respectfully and with honor to say its word:

The federal government, usurper of popular will, has reverted to lying about what happened during the dialogue in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas. The evil government says that there are "agreements" when there was only dialogue. Do not allow yourselves to be taken by lies. Brothers, the powerful now usurp the truth and try to deceive us saying that peace is just a question of a signature.

How can there be peace if the causes of the war continue to cry out

due to our perpetual misery? The arrogance which resides in the governors' palaces and the homes of the wealthy businessmen and landowners continues to shout war and death for our race. They won't tolerate that indigenous blood be equal to white blood. We seek entrance into the country and they don't let us and now they pay us with contempt and mockery of our dead.

If they speak from deceit, the machetes of justice will sharpen, and our lands will smell of gunpowder once again.

We are shadows of new fury, our path will again cover the sky. It will protect with its protector cloth the dispossessed and good men and women who understand that justice and

peace can go hand and hand. If they deny us our rights, then our new fury will enter the mansions of the highlands. There will be no wall they will not jump, no door unopened, no windows unbroken, no walls left standing. The indigenous people of these lands say their word. The poor peasant will not be silenced. Let the workers in the cities shout out. Let this war song not forget the voice of teachers and students, of employees and of the small in all senses.

Don't leave this heavy flag in our hands alone. Let the actions of all raise it. Let us all change the land that embraces it. Mexican brothers, don't forget this voice from the mountains. The light which our dead bid farewell to is still very small. Let us all be submerged by light. Let us break this disgraceful night. It is time for it to awake.

Let truth speak. Let its voice speak now and walk with confident steps. We, without face or past, listen with our hearts and words. Let the voice of all speak out because they still silence our Mexican people.

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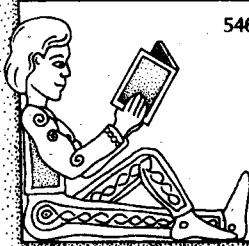
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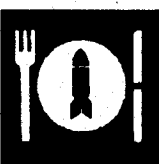
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Clinton, Lawmakers Fast to Show Concern for Hungry

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"You guys are so — is there one quiet gesture that this man can make?" she asked.

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ill said some of his colleagues fasting for an entire 72 hours; others intended to fast one day or one meal. He said some lawmakers were joining the fast but did not want to publicize their involvement by appearing with Hall and 14 others at a new conference.

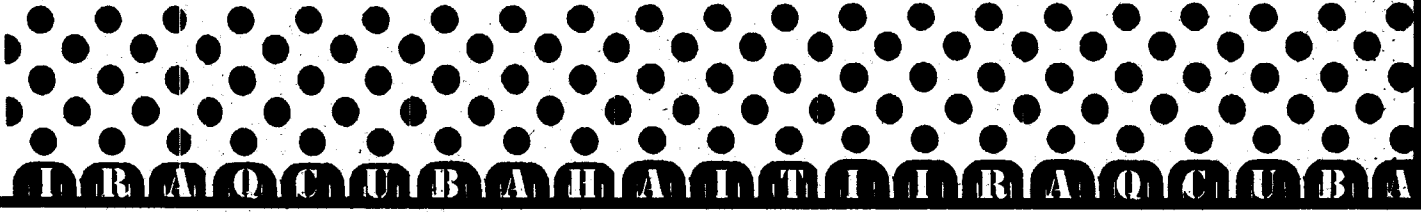
Congressman Walsh to dramatize hunger

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"If it creates some discomfort, that's what it's about — to understand the people have to deal

"I think it's a real good idea," Walsh said. "It's very consistent with my own involvement with my fellow man."
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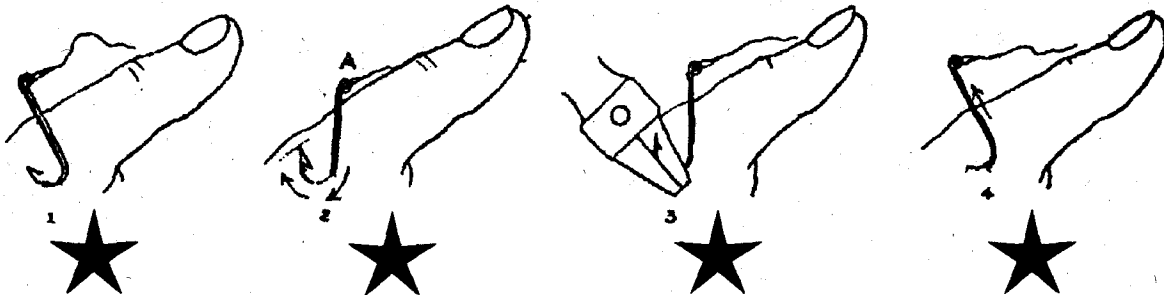
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REMOVING A TAILHOOK FROM THE FINGER



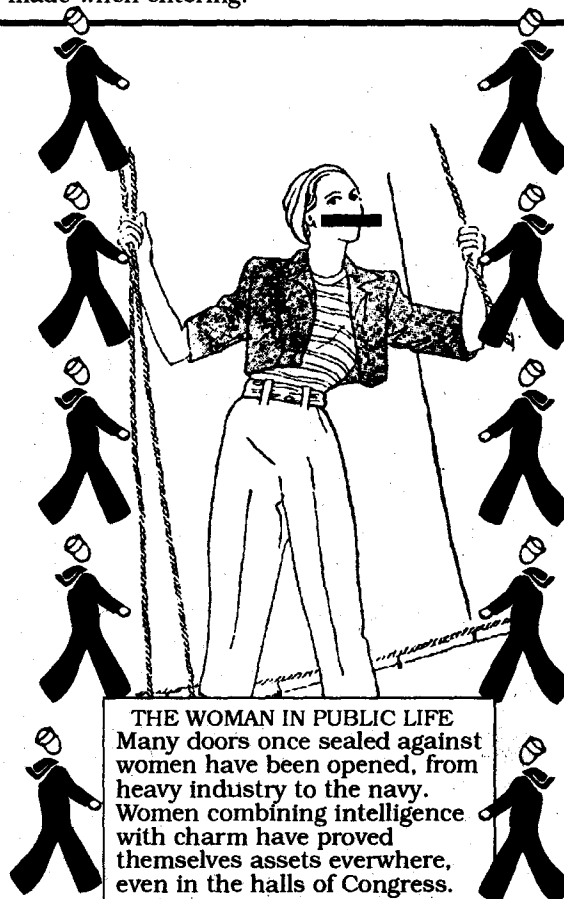
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WASHINGTON -- The Senate approved retiring Adm. Frank B. Kelso II at his current rank Tuesday, despite a show of gender solidarity by all seven women senators who opposed the Tailhook sex scandal. The women senators were given moral support by nine female members of the House, who marched into the senate chamber as the debate began. As time wore on, several male senators also spoke against the four star retirement and tension in the chamber grew.

SYRACUSE POST-STANDARD
APRIL 21, 1994

**Judge dismisses
most Tailhook victims'
claims against Navy**



THE WOMAN IN PUBLIC LIFE
Many doors once sealed against women have been opened, from heavy industry to the navy. Women combining intelligence with charm have proved themselves assets everywhere, even in the halls of Congress.

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

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In This Issue:

Welcome to issue 619 of the Peace Newsletter, a number with no significance outside of its own. A problem that is only an issue to a culture fascinated with holidays, anniversaries and special editions. Lucky for us May is Nationalist Sovereignty Month, International Nuclear Bluff With Your Neighbor Month, Syracuse Community Group Month, Resist Police Brutality Where-ever and Whenever Month, Month of Cuban Solidarity Vacations to Annoy Your Government Month, Choice For Your Life Month, Turn Over the New Leaf Month, Wave to Your Sister Community Month, Review Last Month Month and my own personal favorite, The Public & The Private are Still Political Month.

Chalk it all up to what they've done to Labor Day. Stop and smell the flowers...

The Peace Newsletter (PNL) is published monthly by the Syracuse Peace Council. SPC, founded in 1936, is the oldest community-based peace and justice organization in the United States.

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

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About the cover: An Equality of Violence by *Bill Mazza*

Nothing could tell this story as well as the real thing, so here's the rest of the articles that were buried in the dailies.

The Tailhook "incident" is just another social justification for Emma Goldman's turn of the century resistance against suffrage or any movement "asking for equality"—She was only willing to work for liberation. Emma had no interest in acceptance by the powers that were...and the powers that still are. As long as a violent system remains in place it will continue to do violence, regardless of who is at the wheel, at the helm or in the cock-pit (Like the woman who remains in the Syracuse news on a daily basis because she's proud to be the first woman to fly with the "Boys From Syracuse" During the Gulf War, "the Boys" were shown porn flicks before flying sorties to get them in the mood. Maybe an equal opportunity Air Force will have *Playgirl* in the new pilots lounge).

Anyway, Tailhook was front page news when women were getting groped, and when a willingness to investigate would make a "don't ask, don't tell" military look better, but now that the boys won, its old news. The same old news, that is...

LAS VEGAS — A federal judge dismissed most of the claims against the Navy contained in a lawsuit by five women who said they were sexually assaulted at the 1991 Tailhook convention.

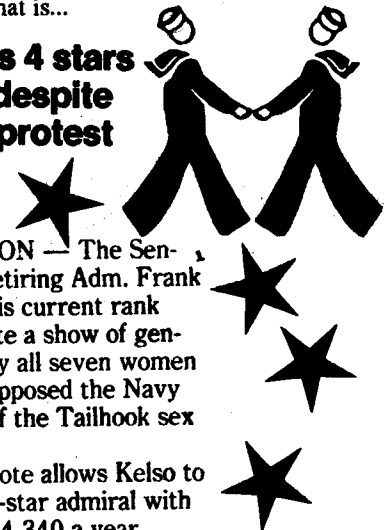
For the most part the women did not have the legal standing to sue the Navy, U.S. District Judge Philip Pro said in his ruling Tuesday. But he did not dismiss the women's claims against the Las Vegas Hilton, where the convention took place, or the Tailhook organization.

Pro also said the women could pursue their allegations that the Navy failed to protect them from being groped and fondled by drunk-on-cruise...

Senate votes 4 stars for admiral despite colleagues' protest

WASHINGTON — The Senate approved retiring Adm. Frank B. Kelso II at his current rank Tuesday, despite a show of gender solidarity by all seven women senators who opposed the Navy chief because of the Tailhook sex scandal.

The 54-43 vote allows Kelso to retire as a four-star admiral with a pension of \$84,340 a year.



LETTERS

Dear Friends,

Although I agree, basically, with the principles of war tax refusal, I would like to suggest that true war tax refusal requires something a bit more radical than refusing to pay: not having enough to pay.

Ammon Hennacy, commonly hailed as "the parent of the tax resistance movement," was fasting and picketing the IRS before any of the key peace groups (WRL, FOR, etc.) recognized the need for war tax refusal. Hennacy resisted by working as a day laborer in the Southwest, and he wrote a fine column, "Life at Hard Labor," for *the Catholic Worker* during this time.

When asked about tax payment, Jesus asks, "Whose image is on the coin?" and then explains, "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's." The truth is that any use of U.S. money toward any end supports a war economy and that lends validity to a war-making system. Any purchase supports tax payment somehow. It is incumbent on us to minimize our economic dependence and our incomes, to renounce usury (even 1% is sin, Hennacy proclaimed), savings and luxury. If we would truly resist war taxes, we should embrace voluntary poverty and live as much as possible from society's waste.

Finally, I would ask that all tax refusers

consider renouncing alcohol and tobacco and minimizing consumption of gasoline, as each of these products incur substantial federal taxes directly. Every sip, puff or mile supports U.S. militarism as directly as income taxes.

Tax refusal is good, but I truly wonder if, by having enough income that taxes are requested, refusers haven't entered a contract to pay ("Render to Caesar") the folks who issue the money. If you don't have the income ("Render to God"), I think your position is more clear.

I welcome folks' responses.

Bruce Friedrich

Through July 10:

Chowan County Jail, P.O. Box 78, Edenton, NC 27932

After July 10:

c/o Dorothy Day Catholic Worker, 503 Rock Creek Church Rd. NW, DC 20010

Bruce has been a member of the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker in Washington DC for four years. He and his co-defendants were recently convicted of doing \$28,000 damage to an F-15E warplane in the Pax-Christi Spirit of Life Plowshares action. He considers the hammering, trial and incarceration to be another form of tax resistance—literally draining the Federal coffers for peace and justice.

To the Editors,

RE: *Meeting with Congressman James Walsh on Health Care*

Brent Bleier wrote that Citizen Action has lobbied Walsh—"met with him as a committee and at a recent forum in Cortland."

I have tracked Walsh's votes and public statements, and Mr. Bleier fell into Walsh's trap: that is, meet and be stroked by Walsh in his private office, with no word to the news media about the meeting and his position on the Cooper vs. Wellstone McDermott single payer health bill.

Walsh is reluctant to have public meetings. As the Syracuse Herald-Journal recently noted, Walsh has only had five Town Meetings in Syracuse in six years (and a few more in Cortland and Auburn). The last, on February 26, was never reported on by the Post-Standard Herald or New Times. Other than a TV sound bite, the public learned nothing of Walsh's positions.

Likewise, people trying to end funding for School of the Americas met with Walsh in private. (Sadly, Walsh had already voted last October to fund the SOA!)

So, please wake up and stop meeting in private, unpublicized sessions with Walsh. If you do so, please publicize Walsh's positions.

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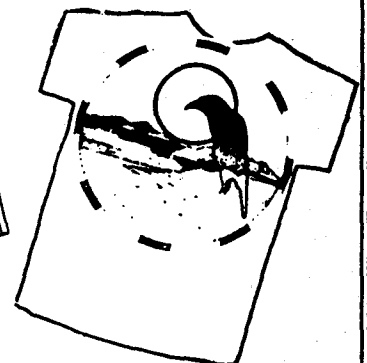
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SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL PAGE

MAY DAY!

All kinds of stuff happening in May, so I won't spend as much time paper yapping like I usually do. Look around...

Hear the Call

There is, however, a major move to update our phone/mailling list in order to have the most effective way of reaching interested folks whenever we do something in which you may be interested in...Basically, we have all this awesome technology at our disposal so we may as well put to good use. We want to short-list people according to their interests (including the multi-interested) so that when something like, say, a nuclear response-type action comes along, we'll know just who to contact on short notice. And we can do that with any multitude of issues.

So if you are on our mailing list, you are probably going to get a phone call. Please help out by answering the questions from our volunteer. We just mailed out a fund-raising letter, so don't worry about us trying to be sneaky about money or something—we just want to be as connected as we can be.

Photo Opportunity

One of the questions that won't be asked is whether or not you have any photography experience, and/or a flexible schedule. We are still mourning the loss of our friend Jurgen (who will be reading this in Germany a few days after you cause of the overseas mail thing). First, because we miss that special optimism he never failed to share, and second, because we lost a most awesome "on the scene photographer."

So if any of you SPC types own a camera and could help us out by taking photos at actions and such, please call or stop in at the house. Its a really valuable service to the Newsletter and not a half-bad way to spend your occasional afternoons, evenings, mornings, etc...

You're Choice

Some of you may be receiving the PNL in the mail for the first time. This is because the SPC is working with the Coalition For Choice (of which SPC is a member organization) by printing the CFC Newsletter within our pages (see page 13), to help keep it going. So we are doing a mass mailing with the Coalition to test the supportive waters. If you are interested in staying in touch with CFC, please subscribe to the PNL. Its only \$12/year, most of which covers the printing costs, and stay involved with CFC. They could also use a donation or two thrown their way. Check out the enclosed CFC for their address, and check out the back of the PNL for a subscription form. Read the CFC and you'll see just how necessary it is to keep this struggle alive in Syracuse and Central New York.

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the PNL in your are or find the
project that best suits you!

Help Clean Up Our Act!

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Join the Syracuse Peace Council's Annual Spring cleanup of the house and yard. Help remove storm windows, straighten the grounds and shift the winter's dust.

Join us on Saturday, May 7 for a coffee and strategy planning session at 9 AM., and cleanup will start at 10 AM. Wear old clothes, bring gloves and prepare to dig in.

Do your peace!

Saturday, May 7: coffee and planning at 9 a.m. cleanup at 10 a.m.

SPC Brunch Discussion:

"On the Economy of Incarceration" Sunday, May

Who is really paying for the war on drugs? Take a look at where your tax dollars are going as local, state and federal governments continue to increase spending on the penal system. Pot-luck (vegetarian) brunch, Sunday starting at 11:30 AM followed by discussion at 1 PM.

Question authority over coffee at SPC!

Video Night: Thursday, May 26

"Riding the Information Highway"

Choice video goodies on the modern condition. 'Nuff said.

Videos begin at 7 PM, immediately following mailing party.

Pop-corn, coffee, tea and tap-water available (*donation requested*). Feel free to bring your favorite snacks and refreshments.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

SPUNC: sisters project: underwear to cuba

elena levy

WE'RE ONCE AGAIN IN FULL GEAR. we're collecting new cotton underwear, women's, men's and children's to take with us on the june delegation to cuba.

our goal is **1,000 pairs of underpants.** in december 1993 we were able to collect 450 pairs, which elana hand delivered to the people of the isle of youth. they were much appreciated. whomever we spoke to in cuba thought the project was a wonderful idea. there's a shortage of cotton because it's too hot to grow good varieties of cotton in cuba, so

it's all imported. the rationing of underwear came to less than one pair a year per person in the last few years.

so **underwear's** the word. now. whenever you shop. you can drop them off at the peace council office, at 1030 westmoreland, or if necessary, call (315) 472-5711 and we'll arrange a special pick-up service. but don't forget your underpants!

every little bit makes a difference, materially and in terms of hope and maintaining the spirit. *la lucha continua. gracias.*

On Sovereignty

A Closer Look at the Independence of the Onondaga Nation

The scene through the video camera was nothing less than surreal. The video was without audio, but one did not need to try very hard to read the obscenities off of the lips of Earl Fish, a supporter of the business people at Onondaga Nation. The steadiness of the camera, which carefully records each episode at the blockade at Route 11 on the Nation, was surprising. Mr. Fish began walking towards Smoke Signals, a business declared illegal by the Council of Chiefs last April. Then, Mr. Fish dropped his pants and mooned the crowd. Faithkeepers, clan mothers and other traditional Onondagas dedicated to keeping the businesses closed, were subject to this act of complete disrespect.

Notes made after a visit to the blockade, April 8, 1994

Maxine Polomski

THE STRUGGLES on the Onondaga Nation between the business people and the traditional Onondagas (the government and the majority of Onondaga people living on the Nation) deal straight on with the issue of sovereignty. Sovereignty does not mean total control of the Nation by the Council of Chiefs. Sovereignty is not a word used to manipulate United States' law enforcement. Sovereignty is not achieved simply by saying that "it is so." Among the Haudenosaunee the idea of sovereignty is sacred and rooted in the power of events that occurred anywhere from 500 to 1000 years ago.

The six nations of the Haudenosaunee—the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and the Tuscarora—have gone through many periods of violence during their history. Upon the arrival of the Peacemaker on the banks of Onondaga Lake, he uprooted a white pine tree. After burying the weapons of the six warring nations, he replanted the tree. The Peacekeeper vowed that the white roots of the pine would spread peace throughout the nations.

Some years later, as the Haudenosaunee and the United States were attempting to draft a treaty with one another, clashes between Ohio Valley Indians and the United States were becoming increasingly violent. In an effort to isolate the violence, the United States negotiated the Haudenosaunee's status on the terms that they would not become involved in the problems of the Ohio Valley.

As a result, the Haudenosaunee are one of the very few, if not the only, Native American peoples not to be conquered by the United States.

The Haudenosaunee were left to live their

own lives according to traditional ways. They were to be untouched by government and any further negotiations were to be done on a government to government level.

The relationship between the United States and the Haudenosaunee was described by Joseph Heath, an attorney for the Council of Chiefs, as two boats travelling down the same river. Ray Halbritter, recognized by the United States as the leader of the Oneida people despite the protests of the Grand Council, described the United States' boat as a technologically advanced sail ship. The Haudenosaunee travelled in a canoe. According to Halbritter, members of the nation were advised to stay in one boat or the other. Attempting to keep one foot in each boat would only result in falling into the river.

The situation at the Onondaga Nation is the most direct threat to its sovereignty he has seen, according to Heath. The reason for the severity of the problem is that it is an internal one. Onondaga against Onondaga.

Support for the traditional Onondagas' determination to remain a completely sovereign nation has not been easy to find. In a recent interview, local Bureau of Indian Affairs Representative, Dean White, outlined the responsibility of the BIA to local nations.

"I only become involved [in the nation's affairs] when the chiefs ask me to," White said. "I get most of my information from what I read in the newspapers and see on television."

According to White, the primary role of the BIA is to dole out funds for roads, social services and cultural programs.

The primary role of the BIA is to keep the non-native population out of native affairs and to make sure the laws of Indian nations are observed by non-natives, according to Heath.

Currently the Council of Chiefs is attempting to have an amendment added to an Indian trader law that specifies the non-Indian traders must adhere to the national, state, and local laws of the United States as well as the laws of the Indian Nation with whom trade is being conducted. Currently this clause appears on the actual traders license but not on the law.

The amendment is having difficulty getting passed, according to White, because the BIA has not been able to trace the language on the actual license and verify its authenticity. Evidently, the license is lacking certain bureaucratic numbers that would render it valid.

The BIA need not look any further than the 1784 Treaty of Canandaigua, which requires outside organizations (such as the BIA) to prosecute businesses and individuals who do not observe the sovereignty laws of the Haudenosaunee.

The traditional Onondaga people have no intention of ending the blockade until the business owners, Ken Papineau and Oliver Hill, close their businesses forever and leave the Nation. In a recent interview with the *Post-Standard*, Chief Irving Powless said the blockade will last "Until it's over." The business owners have claimed that they should be the government. According to Heath, the latest offer by the business owners to resolve the dispute included: forgiveness of all back taxes (which hover between four and six million



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dollars), reopening of the businesses without any rules or regulations and the stipulation that the business owners only pay taxes into a account which could not be drawn from without their approval.

Smoke Signals owner Ken Papineau has said that he looks to the Oneida Nation as a community that has pulled "itself up by its bootstraps" (*Post Standard* 4/1/94). Indeed, not too long ago, the Oneida Nation was a 32-acre trailer park. Today, and everyday, Turning Stone Casino, an Enterprise of the Oneida Nation, pulls in \$275,000. \$100 million will have been accrued in its first year of operation. Despite the order by the Council of Chiefs that no gambling was permitted on the Onondaga Nation, business owners attempted to bring limited gambling to their establishments through pool tables, and on a small scale, slot machines, according to traditional Onondagas at the Nation.

The business people illustrate a devastating move away from the traditional view of sovereignty. In a recent speech before a Native American religion class at Syracuse University, Ray Halbritter declared that "economic power is the crux of sovereignty." Halbritter said that he supported the right of business owners to continue in their fight against the chiefs. The business owners were expressing the view that "sovereignty is for ourselves by ourselves," Halbritter said.

The translation of 'Oneida' into English means "People of the Standing Stone." Is it possible that the power and prestige of generating hundreds of thousands of dollars a day have caused some staunch, standing stones to turn?

No doubt there are lucrative economic opportunities on Native American nations. Those who choose to exploit and neglect the most sacred values of the culture fail to adhere to the soul of the culture and instead worship the Almighty Dollar, jeopardizing the survival of their own communities. The Haudenosaunee were never based on a democratic system, by our definition of democracy. Although many argue that democracy is the best system of government, may they be reminded that the country in which they live, the oldest surviv-



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ing 'democracy' in the world, is just a country in its infancy when compared to the over 600-year old system of traditional government preserved by the Onondagas.

Those believers in "modernization" of Native American nations need to be warned of the dangerous collision course they choose with themselves, their communities and with the United States. While casino gambling enables Native American communities to fund cultural centers, educational projects and other social services, what does the sudden influx of hundreds of thousands of dollars do to a community having no previous experience with such wealth? The United States government has a watchful eye over the massive amounts of tax-free profits generated by Native American casinos. New York State has gotten more and more anxious in recent months to cash in on the lucrative business. By selling blackjack chips, Indian Nations will find themselves slowly selling their sovereignty, and ultimately, control over the destiny of future generations.

Beyond cheap cigarettes and gasoline. Beyond casinos and blockades. Beyond money and power. Over and over again, the traditional people at Onondaga say, "We enjoy a life of simplicity and peace." Problems and confusions of

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the non-native world have no place in Native American's lives. The priority of earning hundreds of thousands of dollars a year pales in comparison to the priority of a safe, unified community, holding fast to the traditions and laws dating over 500 years ago. If these ideals are difficult for you to understand, close your business and move to Las Vegas.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE
SYRACUSE COMMUNITY RADIO
...FOR THE REST OF US

WITH THE RETURN of temperate conditions in the Salt City, SCR is looking forward to expanding awareness of our project to lots of new folks as well as taking in some great outdoor music.

We would like to announce the establishment of our offices at 914 N. Salina St. SCR will be sharing a building with another new cultural venture: Earth Circle Art Emporium. Both organizations will be announcing their grand opening events in the near future. As soon as renovations are completed, SCR will begin a 24 hour info service to keep folks informed of our progress as well as a variety of cultural events going on around town.

SCR Trustee, Frederic Noyes will be spending the summer traveling throughout Europe and Asia to continue building connections with other independent stations for exchanges of music and news when SCR gets on the dial. Frederic will visit our sister effort, Radio Vox in Moscow and find out how listeners in the Russian capital responded to our version of Syracuse radio. He will also be filing reports to be published in future editions of SCR's radio 'zine *Off The Air*. (Subscriptions at address below)

The group has been diligently hammering out our mission statement and general policy. The principles of Kwanzaa come to mind during this process; Unity, Self-determination, Creativity and Faith. We welcome suggestions from members and non-members alike.

Finally, we hope to see everyone at our benefit show with the Wallmen and special guests at club Zodiac on May 26.

Contact SCR at: Box 6365, Syracuse, NY 13217-6365 or call 475-3933.

Will There Be War in Korea?

On the Potential and Profit of the Politics of Bluff

David Easter

THE NEWS MEDIA have been full of stories about growing military tension in Korea. The U.S. is beefing up its war-fighting potential and threatening a devastating economic boycott against North Korea, unless North Korea proves it is not producing nuclear weapons. North Korea says that if the U.S. persists with threats and pressure, war will follow.

In fact neither the United States nor North Korea wants war. But, history provides many instances where military bluff and counter bluff, pushed along by fear and miscalculation, has led to disaster.

Why is Washington playing this dangerous game in North Korea? The U.S. did not threaten an economic boycott or military sanctions against Israel, South Africa or Pakistan when they developed nuclear weapons.

In February the New York Times quoted the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Lieut. Gen. James R. Clapper as saying, "North Korea will be the critical, major military threat for the next few years." Unless the Defense Intelligence Agency believes that the U.S. has

no real military enemies, this is a ridiculous statement. North Korea is a small, distant country with a minuscule defense budget compared to that of the United States. North Korea can no longer count on its allies in the former Soviet Union or China. It is militarily isolated.

The Pentagon needs the North Korean threat to sell the Defense Budget. In 1991, then chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Colin Powell, asserted, "I'm running out of demons. I'm running out of villains...I'm down to Castro and Kim Il Sung", the president of North Korea. When the Pentagon brass testify before Congressional committees, requesting the billions and billions of dollars it takes for the Navy in the Pacific and nearly 80,000 troops in Japan and South Korea, the only enemy they point to is North Korea.

If North Korea has weapons of mass destruction—nuclear, chemical or biological—its threatening status as an enemy becomes somewhat more believable. This is why we are going to hear about the North Korean nuclear threat for some years to come. Unless the Clinton administration takes steps to reach a comprehensive peace settlement on the Korean peninsula and sensibly scales back its military forces in the Pacific, the North Korean nuclear threat is necessary to justify our defense budget.

But does North Korea have nuclear weapons? We won't know and no U.S. agency claims to know. The Pentagon says that it is probable that North Korea has diverted nuclear materials from its small nuclear program and has produced one or two bombs. The State Department, looking at the same information, says that it is unlikely that North Korea has built nuclear weapons yet.

Pyongyang is adamant that it has no nuclear weapons. But certainly, for North Korea to pull out of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and to stall and limit inspections of its nuclear facilities makes it look as though they have something to hide. North Korean leaders may have decided that nuclear weapons are necessary to strengthen a military severely outgunned by the U.S. and South Korea. After all, it has had U.S. nuclear weap-

ons targeted against it for forty years. It may have finally decided to follow the U.S. example.

One thing is sure: Kim Il Sung is using North Korea's nuclear program, whether "peaceful" or not, as a bargaining chip. For decades Pyongyang maintained its independence by playing China and U.S.S.R. against each other, first leaning toward one for aid and help and then toward the other. Now that this policy is no longer possible, North Korea has

North Korea has its own reasons to keep the nuclear issue alive

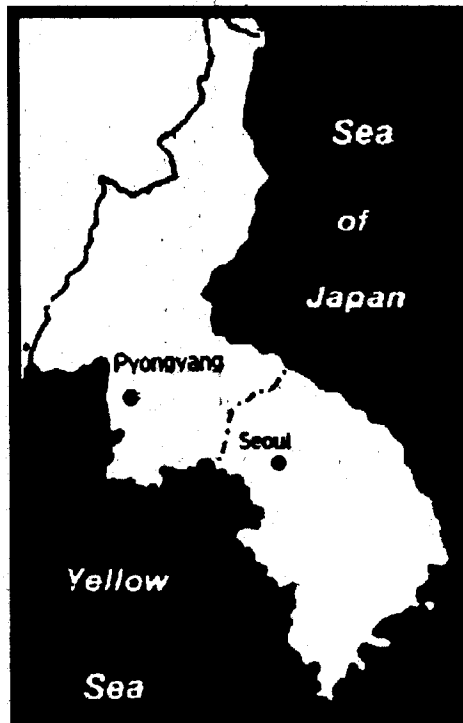
been trying, for several years, to cultivate improved and normal relations with the U.S. and Japan. It is modifying its planned socialist economy, creating free trade zones

and inviting investment from Japan and the United States. It has made very slow progress toward normalized relations, for both Tokyo and Washington seem to prefer the status quo—a divided Korea and economically vulnerable North Korea.

Pyongyang only began to make progress when it yanked the U.S. bell by pulling out of the non-proliferation treaty. Since then the Clinton administration has followed a dual and contradictory policy: first, military belligerency and second, entering into serious negotiations with North Korea for the first time, toward the normalization of relations.

Although North Korean leaders are said to be "irrational," Pyongyang has followed a very consistent and steady foreign policy aimed at maintaining national independence. It uses very hard line rhetoric. It takes negotiations to the brink. But it patiently pushes ahead toward its foreign policy goals. At the moment the focus is to avoid being swallowed by South Korea and to move toward a confederated style of Korean reunification that will allow the economic and political system in the North to be maintained and to be changed only in a gradual way.

The outline for future negotiations that North Korea has gained from the U.S. during recent talks includes a staged process whereby, if North Korea allows step by step, increasingly full inspections of nuclear sites, the U.S. will move, step by step, toward improved economic and political relations and a lowering of military tensions.





You Can't Buy Truth and Justice

Jesse Davis Trial Update

Nancy Rhodes

Viewed from this perspective, North Korea has its own reasons to keep the nuclear issue alive. If it agrees to U.S. demands too quickly, it loses its bargaining leverage. It will want to make sure that relations with the U.S. will genuinely improve before it gives in to U.S. demands.

Of course there is also the matter of trust. It isn't only the U.S. that has reason to distrust its adversary. North Korea keeps finding the ground shifting. When it agrees to inspections, the International Atomic Energy Agency, which, although a UN agency, works very closely with Washington, calls for even wider inspections. If, in fact, North Korea has no nuclear weapons, there may be no way to prove it. North Korean officials may fear there will always be calls for more inspections. No matter what they do, there will be those in the United States who will work to insure that North Korea remains an enemy state.

U.S. allies in Asia are not in accord with the stick part of Washington's carrot and stick approach toward North Korea. Japan and China have been urging the Clinton administration to follow the path of steady negotiations rather than that of military threat. They don't want to see things get out of hand.

South Korea on the whole, has been urging patience. South Korean leaders, whose intelligence agencies are obsessed with the potential North Korean threat, state that North Korea has not developed the nuclear bomb. South Korea knows that it has outspent North Korea two-to-one on its military for the past twenty years and feels it has the military upper hand.

South Korea did agree to accept a shipment of Patriot missiles from the U.S. With nearly 40,000 U.S. troops on its soil, it may not have felt it had much choice. After the Gulf War, Seoul considered buying Patriot missiles to augment its military, but after examination, concluded that they don't work. The shipment of missiles is a political, not a military, gesture. The gesture may be aimed more toward the American public than the North Koreans as a means of building support for defense spending.

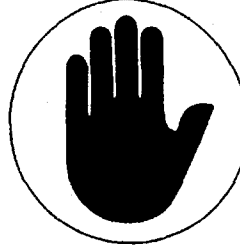
What should those of us who are genuinely concerned about

ON APRIL 14, Utica's Pax Christi met to consider how to support Jessie Davis' sister, Louise Thornton, when her lawsuit against Albany police opens in Utica on June 20. Utica civil rights attorney Stephen Lockwood has agreed to provide office space for Thornton's attorney, Lew Oliver. Pax Christi hopes to provide lodging for Thornton and Oliver during the trial, inform the Utica community of this case and try to generate a presence for the courtroom. As we go to press, efforts are underway to work with others in Utica, including the paper, *Corn Hill Speaks*, and other churches and activists.

Readers will remember we Syracusans got involved in the Davis lawsuit last June at the request of Alice Green of Albany's Center for Law & Justice. On July 8, 1984, Albany

police shot and killed African-American psychiatric client Jessie Davis after bursting into his apartment. Both an Albany police inquiry and Grand Jury investigation cleared the officers, but then Thornton enlisted Oliver for a civil suit. Six years' worth of delays later, the trial was moved to Syracuse. Many saw this as a further tactic to exhaust the resources and endurance of Thornton. But when support here made it plain she would not be forced to quit and that the case would really go to trial, Albany's new mayor offered an out-of-court settlement for \$350,000. Turning it down, Thornton remarked, "You can't buy truth and justice." At this, the judge moved the trial once again, this time to Utica.

Last spring, Alice Green noted this case would be a chance for upstate communities to network and support one another. In coming together about the Jessie Davis trial, Utica citizens said they, too, have difficulties with police. *To participate in this continuing effort, in Syracuse call Nancy Rhodes at 474-6603 or in Utica, Jane Domigue at 732-3581.*



peace and an end to nuclear proliferation do? In 1991 North Korea and South Korea reached historic agreements that included a non-aggression pact, the creation of a nuclear-free zone in all of Korea, economic cooperation, the reunion of divided families and a staged plan to achieve Korean reunification. These agreements have not been fully implemented. In part, this failure is because of a fifty year

history of hostility and mistrust, but also because the United States urged South Korea to go slow with implementation negotiations. We need to urge Washington to full-heartedly back the agreements that have already been reached.

We need to support the negotiations side of the Clinton administration's stance toward North Korea and oppose further U.S. military buildup in Korea. If North Korea does have a nuclear weapons development program, the U.S. military threat and bluster is a very good way to convince them to try to proceed. We also need to go further and press Washington to withdraw all of our troops from Korea. Until they go, every few months, as the Pentagon budget winds its way through Congress, we will hear about the threat of war in Korea.

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Reflections On Cuba

My Recent Trip to Havana, March 27-April 3, 1994

Joan Goldberg

I WENT TO CUBA mainly out of curiosity. What was life in a "communist dictatorship" really like? Having already been to Nicaragua and Guatemala I knew enough not to believe what my government was telling me, and I wanted to experience it for myself. Was it really possible to do on my own? I heard that one could fly directly to Havana from Canada for about \$350. I also knew that there were certain travel restrictions. Cuba is the only country to which US citizens cannot freely travel (or, at least, where they are not allowed to spend any money). Two of the exceptions are traveling for news-gathering or research purposes. I must admit there was something exciting about the forbidden nature of it all.

Anyway, I got the necessary documentation—a letter from a university professor authorizing me to do research in my field, the form on which to indicate the purpose of my trip and my passport for identification purposes (it is not stamped by Cuban authorities). Since most people go on delegations of some sort, and I didn't know anyone who had gone on his/her own, it was not easy for me to get information on what documentation was needed, how easy this was going to be to do and what would happen at the border coming back into the United States. I was not prepared

to challenge the travel ban. I wanted to do it legally (whatever that means). Anyway, after much anxiety and many long distance phone calls, when we were secure in the knowledge that we had an elaborate telephone tree in place here should any problems arise (thanks to Hank Strunk), a friend and I made our reservations.

We drove to Toronto. No problems. Canadians don't care; they go to Cuba as easily as we go to Jamaica, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico. I was envious at how easy it was for them. They treated it openly, naturally, casually. It was just another trip, another place.

On the plane I talked with a Canadian businessman who was trying to help the Cubans develop plants to process chicken. He has been there 12 times in 19 months trying to get this project in place. It was a very different experience for him than in China where the deal was consummated in 15 minutes. He talked about all the foreign investing going on in Cuba now—so much by Spain that they say that Spain is "reconquering" Cuba.

In the past year and a half this businessman has seen some changes. He said the people have become more aggressive, but that the street are safe. That there are virtually no drugs because of harsh penalties. He also

talked about what hard workers people are. But because of the transportation problem (lack of gasoline and spare parts because of the US blockade), sometimes the bus doesn't come so they can't get to work. And he said to me, "You'll be surprised. The things you hear aren't true."

The Cold War is over, yet our government continues to demonize Castro, and impose illegal, immoral and inhumane restrictions on the Cuban people (and on us).

With the collapse of the Soviet Union and the subsequent tightening of the US blockade, Cuba has needed to make major economic adjustments. This time in Cuba's history is referred to as the Special Period,

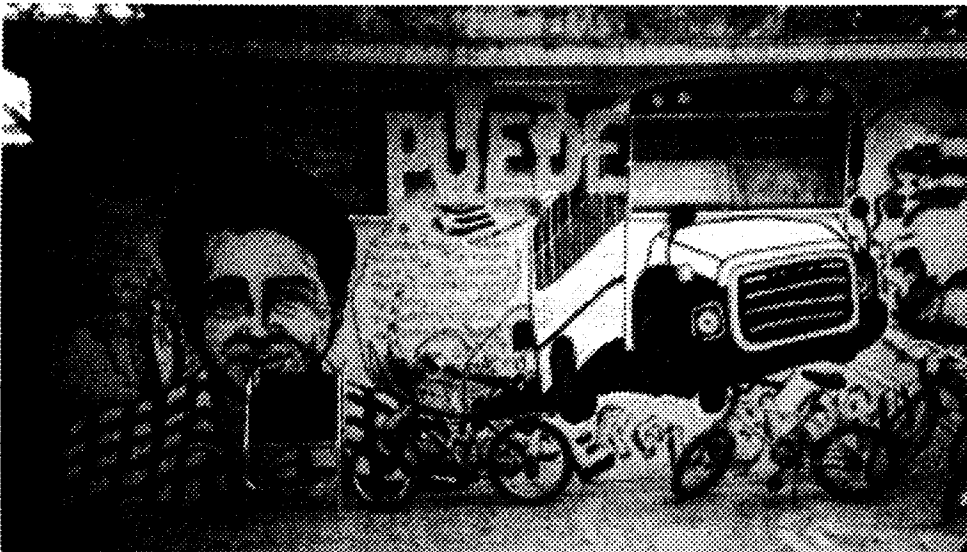
a time in which a wartime economy exists although there is no war. It is a difficult, uncomfortable time for people, but one does not get the feeling that they have given up. There are many scarcities: paper, medicines (asthma medicine, insulin, antibiotics), pencils and school supplies, sanitary napkins. There are also restrictions on services to limit the use of electricity. We were unable to see public video showing of "Farewell My Concubine" because there was no power.

Food is rationed. People receive certain allotments. Cooking oil and gasoline are especially scarce. One week you get four eggs, another week maybe ten. You never know in advance; it depends on what's available. Many people told us that the rations don't last for a month and so people have to rely on the black market.

People wait in long lines at stores to secure their ration of food and at bus stops for a bus that may be three hours late or never come at all. Making a telephone call can be difficult; it is often hard to make connections. And there is no such thing as a telephone directory. It is practically impossible to find out what events are going on since there are so few newspapers and magazines.

People receive lunch at their workplace, but some days now there is no lunch. A North American friend living and teaching English in Havana told us that the elevator operator in her building, and also her students, had to go without lunch one day because of the food shortages.

In Old Havana we were constantly stopped and asked for money or something—



Pastors For Peace mural at the Martin Luther King Center in Havana, Cuba, April 1994. Photo by Joan Goldberg

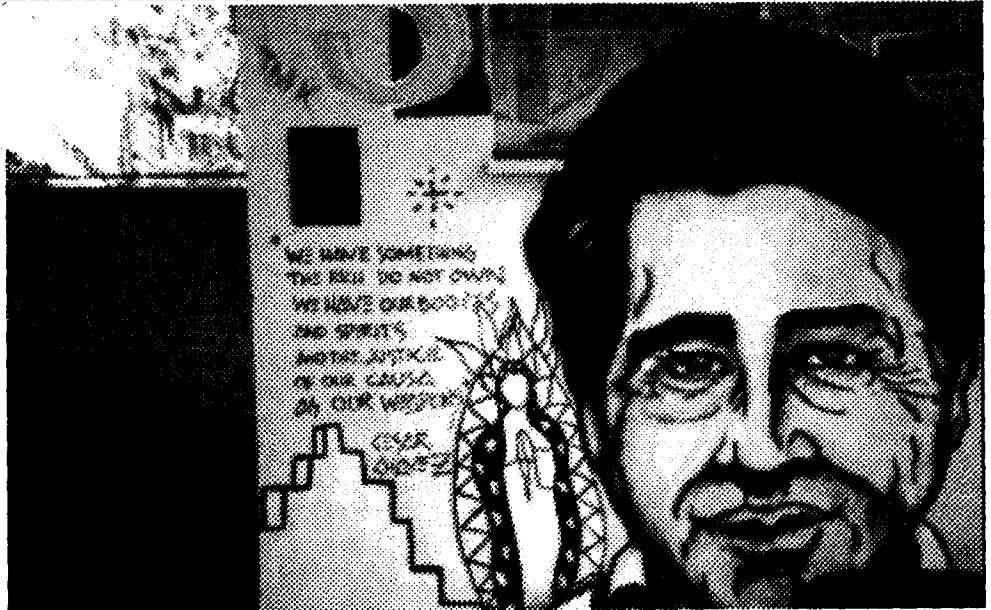


even the pen in my friend's shirt pocket. Then there were people wanting to sell us something—pesos, cigars, a drug to lower cholesterol. A man walked along with us, and as we talked about life in Cuba and Pastors for Peace suddenly he was asking for money to buy soap for his baby. School children asked for pencils for school.

We were told that often these items would then be sold on the black market. We were advised by a number of people not to give things away on the street but to an agency for distribution; giving directly to people and supporting the black market takes away from what the country is trying to accomplish. People are making a living however they can. They are not starving. The goal is to make sure that everyone has something. Cubans are very proud of the fact that education (including books, materials, etc.) and health care are free. Rent is ten percent of one's salary.

From our hotel it was possible to walk to most of the places we wanted to visit. Tourist taxis—paid for in dollars—were plentiful but not cheap. We felt quite safe walking at night even though there are frequent blackouts (at different times of day in different areas of the city) and streets are not well lit, in fact some are often totally dark. We were told that there was not much crime but that because of the economic situation and the increasing desperation of the people, purse snatching and bicycle thefts had increased. Even when people hassled us on the street, they didn't persist, and there was certainly no threat of violence.

Before I left, one of my Syracuse colleagues cynically commented that "they" would show me just what "they" wanted me to see. Contrary to her impression, we were totally free to go wherever we wanted—free to photograph, to videotape. This was Cuba?! Because of the difficulties involved in setting up meetings ahead of time, we often just wandered in without an appointment (to a nursing home, The Federation of Cuban Women, the Public Health Education Office, The Center for the Third Age, the Jewish Community House of Cuba). Yet everyone was very welcoming and took the time to meet with us, talk with us, show us around. Nowhere did we experience feelings or signs of



"We have something the rich do not own, we have our bodies and spirits and the justice of our cause as our weapons" Cesar Chavez, Detail of Pastors for Peace mural at the Martin Luther King Center, Havana, Cuba, April 1994

repression or oppression (as I did in Guatemala in 1990).

We talked to people everywhere—in parks, on the street, in our hotel lobby. They were warm, friendly and responsive and very open to talking with us. They were eager to send messages to the American people, letters to their families in the States.

They wanted to know our impressions of Cuba and our motivation for coming, and they would beam proudly when we said that we liked their country, that it was beautiful. Many were surprised when we said we were from the United States. They don't meet many US citizens. The tourists are mostly Europeans, Mexicans, Latin Americans, Canadians. They were interested in what people in the United

They want the American people to know the truth

States thought about Cuba. We were sad to have to tell them that most people know very little or believe the lies that the US government tell. But they all are aware of Pastors for Peace and Charles Rangel and are encouraged by their efforts.

When I told the Cuban people I met that I was there to see the reality for myself and to go home and tell the people in my country about my experiences, they would smile and nod and once a group even applauded. They want the American people to know the truth. Most people we spoke with were very proud of their country, their culture, their history, their revolution. And while I could not help feeling guilty for the suffering that my government was bringing to these people, they bore no enmity toward me for the actions of my gov-

ernment. They clearly were able to make the separation.

Certainly it was impossible to find out everything I wanted to know, see everything I wanted to see, do everything I wanted to do in one week. But what was confirmed for me and what challenges all the myths and propaganda that are perpetuated by our government, is that it is possible to go to Cuba without any hassle, it is a free and open society (especially considering the present special circumstances) and one is perfectly free to do and see what one wants. And experiencing just a little of the reality that is Cuba with all its complexities and contradictions has strengthened my commitment to all those I met there (Pedroso, Rita, Ernesto, Jose, Michael, Andrea, Roberto, Ethel and all whose names I don't know or don't remember) to bring back their messages.

Here's how you can get involved:

- 1) Join the growing number of CNYers who have recently traveled to Cuba. Make the trip and see for yourself. The Cuba Information Project sponsors a variety of delegations including delegations for lesbians and gay men. 212-227-3422. (See page 14 for information on a multi-ethnic student delegation being organized with MESCLAS for June.)
- 2) Let President Clinton know you want the blockade to end and the freedom to travel to Cuba.
- 3) Save May 14 for a Si Por Cuba event, 8 PM, Plymouth Congregational Church for Reflections on Cuba, videos, slides, live music, poetry, desserts and much more! Bring donations of humanitarian aid. (See enclosed flyer)



Joan is an adult education consultant and a local activist with the Central America Caribbean Coalition.

The National Guard Goes to Guatemala

The U.S. Takes its Training South of the Border

Ann Peters and Tom Joyce

THE MISUSE OF the New York National Guard should again be an issue for up-state New Yorkers. For the second year, over 4,500 National Guard units from eight Northeastern States will be undergoing active training in Guatemala in two weeks shifts over a six month period. The Guatemalan military forces are generally considered to be the worst violators of human rights in the hemisphere, even worse than the military of Haiti and Peru. While many units are engaged in construction, armed units will include those from New York State. Other NG units will be sent to neighboring El Salvador, where continuing death squad style assassinations threaten the negotiated peace.

The National Guard units were originally designed as state militias controlled by the governors with only a strictly reserve capacity in the national Armed Forces. However, beginning with the mobilization for WWI, the War Department/Defense Department has occasionally taken control of the National Guard. Since the end of the military draft in 1973 the National Guard has become totally integrated with active forces. Now there are over 400,000 people in the Army National Guard and over 100,000 in the Air National Guard, making the latter the world's largest air force.

The New York National Guard has been training out of state since the 1960s, and units participated in the 1983 Grenada invasion and

the 1986 air raid on Libya. Since 1984, Guard units have also been sent to Honduras, frequently in not-so-covert support of the Contra War and the militarization of Central America. While Honduras appeared to be transformed into one giant military operation, people in the United States organized to protest National Guard (and regular military) operations in Central America and other conflict areas. Citizen actions included lobbying, demonstrations and civil disobedience.

Although US governors have frequently fought for control of the Guard, Congress passed the Montgomery Amendment which officially took out-of-country deployment decisions away from the states. Governor Cuomo issued conflicting opinions at the time, and there are continuing differences of opinion at all levels of government on the appropriate use of the National Guard.

US National Guard troops are presently in Guatemala to participate in so-called "community development" projects together with Guatemalan military units. They will be leaving twelve Blackhawk helicopters, along with over 300 pieces of heavy construction equipment that can be used in road building and similar projects in Guatemala. At first glance this may look like a relatively harmless series of exercises, in the tradition of the US Army Corps of Engineers. The Pentagon cites a need for "constructive engagement" with the Guatemalan Military and argues that US training and joint exercises provide a democratic influence on Latin American military institutions known for political intervention in domestic affairs and violent action against their own citizens.

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Previous US military engagement in Guatemala and elsewhere in the region has not resulted in improved conditions for democracy. After the US sponsored military coup in Guatemala in

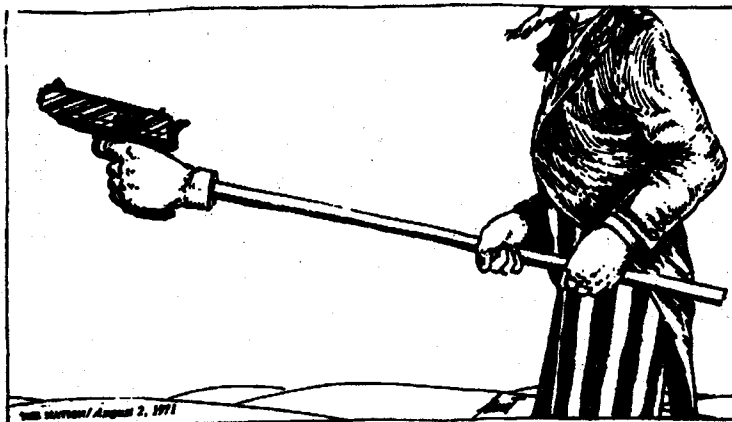
1954, the US went on to supply substantial amounts of military training and other forms of support for the Guatemalan armed forces. US "Green Beret" Special Forces units were trained in Guatemala in techniques to be used in the rainforests of Viet Nam. The Guatemalan military had close contact with concepts implemented by the US in Viet Nam, such as that of military controlled "strategic hamlets" imposed on civilian communities in areas of conflict. In the period of the "Alliance for

Progress" in 1960s, US officials promoted a carrot-and-stick approach, combining violent action against "subversive" community leaders with government- and military-sponsored community development programs throughout Latin America.

Social and economic conditions for the majority of Guatemalans have continued to be extremely harsh. Any protest has been met with violence at the hands of the armed forces. The concept of "disappearing" an assassinated person was first developed in Guatemala, as a form of psychological torture. The "scorched earth" campaign directed at farming cooperatives and indigenous Maya communities in the early 1980s produced thousands of refugees who fled to Mexico or tried to hide in swelling shantytowns around the larger towns and cities.

Under General Rios Montt in the early 1980s, massacre survivors were organized into "Model Villages" (or "Development Poles") under army supervision. They were promised roads and schools. In return for food, Model Village residents were expected to participate in paramilitary patrols and work gangs. Soon this system was systematized throughout the Maya highlands where all "adult men" are expected to serve in "Voluntary Civil Defense Patrols" one day each week without pay and to report on any "subversives" in their community for the army.

Guatemala returned to civilian government in 1985 but can still be considered a militarized society. Although assassinations continue, a variety of citizens' groups have arisen to call for respect for human rights and a decent standard of living.



Big Gangsters Doing Their Act on the Road

Voluntary Violence cont'd on page 19

The Choice is Clear: Reclaiming Activism

PLANNED PARENTHOOD of Syracuse experienced a traumatic attack aimed at women seeking medical care and to the health care workers who provide it. A woman, posing as a patient, poured butyric acid onto the floor and down a vent of the clinic restroom and ran out the back door. Within the last two years, this tactic has been used to disrupt offices where abortions take place. Butyric acid has an overpowering, long-lasting stench of rancid vomit and penetrates the porous materials in a building. Planned Parenthood did not interrupt services as staff worked around the disruption of the clean up crew and endured the noxious fumes. PPCS hasn't experienced this kind of attack since a series of arson attempts in 1990. The Syracuse Police were slow to respond to the initial 911 call which may be related to a new administration. Mayor Roy Bernardi (R) is anti-choice and a member of a congregation with a pastor who is the leader of the local Operation Rescue.

If Roe V. Wade is not in imminent danger of reversal, efforts to deny women access to abortion and other reproductive health care services continues. Active on the state and local levels, anti-choice activists are working to create every kind of obstacle to reproductive health care services for women. Speaking on the Council of Bishops at a recent panel on "Religion and Politics" at Le Moyne College, an assistant professor of political science discussed the wide capacity of the Catholic Church to work on the National, State, or local level. "[The Catholic Church] is, in short, a remarkable entity."

The agenda of the Catholic Bishops is to restrict Medicaid funding for abortions, mandate spousal consent, mandate parental consent for minors and place a 24-hour waiting period on women seeking an abortion. These abortion laws are being created on the state level and target the most vulnerable women in our society—young women, women who may be victims of domestic violence, rural women and women with limited financial resources. For example, a new bill has been introduced in Albany which would restrict Medicaid Funding for Abortion (S.7153) except in cases of rape, incest or life endangerment. We need to watch that New York does not follow Pennsylvania and implement abortion laws that restrict women's access to basic health care.

Recent anti-choice activity has focused

on opposing a health care package that covers abortion. Unless the prochoice community moves quickly to demonstrate support for health reform that guarantees the inclusion of all reproductive health services including abortion, Congress will give in to the opposition. The Christian Coalition has launched a \$1.4 million campaign through advertising, and the Catholic Church is distributing postcards at Sunday mass to urge Congress to reject abortion because it is "not health care." They oppose the inclusion of other services as well. Speaking on mental health and substance abuse programs, The Christian Coalition asserts, "Church-going families are less prone to use these programs."

A National Women's Reproductive Health Call-In Day is scheduled for May 18. It is a day to call your congressperson and Senators and let them know that health care is not universal if it does not include family planning, contraceptive services, pre-natal care, sex education and abortion services for all women.


In Albany, Family Planning Advocates have been pushing for a \$4.5 million increase in funding for family planning clinics in the State budget. The Child Health-Plus Program is under negotiation. It would provide subsidized health insurance to low-income children, including teens. The Catholic Conference has opposed covering health care for teens because it might include contraceptive and abortion services. The School Health Clinics Bill (A. 6538) passed the Assembly but is facing opposition in the Senate. Again, the Catholic Conference has a moral objection. Reproductive health is an integral part of primary care for adolescents. We need to meet the real needs of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV in New York State schools.

Two current bills discuss ways in which to curb HIV in newborns. Assemblywoman Nettie Mayersohn from Queens introduced a bill (A.6747) which requires mandatory testing for all newborns. This legislation would ensure that newborns receive health care if tested positive, but because newborns are born with their mother's antibodies, a mother's HIV status is also revealed. This bill would go against the New York State law of confidentiality in HIV testing and place a pregnant woman in danger of discrimination. A new bill proposed by Senate Health Committee Chair, Michael Tully (R-Nassau), seems to be a bet-

ter approach to the issue. It would help reduce HIV transmission to newborns by treating infected women with the AIDS drug AZT during pregnancy. The bill would encourage pregnant women to have a confidential, voluntary test and receive HIV counseling and information or begin AZT therapy, if needed.

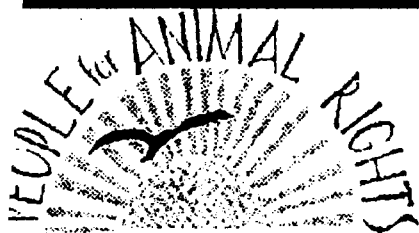
Members from the Coalition For Choice met with representatives from NYS-NARAL to network on the current issues facing pro-choice advocates. In response to the DeMoss Ads (see Coalition article in March *PNL*) which have been aired on networks nationwide, NYS-NARAL produced a Public Service Announcement. The New York City advertising firm, Mad Dogs and Englishmen, agreed to donate their services to the project. NYS-NARAL has also led a letter-writing campaign to major broadcasting networks protesting the De Moss Ads and congratulating networks such as NBC-TV who have rejected the Ads. Please write letters to local networks who agree to air ads that treat reproductive decisions like perfume, but continue to refuse paid advertising for condoms. The danger of the Demoss Ads is that they are geared towards teens whose view of parenting may already be idealized and are unable to take on its life-changing responsibility.

The traditional crusade has utilized the word "empowered" quite well. The Coalition For Choice needs to reclaim grassroots activism. We cannot afford Clinton complacency. At this time, the Coalition For Choice needs to come together. We need to activate on the state and local levels and to monitor and expose the political agenda of the Religious Right. Please let the Coalition know that we still have your support and write to the address below with your membership donation. As a part of the Peace Newsletter, The Coalition For Choice has the opportunity to update a wide community on the issues of choice. If the voices for women's health care are not loud and numerous, other legislative priorities will prevail. For specific information on the current legislative agenda, contact Lauren Wing at Planned Parenthood, 475-5540. As exemplified by the recent chemical attack on Planned Parenthood, we need to continue to advocate for a woman's right to comprehensive reproductive health care without intimidation, harassment or legislative obstacles.

Coalition For Choice, 

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Animal Research Is A Health Care Crisis

People for Animal Rights (PAR) joins the Clinton administration in advocating for a change in the U.S. Health System. We advocate that vivisection—the use of live animals in research—must be considered in developing new policy. Vivisection retards true medical progress wasting billions of dollars, delaying true preventive or curative treatment and causing untold cruelty to innocent animals.

In animal experiments, live beings are burned, blinded, suffocated, shocked, poisoned, crushed, made to consume alcohol and forced to endure other agony. A great share of these procedures are trivial, redundant and unnecessary. Vivisection has become conditioned to thinking of animals as “tools,” ignoring the pain their methods inflict.

Scientists in many countries have condemned lethal dose toxicity tests with animals for the brutality and irrelevance to the human condition. The development and validation of non-animal methods have become bogged down in the politics of corporate inertia, product liability fears and expense. We must continue to pressure companies and the government to explore and adopt methods that are humane and scientifically relevant. Preventive medicine must be advocated.

If animal experimentation continues, medical progress will remain retarded. The results of these experiments can never be reliably extrapolated to humans. The nature of human diseases such as cancer is a complex process which involves psychological, environmental and genetic factors. Yet scientists continue to artificially induce these diseases in animals, resulting in intense pain and suffering to the “models,” as they are termed by scientists. Had penicillin (which was not developed with animal “models”) been tested on guinea pigs, it would not be in use today because it is highly toxic to the guinea pig, just as aspirin is toxic to cats.

People for Animal Rights demonstrated at Bristol Myers in Syracuse on April 30. We united with others across the country in World Liberation for Animals in Laboratories Week. For more information about vivisection, call



Peace Action CNY (formerly SANE/FREEZE) continues work on three major priorities:

1. Cutting military spending to fund human needs
2. Achieving a comprehensive ban on nuclear testing.
3. Ending the global arms trade.

Our most recent “Reinvest in Syracuse” report shows the detrimental effects of the military obsession on the Syracuse economy and illustrates what could be done by redirecting funds. We also have recently completed a slide show on this topic which is available to community groups. Working together we can raise the volume to protest twisted national priorities.

We are co-ordinating our efforts on the Comprehensive Test Ban through the recently established CTB Clearinghouse which is co-sponsored by Peace Action, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Plutonium Challenge and Greenpeace. It is extremely important to activate the public to call for the negotiations in the Committee on Disarmament to be completed by September 7, 1994, in order to put us in a credible position to work for the Non-proliferation Treaty in 1995.

Our arms trade goal is to achieve passage of an Arms Trade Code of Conduct, (HR 3538; S 1677) as a small first step towards delegitimizing the merchants of death. Our May 3 meeting at May Memorial will provide information and action of this topic.

Don't miss the opportunity to support our work and have a unique musical evening at the same time: Welcome Tony Trischka back to his home town on May 21 at May Memorial in a special concert to benefit Peace Action. Meet your friends early—7 PM—for a scrumptious variety of home-baked desserts before the 8 PM concert.

Trischka is known both as “One of the best banjo players on the bluegrass scene today” (Bluegrass Canada) and “One of the most inventive banjoists alive” (Billboard). He will play a solo concert with two sets, concluding with a “Down City Rambles Reunion” with Tom Hosmer, John Cadley; band members from his Syracuse University days, and friend John Rossbach.

See the enclosed flyer for more information on the concert, and call for details on any

MESCLAS

multi-ethnic student delegation to cuba

Break Two Blockades at Once!

Travel to Cuba with MESCLAS: the multi-ethnic student delegation to cuba. we'll be in cuba 3rd june till 13th of june. come on down with us. a group of 18 to 29 year olds are traveling together, mainly from central new york. elana levy, who has visited cuba three times in the last year and a half, will be leading the delegation.

besides our stay in havana, we'll be visiting santa clara for a couple of days, and we're flying to the Isle of Youth. that's where the cuban government has established schools for young people from the third world. we'll be meeting with students from angola and/or mozambique who are studying there. we'll be staying in a guest house on the beach!

in Santa Clara we have been invited by the director of a avant-garde night club there, el mejunje, to be his special guests. we will also visit a family doctor, a day care center and the university center located there.

our days in havana will be filled with meetings with young members of the cuban national assembly (their congress); visiting the national center for sexual education to discuss the cuban aids policy; visiting cuba nueve, an innovative and environmentally conscious factory which makes paper from the by-product of sugarcane; a once very poor neighborhood where there are many construction projects organized primarily by the women in the community, etc and so forth.

we'll be busy, but we'll also have time to walk around to meet and talk and party.

so join us. the cost from the time we leave miami airport early on june third till we arrive back in miami airport on the thirteenth of june is about one thousand dollars. that includes our flight to and from havana, our hotel, meals, transportation, guides, etc.

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The New Leaf



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◆ General Membership Meeting

Next general membership meeting is on:

Sunday May 15th at ECOH,
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A pot-luck dinner begins at 5, meeting to follow from 6 till 8.

If you would like to submit an agenda item please call Sue or any staff members at the Co-op.

◆ Changes at the Newleaf

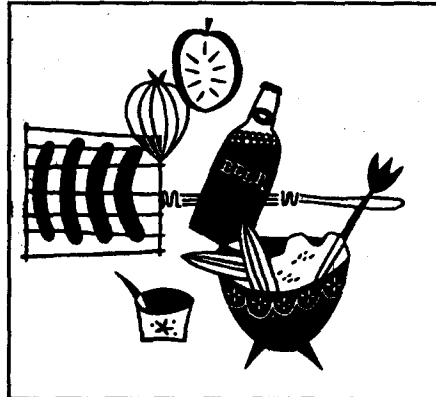
We are sorry to announce that Steve Shure has stepped down as the editor of the Newleaf. All is not lost though; the position has been filled by the dynamic team of Kathy Barry and Brian Caufield. Brian has been a Coop member since 1981 and brings his experience at desk-top publishing to this position. Kathy, a member since 1984, brings her experience in Graphics.

Our goal is to make the Newleaf an independently distributed, monthly newsletter with its production costs covered by advertising. To accomplish this, we are going to need all sorts of help from the community. If you or someone you know has a business that advertises, why not take out an add? Our rates will be very reasonable and it also makes you look really cool!

Environmentally Correct Beer

It's Saturday evening. The yard work is done. Friends are coming over to sit on the porch. You're a loyal Coop shopper--you've got chips, salsa, fruit spritzers, pretzels. The temptation to go elsewhere to pick up a six pack of beer is great. You feel guilty; what if someone you know sees you there? Can you walk down an isle of sweets without succumbing to further temptation? Is it worth it?

Hey, it doesn't have to be this way.



There are many small breweries whose politics and products would fit well in our Coop, and a number are even brewing organic beers. What makes a beer organic, you ask? Currently the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms must authorize the marketing of all beer, and since there is no national standard in place, the ATF won't allow a product to be labeled "organic beer". Brewers use labels like "organically produced" to signify to consumers that their beer was kept from inorganic materials at all states of production--during farming, transportation, handling and brewing. Brewers also list that the ingredients of

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Towards A Multi-Issue Food Politics

I remember my house-mate creating the crimson lettered sign announcing the arrival of the meat at the co-op. That was years ago when the co-op resumed selling free range beef. A core worker at the time, I had protest against the selling of flesh at the co-op.

As staff of the co-op I was exposed to many of the confusing intricacies of my own food sources. We have members with all sorts of food allergies that force them to intake key minerals and nutrients through the consumption of meat and dairy. How hard it must have been for them to go through life unable to enjoy the cornucopia of foods my privilege allowed me daily, while at the same forced to defend themselves against the guilt-based anti-meat propaganda.

When unloading inventory shipments, I discovered the "healthy" foods on the shelves were owned by multinational corporations who shipped these foods and their components around the planet. Fantastic Foods, our biggest supplier of vegetarian instants, is owned by Borker Farms. Borker Farms has the distinction of being the largest factory farmed chicken operation in the world. Morton salt is often stocked in the salt bin. Morton has been boycotted for a long time because of bad labor practices and gay and lesbian discrimination. Nabisco owns several smaller health food companies; such as Red Oval Farms, makers of stoned wheat thins. I can't not mention Dole Fruit's ownership of many California organic farms. On top of all this, we

next page.

Food Politics, continued:

also can't forget the dual-degradation of the environment and animals living in that environment when ever these companies ship their products from warehouse to warehouse.

Over these same years I have dabbled in urban organic gardening. The complexities of our food issues became clearer as I saw the reliance of organic farming on the beef and dairy industry. The earth has an amazing system that breaks down animals, vegetation and stones into rich fertile soil over a period of 2000 years. For us to mimic this system in a much shorter time without allowing our own bodies to fall dead on the ground to rot, requires inputs from the beef and dairy industry. Organic farming depends on off farm inputs of chicken or cow manure, byproducts of the beef and dairy industry. For soil preparation organic gardening needs byproducts of the slaughter house bonemeal, bloodmeal, and hoofmeal.

We are socialized in our culture to believe that there is one right and god given answer to all of our social and world problems. In reality all issues are complex, and we act regressively instead of progressively by declaring one act good and the another act bad. Guilt-based political propaganda is not liberatory to either party in the exchange. We need to educate ourselves and our communities in a way that empowers everyone instead of disempowering people who live in a system that disempowers them daily.

Purchasing our daily foods in a co-op is important towards the goal of simplifying our food systems and the impact of those food systems on the world around it. Small scale organic farms are a great step ahead of corporate farming conventional methods. Plant based diets are lower on the food chain and have the potential of causing less harm to the planet and everyone who lives there. These three alternatives are not magical. We live in an oppressive and exploitive culture that requires constant thinking and changing to overcome our problems. We need to

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find creative new solutions not people to blame.

Aspen Olmsted

Beer, continued:

their brew were organically grown, but this does not tell consumers if the brewery uses chemicals to clear and sanitize their equipment. We're no doubt going to have to wait for the ATF to lose its fascination with the 700 additives in cigarettes before we can expect to have standards in place for organic beer.

Can you expect a different taste from organic beers? Yes. Organically grown barley malt has a greater variability in extract and hops that are grown organically tend to have a coarser bitterness. Brewers have been able to develop mellowier beers in the past few years, but US brewers have difficulties obtaining organically grown hops. Of the two domestic organic beers, Perry's Majestic is a Vienna lager, a style with a low hop ratio, and New Frontier, a product of Frontier Herbs, uses conventionally grown hops for now while it continues to search for an adequate supply of organically grown hops. Demand coupled with low supply helps make the price of organically grown hops dear, almost five times the cost of conventionally

grown hops.

There are a number of imported organic beers also. Pinkus Muller, brewed in Munster, Germany, was the first organic beer to hit the US market. Golden Promise is brewed in Edinburgh, Scotland and has been available in the US since 1993. Jade Organic French Country Ale is brewed in the north of France and is sold in corked, 750 ml glass bottles. As the market establishes itself, an even wider variety of organic beers will be available. Perry's Majestic plans to introduce an organic ale and wheat beer and hopes to be available on draft soon.

If you're interested in seeing any of these beers on your Coop's shelves, speak with a manager, put a note on the 2 cent board so you can connect with other like-minded Coop shoppers, or join a committee to consider applying for a permit so that we could sell beer. Imagine buying a six pack this summer in the comfort of your Coop, away from the life-size cut outs of big breasted women that haunt the beer isles of those other places.

by Karen Hall with help from Jim Dorsch's article, "Organic Beers Beginning to Appear" in December's Ale Street News.

Sister Community Project Visits El Salvador

Paul Weichselbaum

THE CIVIL WAR in El Salvador produced deep and lasting ties between the people of that country and many people in Central New York. For nearly two weeks in late February and early March of this year, eight Central New Yorkers travelled to the community of La Estancia in the highlands of Morazan province. We are participants in a Sister Community Project, or "hermanamiento" that links our snowbound, industrialized region with the beautiful and largely undeveloped agricultural hamlets which make up La Estancia.

Our trip this year follows a more brief sojourn last year, in which the most direct and concrete links to the Salvadoran people were established by our locality, since we provided sanctuary to the Castillo-Zamora family in the late 1980s. Fittingly, Roberto Zamora accompanied we gringos on both trips, and made our way much easier and more meaningful. The purpose of our trip, and of writing about it, was not, however, mere travelogue. We were made vividly aware of the scars of war, of the hopes of those whom we might expect to have no hope and of the continuing cost of an entrenched, oppressive economic system (both within El Salvador and internationally).

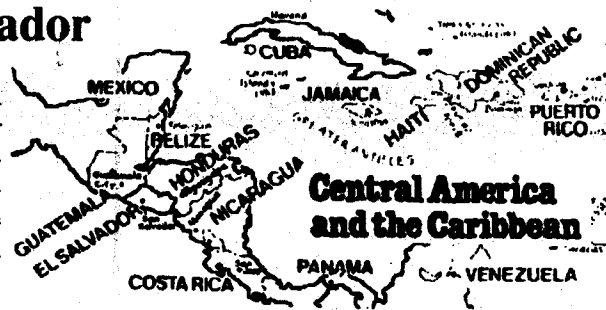
Most impressive in La Estancia is the commitment of the people to cooperative development. There are five very small communities within La Estancia, spread out over probably 100 square kilometers. They have built upon years of guerrilla struggle and consciousness-raising to consider agricultural and small-scale manufacturing projects in which a substantial number of the community participate in and benefit from. Whereas we came

last year with funds raised for a very specific project, this year our funds were given (in equal proportions) to the "directivas" (councils) and the "congregaciones de madres" (mothers' groups) of each of the five "caseros" (hamlets). While quite a few individuals came

to members of our group with requests for personal help or private projects, the directivas were quite full of worthwhile collective projects and our efforts will continue to be to help the community as a whole.

The La Estancia-Sister Community Project is committed for the long haul. We believe the personal relationship established with the people of La Estancia has value on many levels. The individuals involved benefit from the cultural and social interchange from concrete insights into the workings of economic development and the disparities in wealth (and what we each do with it) between Salvadorans and U.S. citizens. Our communities benefit by forging a link which did not exist and then emphasizing our interconnections, and by reminding us of links which existed but remained invisible to most people in this country: the U.S. funding of the Salvadoran government's war of official and semi-official terror, which left the people of Morazan often physically wounded but spiritually strong.

Future notes in this space will detail fundraising projects and profile the remarkable people we met in La Estancia. It is important to note that a great many Central New Yorkers are engaged in direct contacts with Central America and the Caribbean: Haiti and Cuba as well as El Salvador. Nancy Gwin of the Sister Community Project was an observer for the March 20 Salvadoran elections and two other



members of our group have joined Nancy as monitors for the April 24 runoff. Meaningful ties between CNY and Central America are being pursued at all levels, and in the process efforts of reconstruction have become as important as our traditional activities of bearing witness and the organization of protests.

Central American Report:

- The next CACC meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11 from 6 to 7:30 PM at Plymouth Congregational Church, followed by Witness For Peace, La Estancia-Syracuse Sister Community Project, and Cuba Friendship meetings.
- Pastors for Peace will have another caravan that may pass through Syracuse, this time in June, with a destination of several Central American countries. Look in this space for information next month.
- Next month CACC will discuss a potential boycott of Guatemalan specialty coffees.
- The fast to close the school of the Americas is going on now in Washington, DC. Look for updates. Every Monday at noon there is a vigil in solidarity for half an hour at the Federal Building in Syracuse.
- The Witness for Peace delegation to Haiti is planning a Workathon, probably on June 11.
- Doug Igelsrud and others are planning an event in solidarity with Cuba for the middle of May. Please be on the lookout for more information.

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Alternative Views of New World Progress

Brian Dominick

MANY PEOPLE on the Left do not read the mainstream news at all. They prefer our own alternative press and rely heavily upon it. Alexander Cockburn would attribute this to the fact that we love to be depressed — and let's face it, the corporate media are not depressing enough. Boring and monotonous, yes, but not depressing.

I love the mainstream dailies and weeklies; I can't get enough of them. Some people head straight for the crossword puzzle or the comic strips, but I hit the front page and the op-eds first. After all, the "news" and "opinions" are nothing more than funny brain teasers. Half of the headlines provoke laughter. The other half require deciphering.

Reading behind the lines is not a difficult task. With practice the chore becomes almost enjoyable. You learn to substitute certain definitions for those intended by the reporters and editors. Once you get the lingo down, you can have hours of fun with the daily propaganda.

The fun stops, however, when we begin to realize the disastrous effect disinformation has on its readers and, in turn, through the resulting satisfaction and apathy, on the New World Order.

El Salvador: Free at Last?

Judging from the coverage in the *New York Times* following El Salvador's latest elections (NYT, March 21) the two year cease-fire between regimists and revolutionaries has brought democracy to that formerly troubled nation. The reader is led to believe that the *Times* had been critical of past Salvadoran elections. Actually, past election frauds were deemed "unfit to print" at the time, but are now being admitted in order to contrast them with the relatively fair, most recent elections.

The *Times* did report charges of fraud that were made by the leftist opposition as the votes were being tallied, but dismissed them as "the usual."

Well, the usual, then, is nothing close to a democracy. Before the vote count started, lawyer Felix Ulloa had, himself, counted 151 violations of election rules committed by the

Supreme Electoral Tribunal alone. But since the right wing candidate, the man who analysts fear will scrap the Salvadoran peace process and renew the war against the people at full tilt, looked to be the winner, the *Times* declared the elections fair. So what if more than 400,000 people, most of whom live in zones sympathetic to the opposition, were denied the right to vote due to "errors." In the end, the same old shit is given a new face. In the *Times'* case, it was the smiling mug and thumbs up of President-elect Calderon gleaming at the pacified reader.

We should be happy that such an ethical man won; the same man who declared that since he hadn't signed the peace accords, his new government will not have to obey them. The *Washington Post* did print an opinion column on April 17 which detailed Calderon's past — a past full of death squad coordination and participation, but the writer still seemed to think the ultra right Unita party was best fit for the helm, with or without Calderon.

Well, El Salvador is finally out of the frying pan...

Technologically Advanced Fratricide

After the recent "mishap" over Northern Iraq which involved a case of "mistaken identity" and a subsequent one-sided dog fight, Uncle Sam's unofficial apologists went to work relaying the words of His official apologists. Everyone was busy explaining everything except the one thing that everyone was wondering. I asked people in the Washington, DC area what they thought of the fact that American fighters had shot down American choppers over Iraq. The most common answer on the streets was "I didn't even know we were still over there."

So the *Washington Post* hit the presses that night with three stories related to the incident. One of them explained that none of the several systems

employed to prevent such an accident had worked. Another discussed how such cases of "fratricide" are a major cause of American casualties in modern ("impersonal") warfare. Warfare where the enemy is not a human with a face but a blinking light with a beep (the "friendly fire" syndrome).

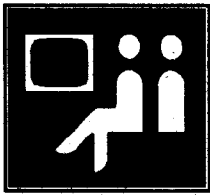
Finally, a third story attempted to mislead and repacify the public by repeating the official version of why the aircraft were there in the first place. Incompetent *Post* staff writers Caryle Murphy and Thomas W. Lippman somehow managed to justify continued US presence over Iraq after exhausting a thesaurus but not reaching into their (probably) non-existent imaginations. The creativity was the State Department's and the Pentagon's, not that of the puppet reporters. So, this is investigative journalism...

Complete with yet another renaming of Saddam Hussein (this time he's a "renegade dictator"), the article mentioned in passing that part of the reason "our" troops are still there is the provision of "enough humanitarian aid to keep the Kurds from fleeing [Iraq] into Turkey..." [emphasis added]. Now I realize that using your own mind is not in the job description for writers at America's neoliberal national dailies, so I've done some thinking of my own. It's quite easy.

Turkey is a client state. Its advantage to our "national interest" (read: elite's interests)

There's no history to support the idea that the US wants to help anyone anywhere; especially in Iraq





Voluntary Violence cont'd from page 12

The "Mutual Support Group" (GAM) of families of the disappeared, the National Council of Widows (CONAVIGUA) and the Council of Ethnic Communities Runujel Janum" (Everyone is Equal") (CERJ) have taken leadership to defend human rights and challenge absolute military power. The same issues have been raised in the United Nations and other international forums by Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu, a Quiche Maya woman who has lost many family members to military violence.

Last year, the government's Human Rights Attorney, Ramiro De Leon, was named President after a failed internal coup by the previous president, Jorge Serrano. Guatemalans and U.S. government officials expected an improved human rights climate to follow. However, President De Leon, previously an outspoken critic of the armed forces, soon adopted the military's position on human rights issues. He claimed that a large military with bases throughout the Maya highlands and the unpaid "voluntary" service in Civil patrols are necessary to combat anti-government forces. Local protests against militarism and the Civil Patrols continue to be met with violence. According to De Leon's successors at the Human Rights Office, the frequency of military-linked kidnapping, torture, assassinations and disappearances has actually *increased* since he has been in office.

The Guatemalan military justifies its huge size and unrestrained power as "National Security" against internal subversion. As more and more Guatemalans live with hunger and malnutrition and without opportunities for a better education, a decent job or basic health care, both street crime and politically organized armed conflict continue. Many Guatemalans argue that only land reform and social programs can lessen the conditions for vio-

lence. The Army has responded by asserting that only the Guatemalan military is capable of carrying out efficient development programs. They propose that the Civil Patrol be reorganized as "community development" organizations, still under military control.

In this context, the U.S. National Guard goes into Guatemala to provide machinery, technical assistance, labor and logistic support for these military-led "development projects." Many Guatemalans have objected to these projects as a continuation of cruel military control and political manipulation of their communities. The projects also lend support to the military's argument that they should control community development and local political life. They can be seen as a psychological warfare operation whose primary beneficiary is the Guatemalan military, not the local communities.

One middle class Guatemalan explained that the National Guard exercises are generally seen as a joint military collaboration that will have a negative effect on human rights: "No one is deceived by this government talk of building roads—we all know what it means to have U.S. troops coming to Guatemala." Guatemalan Congressional President Vinicio Villar also opposes the presence of U.S. troops in Guatemala and charged President De Leon with violating Guatemalan law by allowing U.S. troops to enter the nation without consulting the Guatemalan Congress.

Do you know local guardsmen and guardswomen scheduled to go to Guatemala? Are you concerned about their safety? Are you concerned about the real impact of military and economic assistance projects on local communities? Where was this issue left locally five years ago? If you would like to talk more about this issue, please contact CUSLAR in Ithaca at (607) 255-7293.

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is its strategic location. The base the aircraft were flying from is in Turkey, and "we" want to keep it there. There is currently "unrest" among Turkey's own Kurdish population, and the influx of more Kurds could only mean more resistance to that government's racist practices. The quid pro quo includes trading a military base for "protection" of Turkey from "invasion" by the Kurds.

Of course, our friends at *the Post* and the White House would prefer we accept that US presence is mainly to help the troubled Kurds. There's no history to support the idea that the US wants to help anyone anywhere; especially in Iraq where American troops sat idly by as the Iraqi military slaughtered thousands of Shiites who were revolting at the CIA's prompting, in the South following the Gulf War. Using "humanitarianism" as a cover for imperialism and maintenance of order is nothing new.

SOA Update

There is some good news. Personal hunger seems to be the last thing on the minds of those who are participating in the 40 day fast to close the School of the Americas. While SOA advocates are maintaining the school's legitimacy ("The School of the Americas is a success story," heralds the Department of the Army's official propaganda) a vigilant group of protestors is spending each of 40 days on the front steps of the backwards Capitol Building. Their spirits are high and they're getting a significant amount of attention from camera-toting passers-by. The juice-only fast will continue through May.

Under Selge

Also from Washington, Tyrant Bill has supported the addition of 18 crimes that will now be punishable by extermination (added, that is, to the 47 new ones already introduced, now including carjacking and other crimes that do not necessarily involve murder). The fact that the death penalty has proven a failure as a deterrent doesn't seem to matter to "our" draconian legislators. As Congressman Jim Walsh recently wrote in a scolding letter to the *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, it doesn't matter what statistics say, 85-90% of Americans think the death penalty is a deterrent of violent crime, so it must be. *The H-J* editors, to whom I rarely offer praise, were fast to quip that if

most Americans thought the Earth was flat we could go ahead and change our globes, "but that wouldn't make it any less spherical."

Just as terrible is the news that our fearsome dictator has given the go-ahead for police to raid public housing units in search of guns. No warrant will be necessary, but officials are "confident that the new policy will withstand Constitutional scrutiny."

In *the Post's* April 17 story regarding the issue, Constitutional arguments were not

raised. In fact, the piece was entirely favorable. It claimed that tenants were all for having their homes ransacked by power-mad cops. *The Post*, of course, used less colorful terminology. To all those who voted for Bill Clinton, the man who just legalized unconstitutional search and seizure of public housing, I extend an invitation to join a search and seizure of the White House by the public.

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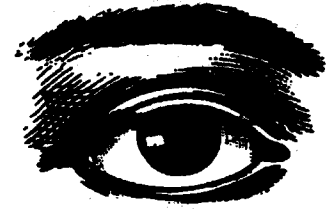


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Reading Privilege:

The Public and the Private

Karen Hall

A WRITER OF children's books is arrested and imprisoned in a highly stylized, elaborate holding cell. Her interrogator is a personable, well-dressed, civilized man whom she alternately trusts and despises. Her crime: she has written a children's book entitled *Closet Land* which the government understands as political allegory. They want her to expose the underground political activists whom she portrays in the book. She is bewildered and insists that she is not a political writer; she simply writes for children.

During her torture, the writer confesses that her book is autobiographical. She was sexually abused as a child. When her mother's friend raped her in the coat closet each Sunday, she would escape into a fantasy world populated by the characters in her book. What she ultimately understands is how articulating her personal experience makes her a political writer and a danger to the state. This is the plot of *Closet Land*, Radha Bharadwaj's horrifying film that makes an important connection between institutional and domestic power structures.

The book the woman has written is not an allegory about the government. It does, however, bare overt traces of trauma and abuse. Readers of her book who had shared a similar personal experience or who were familiar with psychological responses to abuse might read the book and make the same connections that the author learns to make. After experiencing the torture of the state and reliving the abuses committed against her as a child, the woman connects an adult's power to abuse the children in his or her household with the state's power to torture and control its citizens. The state creates rules and codes of silence which are based on powerlessness and fear in much the same way that abusive adults create rules and silence in the domestic space. For years the author was angry with her mother for not stopping the abuse, but after she is tortured, she understands how she has been like her mother; when the police arrested her journalist neighbor, she looked the other way, too fright-

ened to speak or ask questions. Once she sees these connections, she understands why the state would view her children's book as a book about state power. Because the story may lead others to see the world as she sees it, she and her book are dangerous and must be destroyed.

The movie's point is blatantly obvious; the state is to its citizens as adults in a nuclear family are to children. The abuse we suffer and witness in our families of origin conditions us to remain passive and silent when we are witnesses to the abuses of the state. We are each conditioned from birth not to interpret abuses of power whether they are enacted by family members or governments. In this way, the dysfunctional patterns of the nuclear family suppress our ability to read social texts before we are ever able to develop our abilities or protect ourselves.

A number of different interpretive communities are available to help us reclaim these abilities, however. Political activists offer articulate works of propaganda like *Closet Land*. The academy offers theories of subversive reading and feminist, psychoanalytic interrogations of the law of the father. And the current therapy movement offers a variety of methods designed to help individuals interpret and reclaim their personal experiences. Each of these interpretive communities relies on the privilege of reading. Each is set up to teach individuals a new vocabulary used to interpret a chain of events, what I have referred to as a social text. This, to me, is a working definition of reading. In order to be successful, individuals need time, money and space to think in. Obviously, this is one site where privilege enters the picture.

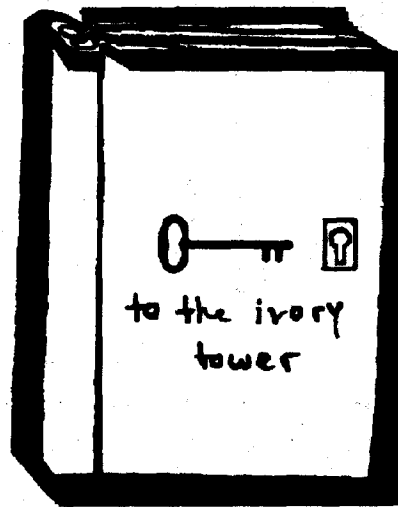
I cannot imagine any revolutionary change taking place as long as the privilege of subversive acts of reading is withheld from a majority of individuals. As long as institutional power structures deny individuals an understanding of their own experiences of physical and emotional pain, we will be unable to connect our own pain to the pain of others, whether those others are our neighbor's child who has too many "accidents" or whether they are Chinese prisoners who are tortured in forced labor camps and who produce consumer goods sold in the US.

The redistribution of the privilege of reading means helping individuals attain language and interpretive skills necessary to make connections. I believe we must make the most of any site where such education has the chance to take place—in the academy, in therapists' offices and in 12-step groups—even if we are uncomfortable with the dynamics of privilege which help to create and sustain these sites. It is our job as activists to see that works like *Closet Land* which politicize the interpretive skills other communities make available are widely available to individuals, for clearly it would be naive to trust any interpretive system grounded in the dominant structure to create politically subversive readers. Self exploration, whether through education or therapy, can be the first important step toward understanding systems of power. It seems logical that healthy, empowered individuals will become effective actors for change.

Karen Hall reads in groups and alone and wishes to acknowledge the privilege she enjoyed reading and learning with Rosaria Champagne.



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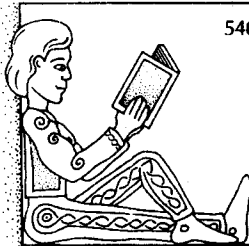
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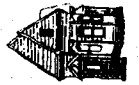
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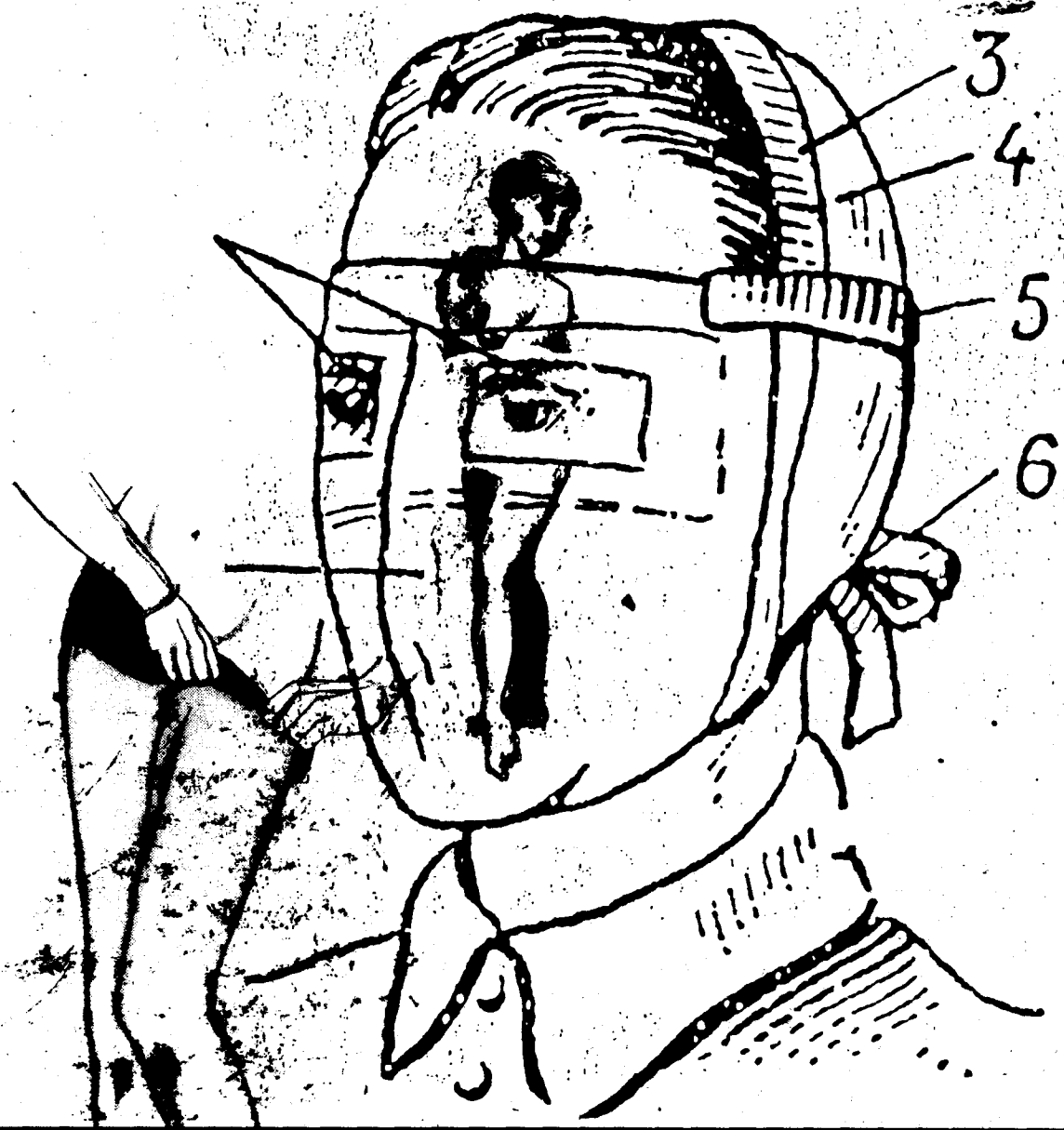
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In This Issue:

Welcome to summer. With the coming of the warmth we lose over half of the PNL editorial committee moving south. Wah! Joe Smith is already gone, but his Veganism lives on in our pages. Brian D. will be with us a little longer before taking his rambling south for the fall. So we gave you the yearly vacation guide thing so that you know there are alternative forms of fun and/or excitement after Memorial Day. We help the Watchdogs get out the word on the realities of welfare, continue to monitor the religious right, and end with a couple looks at the wars at home while they keep talking about war abroad. If the CIA had just left Aristide where they found him, we wouldn't be in this mess. Take him out, put him back. Go figure.

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About the cover: "Who Will Not Marry: The Religious Right Wants Your Body" by Anita Welych & Bill Mazza

We stole the quote "The Religious Right Wants Your Body" from the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). We continue to face a conservative attack against many aspects of our lives, both public and private. And we face a wealthy-backed network of conservative "activists" who continue to appropriate our tactics and our language with increasing savvy.

Please don't lose touch at a time when it's more important than ever to monitor groups like Pat Robertson's Christian Coalition as they organize their top-down, multimillion dollar "grassroots" campaign to take over our local schools and governments. If you don't believe us, you can see a video viewing of Pat, in all his glory, spelling out his plan for nationwide, "stealth" agenda setting (If you really want to see it, call us at SPC to make arrangements). If you are a member of the Coalition for Choice receiving this newsletter, please subscribe to the PNL so you can remain active in CFC and help keep our issues alive.

Through successful networking we can protect our liberty and freedom.



LETTERS

(To the Editors:)

Dear Huntington Family Center, Inc.:

I'm sorry I cannot be with you on the night of your 75th Anniversary of service to needy people throughout Syracuse and Onondaga County. But Huntington holds a special place in my heart. My three working years there from autumn '84 to autumn '87 were my first years in "mainstream" social work after receiving my graduate degree from Syracuse University in 1979.

I graduated six weeks after the Three Mile Island nuclear power disaster. During the next five years it seemed almost certain the Reagan administration would conduct nuclear war. Short of Armageddon, they were busy committing a host of crimes against poor and disadvantaged people around the world, from Gifford Street to Nicaragua. The times were charged. Activism was called for, so I delayed my entry into orthodox social work.

I went to work for the Syracuse Peace Council as a community organizer, working to stop the madness of nuclear power and weapons and U.S. military intervention in Central America. Five years was plenty. By 1984, I was fatigued. I needed a change and a real income.

I came to work at HFC as a PPS Counselor. I worked with tremendous people—coworkers I'll never forget. Big-hearted people who cared deeply for clients facing awful conditions; compassionate people living thoroughly against the prevailing cultural tide of selfishness and hostility toward the poor.

It had been difficult to leave the Peace Council's anti-war work that I found so meaningful. But I found in Huntington's mission work equally valid and enriching. I felt very fortunate and the transition was natural. My years there provided me a lifetime's invaluable education.

And as it turns out, the two organizations are linked in history; Huntington played a key role in the founding of the Peace Council! Enclosed are copies of the founding minutes of the Syracuse Peace Council of 1936—nearly 60 years ago—when concerned social workers, religious people, academics and other conscious, mindful individuals met at the Huntington Club to form an organization to address the growing threat of a second world war in Europe.

Folklore has it that Miss Lesley West worked at Huntington and took an active role in leading the new Peace Council. Dick Mundy, now retired from a professorship at S.U. School of Social Work, once told me this.

In the SPC archives we have found a record of those who contributed in memory at the time of Lesley West's death. Among the contributors was Paul Weinandy. This seems to further confirm a link between the Huntington Club and the nascent Peace Council. I invite Huntington to take pride in being there at the birth of SPC, *the oldest autonomous and self-supporting local peace group in the U.S.*

On behalf of the Peace Council and myself, I'm thrilled to celebrate this connection. It tells me that my journey from SPC to Huntington was more than idiosyncratic. I was following a path already blazed by Syracusans of conscience generations earlier between Huntington Club; the social service agency, and SPC; the agitation, social-justice organization. It brings to mind a favorite phrase: "Be humble a lot was accomplished before you were born."

Please share my regards with Linda McNally, Colleen Belge, Barb and Gail in Finance, as well as Bev Kelley, and everyone else carrying out the Huntington mission. Keep on keeping on.

Sincerely and in solidarity,

Gary Weinstein,
ACSW (currently
Public Health Social
Work supervisor, On-
ondaga County Health
Department; Supervi-
sor of HIV Counseling
and Testing)
Syracuse, NY

From the Editors:

We wish to apologize as we have lost or misplaced an editorial letter from someone at S.U. taking a critical look at leftist support of Cuba. In particular, this person was questioning the loose usage of the term "democratic" when describing a government controlled by Castro. This is an important dialog that should not be lost. If you—whoever you are—read this and have a copy of your letter, please send it or a more lengthy article dealing with this issue in, and we promise not to lose it again. If we find your original, we'll print it next month.

From the Sincere but Irresponsible

Dear SPC Folks!

Re: The butyric acid incident at Planned Parenthood recently. Just think how rejoiced we'd all be if one of "us" had managed to sneak into the Pentagon and done that! Which is more important, the method, or who it's used on? I'm not intending to be rhetorical, because I'm not sure of my answer to the question.

Marge Rusk
Syracuse, NY

Hello,

The subscription to your newsletter you asked me to renew was given to me last year by a friend of mine in NYC. The monthly mailing from the SPC is now among the very few publications I care to read to get news about what is going on in the world. You folks do a tremendous job! I am glad that my friend had such a good idea, because otherwise, living in Seattle WA, my odds of hearing about you were of about the same magnitude as our chances to survive with nuclear wastes in our pockets.

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Thank you very much.
Jean-Paul Bardou
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From SPC:

Not a lot of room for rambling with all the guest appearances happening down and to the right. So I'm gonna concentrate on what's up for the summer.

VIDEO NIGHT: For PRIDE

Join us on Thur. June 17 to celebrate Gay & Lesbian Pride '94 the couch potato way. 7-10 PM at 924 Burnet Ave. Popcorn, coffee and water in supply (free, but donations graciously accepted).

SPC Pot-luck Picnic & Open House Saturday June 25, 5-9 PM

Bring a dish to pass, and/or hang out in and around the house. Check out the changes and marvel at what remains the same. 924 Burnet Ave

And look forward to July and our next fun-raising concert at the Zodiac.

Welcome the return of Barb Calleagh (formerly Barb Dunn) with special guests Colleen Kattau & the Mental Ostrich. Sunday, July 17, 7-10 PM

SPC Page Special Guest Appearance From On the Rise Bakery:

So, at the rate the FDA approves hormones and gene splicing, we at On the Rise are evermore committed to organic agriculture and regional food systems.

We are very excited about our new recipes (less oil in all the breads), our overdue spring cleaning and the turn out of community support in our time of need.

If you ever wanted to find out more about cooperative work places, substitutes for eggs and dairy in wheat/non-wheat baking, or just have a good time working together, give a call or stop in. Morning hours are 9 - 11 AM (working with bread) and 11 AM - 3 PM running the store and wrapping.

We bid farewell to Diane Gillece holding dear to the Zen she shared. We welcome Karen Veverka as a new member of the collective joining Karen Kerney, Elizabeth Holmes and Kirsten Moran...doin' business as On the Rise!

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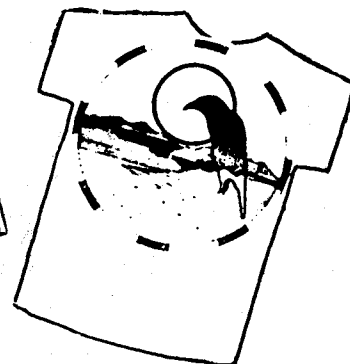
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The Threat of Veganism

Why Your Diet Is Direct Action

Joseph Smith

IN PAST ISSUES of the *PNL*, I have written about the personal reasons to abstain from eating animal products and the dangerous effects that consuming these types of foods has on the consumer. This time, I'm going to turn the tables in favor of the vegan and show the "dangerous" influence such a person can have on the industries that produce the foods.

Before I begin, I would like to make a few things clear. First and foremost, when I speak of veganism, I am talking of a lifestyle void of any and all animal products. That means total abstinence from: meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dairy products, wool, leather, silk, fur and any of the other numerous by-products derived from the bodies of non-human animals.

Second, when I talk of vegans as those who strive for total non-violence, I know that, theoretically, total non-violence is an impossible goal to attain. Just by living, humans can cause the deaths of other living things. However, it is important to realize that death is as much a part of the life cycle as birth. The two are inseparable and interdependent. Thus, the goal then becomes, "How can we live and kill the least?"

I want to make it clear that I am in no way implying that veganism is a cure to all the ills effecting the earth. Nevertheless, I am a staunch supporter of the fact that veganism is the primary step on our way to solving any of them. Veganism is the fundamental step in creating any sort of lasting peace on this planet. More than just a refusal to take part in violence against non-human animals for food, clothing, etc., veganism is a refusal to take part in the

violence that effects society as a whole. Veganism works to expose and end the subtle indoctrination by industry in capitalist society that wishes to desensitize humanity to the violence against the many for the gain of the few.

Veganism is anti-oppression

Animals and humans suffer alike. If you had to kill your own hog before you ate it, most likely you would not be able to do it...So you get a man at the packing house to do the killing for you. In like manner, if the wealthy aristocrats who are perpetrating conditions in the ghetto actually heard the screams of ghetto suffering, or saw the slow death of hungry little kids, or witnessed the strangulation of manhood and dignity, they could not continue the killing. But the wealthy are protected from such horror...If you can justify killing to eat meat, you can justify the conditions in the ghetto. I can justify neither one.

—Dick Gregory From: *The Sexual Politics of Meat*

The industries that provide (non-human) animal products to the masses are those industries with a stake in the arbitrarily contrived, hierarchical systems of privilege that human kind created for itself long ago. Humanity's positioning of itself over non-human animals

is the root of the tree which bears these fruits of the white-mans' self-proclaimed dominance over peoples of color, and the lord-ing of himself over women. Documented in the Bible's initial chapter, the author(s) of that particular text wielded his phallogocentric and socio-political pen to create a specific social order which serves a specific political agenda.

It is no doubt that in the period of the

Bible's origin, those with the ability to read and write were an elite class (all men of course) who held a certain degree of power and status over illiterate members of their community. The ability to write the "inspired" books of the Bible, books containing stories that usually resulted from "dreams" or "visions," gave the elites a great amount of power to construct and order the way peasants were to live out their lives. That order has remained intact for centuries. That is, until now.

A vegan lifestyle undermines this conveniently-contrived position of male privilege and all the institutions it has founded (slyly disguised as cornerstones of social normalcy) by a dedicated refusal to support these systems at the root level. The vegan has the potential, depending on how much noise he/she is willing to make, to show others the true identity of these institutions as they really are—each one representing a tooth on the blade sawing out the agenda of the patriarchal status quo.

By rejecting the foundation of this system, man's arbitrary dominance over non-human animals, the vegan dismantles this pre-supposed hierarchy of life forms and flattens it into a linear and egalitarian system, grounded by life. To be vegan is to understand that the walls man erects around himself are there to separate; built with the bricks of pride and difference. Each being man wishes to distance himself from results in the construction of another wall and a greater sense of power. To be vegan is to destroy the outermost wall of speciesism, pushing it onto the others and causing man's defenses to crumble. No longer are man's rules and power legitimate in the presence of the vegan, for the vegan lives by a different standard. No longer is it man and animals, it is human animals and non-human animals. No longer is it the white man and peoples of color, it is humans of different colors. No longer is it men and women, it is humans of different sexes.

Veganism is Anti-Capital

The flesh industry is all too aware of what its customers want to eat and want not to see of what they eat.

—Mark M. Braunstein, *Radical Vegetarianism*

Based on the arbitrary notions of intelligence, civilization and progress, humanity

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LET'S NOT HAVE "FEEDING PROBLEMS"
Regular eating habits are taught a child by not allowing him to nibble between meals. Do not allow mealtimes to become times of tension or emotion.

prides itself on its ability to exploit natural resources. I ask you to question humanity's readiness to pat itself on the back and declare itself the champion of civility and progress. With other non-human animal communities—such as ants, apes, etc.—the labor expelled by each member of the group benefits every individual. You would think humanity's idea of civilization would do the same, since man is so much more "intelligent." Instead, those who progress in human society are only those who can afford to. Those who reap the true rewards of human labor are those who oversee the laborers. And so it is with the consumption and production of non-human animal products.

First let us look at the protection of these industries; a process that, like humanity itself, exploits a vast amount of other resources resulting in an over-rated and dangerous product.

Industries producing products from non-human animals use: 2,500 gallons of water per pound of meat, 90% of the nation's soybean crop, 80% of the nation's crop of oats, almost half the total energy produced in the United States, one-half the earth's landmass and a great deal more. What is worse, I have yet to include in this little list of ingredients the amount of pesticides used on crops to feed livestock, the amount of soil erosion that results from overgrazing, the amount of forest land cleared to create more grazing land and the 230,000 pounds of manure produced every second.

I have mentioned those disastrous results of meat production to prove a point. Instead of using these resources to provide homes for its homeless, feed the hungry, alter the effects of global warming, conserve energy for those experiencing shortages or save supplies of fresh water for those consuming water contaminated with hazardous chemicals, we insist on wasting our resources to produce commodities to keep big business happy. I ask you, are these the actions of the civilized?

The amount of money flesh industries

pump into "consumer protection" agencies and health services could help the millions of destitute people in countries all over the world. Instead, it is funneled into campaigns designed to result in only more money for the funneler. For example, the Dairy Council's covert reinforcement of speciesist power-structures and its simultaneous attack on compassion in children via the "Four Food Groups" (half of which are derived from the murder non-humans), or the

American Heart Association's "Head Smart," low fat, low cholesterol diet includes non-human animal products (foods highest in fat and the only with cholesterol). Or the network television ads telling us "Beef is REAL food for REAL people," when cancer and heart disease are the country's leading killers of "real" people, are just a few of the ways the flesh industries put their money where their hearts are. The truth is, the truth is being covered up.

Now let us move on to the consumer of these products, the majority of whom are removed from the production of them. If you really want to eat the foods derived from non-human animals, then go and visit your local slaughter house and see what it is you are eating. That is, if you can get in the door. As it turns out, to get in a slaughter house you need a special permit. This is probably because the meat industry wants to hide the deplorable conditions its employees have to work in ("wage-slaves" is a better term). The systematic torture and dismemberment of innocent beings aside, flesh industries are guilty of exploiting human animals.

The meat industry has the highest turnover rate of any industry in the country. It also has the dubious distinction of being the most disturbing and dangerous. The meat industry has the highest rate of worker suicide and employee injuries, numbering up to 58,000 annually (that is an average of 160 a day).

Slaughter house workers, mostly from the lower classes of society, rarely make greater than minimum wage, and are exploited to an unfathomable degree. Unable to leave their

gastric juice —



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be an average of all the needs.

position on the killing floor for any reason until the allotted time (even to go to the bathroom or care for any personal wounds—see above), slaughter house employees kill an average of 275 non-human animals an hour, one every 15 seconds.

You might find all this hard to believe, but in an industry that employs members of the lowest and most oppressed classes of society, like ex-prisoners and illegal aliens, it is no wonder that the majority of infractions and health violations on the part of lax management go unreported.

Conclusion:

It was the French anarchist Proudhon who said, "Property is theft." And although I am pretty sure he wasn't referring to the meat industry's use of land for feed-lots, grazing lands, and places to build slaughter houses, it sure fits. He may have agreed, however, that if we continue to support these industries we are not only accomplices in that one crime, but guilty of the countless deaths of non-human and human animals as well.

Veganism defies these unjust systems of distribution and exploitation by living in a manner that enables one to survive without the excess of the traditional western lifestyle. The vegan removes him/herself from participating in the unwarranted wasting of the few precious resources left on the planet and abandons the call to consume, to move toward a community oriented world-view. What's more, vegans get time off for good behavior. ☸

Joe is a graduate of Syracuse University and a regular contributor to the PNL in his column "Taking Off the Blinders." Joe has moved on to DC to intern with an ecology newsletter.

Just the Facts

Confront the Myths by Testing What You Know About Welfare

The Welfare Watchdogs

WELFARE WATCHDOGS are a group of women who receive, have received, or have been denied public assistance. They work together to help themselves and others. They are sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

Test What You Know About Welfare in NY State: True and False

(If more than one person is sharing this *PNL*, complete the test on a separate sheet of paper, or do the test together, in order to begin discussion)

- ___ 1. Over 70% of those receiving cash public assistance benefits in New York State are children.
- ___ 2. The majority of those receiving cash welfare benefits in New York State are African American.
- ___ 3. Since mothers routinely receive over \$4 a day, per child, in cash benefits, the women who receive welfare in this country are having more babies to collect increased benefits.
- ___ 4. Welfare allowances in this state meet the federal poverty standard. Federal poverty standard is the minimum required for adequate nutrition, basic shelter and minimal other needs.
- ___ 5. If a mother leaves her husband or is abandoned by him and needs welfare, she receives \$3.75 per day, per child. If her husband dies she can receive over \$12.00 a day, per child, and be allowed to work, too, from government survivor benefits.



*"I don't see how three-quarters of the world can be starving—
this restaurant is always packed"*

___ 6. If a 14 year-old is in certified foster care, the foster parent may receive an allowance of over \$4000 a month (\$13.35 a day) plus a clothing allowance. If the same 14 year-old lives with his or her mom and they receive Aid For Dependent Children, the mom receives about \$105 a month (\$3.50 a day) and no clothing allowance.

___ 7. Benefits include everything needed for a "good life" if not squandered. "Good life" means enough money for food, personal hygiene items, toothpaste, modest children's needs in clothing and school supplies, basic furniture, rent, utilities, laundry and essential transportation.

___ 8. If a recipient's rent is more than 90% of the recipient's cash grant, and less than the average rent for the country, the recipient will receive a small supplemental grant to pay for utilities, food and basic necessities.

___ 9. Benefits are easy to apply for and easy to receive. The system is fair.

___ 10. Home relief recipients are often required to work at less than minimum wage in public service jobs.

___ 11. Typical Aid For Dependent Children food stamp benefits equal about \$.75 per meal, per person.

___ 12. The large welfare budget is why New York State is experiencing fiscal difficulties.

___ 13. People are moving to New York State in droves to collect higher welfare checks.

___ 14. The welfare system has a much higher rate of fraud and abuse than the income tax system.

___ 15. There are many jobs. If people really wanted work they could all find it.

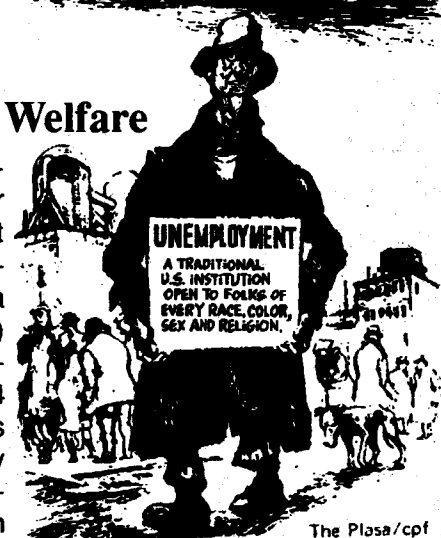
___ 16. The size of "welfare families" has been increasing because women on welfare have more children in order to receive more benefits.

___ 17. Fingerprinting welfare recipients in Los Angeles County has cost that county over nine million dollars and in one year, turned up only 12 cases of welfare fraud totaling less than \$50,000 from people receiving duplicate benefits.

___ 18. Welfare benefits are responsible for the federal deficit.

___ 19. The real dollar value of New York State public assistance has declined 40% since 1970.

___ 20. Most people on welfare are part of an "intergenerational cycle of dependency."



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The Answers to the Welfare Quiz are found on page 21

... are teaching school children how to be homosexuals, teaching them
... but any benefit of marriage and without any concept of morality or the dignity
... beauty of sex." —Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson on his "700 Club" television talk show

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Pictorial Medical Guide, 1953

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1994 Summer Vacation Guide

Our 1994 Summer Vacation Guide gives you over 50 events to connect you with other activists in the U.S. and even other continents. Regrettably, it's only a slice of what's out there for the months of June-August but the list should contain something to arouse your spirit. An event is listed under one of four headings: Politics, Festivals, Schools and Tours. Some events obviously could have been listed in more than one category but a good read through should help you locate an item. You won't find major corporate sponsors blasting you with their images at these events. Maybe we'll even bump into you at one or a few. Before you contact a group about a listing, save yourself some time and call the Peace Council. We have many of the brochures and flyers announcing the events that go into more depth. Have fun!

compiled by Andy Molloy



Regional Congress of Women's Int'l League for Peace & Freedom

DATE: June 3-5
PLACE: New London, CT
CONTACT: Chris Whipple, 6 Patriot Ln, Newington, CT 06111.

AIDS Walk/Run '94

DATE: June 5
PLACE: Syracuse, NY
CONTACT: Will Murtaugh, AIDS Community Resources, 627 W Genesee St, Syracuse, NY 13204, (315) 475-2430.

Brecht Forum Lectures & Workshops at New York Marxist School

DATE: June 7, 8, 15, 16, 22, 24, 29
PLACE: New York City
CONTACT: New York Marxist School, 122 West 27th St, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10001, (212) 242-4201.
COMMENT: topics include: Public Speaking for Radicals, Women in the U.S. Economy, The Czech Left, Civil Society & the Role of Vaclav Havel & more.

Lobbying Day to End the Embargo Against Cuba

DATE: June 9
PLACE: Washington, DC & home offices
CONTACT: Center for Cuban Studies, 124 West 23rd St, New York, NY 10011, (212) 242-0559.
COMMENT: write for special issue of Cuba Update on the embargo.

5th Annual Protect Mother Earth Conference

DATE: June 15-18
PLACE: Crandon, Wisconsin
CONTACT: Nii Win Intertribal Council, c/o Mole Lake, Rt 1 Box 625, Crandon WI 54520, (715) 478-2604.
COMMENT: theme Environmental Genocide: Aho Gaawiin Gago (No Go Away).

North American Preparatory Committee Conference

DATE: June 16-22
PLACE: Vermont
CONTACT: Children of the Earth, PO Box 217, Newfane, VT 05345.
COMMENT: one of 5 worldwide gatherings in prep for 1995 World Summit of Children, an int'l children's conference.

Who Will Stop the Killing From St. Paul to Sarajevo? - COPRED Conference

DATE: June 17-19
PLACE: St. Paul, MN.
CONTACT: COPRED, 4103 Chain Bridge Rd, Suite 315, Fairfax VA 22030 (703) 273-4485.
COMMENT: subtitle "Building Communities of Resistance & Solidarity"; COPRED is Consortium on Peace Research, Education & Development; speakers include Winona LaDuke, Vernon Bellecourt, Carl Upchurch.

9th Annual Protect the Earth Gathering

DATE: June 18-19
PLACE: Crandon, Wisconsin
CONTACT: Midwest Treaty Network, 731 State, Madison, WI 53703, (608) 246-2256.
COMMENT: standing with the four nations (Nii Win) opposed to Exxon's proposed Crandon/Mole Lake zinc-copper sulphide mine.

Japanese Peace Boat Arrives In NYC

DATE: June 18-19
PLACE: New York, NY.
CONTACT: Tom Gardner c/o Lutheran World Relief, 390 Park Ave, NY, NY 10016, (212) 532-6350 x390.
COMMENT: join in receiving the 400 visitors on their only U.S. stop on world cruise.

Making Connection II: Claiming the Past, Shaping the Future: Women in Catholic Higher Education

DATE: June 24-25
PLACE: Chicago, IL
CONTACT: NAWCHE, Women's Studies Program, Dept. of Sociology, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167 attn: Melissa Kesler Gilbert, (617) 552-4198.

7th Annual Peace Action Conference "Strengthening the Peacemakers"

DATE: June 24-26
PLACE: Portland, ME.
CONTACT: Peace Action Maine, PO Box 3842, Portland, ME 04104, (207) 772-0680.
COMMENT: formerly SANE/Freeze; speakers include Bill Coffin, Randy Forsberg, Andrea Ayzavian.

Leonard Peltier Freedom Rally

DATE: June 25-26
PLACE: LaFayette Sq, Washington, DC
CONTACT: Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, (913) 842-5774.
COMMENT: call for more details; Peltier was unjustly imprisoned following FBI siege at Wounded Knee.

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Solidarity March & Demo for Locked-Out Staley Workers

DATE: June 25

PLACE: Decatur, IL

CONTACT: UPIU Local 7837, AFL-CIO, 2882 N Dinneen, Decatur, IL 62526, (217) 876-7006.

COMMENT: one yr anniversary of lock-out of 780 workers of A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co.; "one of the meanest, dirtiest, & longest assaults in corporate America's war against U.S. workers."

International March on the United Nations to Affirm Human Rights of Lesbian & Gay People

DATE: June 26

PLACE: New York City, NY.

CONTACT: Stonewall 25, 208 West 13th St, NYC 10011.

COMMENT: 1994 marks the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in Greenwich Village, marking the start of the contemporary Gay/Lesbian movement.

2nd Nat'l Corpus Christi Desert Experience

DATE: June 26-30

PLACE: Nevada Test Site

CONTACT: Groundwork/CCDE, 11224

Kercheval, Detroit, MI 48214, (313) 822-2055.

COMMENT: reflection & action against nuclear testing & in solidarity w/the Western Shoshone nation.

National Organization for Women National Conference

DATE: July 1-3

PLACE: San Antonio, TX

CONTACT: NOW, Dixie Johnson, 1000

Sixteenth St NW, Suite 700, Washington DC 20036.

2nd European Feminist Research Conference

DATE: July 5-9

PLACE: Graz, Austria

CONTACT: IFZ, Schlogelgasse 2, A-8010 Graz Austria, tel +43 316 813909-14.

COMMENT: focus on feminist perspectives on technology, work and ecology.

Vegetarian Vacation

DATE: July 7-10

PLACE: Deep Creek Lake Region, MD

CONTACT: Vegetarian Resource Group, PO Box 1463, Baltimore, MD 21203 (410) 366-VEGE.

COMMENT: learn more about veg. lifestyle, vegetarian cooking; dine on vegan meals; singles, couples, families welcome.

Voicing Hope in a Violent World: Fellowship of Reconciliation Conference

DATE: July 12-17

PLACE: Louisville, Kentucky.

CONTACT: National Conference, FOR, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960, (914) 358-4601.

COMMENT: The challenge for peace and justice activists today is to respond effectively to the many forms of violence tearing our world apart.

US/NICA Sister Cities Conference

DATE: July 21-23

PLACE: Managua, Nicaragua

CONTACT: Nica/US Friendship Office, 225 Pennsylvania Ave, SE, 3rd Fl, Washington, DC 20003, (202) 546-0915.

COMMENT: theme: Just & Sustainable Relationships, keynote speaker Fr. Xavier Gorsteaga; cost \$125.

Alternative Media Conference

DATE: July 22-23

PLACE: Baltimore, MD

CONTACT: Alternative Press Center, (410) 243-2471.

Founding Convention of Committees of Correspondence

DATE: July 22-24

PLACE: Chicago, IL

CONTACT: C.O.C., 11 John St, Room 506, New York City, NY 10038, (212) 233-7151.

COMMENT: a group which left the Communist Party USA to seek "new democratic approaches to socialism."

NOFA 20th Annual Organic Food Conference & Celebration of Rural Life

DATE: August 5-7

PLACE: Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

CONTACT: Natural Organic Farmers Assoc., c/o Julie Rawson, 411 Sheldon Rd., Barre, MA 01005 (508) 355-2853

COMMENT: For health conscious consumers, farmers, teachers, and environmentalists.

5th International War Tax Resistance Conference

DATE: September 16-18

PLACE: Basque Country, Spain

CONTACT: Grupo de Objecion Fiscal C/. Pedro Otaduy, Apto 1126, 31015 Irunea/Pamplona, Navarra, State of Spain, tel +34 48 279528.

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FESTIVALS

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Women Leading: Today & Tomorrow, Nat'l Conference for College Women Student Leaders

DATE: June 2-4

PLACE: Washington, DC

CONTACT: NAWE, Suite 210, 1325 18th St NW, Washington, DC 21036.

20th Annual National Women's Music Festival

DATE: June 2-5

PLACE: Bloomington, IN

CONTACT: PO Box 1427-PR, Indianapolis, IN 46206, (317) 927-9355.

15th Annual Otsiningo Pow Wow

DATE: June 3-5

PLACE: Apalachin, NY

CONTACT: Waterman Center, PO Box 288, Apalachin, NY 13732

COMMENT: Also Indian Craft Fair, Allegany River Indian Dancers, lectures, exhibitions, foods, campfire storytelling, art.

6th Annual Appel Farm Arts & Music Festival

DATE: June 4

PLACE: Elmer, NJ

CONTACT: Appel Farm, PO Box 888, Elmer NJ 08318 (800) 394-1211.

COMMENT: folk music, crafts artists, children's programs; features Karen Farr, Nanci Griffith, Iain Matthews, Trout Fishing in America & more.

Beacon Sloop Club Strawberry Festival

DATE: June 12

PLACE: Beacon, NY

CONTACT: Beacon Sloop Club, (914) 454-7673.



**FESTIVALS
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Teaching Theory & Action: Women Working in a Global Perspective

DATE: June 15-19
PLACE: Ames, Iowa
CONTACT: Kris Anderson, NWSA Conference Office, 105 Landscape Architecture, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50111.
COMMENT: 15th National Women's Studies Association annual meeting.

Fifth World Rising: A Women's Spiritual & Cultural Celebration

DATE: June 17-19
PLACE: Malibu, CA
CONTACT: Mesa Institute, 279 Lester Ave #3, Oakland, CA 94606, (510) 763-9228.

Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival

DATE: June 18-19
PLACE: Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY
CONTACT: Clearwater, 112 Market St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 (914) 454-7951
COMMENT: 25th Anniversary!!! 6 stages w/ 70 performers, musicians, puppeteers & more.

Old Songs Festival

DATE: June 24-26
PLACE: Altamont Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY
CONTACT: Old Songs, Inc., PO Box 399, Guilderland, NY 12084 (518) 765-2815
COMMENT: traditional music & dance, children's activities, also featuring The Wildcats, Fiddle Puppet Dancers, Solicanto, Natalie MacMaster.

International Peace Festival

DATE: June 24-July 3
PLACE: Manchester, England.
CONTACT: Olive Bowers, Nuclear Policy & Information Unit, Manchester Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA, England (061-234-3325).

"Summer Camp '94" from The Whole Earth

DATE: July 8-10
PLACE: Harriman State Park, Harriman, NY
CONTACT: The Whole Earth, 142 Washington Street, Binghamton, NY 13901, (607) 723-9867 (After 10PM)
COMMENT: A celebration of summer fun and earthspirituality: life, peace, love and nature

Winterhawk Bluegrass Festival

DATE: July 14-17
PLACE: near Acramdale, NY
CONTACT: Winterhawk, PO Box 161, Tremont City, OH 45372.
COMMENT: all kinds of performances, workshops, contests, dancing, camping, food.

4th Annual Finger Lakes GrassRoots Festival

DATE: July 21-24
PLACE: Trumansburg, NY
CONTACT: Finger Lakes Grassroots Festival, PO Box 941, Trumansburg, NY 14886.
COMMENT: over 40 performing groups on 4 stages for 4 days.

6th International Feminist Book Fair

DATE: July 27-31
PLACE: Melbourne, Australia
CONTACT: GPO Box 2681x, Melbourne, Australia, 3001, tel +61 (0)3 3355.
COMMENT: features 110 international writers & 50 sessions.

19th Michigan Womyn's Music Festival

DATE: August 9-14
PLACE: Hart, MI
CONTACT: WWTMC, Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458.
COMMENT: outdoor cultural gathering w/ over 7000 womyn from over 25 countries; performances, theatre, films.

International Celtic Festival

DATE: August 19-21
PLACE: Hunter Mtn, Hunter, NY.
CONTACT: Hunter Mtn Festivals, Box 295, Hunter, NY 12442, (518) 263-3800.
COMMENT: Pipes, drums, spirit of Ireland, Scotland, Wales & Brittany.

6th Annual Elderflower Womenspirit Festival

DATE: August 25-28
PLACE: Mendocino Woodlands, CA
CONTACT: Elderflower, PO Box 7153, Redwood city, CA 94063, (916) 556-4840.
COMMENT: ages 11 to 17; campfires, plant walks, arts & crafts, natural healing, rituals...

Mountain Eagle Indian Festival

DATE: September 3-5
PLACE: Hunter Mtn, Hunter, NY.
CONTACT: Hunter Mtn Festivals, Box 295, Hunter, NY 12442, (518) 263-3800.
COMMENT: tribal dancing, storytellers, arts & crafts.

Green Nations Gathering

DATE: Sept. 23-25
PLACE: Phoenicia, NY
CONTACT: (914) 795-5238.



SCHOOLS

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***Learning Harmony With the Lakota: Unlearning the Dis-Harmony of Racism**

DATE: June, call for date
PLACE: South Dakota
CONTACT: Nonviolent Alternatives, 825 4th St, Brookings, SD 57006, (605) 692-8465.
COMMENT: 3 week program; cost \$750.

***Training for People Active in Community Development**

DATE: June 4-11
PLACE: Medford, MA
CONTACT: Lincoln Filene Center at Tufts Univ., Medford, MA 02155, (617) 627-3549.

***Franciscan Retreat on Nonviolent Spirituality for the Survival of the Earth**

DATE: June 4-11
PLACE: Las Vegas, NV
CONTACT: Franciscan Friars/Pace e Bene, 1420 W. Bartlett Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89106, (702) 648-2281.
COMMENT: registration \$175.

2nd International Herb Symposium

DATE: June 10-12
PLACE: Norton, MA.
CONTACT: (802) 479-9825

Otsiningo Native American Workshops

DATE: June 11, 18; July 9, 10, 16, 23, 24
PLACE: Apalachin, NY
CONTACT: Waterman Center, PO Box 288, Apalachin, NY 13732
COMMENT: taught by master crafters; workshops on storytelling, hide painting, beadworking, cordage making, & quillworking; fee \$20/\$25.



Gandhian Nonviolence in Theory & Practice

DATE: June 20-July 20
PLACE: India
CONTACT: Nonviolent Alternatives, 825 4th St, Brookings, SD 57006, (605) 692-8465.
COMMENT: cost \$900 plus air fare.

16th Summer Course of International School on Disarmament & Research on Conflicts

DATE: July 9-19
PLACE: Urbino, Italy
CONTACT: Prof. Carlo Schaerf, II University of Rome; tel 39-6 7259-4560/1.
COMMENT: theme: the collective management of world stability, focus on the United Nations

20th Annual Feminist Women's Writing Workshop

DATE: July 10-17
PLACE: Geneva, NY.
CONTACT: Feminist Women's Writing Workshops, PO Box 6583, Ithaca, NY 14851.
COMMENT: Enjoy workshops on a variety of topics, evening readings, talks & critiques, as well as time for solitude & individual writing. Special guest writer Dorothy Allison.

Traditional Music Workshops at Augusta Heritage Center

DATE: July 10-August 12
PLACE: Elkins, WV
CONTACT: August Heritage Center, Davis & Elkins College, 100 Sycamore St, Elkins, WV 26241 (304) 636-1903
COMMENT: Over 80 different summer workshops preserving traditional crafts, music, dances.

Alternatives to Violence: the Gandhian Experiment

DATE: July 16-August 20
PLACE: India
CONTACT: Nonviolent Alternatives, 825 4th St, Brookings, SD 57006, (605) 692-8465.
COMMENT: cost \$1275 plus air fare.

Annual Summer Intensive in Marxist Theory & Practice

DATE: July 17-24
PLACE: New York City
CONTACT: New York Marxist School, 122 West 27th St, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10001, (212) 242-4201.
COMMENT: sessions include: Science & Capitalist Development, Nationalism & Racism at the End of the 20th Century, Feminism & Marxism & more; tuition \$95.

Leadership Development / Nonviolence Training

DATE: August 6-12
PLACE: Northern CA
CONTACT: Center for Nonviolence, 515 Broadway, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, (408) 423-1626.
COMMENT: deadline for applications is June 30.

"Remember the Magic II" 17th Annual Women's Writing Guild Conference

DATE: August 12-19
PLACE: Saratoga Springs, NY.
CONTACT: Hannelore Hahn, c/o IWWG, PO Box 810, Gracie Station, New York, NY 10028, (212) 737-7536.
COMMENT: over 50 workshops on every aspect of the writing craft esp. personal growth, mythology, storytelling, journal, etc.

Future Leaders Network Summer Retreat

DATE: August 12-21
PLACE: Pottstown, PA
CONTACT: Nat'l Committee for Independent Political Action, PO Box 170610, Brooklyn, NY 11217, (718) 643-9603.
COMMENT: spons. by NCIPA & New African Voices Alliance; participants come from a wide range of cultures & nationalities, sharing experiences about their different cultures & experiences as activist; many events.

Skills For Change: Youth Leadership For Peace and Justice

DATE: August 17-25
PLACE: Washington, DC
CONTACT: Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960 (914) 358-4601
COMMENT: skill development: organizing, leadership, strategy, nonviolence, racism, community interaction. Ages 17-23.

7th Annual Women's Herbal Conference

DATE: August 19-21
PLACE: New Hampshire
CONTACT: Herbal Conference, PO Box 232, Marshfield, VT 05658, (802) 456-1402.
COMMENT: join 20 leading women herbalists for a weekend of workshops for beginners & advanced students.

Mountain Meadow Feminist Summer Camp for Girls & Boys

DATE: all summer
PLACE: PA.
CONTACT: 63 W. Washington Ln, Philadelphia, PA 19144, (215) 843-0332.
COMMENT: traditional activities as well as non-competitive sports, community mtgs, open discussions on sexism, racism, sexuality.

Omega Institute Workshops

DATE: All summer
PLACE: Rhinebeck, NY
CONTACT: Omega Institute, 260 Lake Dr, Rhinebeck, NY 12572, (800) 944-1001.
COMMENT: workshops include Allen Ginsberg (6/18-19), Paul Winter (6/6-10).

Internships with Institutue for Central American Studies

DATE: All summer
PLACE: Costa Rica
CONTACT: Institutue for Central American Studies, Apartado 300-1002, San Jose, Costa Rica.
COMMENT: research and write articles for *Mesoamerica*; send resume w/ letters of recommendation.

Learning Alliance Summer Programs

DATE: All summer
PLACE: New York, NY
CONTACT: Learning Alliance, 494 Broadway, New York, NY 10012, (212) 226-7171.
COMMENT: Varied, comprehensive programming on censorship, art, culture, women's issues, Native Americans, ecology, race & politics etc (write for catalog).

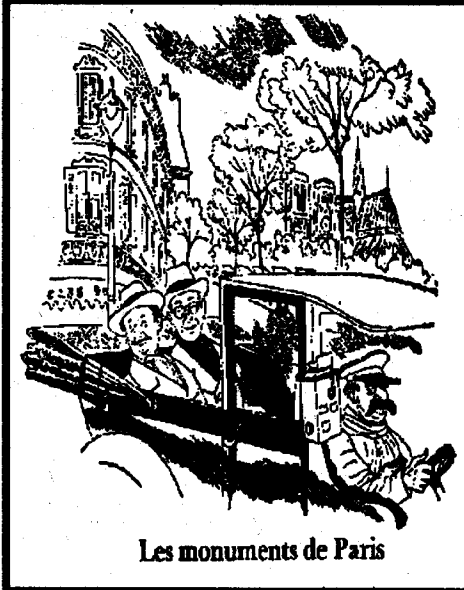
Herbal Medicine & Wild Wise Woman Workshops

DATE: all summer
PLACE: Woodstock, NY.
CONTACT: Susan Weed, PO Box 64, Woodstock, NY 12498 (914) 246-8081.
COMMENT: write for listing; examples: Sacred Sex, Green Witch Intensive, Herotica, Advanced Herbal Intensive, Faerie Gathering.



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Cuba Study Tour

DATE: June 10-20

PLACE: Miami to Havana

CONTACT: Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice, PO Box 2486, Orlando, FL 32802, (407)422-3479.

COMMENT: total cost \$1050.

Liberation Theology in Nicaragua & El Salvador

DATE: June 15-28

PLACE: Nicaragua

CONTACT: Center for Global Education at Augsburg College, (612) 330-1159.

COMMENT: travel seminar; \$1695 from Miami.

Guatemala & Nicaragua: Conflict Resolution & Indigenous Issues

DATE: June 18-30

PLACE: Guatemala y Nicaragua

CONTACT: Center for Global Education at Augsburg College, (612) 330-1159.

COMMENT: travel seminar; \$1895 from Houston, TX.

Anti-violence Exchange to Nicaragua

DATE: June 20-27

PLACE: Nicaragua

CONTACT: Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua, PO Box 1534, Madison, WI 53701, (608)257-7230.

COMMENT: part of ongoing dialogue about experiences & strategies on violence prevention, recovery & empowerment of battered women, & more.

Freedom to Travel Challenge to Cuba

DATE: June 23-30

PLACE: Cuba

CONTACT: FtT Committee, PO Box 401116, San Francisco, CA 94140, (415) 558-9490.

COMMENT: visit daycare centers, hospitals, museums, agricultural coops; \$1000 from Mexico.

Work Brigade to Nicaragua

DATE: July 3-24

PLACE: Nicaragua

CONTACT: Nicaragua Center for Community Action (510) 832-4959.

COMMENT: Hard Work, Simple Food, Rich Rewards.

War, Peace & Salvadoran Refugees

DATE: July 9-21

PLACE: El Salvador

CONTACT: Center for Global Education at Augsburg College, (612) 330-1159.

COMMENT: travel seminar; \$1195 (airfare extra).

Central NY Delegation to Haiti

DATE: July 14-30

PLACE: Haiti

CONTACT: Mike Pasquale, CNY Witness for Peace, PO Box 6243, Syracuse, NY 13217, (315)471-8919.

COMMENT: stand with communities in Haiti working for basic human, economic, & democratic rights; cost \$1200 total.

Caravan to Central America

DATE: June 17-July 17

PLACE: Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua

CONTACT: Pastors for Peace, (612) 378-0062.

COMMENT: material aid caravan needs drivers and vehicles.

Construction Brigade to Cuba

DATE: July 22-31

PLACE: Cuba

CONTACT: Pastors for Peace, 331 17th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, (612) 378-0062.

Construction Brigade to Nicaragua

DATE: July 29-August 8

PLACE: Nicaragua

CONTACT: Pastors for Peace, 331 17th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, (612) 378-0062.

International Solidarity Work Camps

DATE: all summer

PLACE: Mozambique (treeplanting), Angola (street child school), Nicaragua & Brazil (construction)

CONTACT: Institute for International Cooperation & Development, PO Box 103, Williamstown, MA 01267 (413) 458-9828
COMMENT: programs are 11 months. write for booklet.

International Work Camps

DATE: all summer

PLACE: Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Cuba, Guatemala.

CONTACT: Volunteers for Peace, 43 Tiffany Rd, Belmont, VT 05730, (802) 259-2759.

COMMENT: relatively inexpensive 2-3 week programs.

Visit Alternative Communities

DATE: all summer

PLACE: all across the U.S.

CONTACT: Federation of Egalitarian Communities, Acorn (B4), Rt 3, Box 486A, Mineral VA 23117, (703) 894-0582.

COMMENT: write for brochure and visit one of the many across the country.

Witness For Peace Short Term Delegations

DATE: All summer

PLACE: Guatemala, Nicaragua.

CONTACT: Witness for Peace, 2201 P St. NW, Room 109, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 797-1160.

COMMENT: Leaving from many states: CA, NC, RI, IA, MA, KY, OH, OR.

Internships in African Cities

DATE: all year

PLACE: Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, & S. Africa.

CONTACT: Visions in Action, 3637 Fulton St, NW, Washington, DC 20007, (202) 625-7403.

COMMENT: Positions available w/ organizations, newspapers, magazines, research institutes, & health clinics.

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Animal Rights (PAR) periodic orientation meetings at various in the Syracuse vicinity. These orientations give people a chance to hear about PAR and its activities. In addition, learn how to join or become more involved with PAR.

PAR welcomes interested people to attend the next orientation meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 1994 from 7-9 PM, at the Liverpool Public Library located at 310 Tulip Street in the village of Liverpool, in their small meeting room.

The meeting will begin with an overview of the history of PAR. Other topics will be presented by PAR members, and will include animal testing in labs and genetic engineering. There will also be a special speaker from the group "Animal Defense."

At the conclusion of the meeting, people will have a chance to ask questions, followed by refreshments and time to chat with PAR members. There will also be a literature table available, with free items and items for sale. In the case of unforeseen changes, people can call to confirm the meeting about a week in advance by calling PAR at 676-5120 or the Liverpool Public Library at 457-0310.

BEYOND BOUNDARIES

Building Peace at Home

For at least five years, many local activists have been struggling with the issues of inclusiveness and diversity. For example, the Peace Council moved the Plowshares Craft Fair from Plymouth Church to the Southwest Community Center; the Community Choir has invited the Saint Anthony's Gospel Choir, Native-American and African-American vocalists to perform at their concerts, and peace activists met at the AME Zion Church on South Salina Street to discuss coalition building.

Powerful coalition building has much to do with building lasting and just relationships across racial, cultural and class boundaries. Forming friendships based on mutual respect that cross these lines is not a quick or easy process since these divisions grew out of 'Manifest Destiny,' slavery, immigration and capitalism. One way to make friends across societal fault lines is to work on projects of common interest.

Beyond Boundaries, a local grass-roots group, chose for 1994 a work project in Ghana, West Africa as a vehicle to overcome separateness. In August, three European-Americans, two African-Americans, one Native American, one African and one German will work alongside Ghanaians and others in a

three week rural workcamp. They are Kathy Kennedy, Cheryl Miner, Aggie Lane, Tora Bratton, Tyquili Knight, Lisa Noley Suwannachitr, Maudea Warner and Jürgen Scheer. The camp is organized by VOLU, a Ghanaian U.N.-endorsed international organization. In order to afford this trip, Beyond Boundaries is fund-raising. Since Beyond Boundaries is a diverse group, fund-raising events are diverse by

Stonewall 25

Stonewall Update

On a hot June night in 1969, the police raided the Stonewall Inn—a gay bar on Christopher Street in New York's Greenwich Village. For the police, it was just another routine raid on a gay bar. But this time, instead of quietly slipping away into the night as gay men and lesbians had done for years, they resisted and fought back. Christopher Street was ablaze for three days and three nights, and for the first time the chant, "Gay Power" rang out. No-one could have imagined how they were changing the course of history.

The Syracuse Stonewall Committee will remember, commemorate and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion with a live performance highlighting Stonewall 25 through the years. There will be many original works as well as an accompanying exhibit of local lesbian and gay history.

This retrospective will be held Sunday June 19 from 7-9 PM in the S.U. Experimental Theater next to Syracuse Stage (on Irving Avenue near Genesee Street). A reception will follow the program.

The Stonewall Committee is a local non-partisan organization dedicated to combating homophobia and heterosexism, and works to create a lesbian and gay presence in the political process. For more information please write to: The Stonewall Committee, 246 E. Water Street, Syracuse, NY 13202

MESCLAS

multi-ethnic student delegation to cuba

you still have a chance to go to CUBA this summer with MESCLAS, the multiethnic student delegation to cuba.

This is the perfect opportunity to learn how a socialist society works. To see what the cubans think about it. To undermine the information blockade. To see the cuban reality for yourself. The date of the delegation is now JULY 31.

The delegation, primarily for persons 18-29 years old, will last ten days in cuba. we'll leave from miami airport and fly to havana. we'll be in havana for a few days. we'll also visit santa maria de la vega, where we'll meet with students

empowering people to take part in the project, the fund-raisers bring many Syracuse people together who typically are separate.

An important fund-raiser is coming: A Silent Multicultural Art Auction at the Community Folk Art Gallery on June 5, from 7-9 PM. (subscribers: see flyer in this PAPER)

If you have any questions, contact Aggie Lane at 340 Midland Ave, Syracuse, NY 13202 (315) 478-4571. Or if you wish to contribute to Beyond Boundaries, send Aggie a tangible contribution made out to Syracuse Neighborhood Facility. (The Southside Community Center's board feels that the Beyond Boundaries are in line with the Center's goals and has put the group "Beyond Boundaries" on its list of organizations to support.)

Central America/Caribbean Coalition Update

- The Coalition met May 11 and addressed the situations of Haiti, El Salvador, Cuba and Guatemala, as well as the fast in Washington D.C. to shut down the School of the Americas.
- Witness for Peace is sending a delegation to Haiti this summer, and a young people's delegation is going to Cuba.
- The La Estancia-Syracuse Sister Communities is forging ahead with a newsletter and continued contact between the sister communities, including the beginning of long-range fundraising planning for major and minor development projects.
- Witness for Peace sponsored a forum May 12 on the flawed Salvadoran

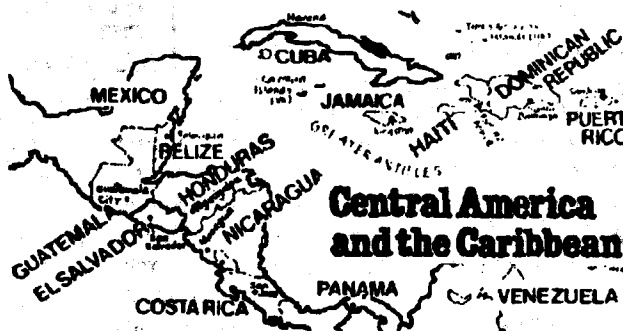
elections, which was well attended and extremely informative.

The Cuba Friendshipment group has changed its name to Committee Against the Boycott of Cuba, and Hank Strunk, Joan Goldberg and Doug Igelsrud are all available

to speak to school, religious and community groups or for a group of your friends in your living room. Hank has videos about Cuba as well as fascinating audiotapes, including one of Dr. Lanny Smith's talk in April about the realities of El Salvador.

• A group is forming to organize a focussed boycott of Guatemalan coffees to put pressure on Guatemala to move the peace process forward. Anyone interested in that effort should contact Paul Weichselbaum.

The next CACC meeting will be Wednesday, June 8, at 6 PM at Plymouth Church. Specific group meetings follow at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.



COMMUNITY UPDATE

OPEN HAND THEATER

Open Hand Theater of Syracuse, New York and Skomorokh Theater Of Tomsk, Siberia Collaborative Theater Project and Mutual Exchange

On May 15, 1994, six Open Hand Company members: Geoffrey Navias, Leslie Archer, Paul Barfoot, Frederick Noyes, Marion de Laubenfels and Christa Cocciole departed for Russia to tour the joint production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" with the cast of Skomorokh Theater. Performances are scheduled in Tomsk, Ekaturianburg, Moscow and at the International Theater Festival of Siberia in Omsk, Russia, as well as Stuttgart, Germany.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" premiered in Syracuse at the Onondaga County Civic Center on September 30, October 1-2, 1993, and then toured to Geneva, St. Lawrence University, and Buffalo, NY. A return tour to the Northeastern U.S. is scheduled for October of 1994.

Open Hand Theater is a mask, mime, and puppetry theater founded in Syracuse in 1982, and directed by Geoffrey Navias. The theater receives a general grant from the New York State Council of the Arts, but must rely on fundraising for its international work. Open Hand Theater's first tour of Russia was in 1992.

Justice for Jessie Davis Network Three Actions Open Trial After Ten Years

Jessie Davis Trial Sparks Upstate Coalition

After nearly ten years, the Federal lawsuit against the City of Albany and five police in the shooting death of Jessie Davis, an African American psychiatric client, begins in Utica on June 20. Moved to Syracuse last summer, this trial endured further delays and was moved to Utica after Louise Thornton, Davis' sister, rejected Albany's offer to settle out of court for \$350,000. Local activists supported Thornton through the donation of lodging, office space and efforts at community awareness of the case, as well as being part of a similar effort getting underway in Utica.

On May 16, this group named itself the

Skomorokh Theater is a well-respected puppetry theater based in Tomsk, Siberia and directed by Roman Vinderman. Skomorokh has toured for years throughout Europe and the countries of the former Soviet Union. They first performed for audiences in Central New York in 1988.

The two theaters have worked together on mutual exchange and collaborative theater projects for the past four years. On return, please contact Leslie Archer, Producer, at (315) 677-3263, or Geoffrey Navias, Artistic Director, at (315) 472-1777 for more info.

Justice for Jessie Davis Network, encompassing the cities of Utica, Albany and Syracuse. Those involved expressed hope that the network might provide the potential for mutual support on police issues in the future.

An opening rally is planned for Sunday, June 12, 4 PM, at the Utica Federal Building on Broad and John, off Genesee, in Utica. Speakers from all three cities will participate.

An opening day vigil on June 20 is set for 8 AM (Utica Federal Bldg.) and an event is in planning for Friday, July 8, the tenth anniversary of Jessie Davis' death.

Also on May 16, Judge Neal McCurn denied attorney Lew Oliver's request for Anthony Bouza to testify at the trial. Bouza, a former Minneapolis police chief, noted writer on policing and excessive force expert, would have that testified Albany police acted inappropriately in handling Jessie Davis. Oliver explained that Louise Thornton had only recently raised funds to pay Bouza's expert witness fee, to no avail.

To participate in Syracuse call Nancy Rhodes at 474-6603 or Brother Mark X. Her-ring at 476-3060.



— Nancy Rhodes

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Aspen Olmsted

I AM STANDING in the long line at the motor vehicle department to once again replace my lost driver's license. I smile as my face is photographically digitized for New York State. My first reaction is, "cool!" as I see my image appear across the room on the cashier's computer terminal. But my second reaction is fear! Fear of the State's growing control over me. Digitizing is photography without the photographic process. No darkness or chemical is needed, and copies can be made for transfer anyplace in the world instantaneously. With a photograph of my face in their computers, they automatically have a copy of my modern finger print, my retina. Every person's retina is unique, and a picture taken at the scene of a crime could be compared by a computer against a database of driver's license photos. Most people who hear my fear may believe it is just another conspiracy theory.

Last month, federal agencies held a CardTech/SecureTech Conference in Crystal City, Va. for security experts to discuss business and government applications for "smart card" and PCMCIA memory-card technologies. "Smart cards" are plastic cards that contain a unique number, similar to a bank card, that would be linked to a national network and could be scanned for personal identification. PCMCIA cards store large amounts of information about an individual on the card. This information can be read from the card by any institution with a card reader.

The Clinton administration is working on creating an identification card that every U.S. citizen will need in order to interact with any federal government agency. The identification card would connect records of the Department of Health and Human Services, the U.S. Treasury, the I.R.S., the banking system and a central database of digital signatures for use in authenticating Electronic mail and other transactions.

At the conference, the U.S. Postal Service had a specific proposal which involves the creation of the "U.S. Card." They would

use the card to check the authenticity of a digital signature for package and mail delivery. Internet electronic mail messages would also be verified by the Postal Service through the "U.S. Card." The Internet is an international, publicly-supported, computerized communications network. The Postal Service plans on putting tolls on the information highway in a few years, when the Internet will lose a major source of its funding. The only thing holding the Postal Service back from issuing 100 million of these cards today is the Clinton Administration's approval. William Murray, an information systems security consultant, described the presentation as "a better surveillance mechanism than Orwell or the government could have imagined."

I've always had an interest for the latest technology. There is a lot of individual and social benefit that could come from a single card identification system. A single card would replace our credit cards, debit cards, drivers licenses and library cards. In emergency medical situations, a doctor would have all a patient's records immediately. Our own access to our personal information and resources would also be increased through technical standardization. Paper checks and currencies would be eliminated because of this standardization in technology, to be replaced by direct-account debits.

Sounds great, but at what cost? Uncle Sam will know everything I buy, everyone I mail to, and all my other personal information. My immediate reaction is to keep my Co-op card and my community doctor, but the State is going to force my participation. Those people living outside the system already will be pulled in when the I.R.S.

SO FAR, THE DISCUSSION OF THE FORTHCOMING "INFORMATION HIGHWAY" HAS NOT STRAYED MUCH BEYOND THE PAINFULLY OVER-EXTENDED METAPHORS OF BUSINESS WRITERS AND COMMENTATORS...

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sees their neighbor pay them fifteen dollars to mow their lawn. Illegal immigrants will be denied access to the U.S. cards and with it, they will be denied the access to health care, banking privileges and the basic ability to send and receive a package. Technology is not inherently evil, but we cannot allow the government to dictate the direction technology moves us in. In a culture that thrives on dramatic conspiracy, the corporate controlled media turns it head again to ignore a real conspiracy.

Aspen is an activist, urban gardener and founding partner of Emma Revolutionary Software.

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"Don't think that modern fascists are like Hitler or Mussolini...they do it more efficiently than the old-time fascists—with higher tech and lower costs to them...They fool you, rule you, use you, abuse you—and make you like it..."

—Bertram Gross, author of *Friendly Fascism*

TECHNICALLY, fascism is "a one-party system of government in which the individual is subordinated to the state and control is maintained by military force, secret police, rigid censorship, and governmental regimentation of business and finance" (*Webster's Unabridged*). This actually seems to be a loose definition of Stalinism. The fascism with which we find ourselves threatened could be defined similarly, except there will be business regimentation of government. That is, at least there will be an understood complicity between state and business, as there so obviously is in the US today.

Of course, we are supposed to have two major political parties. Sadly, both of them have almost identical financial backers and implement very similar policies. Democrat and Republican are, at best, two types of apples while oranges and peaches are left out of the basket. That is not democracy or pluralism, it is a one-party state masquerading as a two-party state. As long as we believe we live in a truly pluralistic country, we never will.

With more than 50% of wealth in America under control by less than one percent of its population, it is easy to see the relationship between government and the class it favors: government is entirely manipulated by business in the United States.

As far as individual subordination to the government is concerned, little explanation is required. John F. Kennedy, our great "liberal" hero himself, summed up the ideas of Hitlerian fascism when he stated, as if reading a direct translation of Mien Kampf: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." So, Americans rallied around the flag of blind compliance as if having forgotten Thomas Jefferson's insistence that the relationship between government and people be the opposite—that government should be "for the people."

Those Damned Welfare Slobs

Many Americans are exclaiming that this country has become a "welfare state." I must agree, but for different reasons than most. The welfare that destroys our economy and drowns our budget is not that which benefits individuals and families, but rather tyhat which is the benefactor of overgrown government organizations and private corporations.

Conservatives cite the billions of dollars spent annually on social welfare recipients, many of whom (but not most) spend extended periods of time dependent on a fixed, government income. Frequently, also, covservatives cite cases of fraud by some of these individuals. Dependents themselves are blamed for their misfortunes, despite the fact that those who are not incapable of working often have no opportunity of obtaining steady work which would provide sufficient income for themselves and their families. Why should a single mother of two or three children take a minimum wage job (assuming one is available) when she would lose government benefits and suffer a dramatic loss of income?

I do not like the idea of social welfare. However, given that the capitalist system is at its most "efficient" when at least 3% of the population is unemployed (and it always works out to be much more), there is obviously a need for such welfare.

A form of unnecessary welfare, however, is that which is offered to private corporations. This welfare, in the form of direct subsidies and tax breaks, dwarfs social welfare spending. The price we pay in lost revenues due to

this form of welfare is well in excess of \$100 billion each year.

The primary beneficiaries of all forms of welfare are private businesses who in turn "streamline" their operations (rather than "trickling

down") by replacing workers with computers and/or foreign "low-cost" (slave) labor. Obviously, tax break "initiatives" save money that businesses would otherwise have to spend on the "public good," the way the public has to.

Similarly, government subsidies actually pay businesses to produce or not produce a good or service. For instance, dairy farmers are often payed *not* to produce milk. At the same time, cattle ranchers receive government welfare to finance the irrigation of lands used for grazing. This irrigation process is so expensive that, according to government figures, if it were not subsidized by you and me, one pound of ground beef would sell at \$25-35 in the local supermarket. Is hamburger that important?

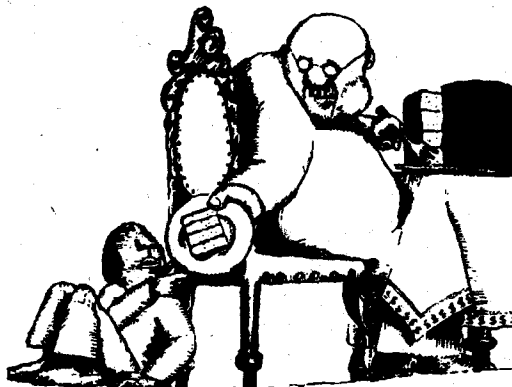
Other examples include Gallo Wines, who in 1991 received \$5.1 million from the federal government to promote wine. And between 1991 and '92, Sunkist Growers Inc. was handed \$17.8 million for orange juice promotion. According to the General Accounting Office, in 1993, the United States sold \$14-48 million worth of land to mining companies for under \$4,500.

Beyond this, even the money that is dealt to dependent families eventually winds up in the hands of businesses once it has been spent at the grocery store or paying the rent.

Mercenary Empire

By far, though, the most disturbing public expenditure of welfare is received by the military-industrial complex. Devouring more than half of the US's regular tax revenues, this monster welfare recipient is the chief cause of our nation's current deficit. At \$5 trillion, the deficit is larger than anything imaginable prior to the Reagan administration's acceleration of the arms race.

The worst part is that this "race" is still going on in the absence of a competitor. While "defense" production has decreased significantly, military spending has not. Critics of even the most minor demilitarization claim that any decline in weapons production places the United States at great risk. From whom, they cannot answer. According to the most recent figures available from the Center for Defense Information, our 1994 defense budget will be exactly 12 times what the governments of Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Syria will spend combined! Still, the next ten largest militaries in the world are not even on the list of "potential adversaries".



The Syracuse *Post-Standard* recently asked where all of the \$264 billion being spent on the Department of Defense is actually going if weapons production, combat forces, and bases have all been reduced. The answer is in logistical redistribution.

The training and supplying of foreign armies remains a top priority of the US government. We usually pick up the tab. For instance, as we all know, the US Army School of the Americas (SOA) at Fort

The new military budget funds combat against the people of the United States as well as people in other countries.

Benning, Georgia has produced tens of thousands of terrorist-trained troops for Latin American dictatorships (see "Policy of Hypocrisy," *PNL*, Jan. '94). Countries in other regions have enjoyed free US military training through programs like International Military Education and Training (IMET), which is basically SOA with a broader perspective (That's right, our work aint over if we close SOA. Sorry to disappoint anyone who thought it would be.)

Then there's the CIA, whose budget we're not allowed to know for reasons of "national security." Given the depth of such spy fiascoes as the recent Aldrich Ames case, it's difficult to imagine that any concerned country *doesn't* know the CIA's budget. "National security" applies because if we knew what goes on at the CIA, we'd probably shut it down.

And if you want to see some serious examples of welfare fraud, research the countless scams performed by perpetual dependents such as General Electric and Lockheed, corporations which thrive on cheating the government, especially in sales of military equipment, weaponry and technology.

Banana Republic for which it Burns

Under a fascist government, control is maintained by a relatively unrestricted police force. The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and Secret Service (SS) have been conducting covert operations against the American political opposition for decades. During the Watergate hearings, it was revealed that the FBI had been carrying out regular burglaries of the Socialist Workers Party headquarters. The Bureau's COINTELPRO operations, which were far more extensive than has been revealed by public documentation, included harassment and disruption of student, labor,

ethnic and political organizations. These activities often resulted in sanctioned murders and unjust incarcerations.

The defense budget is also used to partially fund a semi-secret project known as FEMA (for Federal Emergency Management Act). During the Iran/contra hearings, it was revealed that Oliver North, in collaboration

with the FBI, the CIA, and the rest of the military-industrial complex, had devised a plan which entails the conversion of military bases to concentration camps for incarceration of protestors, to be used in the event of another war like Vietnam. An extensive list of dissidents is already in the hands of FEMA coordinators.

According to Linda Thompson in *Nexus*, only about 6% of FEMA's budget, which is officially earmarked for "natural disasters," had been spent on disaster relief prior to the recent LA earthquake (current figures are unavailable). The rest is presumably used to fund the collection of intelligence on dissidents, the construction of "holding facilities" to be used to house such dissidents in the event of an "emergency," and to prepare for the implementation of Martial Law should we experience nuclear disaster or, more likely, widespread "unrest" among the domestic population.

Among the most frightening characteristics of the New World Order is that money which was formerly spent training regular military forces is now being used to train domestic police forces. In fact, up to 50% of trainees at the US Army's elite Ranger academy are reportedly agents of the FBI, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In other words, the new military budget concerns combat against the people of the United States as well as people in other countries.

Likely to be tagged onto our already overstrained federal budget is a \$28 billion crime bill, which is nothing more than an increase in the severity of legislation the likes of which have been continually passed for two decades, with apparently futile results. The fact that the overall crime rate has not increased as fast as the US population doesn't seem to matter to the mass media. According to Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting, mainstream news



sources have tripled their coverage of violent crime in the past two years, despite a drop in incidences of such crime during that same period.

Those in power want us to be scared. They warn us that welfare fraud, crime and international threats are "rampant." We are playing right into their hands as many Americans call for the abolition of the Bill of Rights and the introduction of flogging as punishment for such crimes as swan killing (a sentence no doubt devised by armchair executioners one evening over chicken parm). At the same time, police raids on public housing have been praised by the executive, and unwarranted raids on private citizens, such as operations "Achilles II" in Cleveland and "Clean Sweep" in Chicago, take place while we sleep.

Another movement against flag-burning is sweeping the federal government, this time without the blowhard Hitlerisms of George Bush. Once again, the Establishment is trying to make even symbolic dissidence illegal. To the Archie Bunker types, the flag and Constitution and Bible and baseball all stand for something wonderful. Meanwhile, for the managers of this banana republic, the object of worship, praise and allegiance fits in a wallet.

We settle for rhetorical promises of liberty and self-determination when the cold reality so blatantly contradicts them. We can worship the US Constitution all we want, but it remains a piece of paper while the flag remains a rag. We are what is real; living and breathing. Until we respect ourselves and our own liberty we will live in a nation that becomes increasingly fascist every year.

As our taxes are spent on private corporations, a monstrous international police force and an ever-expanding domestic military, we complain about social welfare for poor families. George Orwell would have been disturbed, but Adolph Hitler would have been amused.

Brian is a radical. His periodical, *Behind Enemy Lines Quarterly*, can be reached at 4383 Belleflower Circle, Syracuse, NY 13215. Send some stamps for a free copy or two, and some other junk.

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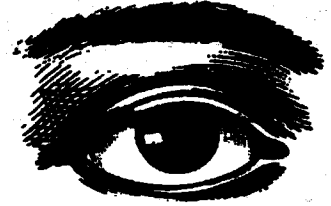
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(see CFC Page, May, 94 PNL). They are full of catchy slogans: "Don't be a Louse, For Your Spouse." Much of the information in the curricula is outdated or full of inaccuracies: "Saving sex until marriage, by contributing to our emotional growth, will lead us to become better parents when we are needed." It does not include any skill building exercises that encourage adolescents to make their own choices.

Other curricula to watch in our communities include "The Art of Loving Well: A Character Values-based Curriculum." This curriculum consists of literary selections followed by discussion questions. The exercises following the stories are geared towards convincing students of the dire consequences of marital sexual activity and emphasize the value of waiting until marriage. Abortion, Adolescent sexuality and divorce are portrayed as sinful and a Christian wedding ceremony is included as part of the text. Another is "RSVP: Responsible Sexual Values Program," which provides very little factual information and devotes the exercises to illustrating the dangers of sexuality using a series of chemis-terperiments. "RSVP" does talk about self-image, but does not provide self-building exercises or discussions on self-esteem. The exercises are designed to lead students towards abstinence.

Number of programs do promote abstinence for adolescents without scare tactics. Paulson's "directive" model, these programs provide participants with skill-building exercises that share the goal of postponing sex. "Will Power/Won't Power" is a program designed by Girls, Inc. to assist students in creating a stronghold from which to make rational decisions regarding intimacy. The program, "Reducing the Risk: Build-Prevent Teen Pregnancy" emphasizes abstinence and contraceptive skills. "Choices" is a program on the level that promotes the values of commitment, responsibility, respect, communication and honesty. Students are encouraged to attain greater self-esteem and self-reliance after the course. In this program, self-reliance is also stressed, but is the choice made by the student.

ANSWERS (from page 8):

1. True, in New York State and throughout the nation. (2)
2. False, about 1/3 of those receiving benefits are African-American. (2)
3. False, mothers receive a little less than \$3.50 per child and that is not enough to provide for that child. Although over two thirds of those receiving benefits are children, nearly half the mothers receiving family assistance have only one child. The average number of children in families receiving cash assistance is two and the size has been steadily decreasing over the last 20 years. (2)
4. False, at present, in New York State the welfare allowance is about 80% of the federal poverty standard. (2)
5. True. (1) & (5)
6. True. (1)
7. False, use our "try it" information (available through the Welfare Watchdogs, 315-475-4822). It does not. (1) & (2)
8. False, not only is this false, but nowhere in New York State does the shelter portion of the AFDC grant cover more than 2/3 the fair market value for a two bedroom apartment. In some areas, such as NYC, Long Island, and Westchester, the fair market rent for basic apartments is higher than the total grant. (3)
9. False, the application process is long, often dehumanizing and frequently requires repeated trips to the welfare office and repeated attempts to provide satisfactory documentation. (2) & (6)
10. True. (10)
11. True. (2)
12. False, in 1991, all New York State provided assistance, including medical payments to doctors, hospitals and nursing homes and all cash assistance to families and individuals totaled 6.7% of the entire state budget. (3)
13. False, according to the New York State Department of Social Services itself, only 1% of the case load has been in New York State for less than a year. (3)
14. False, national studies demonstrate that only 3-4% of all AFDC payments are made incorrectly because of fraud or error. Half the overpayments are the result of

3-4% of all AFDC cases receive more than they are eligible for. Most clients honestly made due to the complex system. Tax fraud and error are widespread and costly then client care fare fraud. (3)

15. False, there are not enough jobs around. In New York State the official unemployment rate has been over 7% for years. The real rate of unemployment and underemployment is much higher. In 1991, New York State lost about 180,000 jobs. Of the jobs being created in the US 40% pay below poverty, increasing the need for welfare "safety net." (3)
16. False, see #3 above.
17. True. (7)
18. False, the percentage of federal dollars goes to ADFC Food Stamps, Medicaid, Wic, is less than 5% of the federal budget, according to the government's own estimation. When you see the pie chart in your tax booklet, social security and certain Veteran benefits make up the portion labeled for human services. (3)
19. True. (3)
20. Most people use welfare as a "safety net" for less than two years a time. They are caught in a "cycle of intergenerational poverty." Most adult recipients work hard at low paying jobs with few, if any, benefits when they have the chance to do so. They have no way to weather a financial emergency, such as illness of the wage earner, exhaustion of unemployment benefits, desertion of a family member, loss of affordable daycare or catastrophe, such as a house fire or eviction. (2) & (3)

Welfare Watchdog Sources:

- (1) New York State Department of Social Services.
- (2) Hunger Action Network of New York State.
- (3) New York State Communities Aid Association.
- (4) New York State Department of Labor.
- (5) US Social Security.
- (6) Our own experience.
- (7) Mother Jones Magazine April, 1992.

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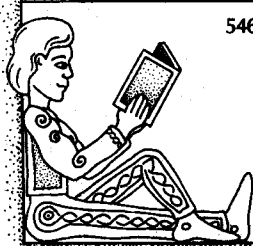
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Gay & Lesbian Pride Event: AIDS walk and run. Starts at Beaver Lake Nature Center, Baldwinsville. 9am-1pm. Spons. by AIDS community resources. 475-2430 for details.

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12 New Environment Assoc. meeting & potluck supper at 147 Hathaway Rd, DeWitt. 2:30pm. 446-9164.

19 Gay & Lesbian Pride Event: Pride Concert at Plymouth Church. 4pm. donation at door.
Gay & Lesbian Pride Event: Stonewall Through the Years at Syracuse Stage. donation. readings/music/dance. 7pm.
 Every Sunday: Volunteer servers needed for dinner at Unity Kitchen. 1:30pm. Call Ann at 475-6761.

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6 Every 1st & 3rd Mon: Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets. 5:30pm.

7 Peace Action program. "Reinvest in Syracuse" & annual elections. 7:30pm. May Memorial, 3800 E Genesee. 478-7442.
Amnesty International Group #373 mtg., Mundy Branch Library, 1204 S. Geddes St. 7-9pm. Letter writing, updates on cases. 688-7441.

13 Sierra Club monthly mtg. Join John Stouffer, Sierra Club's full time legislative staffer to discuss all aspects of state conservation issues. At Illick Hall, Rm 5, SUNY ESF. 7:30pm.
 People for Animal Rights mtg. 7pm. Call 488-8338 for location.

20 Every Mon: ACT-UP mtg. 601 Allen St. (Women's INFO Center). 7:30pm. 425-0673.
 Every Mon: "At Home with a Poet" storytelling, poetry, myths. Adelpia Cable Ch. 7. 10pm.

21 Every Tuesday: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Student Assoc. social. 8:30pm-mid. 750 Ostrum Ave.

27 People for Animal Rights mtg. 7pm. Call 488-8338 for location.

28 Support & Self-Education Group for Parents & Friends of Gay People meets at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St. 7:30pm. 474-6836.

1 "On the Move: the History & Experiences of African-Americans in Onondaga County" exhibit at Onondaga Historical Assoc. 321 Montgomery. Exhibit runs until July 16. 428-1884.

8 Every Wed: Alliance membership meeting. All welcome. At ECHO, 2nd fl., crms of Westcott & Euclid. 2pm. 475-4120.
NOW CNY Chapter mtg at Marine Midland Bank, 360 S Warren, Syracuse. call 487-3188, 7pm.

14 People for Animal Rights orientation meeting. Learn about PAR & its activities. At Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip St, Liverpool. 7:30-8:45pm. Call 488-8338 for more info.

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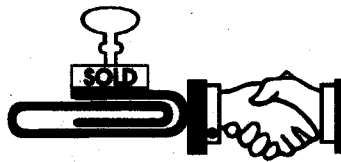
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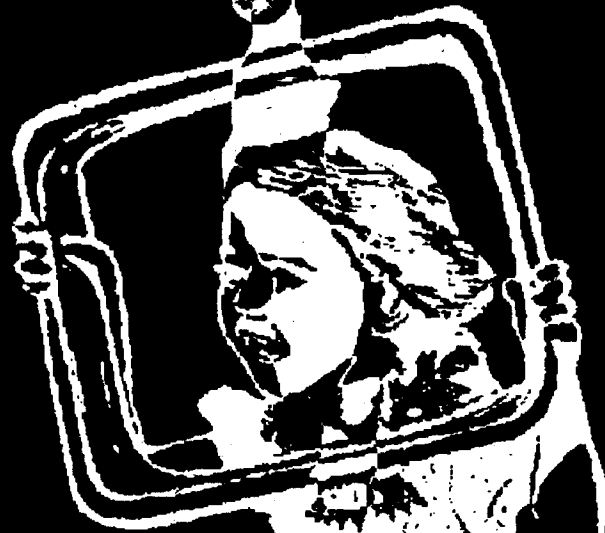
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In This Issue:

For July we try to settle into the long, hot, lazy daze of summer with some articles on criticism, of criticism and just plain critical. Guess we all just got some time to hang around and think about stuff. Like the way the media sucks up the press releases from Bosnia, or about 25 years of Pride, about culture, about Appliances and the white-bred, about what's happening in the community including cleaning up On the Rise, Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration and the activities around Haiti, about Michael Albert's optimism and Brian D's cynicism, about Revolution and about the stunning success of the Jessie Davis case against the Albany cops...and sippin' that ice coffee...

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

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"She Came From the Water
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This month's cover art was a joint project by Karen Hall and Bill Mazza. Karen is dedicated to playing with rubber stamps. The tv girl is one of her favorite images; it's an original from Mars Tokyo, PO Box 65006, Baltimore, MD 21209, catalog available for \$2, refundable. Bill provided the computer play...



Letters

To the Editors:

I read with interest in the May Newsletter issue Joan Goldberg's account of her recent trip to Cuba. I, too, am sympathetic to the Cuban people, and recognize the gains made by the revolution. I oppose US policy towards Cuba, I oppose US support for the right-wing Cuban-American Foundation and its goals, and I support lifting the US embargo against Cuba.

On the other hand, I must disagree with Joan Goldberg when she claims that Cuba is "a free and open society." It is not free, nor open. There are no free and fair elections in Cuba, there is no free speech (for dissidents and opponents of the regime), there are no free and independent trade unions, and there is no freedom of travel abroad, no freedom of political organization and demonstration. The Cuban regime uses a massive internal network of police and informers to intimidate dissidents of all varieties. This is not a free and open society.

Progressives and socialists in the United States support personal freedom and political democracy as basic human rights. A just society must provide for liberty and democracy. Those who cannot distinguish between a communist dictatorship in Cuba and a "free and open society" harm the cause of progressive politics in the US and elsewhere and make it easy for the right-wing supporters of Cold War policies to write off left alternatives as still unreconstructed communists. If the left really wants to get past the stereotypical politics of the Cold War, it must reject apologists for dictatorships of all types, and speak unhappy truths even as it opposes US policies of domination and imperial control.

Sincerely,
John Nagle

P.S. June 15, 1994

I read your announcement in the June issue of the Newsletter with interest and I imagine that the misplaced letter was probably mine, so I am forwarding this copy.

I must say that I am disappointed that my letter taking up the point of defending the meaning and integrity of a "free and open society" may have been the only objection to Joan Goldberg's piece on Cuba. If that is indeed the case, then there is, in my opinion, a great need for dialogue on this and many other points in relation to socialism and democracy, socialism and liberty, socialism and an open society. I would be pleased to engage others in the Syracuse progressive community on these issues, and perhaps something positive can emerge related to a new post-Cold War agenda for the left.

— J.N.

A Time to Walk Our Talk: an Open Letter to the White Peace Community

For the last several years, the Peace Conferences, Retreats, etc. which I have attended usually have workshops and discussions on the issue of racism. Hours have been spent discussing, pondering, agonizing on how to make the connections so that Afro-Americans would join with us in the struggle for peace and justice.

Well, now it's time for us to walk all that talk! Two opportunities are available. Any person who really wants to be in solidarity with people of African heritage can do so by supporting the Justice for Jessie Davis trial which began in Utica on June 20 and will last from three to six weeks. The trial is at the Federal Building on Broad Street between Genesee and John Streets. The building is about four stories high: not your typical high-rise federal building. The courtroom is huge, seating 100 people, and we need to fill it every day of the trial to let the powers that be know we believe in equal justice, whether it be for Judge Sal Wachtler or Jessie Davis.

We need to make connections among peace groups. If persons from the Alliances, Coalitions and Contacts listed each month in the SPC Newsletter would organize and commit to send just one different person to the trial each day, that would be at least 50 people.

Because some of us since the early 1980s have loyally supported the Plowshares activists and by attending many trials and sentencings, some locally and some at a far distance, we hope that loyalty will be reciprocated. After all, Utica is only a few short miles down the road from Griffiss Air Force Base.

It was pretty sad to see only two white faces from Syracuse in Utica at the June 12 "Rally for Justice for Jessie Davis."

[See page 15 of this PNL for the final update on the trial-eds]

The second opportunity available for us to support our brothers and sisters of African heritage is to support the Haitian-Americans in their struggle to support the people in Haiti.

It was, again, sad to see only a handful of white faces among the 5,000 Haitians at a recent demonstration in Washington, DC.

We can support the Haitians by calling, writing and visiting Congresspeople to urge them to support and co-sponsor Congressman Ron Dellums' bill, "the Dellums Bill, H.R. 4114" (known as the Governors Island Reinforcement Act of 1994). This bill has not been defeated, as claimed by Congressman Walsh recently in the Syracuse papers.

Also call, write and visit area offices of Senators D'Amato and Moynihan. Urge them to support and co-sponsor "the Dodd Bill, S 2027" (known as the Haitian Restoration of Democracy Act of 1994). This is the companion bill to the Dellums Bill.

When we visited Congressman Walsh's office, we were told that the people in Walsh's district have no interest in the plight of the Haitians because Walsh's office has not had many calls and visits regarding the crimes against humanity in Haiti which are being committed by the US and us, the citizens.

Surely if the 900+ people who receive this Newsletter would make the effort to call, write and visit Walsh, it would do much to help persuade Walsh to do the moral thing.

In Peace,
Cynthia Banas
Vernon, NY

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Media Manipulation and the Case Against Serbia

Andrianna Natsoulas

THE WAR in the former Yugoslavia demonstrates how quickly the alternative community will follow the lead of the mainstream media and expand on the demonization of the Serbian people without fully comprehending the situation. The history of Yugoslavia needs to be clear in order to better understand the present situation there. Also, the coverage of the war should be correct before coming to any conclusions.

The tensions between the Serbians, the Muslims and the Croats has existed for hundreds of years. To begin with, the Turks (who are Muslim) conquered the Yugoslavian area at the Battle of Kossovo in 1389. The Serbians were then under Turkish rule for about 500 years. It was a gruesome occupation, under which the Serbians were very rebellious. One common strategy of the Turks was a process called *Devshirme*, which involved removing of very young Serbian children from their parents and turning them into *janissaries*. That is, the children were trained to fight for the

Turks and perhaps ultimately kill Serbians. This process went on for 250 years. Muslims, to Serbians, are correlated with Turks. Despite Serbia's independence from the Turks in the 19th century, historic memories of this kind of occupation remains in cultures for generation after generation.

After World War I, Yugoslavia declared itself a union of Slovenes, Croats, Bosnians and Serbians under a Serbian monarch. During World War II, the Germans conquered all of Yugoslavia and established a fascist Croat state which included the Muslims. The Serbians fled to the mountains and put forth a great and stubborn resistance. Germany backed the fascist state which oppressed the Serbians and eventually massacred about half a million Serbians.

Many people have forgotten how the war began in the former Yugoslavia. Both the Croats and Slovenes demanded independence. Again Germany supported the Croats. The Slovenes won their independence, but not the Croats. One quarter of Croatia is Serbian and the Serbians in Croatia did not want indepen-

dence. These Serbians in Croatia are those who were slaughtered during World War II. The Serbs in Croatia refused Croatia independence because of memories from World War II. The Serbs and the Croats fought over Croatia, and the Serbs won twenty-five percent of the territory. They also warned the Bosnians not to attempt independence. Bosnia arranged to have an election for independence. The Bosnian Serbs did not participate in the election, and independence was declared by the Bosnian Muslims and Croats. Although there are more Bosnian Muslims in

Bosnia, they are concentrated in the cities, while the Serbians in Bosnia are peasant farmers; therefore, the majority of the

The western world...with help from the media, has demonized the Serbians

land is cared for by the Serbians. When civil war broke out in Bosnia and the Yugoslavian government collapsed, all arms went to the Serbs, since the Serbians governed Yugoslavia.

The western world has favored the Bosnian Muslims and, with help from the media, has demonized the Serbians. To begin with, the Croats established a strong connection with Germany which is an influential country in the western world. The Bosnian Muslims are very western. They are the metropolitans and wear western dress, while the Serbians are primarily peasants, associated with peasant life, peasant dress and the heavy crosses and icons of orthodoxy.

People have been accepting the media coverage in the Yugoslavian war without question, but much of it has not been thorough or correct. There have been many blatant mistakes by the media. For example, a 1992 BBC film indicated a "Bosnian Muslim prisoner-of-war in a Serb concentration camp." It turned out that a relative recognized the man as a Bosnian Serb in a Muslim concentration camp. Television filmed a funeral of a child who was killed in an alleged Serbian attack on a Bosnian Muslim bus. The funeral was said by reporters to be Muslim, but was actually Orthodox and the bus carried many Serbians. In March and May of 1993, CNN aired reports of 14 Muslims and 10 Muslims killed by Serbs. It turned out that the victims were Serbian killed by



Käthe Kollwitz "The Survivors" 1923

Muslims. In January of 1993, *Newsweek* covered a story asking, "Is there any way to stop Serbian atrocities in Bosnia?" A photo of deadbodies accompanied the title. The bodies were not Bosnian Muslim but Serbian. Photos of the clash between Croats and Bosnian Muslims were said to be the result of Serbian attacks, while Serbians had no part in it. Mistakes such as these go on and on with no correction, so the public and the western governments justify the demonization of the Serbians.

A British journalist received a tip that more than 1,000 Serb children, women and men were being held prisoner by Muslims and Croats but, since it would take her three days to investigate the entire story, her editor told her not to follow up. The media have joined together in order to make the war and the support completely one-sided. When reporters are not able to receive the truth from all sides, the public and the governments are being completely manipulated. Even the alternative media had fallen into this trap until very recently. In late 1991, 60,000 Serb refugees from Croatia had horrifying reports of atrocities they faced. They spoke of concentration camps and Serb children put in plastic body bags. Since no reporter had actually seen the horror, news organizations refused to report it.

Atrocities are reported by Bosnians without the media on the site, but that has not stopped them from sometimes reporting completely false information. There have been instances where the Bosnians claim that the Serbs are firing while it turns out the Bosnians started the bombing. In July of 1993, the *Washington Post* covered a story of a "bread line massacre" where Serbs supposedly killed 22 civilians waiting outside a Sarajevo bakery. U.N. officials discovered it was Muslims who set off the explosives, not the Serbs, but no correction was made. The media will follow these stories as truth without investigating. Serbians have been cooperative in inspection of their camps, while the Bosnians and Croats have been far from cooperative. In January of 1993, *The New York Times* reported 70,000 detention camp inmates were held by Serbians. There was a typographical error, with 7,000 not 70,000, being detained, but no correction was made.

There has been false information or no information concerning the rapes occurring

on both sides. Documents given to the United Nations by Bosnian Serbs have described atrocities committed by the Muslims. In March of 1992, Serb women at a Muslim-held camp in Breza were raped and murdered by Muslims. Serb female prisoners at Celebici were raped on May 27, 1992. A report on July 26, 1992, stated that Serb fathers were forced to rape their own daughters after which both were killed. A Serb doctor reported on August 27, 1992 that at the Muslim-held Croat Ustashi camp at Drtettelji, Serb women were being raped and mutilated. A group of Serb women on November 1992 requested abortions because of repeated rapes by Muslims at Tulza.

On December 10, 1992, officials of the Swiss Federal Parliament were informed that 800 Serb women were repeatedly raped by Muslims and Croats. In January 1992, undocumented reports by Bosnian officials stated 60,000 rapes of Muslim women by Serbs. The media accepted that information without question. The UN Commission on Human Rights investigated the situation and estimated 2,400 rapes, which included Muslim, Croat and Serbian women. Both Amnesty International and the Red Cross reported that all sides were committing these atrocities, not only the Serbians. A French Journalist, Jerome Bony, was told to go to Tulza where Muslim rape survivors were. Fifty kilometers away he was told 4,000 women were there. Twenty kilometers away he was told 400 were there. At ten kilometers the number dropped to forty. When he arrived, there were four Muslim women who had been raped.

This is not to minimize the severity of rape, but to say that it has not been only Serbians committing this horrible act. It has also been the Muslims and Croats. Who is committing more rapes is unclear, but that is not important. It is occurring throughout the war by all sides. Rape is often a part of war. It is a disgusting aspect of war, and we need to know that Serbian women have not escaped it either.



Käthe Kollwitz
"Woman with dead child" 1903

I was in Greece from September to January of 1993, and while I was there I met many Serbians and Bosnian Serbians. Many of them were young, about 15 or 16, sent down in groups by their families to escape the war. They entered a sympathetic country but did not know the language and struggled to find any kind of work. Many lacked food for days and did not have a place to stay. Although Greece was not what they were expecting, it was better than death, or something even worse. I will never forget the first Serbian I met. He had just arrived in Greece two days before. He did not speak a word of Greek or English. His face looked like white stone. He seemed to be in a trance. His expression looked as if he just walked out of his worst nightmare, but it was reality.

Information on the media miscoverage taken from "Dateline Yugoslavia: The Partisan Press" by Peter Brock in Foreign Policy, No. 93, Winter 1993-4. Historical background from Professor Theodore Natsoulas, Professor of history at the University of Toledo.

Andrianna is a local activist and a member of the SPC Council.





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Obviously Not in Kansas Anymore

Celebrating Stonewall 25 with the Friends of Dorothy Catholic Worker



Nick Orth

THIS PAST SATURDAY, June 18, was the Syracuse Lesbian and Gay Pride March. It was a wonderful day, and for me, a new experience all around. I had only attended, never actually marched, in a Pride Day celebration before. And I had never attended a Pride Day in Syracuse.

So much impressed me. The size of the march, the diversity of the groups, the high spirits (in spite of the heat) and how organized it all was. I mean, My God, the march even started on time. I've never seen anything like that before.

My partner Michael and I marched, not only for ourselves, but also in the name of our effort to be of support to those with AIDS—the Friends of Dorothy Catholic Worker. And with us were about 40 friends and supporters (thanks to all of you), many of whom are straight, but still Proud.

And, although I found the day wonderful, there was one thing missing. You. Your presence. There were just short of 400 people at the march and rally. I know that there are more people in this town that support gay and lesbian rights.

As John Bakke pointed out at the rally, Martin Luther King day is not just an African American holiday. MLK was a gift to us all. And so it is with Lesbian and Gay Pride Day. Our struggle for liberation and pride has been of benefit to everyone, and Gay and Lesbian Pride Day is a chance for everyone to celebrate that part of our culture which acknowledges and embraces diversity. So your presence was not unimportant!

But, (this year especially) there's more to it than that. As you have probably heard, the annual proposal to have the city of Syracuse officially recognize Lesbian and Gay Pride Day was defeated in a clearly partisan vote. However, it looks like it is not just a Republican thing. You see, there were two times that the issue was before the Council for a vote. The first time very few people came and most people spoke in favor of the proclamation, although it was clear that all the Republicans would vote no. Yet Rick Guy asked for a postponement. Why?

Well, I was at both meetings and it was quite clear to me that councilor Guy, or whoever is the brains behind the operation, staged the second meeting as a media event, a "Bigots Pride Night," an easy victory to pump up Fundamentalists bused in from the suburbs. It may have looked like Democracy in action, a "grass roots" movement from a local church, but a closer look reveals a national hate movement flexing its muscle in Syracuse.

As I sat in that meeting and listened to one Fundamentalist after another, I heard the Christian Coalition's propaganda video "The Gay Agenda" cited as "proof" that "gays are sinful." Materials from the Oregon and Colorado anti-gay and lesbian campaigns were used. And each speaker refused to take responsibility for what s/he was saying, trying instead to pin their hatred and ignorance on Jesus (As if he hasn't suffered enough!).

Of course, most of these people were quite clearly manipulated, parroting the slogans and sentiments of their patriarch. Very sad, but also terrifying and surreal, like I was on the set of "Invasion of the Intelligence Snatchers."

The only thing that sustained me that night were the proud voices of lesbians and gay men and our allies, speaking from their own truth, from their own experience in beautiful diversity. They spoke up even when bombarded by the lies and hatred that make the closet look safe and appealing in the first place.

The Pride March went on as planned, but the city missed its chance to be *Officially Proud*, the Republicans on the council and the Fundamentalists had no pride at all, and you—well, I don't know—were you proud or not?

Nick lives in connubial bliss with his partner, Michael.



Reading Privilege

Unlocking the Spectacle of Cultural Criticism

Karen Hall

CRITIQUE OF CAPITALISM seem to abound in the circles I travel in. There are a variety of articles, books, movies and conversations available for folks to join, regardless of their level of knowledge or experience. Class analysis is a crucial element in the politics of many leftist and activist circles, and one thing we have done well is to foster a space where people can come and learn.

The same has not always held true for cultural analysis, however. I graduated from college without ever hearing the word postmodern, and now when I hear it or speak it in conversation, I see my friends' eyes glaze over. In his essay, "The Cultural Logic of Late Capitalism," Frederic Jameson makes a case for understanding postmodernism "not as a style but rather as a cultural dominant: a conception which allows for the presence and coexistence of a range of very different, yet subordinate, features." One of the assumptions Jameson works from is that global capitalism is to economic structure as postmodernism is to the global cultural structure.

One reason why it is important to view postmodernism as more than an aesthetic style is because, like global capitalism, it is able to include much more than the aesthetic style of a ruling elite. Large portions of the population get written out of history when eras are named. Postmodernism is able to encompass diverse ethnicities, cultures and political view points because by definition it is made up of disparate and diverse styles. This makes the term more insidious because rather than erasing diversity from history, diversity is consumed by a culturally dominant force and spit back out to us in a more hollow form.

Before I go further, however, I want to very briefly describe a few aspects of postmodernism. Literally, postmodernism is the name of a style and a cultural era that followed modernism. It is comprised of the interplay of multiple surfaces to create intertextuality and pastiche. (If you look

pastiche up in the dictionary, you'll find its synonym is "hodgepodge", a less erudite term but more user-friendly.) Postmodernism revels in kitsch; one perfect example would be Matt Groening's television show, *The Simpsons*. In any one episode, Groening will combine the conventions of the family sitcom with the conventions of a cartoon with the cinematic conventions of a Hitchcock film, all in the name of intertextual play.

Self-referentiality is another aspect of postmodernism; part of the play is watching, commenting on and critiquing ourselves. Again, the *Simpsons* can provide us with a perfect example; in many episodes, the characters joke about their images appearing on t-shirts and in toy stores. Self-referentiality is different to me than self-awareness. The former is about play and performance, and the later is about self-growth and increasing one's consciousness. I have heard people use the term self-referentiality in ways that suggest it is the same as self-awareness; I feel this is a problematic way to think of the term. Postmodernism is about surface; it rejects depth. I once wrote an essay critiquing the AIDS Memorial Quilt as an ideal postmodern

expression because it uses quilting, a women's art form grounded in need and comfort, incorporates diverse populations, emotions and agendas, and, when displayed, creates a transportable, depthless graveyard. The Quilt's lack of depth is both literal, there are no bodies planted beneath the 3'x6' rectangular memorials, and figurative. Although powerful, countless lives are reduced to what can be sewn on a 3'x6' piece of cloth.

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Everything in postmodernism is reduced to a surface, and this, I believe, is due in part to the influence of late capitalism. We live in a stage of capitalism

when everything is a potential product, everything has been or is about to be made into a commodity to be consumed in the global market place. A few years ago, Bennetton ran an advertising campaign in which their name appeared in the lower right hand corner of a series of photographs depicting "controversial" scenes. In one, the photographer captured the dying moment of a person with AIDS. His body stretches Christ-like across the billboard while his family surrounds him. There are no primary-colored sweaters, no multicultural display of children as there are in other Bennetton campaigns. What is Bennetton selling? Compassion, hipness, political correctness, living-on-the-edge riskiness, harsh reality, political activism—anything to sell over-priced clothing. By turning everything from an attitude to a man's final moment on earth into a product, capitalism strips all things of history, context and depth. Life becomes an interplay of surfaces we desperately try to connect in a meaningful way. The dying man is real to only a handful of people; his image on a Bennetton billboard is now more real than he was, and this constructed realness is inseparably linked with sportswear.

Capitalism is constantly in search of something new to sell, something new to convince us that we will not be complete without. Postmodernism feeds us only surfaces grounded in play rather than tradition or history. We buy and buy and yet there is always something lacking. These two domi-



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The High Cost of Comfort

The Role of the Modern Appliance and a Politic of Convenience

Bill Mazza

**appliance 1: an act of applying
2a: a piece of equipment for adapting
a tool or machine to a special purpose
: ATTACHMENT b: an instrument or
device designed for a particular use c:
a household or office mechanism (as a
stove, fan, or refrigerator) operated by
gas, electric current, or a small motor.
3 obs: COMPLIANCE**

THE ENVIRONMENT in which we live is a collection of objects, ideas and symbols loaded with references to our personal memories and experiences. Our relationships with the people and objects in our daily lives present us with constant conscious and unconscious reminders of who we are. Therefore Appliances—so closely associated with our ideas of home and office—are inseparable from our emotional constructions of culture and comfort.

In fact, the Appliance holds a special status among the symbols of American culture. Simultaneously hailed as the means by which to end domestic labor and as a sign of personal success, the Appliance is present in each of our lives. However, the physical Appliance remains virtually invisible in the promi-

nence it is afforded in our homes. It is both normal in its presence (normal in the sense that we consider suburban living the norm by which we “image” our culture, although it is the minority of US citizens who live suburban lives) and noticeable in its absence. Whereas the former represents success, a lack of Appliances not only references the social status of the household, but also offers (usually negative) definition to one’s environment.

For example, because of media and advertising, the icon of the American Mother is linked directly to the objects her image is used to sell. Her image is as closely tied to the apron strings of her kitchen Appliances as she is to the apple pies they help her bake.

Looking more closely at these symbols, it should be no surprise that these commodity love knots were being tied more tightly during that curious point of socio-political theater: the 1950s. Both technological change in the forms of mass communication such as television and the political climate of a victorious post-WWII America worked together to develop new forms of propaganda. The speed at which images and ideas were able to saturate the market created new possibilities for advertising. And since the goal of advertising is to create a sense of need and desire in the consumer, the ad industry works with popular trends and ideas, often reaffirming conservative social values.

New products to reduce physical work and increase leisure-time became central to a post-WWII ideology. For the first time in American history, industry had need to employ women in traditional male roles—consequently including (middle-class) women in the paid economy after centuries of economic exploitation by the nuclear household. While the boys were overseas, America’s women found themselves, by default, with a new-found “freedom” only hoped for by women’s rights advocates of the early twentieth century. Even if this freedom was only, in reality, the opportunity to be exploited as skilled laborers by corporate structures, it opened ideological doors for many women who may not have thought about a role outside the home.

And like the other nuclear experiment of the time—the atom—the fallout from this labor experiment left a great need for spin control. U.S. culture was faced with an active, educated and skilled women’s work-force. A work-force which would have to return to the home if society was to reinstate the traditional social order: a patriarchal economy based on the unpaid work of women.

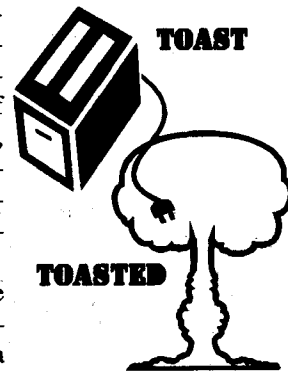
At the same time, US industry was also faced with the end of a profitable war economy as well as access to the open markets of a recently decimated Europe. Conversion to peacetime meant finding domestic uses for factory production in order to guarantee continued sales and profit (One solution was creating the cold-war myth to rationalize a permanent war economy). This desire to retain the profits of increased production levels, coupled with a saturated workforce of men returning from the military, led to the creation of the modern worker/consumer. Industry needed to increase the number of products that could be bought by the people building them, and at the same time, had to create a sense of

need in the worker/consumer to continue buying these products—the “newest,” “latest” and “greatest” products on the market.

This led to military industry giants like General Electric pushing family values through electrical convenience. GE even went so far as to give their then-time spokesperson, Ronald Reagan, a gift of the “first fully automated home,” a fantasy home of the latest conveniences,

to help construct the image of the modern family for all America. An image, no less, that was broadcast into homes and sold via that other modern marvel, the television. Home commodities were designed and built in steel in order to be recreated in flesh, as women were encouraged to return to the image of the home, enticed by the latest gadgets for better living.

It is the power of capitalism that this return to “traditional values of the home” did not need to be centrally dictated or enforced by a ruling elite. The domination of women is so deeply embedded in our social strata that people of all classes and genders were willing to



APPLIANCE ART Call for Entries at Altered Space

Appliance Art is a show about appliances: our relationship to them as commodities as well as our relation to the culture of the appliance.

The work should explore appliances in both their function and form, as well as concepts of the appliance as sign or metaphor. Work can be in all media or sizes (artists will be responsible for pickup of all work at the end of the show).

The show will open in September and will be juried and curated by the members of Altered Space. Call for info or to enter

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overcome vocal minority dissent. The desire was created to re-affirm pre-war gender roles to return pre-war stability. So once the idea started rolling down the corporate ladder, people in all levels and positions of power willingly played it out.

This return is also partially explained through the marketplace. Even though the motive of advertising is always the increase of corporate profits over the spread of propaganda, corporations will exploit cultural tradition to develop product loyalty for *sustained* profit. Because of this relationship between loyalty and profit, often times the products themselves become propaganda. For example, General Electric would target housewives with "labor-saving" appliances. One typical campaign showed husbands how happy they could make their wife by surprising her this Christmas with a new GE

refrigerator/freezer. It was the latest way to be a better wife with the least effort. By exploiting the concept of the nuclear family, GE sold more products while at the same time reinforcing the cultural oppression of women's labor.

Gender relations are not the only way in which marketing exploits product loyalty. In other examples, patriotic symbols are used to sell a commodity, or the commodity itself becomes a patriotic symbol with its entrenched popularity. Both Coca-Cola and Mickey Mouse (Disney) are highly visible products that have become symbols which transcend the products themselves. Throughout the world, many consider "Coke" and "Mickey" interchangeable with the concept "America." In this sense it was advertising forms developed and perfected in the 50s which began the cycle these "transcendent products," or "comfort commodities"—those commodities so linked to popular culture that they are inseparable from the cultural experience.

The Appliance, in all its forms, is one such comfort commodity. Not in the individual sense of patriotic powerhouses such as the above-mentioned "Coke" and "Mickey", but in the sense of comfort by association. The Appliance works on a level whereby our concepts of success, responsibility, family and comfort are linked directly to the consumption of the product. Success is defined most easily by the objects we surround ourselves with. And when not defined by objects, success is

often defined by the abstract concepts of happiness and security—the former connected to available leisure time and social activities, and the latter linked to finances; both aspects refer back to one's ability to consume.

Therefore, when we apply ourselves to the role of the consumer, in reality what we are consuming is our own security, happiness and satisfaction. By surrounding ourselves with the symbols of success, we constantly reactivate the cycles of consumption and desire which promise our liberation from the drudgeries of modern life.

But comfort comes at high cost—there are hidden costs that don't show up on packaging or price tags. In recent years, production of many appliances, as well as electronics and much of the silicon chip industry, has been moved outside of US borders. The world economy now operates in a system of Export Processing Zones (EPZs) and Free Trade Zones (FTZs). These zones were developed mainly in the 1970s as a means for "underdeveloped" countries to attract foreign investment.

Canadian feminist Joyce Nelson, in her book on the public relations industries, "Sultans of Sleaze," traces the development of EPZs and FTZs to agricultural and economic policies pushed on the Third World in the 1950s and 60s. As a means of combatting the huge debt loads incurred by these policies (by listening to the First World "experts" at the World Bank and the IMF in the first place), these countries were then encouraged to open corporation-friendly economic zones to draw in foreign investment. Since the 1970s, multinational corporations have been exploiting these zones as a means of producing products at a fraction of the cost of similar production in the First World.

Besides economic trade and regulation benefits, these zones free the corporations from environmental and union worries. The majority of zone workers are women who work in deplorable conditions for very little pay. The combination of up to 17 hour work-days and/or seven day work-weeks in hazardous conditions, limits the length of time women can sustain these "careers." By some estimates, as of 1989, "...some six million Third World women below the age of thirty have been summarily 'used up' and discarded by the multinational clients of the zones."



FREEDOM



It is difficult to grasp that these women's lives—millions of lives—are "discarded" so that US citizens have a consistent supply of BIC Pens at low cost (BIC Pen Company operates in a Bangkok FTZ). But the same holds true for most household goods, clothing and electronics built in the name of enterprise. Or as Nelson states:

This whole sleazy set-up has depended on massive mystification in both First and Third Worlds...Most of us North Americans have (or had) no idea that the relatively inexpensive consumer goods available on our markets are only artificially within our price range. If a just wage were paid to the millions of women who perform the labor-intensive steps in the global assembly-line, many goods—especially electronics items like microwave ovens, word processors, home computers, video games, color TV's, VCR's—would be too expensive to market. In fact, the entire electronics industry has been built on the backs of the world's female poor.

Our country just watched a US President buy Congressional votes to push another "Free Trade" package through with Mexico. In light of the lives wasted in our corporate FTZs around the globe, it's possible to see that these zones are neither "free" nor "trade" to the lives they destroy.

Appliances continue to be produced, consumed and discarded with promises of better, stronger and faster. Meanwhile, in the growing ranks of our own skilled and "unskilled" unemployed, combined with the export of our culture through international mass media, industry continues to peddle its symbols of success to people who will never afford them. It is in these chrome-plated objects of our daily lives that our oppression is reflected. Not until we fully understand the politics of the toaster will we understand our relationship to the profit-driven market and what it is that we are actually being sold.

"The future is here today."

Bill is staffperson for the Syracuse Peace Council and a member of the Altered Space Collective.



Cruelty-Free Lawns

America's obsession to have a sterile environment is killing our pets and wildlife. The pesticides used to make our lawns homogeneously green and our houses devoid of "lesser" life-forms intoxicate our companions.

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Pesticides can be absorbed through the skin, swallowed or inhaled. Dogs exposed to the herbicide 2, 4-D can be twice as likely to develop lymphatic cancer. Cats are especially vulnerable to pesticides because they have a limited capacity to metabolize drugs. An overdose can occur in a pet exposed to lawn pesticides while being treated with flea control pesticides.

Symptoms include: difficulty breathing, excessive salivation, drooling, vomiting, runny eyes, diarrhea, seizures, poor coordination, muscle tremors, convulsions, weakness, apprehension, depression and other abnormal behaviors. Early diagnosis and treatment can save the animal's life.

Keeping your pet inside may not be adequate protection. Lawn care pesticides can drift through open windows into homes. Pesticides can settle and dry on porches, hanging laundry, children's toys, pet food bowls, outdoor furniture and bird feeders. Do you want to feed toxic chemicals to your companion or wildlife?

Keep your property pesticide free. Work with neighbors to do the same. Don't let your pets play in places that could have been treated recently.

Before using pesticides, decide if you really have a problem. Many alternative treatments for pests can be found from the following sources: NY Coalition for Alternatives to



Mental Patients Liberation ALLIANCE

Bastille Day

The Mental Patients' Liberation Alliance began in Syracuse in 1972. The Alliance incorporated in 1981, and in that year began what has become an annual public protest to call attention to the use of shock treatment on people in psychiatric facilities.

In 1983, The Alliance hosted the Eleventh Annual International Conference on Human Rights and Psychiatric Oppression. This event drew about 150 people from throughout North America. These people, who refer to themselves as psychiatric system survivors, held workshops and planning meetings and then gathered at Hutchings Psychiatric Center for a rally.

After that rally, a group of people went to the Veteran's Administration Hospital to attempt to obtain information about reports of psychosurgery at that institution. Some people also marched to St. Joseph's Hospital in an attempt to get information about the amount of shock treatment being done there. A group of about twenty people also sat-in outside the entrance to Benjamin Rush Psychiatric Center for fourteen hours. The blockade ended after a meeting with Rush administration.

After several more years of protest, Rush Psychiatric Center announced that they had stopped using shock treatment. However, people could be transferred to other "hospitals" for that "service." The Alliance held several more demonstrations at St. Joseph's Hospital with a focus on shock treatment. At one protest six Alliance members were arrested for criminal trespass. The charges were later dropped.

Pesticides, PO Box 6005, Albany, NY 12206-0005, (518) 426-8246, *Lawn Care Without Pesticides* (free), Cornell's Cooperative Extension, (315) 424-9496, and the National Animal Poison Control Center 24 Hour Hotline: 1-800-548-2423, \$30 per case, chargeable to a credit card, or 1-900-690-0000 (approx. \$2.75 for short calls).

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In later years, Alliance members were involved in Bastille Day protests in other parts of the country. Two years ago the protest was at Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center over forced shock treatment. The Bastille Day Protest in 1993 was held in Albany over psychiatric oppression in general. In January 1994, The Alliance held a rally in Syracuse to support Lucille Austwick, an 80-year-old woman in Chicago who, over her objection, was scheduled to have shock treatment.

There are still questions about psychosurgery at the Veteran's Administration Hospital. Shock treatment is still performed at several institutions in Syracuse. Psychiatric methods still involve restraint, seclusion, forced drugging, forced "programming", experimentation and degrading interventions. There is very little protection of the human and civil rights of people accused of "mental illness."

At noon on Thursday, July 14—Bastille Day—members of The Alliance, their friends and other interested citizens, will gather on the grounds of Hutchings Psychiatric center to bring these concerns to public attention. We invite you to join us and help break the silence about psychiatric oppression. For more information about the issues or the rally, call The Alliance at (315)475-4120 or 1-800-654-7227.

Thank You.

Central America/Caribbean Coalition (CACC)

Joan Goldberg

THE JUNE MEETING of CACC welcomed old as well as new faces. Ann, Ed, Elana were back from a night—and Harvey two nights—at the Public Safety Building after being arrested for their refusal to leave Jim Walsh's office (see page 14, this PNL). Joan just returned from Edmonton and a visit with Gloria and Roberto (Juana and Carlos) and their family (Salvadorans formerly in sanctuary in Syracuse) who send greetings of solidarity and affection to everyone.

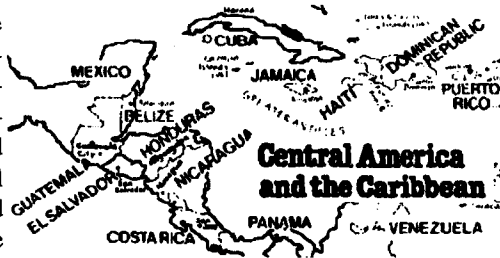
Paul facilitated the dinnermeeting which included group reports, updates and announcements.

CUBA: Elana's delegation has been postponed until the end of July and will include adults as well as youth. There are still some openings; contact her if you want more information (472-5711). It's not too late to contribute to her "undermine with underwear" campaign. All-cotton, men's, women's and children's are needed. Help her reach her goal of 1,000 pairs. Also, Elana and Hank attended the June 9 National Lobby Day (against the blockade) in Washington.

Witness For Peace: The Haiti delegation is planning to leave July 18 unless all commercial flights are cancelled (which is supposed to happen at the end of June). There has also been some word of the possibility of a US invasion. In either case the delegation would probably be postponed/cancelled.

Syracuse-La Estancia Sister Community (Hermanamiento): They have begun to publish a quarterly newsletter and have also started a monthly pledge campaign to support La Estancia. Contact Shirley for more information (446-6099).

Guatemala Coffee Boycott: A committee has formed to approach local coffee shops informing them of the political situation in Guatemala and urging them to participate in the boycott as a way to pressure the Guatemalan government into ending the re-



pression and violence. It is hoped that Jennifer Harbury, who has been instrumental in organizing the national, boycott will be in Syracuse in the near future. Watch for more details. Interested in joining these efforts? Call Paul (478-1592). And boycott Guatemalan coffee!!

School of the Americas: Ed shared his experiences of the forty day fast that he and others, including Kathleen Rumpf, recently participated in on the Capitol steps in Washington.

For the rest of the evening there was a brainstorming and strategizing session of possible responses to our government's policies toward Haitian refugees, the possibility of a US invasion of Haiti. We also talked about ways to approach Jim Walsh. What has been decided so far is that there will be a presence at Columbus Circle every Monday from 12-1 PM. Please join us!

The next meeting of CACC is Wednesday, July 13, 6PM (meeting and potluck) at Plymouth Congregational Church. Individual group meetings or possibly a presentation by Jennifer Harbury will follow at 7:30. If Central America/The Caribbean is your interest, we welcome you to join us. We have some of the best cooks and the most efficiently run meetings in the community.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

49th Annual Hiroshima & Nagasaki Commemoration

"During (Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson's) recitation of the relevant facts, I had been conscious of a feeling of depression and so I voiced to him my grave misgivings, first on the basis of my belief that Japan was already defeated and that dropping the bomb was completely unnecessary, and secondly, because I thought that our country should avoid shocking world opinion by the use of a weapon whose employment was, I thought, no longer mandatory as a measure to save American lives."

—General Dwight D. Eisenhower

Never Again

We commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki because we must recognize our extreme potential for destruction. In ourselves, we must come to terms with that awful potential as individuals, as a nation and as a species if we are to avert further destruction and survive.

Our humanity unites peoples throughout the world and makes questions of nationalist

loyalty moot—though we are often seen as anti-American when we observe these solemn remembrances between August 6 and 9.

A committee composed of representatives of Peace Action, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Veterans for Peace, Syracuse Peace Council, and the American Friends Service Committee—and open to others becoming involved—considered these concerns in planning this year's observances.

We will emphasize three goals this year: connecting with the religious community, reaching out to veterans with a message of common cause and educating about the Comprehensive Test Ban (CTB).

In our commemoration we will look to the future rather than dwelling on the past. After we open ourselves to the despair of looking again at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, it is important to direct the resulting energy to positive action.

Our 1994 event will take place on Tuesday, August 9, from 8 AM - 1 PM. Please take part in any portion for which you are available. We will gather at Clinton Square at 8 AM for a vigil. Someone will be posted there throughout the morning with petitions (Look for the crane flag). Then we will carry petitions around the downtown area, including the Farmers' Market, until 12:30, when we will gather at the Federal Building for a closing ceremony and deliver our statement, along with cranes folded by young people from religious congregations to Senator D'Amato's office.

As many of you know, these events are usually marked by an Open Hand Theater procession with their giant puppets. At this writing, theater members are performing in Tomsk, Siberia, and their plans are not known.

PNL Subscribers: Please fill out and return the enclosed petition during the coming month and call 478-7442 if you can help with the planning or the events on August 9.

Haiti Update

Paul Frazier

Nonviolent Civil Disobedience

Four Central New Yorkers, Elana Levy, Ed Kinane, Harvey Pinyoun and Ann Tiffany, committed nonviolent civil disobedience in the office of Congressperson James T. Walsh on Monday, June 6. Protesting Walsh's position against granting asylum to Haitian refugees, twenty or more support people stayed in the offices until closing time. The four who remained after closing were charged with trespassing and chose to give Jane and John Doe names. They stayed overnight in the Public Safety Building and were arraigned and released the next day.

On Wednesday, June 22, Cynthia Banas joined the four in the Immigration and Naturalization Office (INS) office and remained in the office until after closing hours, protesting the lack of Temporary Protected Status for Haitian refugees.

As the protesters, numbering twelve, told the four potential immigrants waiting in the office that the protest was not intended to interfere with their needs, a remarkable dialogue took place which emphasized the reason for protest and civil disobedience. A man waiting said, "...there are Haitians living where we live now." When asked where, he said, "...in the Fulton and Oswego area." He continued in a quiet voice, "One of the men living there had a parent assassinated because of showing support for Aristide." Protesting in the INS office suddenly became a very right and proper thing to do.

The five arrested were held overnight in the PSB, being told that the police were concerned they would return to the INS office if booked and released. Ed Kinane remains in jail at this time: he refused to agree to a condition of release without bail that he would stay away from the INS office. Continued support for the Haitian struggle includes support and presence at the upcoming trials of those arrested.

The actions provide a focal point for continuing nonviolent civil disobedience as one part of a continuing campaign in support of Haitians—Haitians living at home in terrible conditions, fleeing military brutality, or seeking a safer life here in the US.

Ongoing Action—Support group meetings are scheduled to continue, seeking to maintain action, reflection and an invitation to others to join in the protest. Call Harvey Pinyoun at 474-4836 for the next meeting time and place.



Special Meeting On Haiti

On Thursday, July 7, at Plymouth Church, a "Special Meeting on Haiti" will take place.

Up-to-the-minute information about the constantly changing tension in Haiti will be provided.

The meeting creates another opportunity to include members of the Syracuse peace and justice community in the ongoing plans and actions in support of Haiti.

The agenda for the meeting is maintaining and sustaining nonviolent direct action as well as inviting more people to join in the struggle sets.

Concerned citizens who cannot attend this meeting can make connections at the Monday noon vigil at Columbus Circle, at the evening vigil at the Cathedral Chapel (5:45 - 6:45 pm), or by calling Harvey Pinyon at 474-4836.

Why the US Should Not Invade Haiti

Ed Kinane and Ann Tiffany

1. Waging war—except to repel invasion—is immoral.
2. When the US invades any country—for whatever reason—many innocent people die.
3. Since the 19th century, the numerous US invasions and military interventions in the Caribbean (and throughout Latin America) have invariably left a legacy of increased militarism and decreased democracy.
4. The US military/CIA cannot be trusted to engineer the restoration of democracy and President Aristide to Haiti. Their "heart" simply isn't in it.
5. US diplomatic efforts to restore democracy and President Aristide to Haiti have been set up to fail.

Steps the US can legitimately take include:

- Making US manufacturers in Haiti subject to the blockade.
- Negotiating with the Dominican Republic to fully close its border with Haiti.
- Giving consistent, unambiguous messages opposed to Haiti's outlaw military regime and in support of President Aristide.
- Publicly repudiating the CIA disinformation campaign against Aristide and prosecuting those responsible for that campaign.
- Directing Cedras' CIA backers to order Cedras to step down.

Actions



Interfaith Service Organized

On Sunday, June 26, an Interfaith gathering for Concern and Encouragement took place at the Chapel of the Cathedral on Columbus Avenue. With songs, prayers, and expressions of concern, the evening welcomed a newly-arrived Haitian family to the Syracuse area.

From June 27 to July 31, a month-long vigil will take place at the Cathedral Chapel from 5:45 pm - 6:45 PM. "People Working for Haiti" will be present for meditation, support, information, prayer, and encouragement.



Weekly Noontime Haitian Support Vigil at Columbus Circle

Following the June monthly meeting of the Central America/Caribbean Coalition, a weekly, Monday, noontime vigil in support of Haitians began at Columbus Circle.

The one-hour vigil provides a regular, ongoing opportunity to engage the public in dialogue about Haiti, and to come together for an hour of support and solidarity. "Just be there." The call goes out to hold a sign, pass out a flier and talk with the lunchtime crowd.



Maintaining a Vision of Victory

Stopping the "Killing Train" and Creating a New Tomorrow

Brian A. Dominick

SUPPOSE I AND people like me were able to point out so many of the evils of this world to so many people that most Americans were ready for a revolution and willing to participate, no matter what the cost. Suppose we were able to rile the population so much that everyone was just waiting for a chance to dismantle the capitalist infrastructure and all of its institutions of violence. Suppose we tore the whole shitty operation down to the ground and were ready to start over. Then what?

There is an obvious problem with this: we on the Left cannot agree on an alternative. Fighting has divided us into a hundred distinct factions, each certain of its righteousness. How do we build from that?

There is a less obvious problem with the above scenario as well: without first having a solution, we could never conjure the massive support that will be necessary for a revolution. Why should we expect anyone to join our "movement" if we don't have anything to offer? I think we're lying to ourselves if we believe that we are significantly more enlightened than the large majority of the North American population which is not "active." In fact, it is clear to me that discontent and frustration are widespread throughout the US. But it's probably somewhat absurd for anyone to join us in the absence of a method by which we plan to achieve our goal of world peace and harmony.

I recently had the opportunity to spend a considerable amount of time with Michael Albert, '60s radical student leader-turned co-founder of South End Press-turned author-turned co-founder of *Z Magazine*. Like me, he is confrontational and demanding. We clashed. This certainly affected me much more than it affected him.

For all our differences, or what I perceived to be such and he seemingly did not, I couldn't help but like his style. Albert is different from most of the leftists I know. He separates us all into two categories. There are those, he says, who resist because they want to stay on the side of the disenfranchised and are willing to go down fighting. And then there are

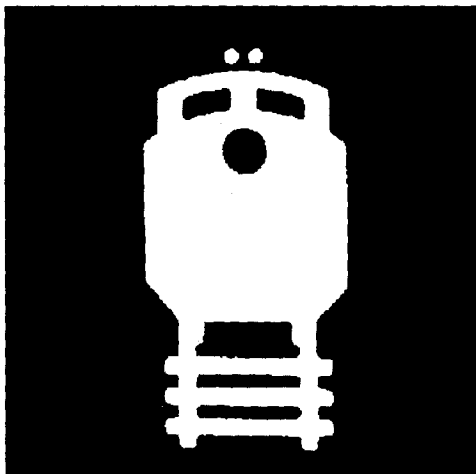
those who think we can win. He is one of the latter.

As for me? I've called myself an anarchist for some time now, not because I believed in a dream of anarchist utopia but because I didn't believe in anything else. No one ever said being a dissident was going to be easy. It's never been something I've particularly wanted to do. Rather, I feel like I was forced into it. I was shown one too many times the evils of capitalism and authority and power. And whether I ever thought I'd change a thing, I certainly became determined not to participate in destroying the world in which my children and their children will live. So I set out to disgust as many people as possible, my only hope being that they, like me, would refuse to perpetuate the downward spiral. Where we went from there I have never even feigned to know.

Albert asked me if I thought we could win. I told him no. I didn't have a reason. I didn't have hope.

We need hope. We all share a dream, but few of us believe it can be achieved. I have lots of problems with Albert's version of our goal. His visions, in my opinion, need work.

So I'm faced with a dilemma: I can go back to believing we can't win, or I can start gaining and spreading hope of a new tomorrow. I can criticize concepts like Albert's and dismiss them, or I can criticize them and try to build on them. I'm sick of not having hope or vision.



"every loss is part of the process" of revolution

In February 1991, Albert used his *Z Magazine* column known as "Venting Spleen" to transform what seemed to be the story of history's disastrous conclusion into a projection of hope for us all in an essay titled "Reading Chomsky." Using Chomsky's graphic descriptions of a world gone mad as an impetus, Albert insisted that things could change. Imagine, he prompted the reader, that a hypothetical god became fed up with the constant

destruction humanity wreaks upon itself, and decided to demonstrate the real results of our violence by creating a

train whose glass-walled cars would display within them each and every corpse manufactured by unjust governments and institutions. "Anyone dying for want of food or medicine, anyone hung or garroted to death, shot or beaten to death, raped or bombed to death, anyone dying inhumanely would" be piled into the "ethereal train" and paraded around the United States.

With a thousand corpses in each car, such a train set in motion on January 1, 1991, would stretch from coast to coast seven times by the turn of the century. Unless something is done.

Unaware that it would become the theme for his latest book, I reprinted the piece in another journal, largely as an attempt to illustrate how terrible our world has become. Even then I did not recognize the hope Albert hinted upon by asserting that "every loss is part of the process" of revolution. It's time to transform the apparatus which promotes violence and prevents justice into one which facilitates progress. In short, we've got to trash the whole thing and start over--but not from scratch.

Michael Albert's new book, *Stop the Killing Train: Radical Visions for Radical Change* (South End Press, 1994; 243 pp.), is a collection of his "Venting Spleen" column entries which gave a witty, often humorous flavor to *Z Magazine*. Besides cunning analyses of political situations like the US invasions of Panama and the Persian Gulf states, *Stop the Killing Train* is packed with hard-hitting, no-holds-barred commentary on the floundering Left from one who helped form the "new Left" in the 1960s.

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Top Ten Reasons for a Revolution

Looking Forward to the Reality of Social Change

Bill Griffen

Top Ten Reasons for a Revolution

#10 Bernie Sanders is still alone in the Congress.

#9 Republicrats do not a two party system make.

#8 We're still wearing those equal-pay-for-women 59-cent buttons

#7 Still missing from US textbooks: "I burn up when I think of all the good guys who went out and got killed to protect the rights of a handful of S.O.B.s to make more money for themselves."—General Evans Carlson, US Marines

#6 The 21st Century is on the endangered species list.

#5 "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" is listed in the *TV Guide* as entertainment.

#4 In 1990, the rich received over \$170 billion from the federal government in welfare while the poor received \$11 billion.

#3 83% of our citizens believe our economic system is inherently unfair.

#2 Nike CEO Philip Knight's weekly paycheck is \$19,077. A Third World Nike worker's is \$9.37.

AND THE #1 REASON FOR A REVOLUTION IN THE US TODAY IS:

One half of 1% of the US population own 45% of this nation's financial assets!

HAVE THIS recurring fantasy—my analyst, if I had one, would call it an obsession—of David Letterman doing that list one night on CBS. I'm a sucker for honest TV. In my fantasy "Candor Camera" plays a key role as lies and deceit become so boring the media turns to truth and reality. It will be as if sodium pentothal replaced cocaine as the Madison Avenue drug of choice.

And Ned Beatty's character in the movie "Network" will be resurrected. His one magnificent truth-bite as he lectured to Peter Finch (Howard Beale) will be multiplied a thousand fold. Remember it?

"You get on your little 21 inch TV screen," Beatty railed at his employee, TV anchor Howard Beale, "and howl about America and democracy. There is no America! There is no democracy! There is only IBM, AT&T, ITT, DuPont, Dow, Union Carbide and Exxon. There are no nations today."

With the culture-industry awash in truth serum, that lesson will become the stuff of series, documentaries and sit-coms. Truth and reality will be served up nightly. The hegemon-dam will break. Run for you new lives!

Imagine an NBC education special. Tom Brokaw on special assignment takes us to a typical school in the heartland of the US—the Alfred Landon High School in Wichita, Kansas. Brokaw starts to pontificate about upgrading America's work force through education when the candor camera cuts to the principal addressing an "Alf Landon Career Day" assembly:

It is with a heavy heart and numerous misgivings that I speak to you on this career day. Unfortunately, many, if not most, of the careers or jobs you will wind up in will not make you happy, but that's not your fault. Happiness is a paycheck and here too, many, if not most, will not be happy.

Most will feel underpaid and probably will be. But more important, most of you want to do something worthwhile and challenging with your lives. Few will be allowed to. Most will work in jobs that contribute to increasing or maintaining our Gross (as in 'God, that's gross') National Product.

Economists call this the GNP and cheer when it grows and boo when it shrinks. It doesn't much matter to those trumpeting the health of the economy what boosts the GNP—cancer-causing cigarettes count as much as granola, nuclear bombs as much as new 300 bed hospitals.

Some of you will work to offer services to the workers—meeting their health needs, housing needs, food needs, entertainment needs, insurance needs and needs not really needed.

Whether your work contributes directly to the GNP or you play a supporting role, at the end of your career only one half of 1% at the top will still own about 45% of everything there is to own in the US. The next 9.5% will own 38%, while the remaining 90% will have to settle for 17% of the pie. Look around this auditorium of approximately 1,000 students. After a lifetime of work, five people will own 45% of the wealth, while

900 will share about 17% of the remains.

Those five students will probably be at the top of a corporation or a bank. The 900 will have worked for a living.

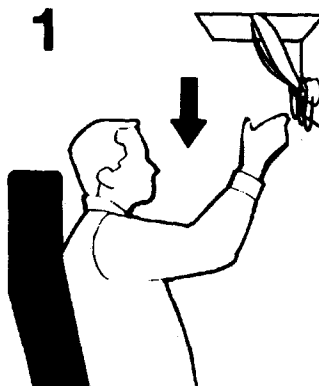
Well, now there. The ugly secret is out. Most people work in order to make a very few people powerfully rich and richly powerful. So unless you make the 'Big Five,' you are doomed to be a loser. The 'Big Five' spend a lot of money and support a lot of careers to help you forget there is a 'Big Five.' You may wish to consider a job that helps the 'Big Five' to extend the confusion—if you are good at it you might rise to the top of CBS or the *New York Times* or *Time* magazine as you keep that 90% at the bottom mystified and pacified. Less spectacular, some will work in schools and contribute to the protection of the top one half of 1%'s empire—rarely, if ever, being conscious of their role. They will be convinced they are doing just the opposite—preparing everyone for her or his shot at the top.

My advice to you on this career day? Most of you aren't going to like it. Few of you will take it. In your job search and at your interviews, ask these simple, direct questions when you are presented with the obligatory 'any questions?' Ask them:

1. Is what I will be producing, selling, servicing, or tabulating and recording really needed?
2. Will my work soil or cleanse our shared nest—the earth?
3. Will my work benefit or harm the people I never meet—those in the "Third World"?

Those are enough for starters. The answers, or more likely the evasions, will suggest more questions to put to your employer/interviewer.

Happy Trails!



ABC premieres a new series, "Life Chances of the Poor and Forgotten." In the first three shows the viewer learns that 60,000 people in the world (2/3 of them children) die of hunger every day, and that there are 273,000 school-aged homeless children in the US. If present trends continue, by the year 2000 one out of every four children born in the US will be poor.

The Fox network breaks new ground by running a series titled "It's All a Piece—There are No Single Issues." The thirteen week series features guests including: Noam Chomsky, June Jordan, Manning Marable, Howard Zinn, Wendy Kohli, Ron Dellums, Samuel Day, Jr., Murry Bookchin, Helen Woodson, Andy Mager, Doug Dowd, Liz McAllister, Kirkpatrick Sale, the Berrigan brothers (Jerry, Phil and Dan), Michael Apple, Edward Said, Chief Oren Lyons, Kathleen Rumpf, Dave Dellinger, Marjorie Rusk and Maggie Mae Horton.

In Chomsky's segment he notes that "the general population has lots of cards." He is describing Hume's Paradox in which the people submit to the rulers, "even though force is always in the hands of the governed," and the rulers:

...can only rule if they control opinion—no matter how many guns they have...If the general population won't accept things, the rulers are finished...There's a constant battle between people who refuse to accept domination and injustice and those who are trying to force people to accept them.

In that struggle Chomsky tells the Fox audience how he continues to be drawn to anarchism. For the first time in mass media history a thoughtful discussion of anarchy starts to unfold:

What I think is most important about anarchism as a 'philosophy' (a term I'm uncomfortable with) is its recognition that there is, and will always be, a need to discover and overcome structures of hierarchy, authority, and domination and constraints on freedom: slavery, wage-slavery, racism, sexism, authoritarian schools, etc., forever. ...Anarchism does not legislate ultimate solutions to these problems. I see it as a rather practical 'philosophy,' inspired by a vision of the future that is more free and conducive to a wide range of human needs, many of which are in no position even to identify under the intellectual and material constraints of our present existence.

Toward the end of the program Chomsky reflectively responds to an interviewer, "I can't really say how I came to be influenced by anarchist ideas; I can't remember a time when I was *not* so influenced."

"So what's wrong with capitalism?" he is asked. No mincing here. Chomsky allows as how he favors democracy—"the central insti-

tutions in the society have to be under popular control." So what is the relationship between democracy and capitalism? Chomsky argues:

Now, under capitalism we can't have democracy by definition. Capitalism is a system in which the central institutions of society are in principle under autocratic control. Thus, a corporation or an industry is, if we were to think of it in political terms, fascist; that is, it has tight control at the top and strict obedience has to be established at every level—there's little bargaining, a little give and take, but the line of authority is perfectly straightforward. Just as I'm opposed to political fascism, I'm opposed to economic fascism. I think that until major institutions of society are under the popular control of participants and communities, it's pointless to talk about democracy.

In this sense, I would describe myself as a libertarian socialist—I'd love to see centralized power eliminated, whether it's the state or the economy, and have it diffused and ultimately under direct control of the participants. Moreover, I think that's entirely realistic. Every bit of evidence that exists (there isn't much) seems to show, for example, that workers' control increases efficiency. Nevertheless, capitalists don't want it, naturally; what they're worried about is control, not the loss of productivity or efficiency.

As my fantasy builds, the truth virus infecting the electronic folks next hits *Time* magazine, previously immune to truth. In 1976, *Time* ran a bicentennial cover story featuring Adam Smith with the title "Is Capitalism Dead?" (their unqualified answer: no). Twenty years later an obscure fast-food worker-organizer will grace the *Time* cover as 1996 Woman-of-the-Year. Juanita Mendez, president of the new coalition of fast-food, shopping mall and hospitality workers, has declared class warfare on anyone interfering with worker welfare. *Time* reports:

The labor movement, counted out as dead in the early 1990s with unionized workers totalling less than 17% of the work force, has turned to drastic measures. Abandoning the liberal refrain of 'let's share the pie,' which of late had been



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reduced to crumbs, unions took the offensive. Starting with a truth-in-labelling campaign, the three major unions renamed their organizations: Fast-food Overworked and Underpaid Laborers (FOUL), Store Clerks Retailing Everything at Alienating Malls (SCREAM) and Stop Hotels As Maid Exploiters (SHAME)...

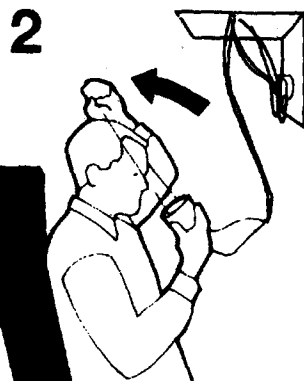
Even the *New York Times* started to report some labor news objectively. They ran a three-part series that was pure Abbie Hoffman of the 90s. A group known as the B Cubes or the B's (big bite bastards) insinuated itself into the mass culture. As the *Times* reported it, one of the most effective campaigns of the B's was their early "Write It Big" challenge. It started when some union workers—nobody could say who for sure—customized the blank side of their union T-shirts with some numbers that made no sense.

1/2 of 1% = 45%
WHILE
90% = 17%

Strangers, co-workers, neighbors, little kids, bartenders or anyone with a normal dose of curiosity would ask "What's the equation for?" or simply point and snap, "What's that s'pose to mean?" Of course, that was the t-shirt's purpose. The answer was that one half of 1% owned 45% of the wealth in the US while the bottom 90% owned only 17%! The B's reasoned that super-saturation (big bites) might be used by the 90% worker-force just as the one half of 1% elite saturate all our billboards, media space, air waves, t-shirts and empty walls.

"Write It Big" was a challenge to every real and potential graffiti artist in the land. Every blank surface was fair game, empty billboards or those in need of revisions. In a relatively short time, the t-shirt equation was as ubiquitous as the "Kilroy Was Here" message of World War II fame.

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Jessie Davis Trial Ends

Settlement Considered a Victory for New Upstate Justice Network

Nancy Rhodes

SHORTLY PAST NOON on June 20, attorney Lew Oliver returned to the Northern District Federal Court Room in Utica from the judge's chambers. He was reporting to Louise Thornton that the City of Albany still wanted her to agree that any settlement would include the condition that no future charges could be brought against any of the five police officers who shot and killed her brother, Jessie Davis, nearly ten years ago in Albany. This civil rights suit, brought by a housekeeper with no car and an attorney who'd never yet been paid, might be on the verge of settlement less than an hour before jury selection was scheduled to begin.

Sitting next to Louise Thornton, I watched her immediately shake her head and firmly say, "No." In these tense final moments, she'd lost none of her clarity or resolve. Oliver returned to the judge's chambers. About 12:20 he came back and told Louise Thornton the judge wanted to talk with her personally. At 12:30 they returned again and after a brief exchange, Alice Green of Albany's Center for Law & Justice, who has worked on this case since the day Jessie Davis was killed in 1984, turned to us and said simply, "We won."

The terms of the settlement agreement are: first, the Mayor of Albany would make a public statement of regret for the death of Jessie Davis and the manner in which he had been handled by Albany police. Second, both parties are free to characterize this case as they like. That is, Louise Thornton did not agree as a condition of settlement to be quiet, and has already released a lengthy statement detailing what trial testimony would have revealed. This highly unusual feature places Louise Thornton's financial award outside the realm of "hush money." Third, Louise Thornton did not promise that no future charges would be brought, also unusual for this kind of settlement. Later that day, Alice Green publicly called for the re-submission of this case to the Albany County Grand Jury, particularly in light of the now-notorious photos contradicting the police version of Davis' death that

attorney Oliver discovered a year and a half ago, which the original Grand Jury never saw when they ruled against indictment for criminal charges. In Albany the next day, both Alice Green and Lew Oliver said they may instead opt for calling on the Governor to appoint a special prosecutor. And finally (though the mainstream media has always put this first), Louise Thornton was awarded \$500,000.

A war of nerves over possible settlement is not unusual in the final days before the trial date for a case like this. As fluid as things might get in the last hours, two other factors influenced Louise Thornton's decision. First, she currently undergoes physical therapy three days a week for a back problem. She would have stayed in Utica for the first two weeks of the trial (vacation time from work), but a six-week trial would mean a serious physical ordeal for her in terms of travel and missing treatment as well as loss of wages.

Second, an obscure legal ruling that Albany invoked in the home stretch could have

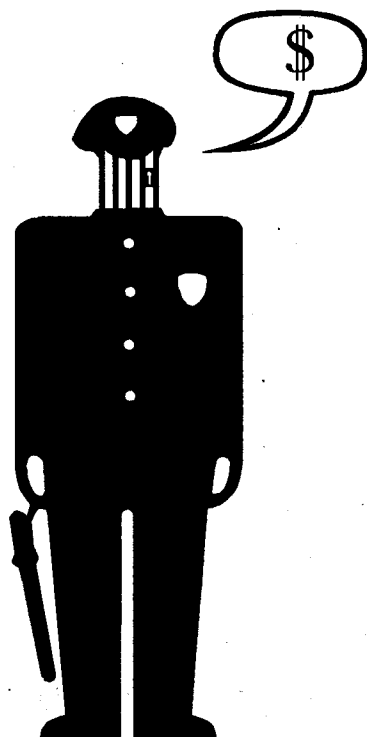
left Thornton liable for the police legal team's full bill even if she had won the trial. Readers may recall Albany's lawyers recommended settling out of court last November when it was clear Louise Thornton was willing and able to go to trial, even after the move to Syracuse. They moved to postpone to allow new Albany Mayor Jennings to get into office

and consider approving a settlement. Buying time to raise money still needed at that point to pay for expert witnesses,

Network members understood that afterward, we would all have more work on police issues in our communities

Thornton and Oliver agreed to the postponement, naming a figure considered impossibly high for the City of Albany to meet. When Albany, in fact, did offer \$350,000, Louise Thornton rejected this in favor of a trial where the full story of her brother's death could come out. Judge Neal McCurn then moved the trial again. The stakes got higher in Utica, whose jury pool must now not only convict police officers but financially award plaintiff Thornton at least as much as the City of Albany had offered when they were willing to meet her earlier demand. Otherwise she might legally "win" but wind up millions in debt for the fees of the other side's lawyers. As I watched Louise Thornton shake her head just a few minutes past noon on June 20 and answer "No" before the final piece of the settlement went her way, I had new appreciation for phrases like "thin ice" and "don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes."

About fifty of us began June 20 early with a prayer vigil outside the old post office that is Utica's Federal Bldg. The heat wave had broken. Some sat in chairs in the shade after the speakers, waiting for eleven o'clock and waiting for Lew Oliver. Alice Green and Louise Thornton had gotten there about a quarter to nine to speak to supporters. We shared copies of Utica's *Corn Hill Speaks*, which gave its entire front page to the Davis case, and arranged for key exchanges for donated lodging if the trial went forward. As Alice Green later expressed, not only a network was born, but relationships, too. I watched people in Utica decide to take this on and set aside differences so they could work together. Many had never worked together



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before. And it was the people of Utica who declared, yes, we are a Network now and we can say so.

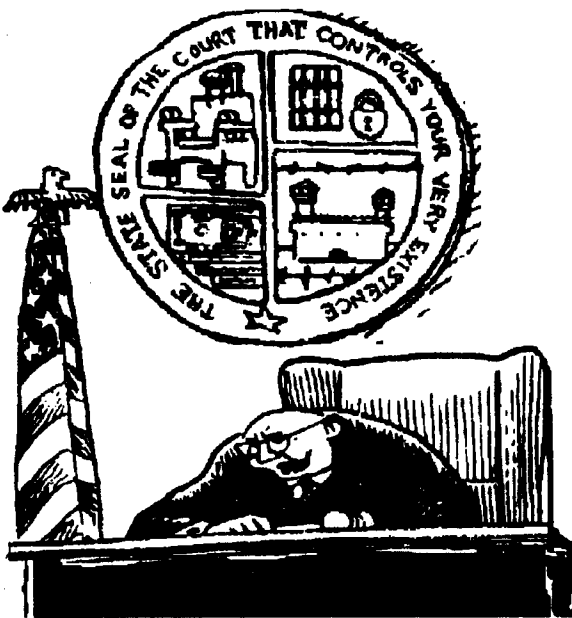
Two events just before the trial date declared this as well. On the previous Sunday at least one hundred and fifty people had gathered in the same spot for a rally that included speakers from Utica, Albany and Syracuse, and official endorsers from Buffalo and Rochester too. Signs said, "Utica is not Simi Valley" and "David & Goliath. Louise & City Hall." Then on the 14th, a contingent traveled to Albany to join others there in announcing the Justice for Jessie Davis

Network at a press conference in the State Capital complex. Whatever the outcome of this case, Network members understood that afterward, we would all have more work on police issues in our communities.

For almost a decade the Jessie Davis case has been intimately entwined with the Albany community's continued efforts to create an effective and independent Citizen Review Board. An advisory-type body did result which many consider too weak. Also on the 14th, Albany's Common Council held a public hearing on new legislation that has now been introduced. It was out of the work of Syracuse's Task Force on Community & Police Relations and our campaign for Citizen Review that we first crossed paths with people in Albany doing similar work. They face many of the same struggles as they go through the legislative process that we had, and police speaking at that hearing were not pleased that "outsiders from Syracuse" were there too. Part of Louise Thornton's statement of June 20 is an eloquent call for that City to act wisely at long last on this legislation.

In the wake of the settlement, two immediate events are planned. First, Utica sponsors a speak-out on June 30 to air what happened with this case, how come and what's next. The Network has also agreed to hold a day-long gathering in September open to other upstate communities as well, with the date and place TBA.

Many have had mixed feelings about this outcome of the Davis case itself. Even Lew Oliver remarked, "I think I'm suffering from post-partum depression." As the afternoon and evening wore on in Utica, after the Albany



folks went home, after our own local press conference, some ventured that winning didn't look like they thought it would look, they didn't feel like they thought they should feel if we "really" won. This outcome has forced us all to ask exactly what the substance of justice is in this case and, perhaps, to inquire more deeply about that than we might have had this case matched our expectations. Maybe I compared a rumpled Lew Oliver to Columbo in rooting for him against the sleek greyhounds of the City of Albany legal team, and maybe we just wanted to hear the jury say, "Guilty!" But I think more important was a deeper desire to participate in something that could matter, something that could even the odds. I think people didn't want to miss being part of this, as citizens instead of just "private persons," and so the settlement disquieted us, made us wonder if justice had passed us by suddenly, without warning. I think not. I will always vividly recall Louise Thornton shaking her head and answering, "No," ready right at the last minute to fling herself off that cliff into the trial if that's what it took. Over and over the Albany folks had told us she could never have come that far without the help of ordinary people coming together in all our communities. Over and over the consternation of the other side has made it clear she was "supposed" to wear out and quit a long time ago, poor, exhausted and alone. She didn't have to. And I know we all did that together.

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nant cultural structures are a perfect team, addicting us to images and surfaces which they profit from producing.

So what can we do about it? Yes, my only suggestion is to keep reading cultural texts and to stay out of shopping malls, unless of course you are doing a cultural reading of one. Cultural critique is as important as economic critique. Economics are somewhat more tangible than culture. It is easier to identify the ways we have access to economic power and privilege; we either do or do not have access to health care, healthy food, shelter, private transportation, gainful employment, education, or a retirement fund. It is more difficult to identify how we own culture and how it gives us power and privilege. Because it can be invisible, I feel it is all the more important to expose it. Cultural criticism is more than a display of mastery and power, it is an essential strategy for compassionate living in the postmodern, late capitalist world.

Karen Hall is working on a new definition of herself, one that won't be based on what she owns, where she works or whom she loves. See her article next month for any new developments.





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As Noam Chomsky writes in the forward to *Stop the Killing Train*, "One has to go back a long time to find a period of such despair and hopelessness in the face of grave and mounting problems—a period in which, furthermore, so much can be done if only people find ways to escape their isolation, fears, and sense of futility." Albert likes to think that his writings offer such an escape—back into reality from the dark catacombs of rhetorical ideology. For me, at least, they have. Not necessarily because of their content but because of their existence.

Central to Albert's arguments, both in his new book and in nearly all of his work, is the idea that our world is now at a point of great potential. While we often perceive our situation as being a stagnant one (if not regressive), Albert argues that people are indeed aware and want change. It's not our job to merely tell them what's wrong. That's the easy part. It's up to us to offer something that the Left and society at large can grab onto.

For all of our bitching (and regular readers of my "Behind Enemy Lines" column will know I've done more than my share of bitching), we haven't offered a hell of a lot of vision. Progress will not result from criticism and complaint alone.

So Albert finished off *Stop the Killing Train* with an essay called "We Can Win". In it, he basically argues for inclusion of all progressive ideas in every Left event, forum, discussion, etc. If anti-war rallies include speakers on feminism and class oppression, we can broaden the base of resistance and begin to tie our causes together. There is far too much division among people with such similar goals. Mutual support can amplify—if it multiply—our strength dramatically.

Convincing or not, the ideas presented in *Stop the Killing Train*, like those in *Liberating Theory* (which Albert co-wrote with Leslie Fiedler, Noam Chomsky, Robin Hahnel, Melvin Belli, Lydia Sargent, and Holly Sklar; South End Press) are ideas nonetheless. I'm open to others. But whatever we choose, make no mistake about it, we've got to choose.

One of Albert's favorite stories to tell is one in which he asks Noam Chomsky if he thinks we can win. Chomsky replies simply, "I'll never know unless we try."

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And all of this in the *New York Times* so it had to be real. And if the *Times*, *Time*, *Newsweek* and the networks covered it, "it" became real culture-stuff. Politics would never be the same. From now on the newly truth-drugged media would be an actual source of information.

Fantasy over.

(Note: The Chomsky quotes are not fantasy. The fantasy is that the mass media carried them. Sources: *The Prosperous Few and the Restless Many* from The Real Story Series and *Language and Politics*)

Well now, what have we learned? Can you say "class?" Can you say "class consciousness?" Can you say "no class consciousness?" Can you say "hegemony?"

People should discuss why we should or should not have a revolution. I'm serious. It makes a difference if some are even talking about it. One must name the future. See if we

can move beyond the truism, "Gee, it's hard to start a revolution." Specifically, what is your reaction to the fantasy itself—Chomsky's ideas on anarchism, democracy and capitalism, the principal's speech at career day, yuppie-style union resuscitation tactics, etc?

And finally, let us face the reality that in order to describe democracy in our society, justice in the work place and an educative mass media, we must resort to fantasies! I reject the pat answers that these fantasies are ideals in need of more astute political (i.e. state) management. "If only we voted for this, if only more people voted, if only people cared more, if only we wouldn't tax so much, spend so much, if only..."

Consider a fresh set of "if onlys." If only we who teach would honestly develop analyses of power in our nation and world. If only class-free intelligence and morality could replace the habituated ideologically bogged-down inertia of the teaching profession.

If only we educated.

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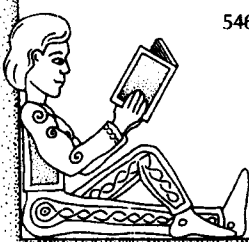
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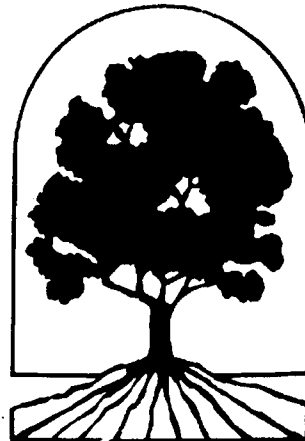
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A State of the House Address

The Why's and Where-for's of an Abridged August PNL

A Little SPC PAGE

From Bill Mazza
SPC Staff

SO WE'RE TAKING a bit of a break. For any number of reasons there won't be a full-fledged Peace Newsletter in August. This decision is partially financial, as the summer slump hit us hard this year and our July fundraising concert fell short of even modest expectations (Although everyone who was there assures me it was a good event, meaning, I assume, that we achieved the proper musical ambience and a sense of one-ness with the ever-present chords of the great song of life—or whatever you call it when you “bop to the beat.”).

However, the decision to reduce the August format isn't wholly financial. The Peace Council is still undergoing change. We are still operating without any oversight or planning committees. This is a far greater issue than our perpetual state of financial crisis. It goes against the mission of this organization for the majority of policy and action decisions to be made by a small staff with only informal input from those persons active within SPC on a consistent basis.

We have endless discussions about why we can't seem to create a structure for sustainable involvement. Theoretically it's easy. We wax on endlessly about the forces which have caused the political center in this country to be taken over by the political right, simultaneously re-defining the left with it. We also recognize that opposition movements still suffer from the systematic destruction of the radical left over the last century: first directed at labor and anti-imperialist organizers, then leading up to and beyond the organized, violent attacks against the Black Power movement in more recent decades.

But this isn't a cynic's letter. Every day I celebrate the incredible successes of our movements for social change. All we need do is look at the way radical movements of feminists and persons of color have altered our daily relations. Witness, for example, the drastic changes during the Quincentennial. For the first time in American history, children everywhere were exposed to the colonization of the Americas. Of course these victories don't mean that racism and patriarchy have been erased, but that these and other violent expressions of our culture are being questioned by a larger segment of the population. Indeed, these advances have fostered a violent backlash of hate groups attempting to retain cultural control.

Certainly none of this is news to the regular readers of the Peace Newsletter. So we ask ourselves, “why the slow-down in active participation in recent years?” The issues haven't disappeared. Quite the contrary, the forces we oppose continue to consolidate power under such double-speak banners as “free-trade” or “preservation of U.S. interests.” Yet, everywhere we look we see evidence that post-Gulf War activism is having a tough time of it.

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How can I tell when the last war has ended & the next one's begun?



Update from the Onondaga Nation

**Illegal Business Owners Banished
Ancient Law of Peace Provides
Process for Removal**

Reprinted from Gai hwa na gé

THE ISSUE OF unregulated commerce came to a head on Friday, June 17, 1994, when three unrepentant former business owners: Kenneth Papineau and Veronica Papineau, residents of Tully, NY of Smoke Signals; and Oliver Hill, Jr., a resident of Manlius, NY, of O.R.'s Fuel; were banished from the Onondaga Nation and the Haudenosaunee. A fourth person, Donald Rockwell, could not be found to be served and his banishment proceedings remain pending.

They are removed from the Onondaga Territories leaving everything behind them as they leave the protective circle of the Chiefs. They are no longer Onondagas, they forfeit all rights, property and protection of Haudenosaunee law. The Eel Clan Mother removed their clan names because everything Onondaga remains within the circle. They leave as they came into the Nation with nothing. They now become public citizens of the world at large.

The event came about after six years of defying the rules and regulations of the Onondaga Nation. During the first five years we had several meetings in an effort to reconcile our differences. Most of these meetings were concluded with the business people walking out before discussion was concluded. The past fourteen months of those six years was marked by an active around the clock blockade of their businesses by clan mothers, women and young people who suffered through one of the coldest winters on record to uphold the laws of the Nation.

The banishment process was carried out during the record heat of the past week. The Chiefs, Clan Mothers, Faithkeepers and people

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In fact, it is an uncomfortably common quip that peace groups "need a good war" to whip up some good, solid activism. Well, we all know that this just ain't true. More likely, between such obvious times of mass organizing—when visible manifestations of violence like war create a scale of urgency and action which is prioritized—active people remain active, they just return to their choice of issues.

This makes perfect sense as there is no shortage of issues. And for most of the population, economics dictates that activism is a part-time activity, at best. This is more the case now than it has been for decades. Activism is that thing which you fit between the activities of hectic every-day life. I'd just like to draw out some of the social patterns I see reflected in the state of the Peacc Council.



Why We're Here Anyhow

So, in 1936 a group of people decided that there should be resources available for people interested in peace. And with peace came justice. Eventually this concept was expanded to include staff as a working resource for the majority of "part-time" peaceworkers. The Syracuse Peace Council is in many ways a cooperative, where individuals give whatever they can afford financially in order to pursue common goals of access to political information, liberation and personal freedom.

The continued existence of the Peace Council attests to its relevance. But it is that aspect of SPC which is its base of strength and inspiration which occasionally also acts as liability: *SPC is a multi-issue organization.* As it says in our Statement of Purpose (updated sometime in the early 1970s) SPC works for "...a world where war, violence and exploi-

tation in any form will no longer exist. [We are to challenge] the 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." This is no small mandate.

That's why we try to offer many different aspects of the struggle for peace and social justice. As the Karen Kerney/Cultural Workers' poster says, "everything is connected." This is a principle we try to carry throughout our political organizing as well. There *are* no single issues.

And so the work continues under its own momentum. However, what we lack at this time is the kind of collective participation that will allow us to fulfill our mandate in the most sincere way possible. The Feminist movement taught us that changing social relations on the individual level is the first step to forming the basis of social change. We learned to work on altering our internalized violence in all its forms—the psychological hierarchy and intimidation as well as social inhibitions and the intellectual control, racism, sexism, classism and ageism we exhibit. And we learned that this would be the means to address institutional violence (i.e. war, wage-labor).

But without a common "enemy," we recognize the difficulty of naming our struggle (And thanks to twelve-steppers we know that "naming a problem" is the first step to solving it.). How do you act when, as U.S. citizens, our very life-styles are a form of violence? The waste our culture creates for the sake of comfort comes at high cost. We adversely affect, not only the environment and our domestic impoverished, but also the foreign workers we use as resources and discard. This is war. A war waged by corporate America to maintain their control and profit. As Herbert Schiller states in his book *Culture Inc.: The Corporate Takeover of Public Expression*:

Big business today is the locus of systemic power. It is the site of the concentrated accumulation of the productive equipment, the technological expertise, the marketing know-how. It is a tangible reality, not a metaphor. Moreover, the interests of big business are most powerful in the formulation of national and international policy.

Contrawise, "big government" is a term originated and used pejoratively

by the "big media" —the strongest defenders of the corporate system—to weaken accountability and responsibility of representative government. The proposition that the choice is between big government or big business and that in the final measure business is less threatening than government, disregards the basic interest of the vast majority of people.

This is a perfect example of how and why our recent military endeavors in Iraq, Somalia and now, perhaps, Haiti, happen. Each war was waged in the blatant protection of business interests: Iraq for oil prices and production; Somalia to protect the transport of oil and goods; and Haiti to perpetuate instability in an area whose people we use as human fodder for our factory system.

It is because the violence we struggle against assumes many faces that we need to remain focused on its root cause. And yet, as leftists, we continue to allow the interests of business to define the work we do.

Social Control

We continue to be, on the whole, a reactionary movement. As "They" up their level of social control, our reactions shift to fit within the new boundaries. Often this is done with the sincere desire for "achievable goals." At other points, however, the issues themselves are lost in complex social relationships of the personal and the political.

Two recent examples might include the delicate nature of SPC support for the traditional people of the Onondaga nation, and addressing the enthusiastic response from the activist community for authorities using the RICO ACT to sentence anti-choice supporters. In the former, we have had to work through organizational definitions of "sovereignty," while allowing the people requesting help to define "support." This has often meant not taking action in the midst of an effective local disinformation campaign—some of which originates from within the activist community. Concerning the RICO ACT, we had to ask ourselves, "how does one support use of a law against one's opposition that has traditionally been used to incarcerate leftists?"

These complexities make it difficult to define issues as "right" or "wrong," subsequently making unified action difficult. This process of political division is integral to the perpetuation of the unjust social system that is capitalism.

SPC hopes that by drawing connections between a wide range of social conflicts we will participate in defining pro-active strategies of dissent.

Why You Are Reading This

What we need from you is more input. Contrary to the wording in the above-quoted Statement of Purpose, the Peace Council has no defined "membership," which is both purpose and style of this organization of individuals. We are a resource for the peace and justice community and should be considered as such. If someone agrees with the goals, ideology and actions of SPC, then they consider themselves a member. Unfortunately, we don't always know who these people are. We need to find better means of reciprocal communication.

What we have now amounts to a terribly inefficient way to use a resource (SPC). We have a house and a staff for the express purpose of grass-roots political organizing, but the policy-making, general maintenance and activities are, in the whole, left up to a group of people you could count on one hand—and by default, mainly the staff. Besides the fore-mentioned reality that this hierarchy-of-default is counter to the goals of SPC itself, a number of problems begin to arise.

Contrary to the popular American myth, there is nothing efficient about centralized decision-making. For one, it creates a situation where the decision-makers are put into a position of authority, mirroring any number of the social problems we are trying to address. Even when those people making decisions are conscious that this is negative, networks of informal power and information-sharing develop. This further consolidates power among these few people as the very processes of the organization become inaccessible to people unfamiliar with the personalities involved (See *Untying the Knot: Feminism, Anarchism & Organization*; the pamphlet containing Freeman's *Tyranny of Structurelessness* and Levine's *The Tyranny of Tyranny*).

This SPC centralization is evidenced by changes in the way projects are accomplished. Perhaps the clearest example reflecting power inequalities is that of the technological give-and-takes in the case of the PNL. Computers have

dragged the PNL into the technocratic "democracy" where the work is decentralized. What used to be the work of many hands together has been transformed by the computer into a series of compartmentalized jobs which require that only one person works at a time. We lose the sense of community involvement, making it difficult to maintain committees and excluding people unfamiliar with our software or process.

As the limited equipment here is in demand all month, and because actual production only occurs a few days at the end of each month, it is difficult—if not impossible—to train interested people on our software (twenty-eight days between lessons is a long time). We create a self-perpetuating cycle where, as committee members leave, it becomes more difficult to replace them. And since computers make it possible for less hands to do the work, it becomes policy by default. This critique does not even address the demographics which show that computer technology is racist, classist and sexist because of the inherent costs and accessibility of training.

So we see ourselves replicating patterns of the larger culture in our very own alternative institution, the Syracuse Peace Council. "Statistically speaking," accepting our new technology means becoming a less accessible organization. We don't want it, don't like it, and don't know what to do about it, but we talk about it a lot. It isn't only the PNL that suffers this computer hierarchy of information, but the mailing list, the advertising, the press-work, *ad nauseam*. Each job is affected by the so-called efficiency of the new methods.

How Can We Help You Help Us?

We are looking for help finding new ways to plug in. This might mean as little as committing to a quarterly evaluation of our work, or coming down and taking a regular phone shift during the week. Whatever. The point is that we need to find new forms of process and decision-making that will help us operate collectively and with greater diversity.

Same Old, Same Old...

Some of you are probably reading this and thinking to yourself that this is nothing new. That you expressed interest in getting involved here, and then you never heard from us again. Or you tried to plug in and you didn't feel welcome, or that SPC is some kind of social "clique" and you wouldn't fit in.

Well, I'm willing to take some personal responsibility for these perceptions (Although I'm no martyr). Volunteer coordination is one of my shortcomings. And with the workload here at the office, it's something I haven't overcome. And if it isn't my fallibility, often times people will come in and we're just plain busy. Either way it's a bummer if you've felt unwelcome here.

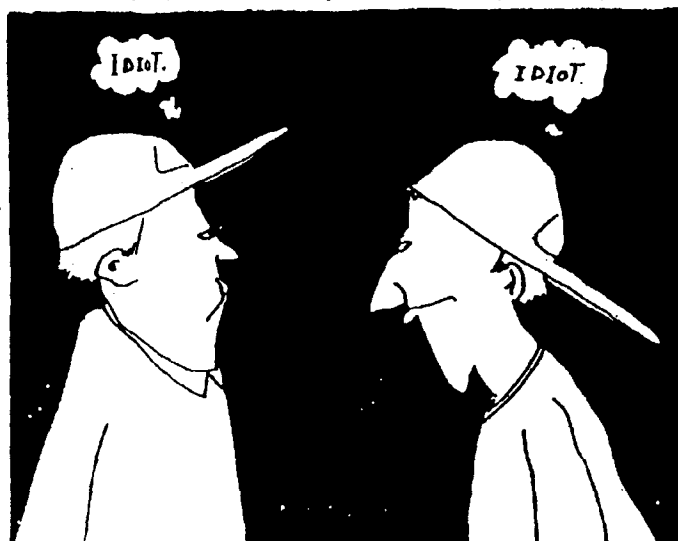
What I do know, is that SPC needs change. The operation of SPC has defaulted to a staff of one. This job description includes not only the coordination of the PNL, but responsibility for fundraising (organization and execution), volunteer outreach and co-ordination, office work, public-relations and media work (including press-relations and releases), events planning (except the Plowshares Craftsfair—Yea! Plowshares committee!) and policy decisions. There is nothing democratic or diverse about a committee of one. This is institutional hierarchy.

I am genuinely concerned that this trend will be allowed to continue. And my concern is not only generated by a fear that the cycle of staff burn-out will be allowed to continue (from what I hear, it's quite a tradition at SPC), but that the long-term affects of this type of consolidation are threatening the integrity of our organizing.

One of the more subtle effects is reflected in the blending of the institutional identity with the personalities of the individuals directly involved in the organization. What I mean by this

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THE THIN LINE BETWEEN SQUARE + COOL.



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"identity blending" is that when there is not a solid collective process, individual personalities become so closely associated with an organization that they become interchangeable with the organization on a symbolic level. This symbolic interchange has both external and internal effects.

Externally, this blending of people and jobs recreates the same cult of personality and leadership that permeates mainstream culture. By relating the operation of a community organization to one or two individuals, the perception is created that nothing can happen in the name of that organization if one of the so-called leaders isn't involved. And when information is centralized, it often is a requirement for these personalities to be present, entrenching the power dynamic. This not only discourages participation and ownership of the organization, but mirrors the oppressive relationship between leaders and followers encouraged by the culture at large. Individuals are then given credit for what is a collective effort.

At SPC, for example, volunteers continue to do an incredible amount of labor and support. However, because of the technological changes in process, we have a community of volunteers who rarely see each other. This effectively limits the sense of community out of volunteer work. Although many specific tasks such as PNL delivery continue to be filled, it is finding satisfying ways to incorporate the energy of new volunteers where we encounter the particulars of this problem.

Internally, "identity blending" means that the people left in positions of institutional power take personal responsibility for everything that happens to an organization of many, many people (In the case of SPC, that's me and Paul on staff, and a core of volunteers.). This can lead to guilt and defensiveness which, in turn, can lead to an unhealthy attitude including bitterness or righteousness. Or just as bad, it can lead to the projection of these negative traits onto the personality of the individual(s).

This personality cross-over can also manifest itself in the appearance of "cliques." We all have groups of personal friends we use as support networks. There is no more basic form of community organization than a unit of immediate friends. These are people who share your interests and history, and from whom you expect both intimacy and emotional support. However, when a community organization becomes defined by individual personalities,

the lines between the intimate friendships and the accessibility to involvement become confused. It is assumed that one needs to be part of this "intimate circle" to become involved.

This particular manifestation has proven counter-productive to SPC. I have often heard this particular criticism levied against the Peace Council. In reality, SPC is made up of many *different* social units. That is the richness of community organizations and why any organizational identity revolving around singular personalities is bound to create a barrier of alienation.

I can certainly understand how someone could feel excluded from involvement with the Peace Council. I myself felt like an outsider until I began training for this job—weeks after I had already been hired. In fact, even with a little local experience in street-theater and organizing political events, I wondered, "what if I go there and they test me on names of obscure Central American revolutionaries?"

Now that I'm on the other side of the SPC door, I know that the reputation of SPC is much larger than life. Whether or not the cause is "clique" or community, the reality is that it is a persistent myth. I constantly find myself thinking about ways to get around these perceptions.



Why Any of This Matters

I believe that our culture thrives on the alienation of each of us, one from another. Personal competition and marginalization are the keystones to maintaining the system of hierarchy we live in. We each replicate these patterns in all of our relationships, with activist communities in no way exempt. In fact, any group focused on common issues will manifest their identity in many specialized ways, including body language, dress and slang. Therefore groups like SPC can often seem distant or inaccessible, and in some ways this

is to be expected (as we expect all people to exhibit signs of the dysfunction in society). When combined with the personality-stuff outlined above, these barriers seem formidable.

The difference here is that we are aware that this dynamic exists. It is up to us to remain self-conscious of these patterns, and find the most effective means possible to subvert them.

Where Do We Go From Here

None of this supplies answers. All I hope is that it supplies some clarity to the situation here at the Peace Council. When I ask for help in developing new methods of organizing here, I am quite serious. We are suffering a crisis of democracy—the vast gulf between theory and reality. We can continue to operate under the momentum of the organization, but the quality of our work will suffer (I know, personally, I've become quite adapt at rationalizing off errors to a heavy work-load.). The path to activism in this last part of the twentieth century is difficult. The Syracuse Peace Council should remain a fluid and active part of that movement.

How do you organize in a culture where information is controlled by a shrinking number of corporations intent on preserving their power? I think that community-based sources of alternative information, cultural and political activity are one of the answers, but that can only exist with a diversity of voices making the decisions.

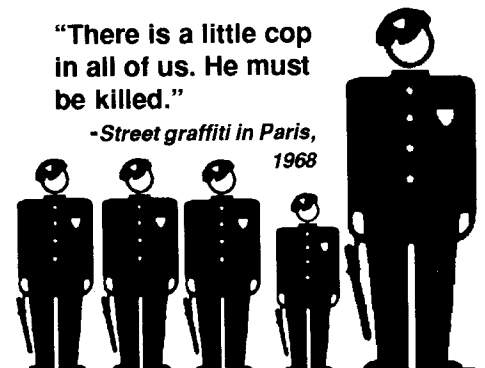
And so I find myself in a position I am uncomfortable with. I am not interested in leadership. I am not interested in power. I am in no way interested in being part of three or four people who define SPC policy, and yet I find myself in that position. However, I am very interested in being one part of finding new solutions to what is proving to be a resilient system of economic and social exploitation for the profit of a very few.

Care to join me?

Bill is the current staffperson at SPC.

"There is a little cop in all of us. He must be killed."

-Street graffiti in Paris, 1968



Farmworker Legal Services & Police Abuse of Migrants:

Upstate Justice Networking Expands Again

Nancy Rhodes

ACCORDING TO James Schmidt, Director of Rochester-based Farmworker Legal Services, there are about 100,000 migrant and seasonal workers in New York State, mostly people of color and about 60% Hispanic. Farmworker Legal Services has received numerous complaints of police abuse and harassment by both local and state police officers. Farmworkers are routinely stopped by police, often without probable cause, detained and arrested, although local police have very limited authority to enforce immigration laws. Farmworkers have been detained up to three weeks without seeing an attorney, are often denied translators and allowed to see attorneys only on their actual court date. Schmidt characterizes this as both an extension of urban racism and as "reflecting the mass hysteria sweeping this nation against new immigrants." This issue has arisen in Syracuse in recent years too, for example, with the ruling of Judge Kevin Mulroy that police use of skin color and Spanish accent alone as a profile for suspecting train passengers of drug dealing did not constitute probable cause for stopping and searching them.

As a state-wide, not-for-profit law firm, Farmworker Legal Services has litigated civil rights cases representing migrant workers, held a press conference last October that included Delores Huerta and others speaking of their encounters with police, and successfully convinced the N.Y.S. Senate to hold public hearings on this issue in Albany. Additionally, Schmidt participated in a National Strategy Session to Stop Police Crimes held in Chicago in April by NAARPR (National Alliance Against Racist & Political Repression). Schmidt is now calling for a network to share resources, information and experiences, and plan joint strategies around police issues.

Farmworker Legal Services' call for such a meeting is consistent with the trend toward networking on police issues developing throughout New York State, stretching even into smaller upstate communities that have sought a way into the loop. Members of Syracuse's Task Force on Community & Po-

lice Relations have visited a number of individual communities for such dialogue, beginning with Rochester in 1991 and including Buffalo, Elmira, Troy, Albany and Utica. Representatives from a number of other communities have visited Syracuse. The Jessie Davis case then provided the occasion for a next level in networking.

On July 8, the surviving family of Jessie Davis and other Albany activists gathered at that city's Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial to mark the tenth anniversary of the shooting death of Jessie Davis by Albany police, just weeks after the City of Albany had settled the case out of court a bare half hour before jury selection was scheduled to begin in Utica. Last summer the trial site for the Davis case was moved to Syracuse from Albany, although it never opened here and was moved again to Utica in January. But activists from these three cities organized to provide material support to the Davis family and attorney Lew Oliver while they sojourned away from home, and the resulting community response sparked the Justice for Jessie Davis Network, which hopes to maintain this alliance to provide mutual support in upstate communities on police issues beyond the Davis case. The Network also hopes to host a day-long gathering of upstate communities later this fall. Meanwhile, the Utica group will begin planning for a series of neighborhood speak-outs about how citizens get along with police, similar to that held in 1991 in Syracuse by the Task Force on Community & Police Relations, which resulted in the Report to the Community and work beginning on Syracuse's CRB law. Albany is currently working its way through the legislative process to establish a new Citizen Review Board sponsored by Alderman Keith St. John. Some upstaters will attend both IACOLE's World Conference on citizen review of police (International Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement) in Orlando, Florida, in September, and the annual conference of N-COCA (National Coalition for Police Accountability) in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in October. We'll report on both conferences in these pages.

On Saturday, August 20th, Farmworker Legal Services will host a gathering in Rochester of civil rights and advocacy organizations for the purpose of sharing resources and experiences and developing a network to share

information and plan joint strategies. For further information, contact Director James Schmidt at (716) 325-3050.



Nancy is a Syracuse activist working with the Task Force on Community & Police Relations and was instrumental in the creation of the Syracuse Citizen Review Board to monitor police misconduct.

QUESTION AUTHORITY

Local Author's Work in Landmark National Anthology

SEATTLE AUTHOR Charlotte Watson Sherman writes that shortly after the Rodney King uprising, she awoke from a dream telling her to "do the anthology." She herself had waited since Barbara Smith's 1983 collection, *Home Girls: A Black Feminist Anthology*, for a collection of such scope to provide a forum for African-American women writers.

Sisterfire: Black Womanist Fiction and Poetry is published by Harper Perennial in both hard and soft cover and should be available in most local bookstores in August. My Sisters Words already had it on the shelves in late July.

In addition to "Daughters" by Syracuse poet, playwright, and columnist Jackie Warren-Moore, *Sisterfire* contains work by Sherman herself (author of the novel *One Dark Body*), Rita Dove, bell hooks, Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, Ntozake Shange, Lucille Clifton, Toni Morrison, Terry McMillan, Ai. J. California Cooper, Hattie Gossett, Jewelle Gomez, Gloria Naylor, Sonia Sanchez, Gale Jackson, and Akasha (Gloria T. Hull), among others. A number of these authors have visited Syracuse to read their work under the sponsorship of the Community Writers Project, with which Jackie Warren-Moore is also associated.

Warren-Moore is currently working on a play about the jazz trumpeter Valaida Snow's imprisonment by Nazis in Denmark, among other projects.

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of Onondaga began the week by listening to a recitation of the Guyanasehgonah, The Great Law of Peace. A runner was sent to invite Oliver Hill, Jr., Kenneth and Veronica Papineau, and Donald Rockwell in to listen. He tried several times and they were not to be found. Context is important and it was pointed out that it is difficult to pull sections from the Law without understanding the context. Periodically recitations of the Great Law of Peace are held and our people are afforded an opportunity to hear. There are variations depending on the source.

Two elders, Jake Thomas, supported by Huron Miller, both of Oshweken, Ontario presented this recitation. The minds of the people were refreshed by hearing these sections of Law again. These public sessions were not attended by any of the four people who faced banishment nor was it attended by any of their supporters. It was reported that the four people were in Buffalo, New York at the annual meeting of the National Congress of American Indians, picketing against the Onondaga Nation and the Traditional Governments of the Haudenosaunee during the recitation and explanation.

On Tuesday, June 14, notices were drawn up for their appearance in the Longhouse in front of the people. The time was set for 4:00 PM, Thursday, June 15.. The runner reported that the three people were not there. Runners continued to try to find them all day Wednesday and reported that they were evading notice. The notices were then given to their lawyer, Jack Schultz, and newspaper reports confirmed that they had received them. Still attempts continued to be made to serve them personally and this was finally accomplished on Thursday, June 16. The notices clearly informed the tee principles that failure to appear would result in banishment in absentia.

The Council waited all day Thursday with the people in a hot and humid Longhouse, but they still refused to appear. The Council considered the gravity of their situation and decided to extend their appearance another twenty-four hours and set 5:00 PM, Friday, June 17, as the deadline for their appearance. They were free to appear anytime during this designated period.

On Friday, June 17, 1994, the Council of Chiefs, Clan mothers, and people gathered once again at the Longhouse and sweltered

through the hottest day on record. There was no appearance by 5:00 PM and the proceedings to carry out the process of banishment began.

During this process a messenger arrived and announced that Veronica Beckman Papineau would meet, but only under her stipulations. She said that she would meet with four Chiefs of her choice and one Clan mother in Danzer's Restaurant on Ainsley Drive where there was food and air conditioning.

This response was so bizarre the Council asked the messenger to sign the demands, which he did., The Council gave this response more respect than it deserved, deliberated upon the demands and reflected it. The banishment proceeding continued and by approximately 6:00 PM the banishment was finalized.

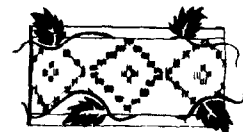
Almost an hour later the same messenger appeared and said that they would come. People in the process of leaving sat back down and Oliver Hill, Jr, and Kenneth Papineau walked into the Longhouse. The Clan mothers informed them that they no longer had a voice. They were told face to face of the consequences of their actions and they were asked to leave. At that moment all the people in the Longhouse except the Council stood up and walked out. The two men and their sons then left the Longhouse voicing a few threats as they left. Thus, this phase of the Onondaga Nation's six year struggle to regulate commerce with these three business people came to an end. The decision reached by the consensus of the people over this long period of time lifted a great weight from the people. It was carried through in a formal and dignified manner under the due process and laws of the Haudenosaunee, the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy.

The Background

This was a sad ending to a hopeful beginning. There was much reflection among the people because these three individual were friends and family in better times. Alice Papineau, Eel Clan mother stood firmly with the Nation against the actions of her son Kenneth. Phoebe Hill, Eel clan Faithkeeper stood firmly with the principles of the Nation against the actions of her son Oliver Hill, Jr. Chief Leon Shenandoah stood firm with the Nation against the actions of his two nephews. These are the true patriots of the Nation. How many people would hold the principles of Nationhood over their own flesh and blood?

These four people were victims of their own greed and ambitions. The passion caused them to turn against their own mothers, and in the process, committed treasonous acts against the Nation and corrupted their children. There is much pain within the Onondaga community caused by the actions of these four people. They have disrupted the community, instigated violence and disturbed the peace and tranquility of the Nation. And all they had to do was pay a meager twenty-five cents on a carton of cigarettes as they agreed to do in 1983

To understand the extent of violation the businessmen committed over the course of this dispute the following 19 reasons were cited as the basis for Ken Papineau's banishment. The other illegal businessmen, Veronica Beckman, Oliver Hill, Jr., and Donald Rockwell, had similar, although not identical, grounds.



"Following actions on your part [Kenneth Papineau]:

- 1) Your refusal to accept and abide by the decision of the Council to close your business;
- 2) Your repeated attempts to reopen your business, despite having been repeatedly instructed not to do so;
- 3) Your repeated attempts to re-open your business, despite your commitment, made in the Longhouse, not to do so;
- 4) Your removal of the cars, the tires, the concrete blocks and your cutting of the connecting cables, which were placed in front of your business by the Onondaga Nation to enforce our closure order;
- 5) Your refusal to honor the monetary agreement that you made with the Council and the people of Onondaga relative to the sale of cigarettes;
- 6) Your refusal to provide the Council of Chiefs of the Onondaga Nation with the information concerning you alleged "escrow accounts," and your withdrawals therefrom, as has been requested on numerous occasions;
- 7) Your defiance of the Onondaga Nation Business Rules and Regulations;
 - * Your conducting business operations without any permission of the Council and without a Nation license or permit. These operations include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Sale of gasoline;
 - b. Operating a restaurant;
 - c. Sale of fireworks;

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CACC meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month. 6 PM-potluck and general meeting; at 7:30-individual groups meet. The next meeting is August 10.

Ed Kinane

August 94 PNL Local Haiti Update

On July 7, Harvey Pinyoun, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church, ended his 85-day juice-only fast for Haitian refugees. Harvey resumed eating only when area religious leaders--in a rare joint statement published in both local dailies--called on Rep. James Walsh to vote for Temporary Protective Status for Haitian refugees.

During his fast, Harvey was jailed three times. He was charged with trespassing once at Walsh's local office and twice at the local Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) office. Fr. Bill Cuddy, a Catholic priest long active in Syracuse Jail Ministry, was also arrested at the INS. Fr. Cuddy spent the night in the PSB jail.

Harvey's fast and arrests got positive local media coverage. Both local dailies printed editorials calling for more humane policies toward Haitian refugees.

On July 18, five Central New York women--Ann Herman, Ann Tiffany, Nancy Gwin, Ruby Randall and Vivian Cunningham (accompanied by journalist Vince Golphin)--flew to the Dominican Republic for an 11-day Witness for Peace delegation. They had to change their original destination when the U.S. government forbade commercial flights to Haiti.

In the DR the WFP delegation will interview Haitian refugees near the Haitian border and otherwise do what they can to better understand DR and Haitian realities. To arrange for speaking engagements by any of these travelers upon their return on 7/29, Call Ann Tiffany at 478-4571.

On July 20, about a dozen Central New Yorkers, angered by the INS' callous and racist policy toward Haitian boatpeople, met at Plymouth Church. There we heard disturbing news: on 7/29 thugs came to the home in Haiti of a young Haitian refugee now living in Syracuse. Widens' wife was raped, his brother was arrested and his child was beaten and hospitalized.

From Plymouth, led by the beat of a somber drum, we processed through down-

town to the INS office. When we arrived, the INS office was unaccountably closed for the day (344 W. Genesee St, 2nd. Fl.). Although we saw the INS manager enter a back door, he didn't respond to our knocks during the hour we vigiled there. The closed door aptly symbolized INS policy towards the Haitian refugees.

Syracuse is now sheltering two families who recently fled Haiti with political asylum status. In late June, Dieunel and Carmen Pierre and their two youngsters arrived in Syracuse. They are now settling into a flat on the north side. Mecene and Vestal Jeans and their seven children arrived in Syracuse on July 21. Call Harvey Pinyoun at 474-4836 to offer support to the two families.

If you want the U.S. to treat Haitian refugees more like human beings, urge Rep. James Walsh to support Temporary Protective Status at (315) 423-5657. Better yet: do a letter to the editor demanding that Walsh do the right thing--Syr. Post Standard, PO Box 2818, Syr., NY 13221; Syr. Herald Journal, PO Box 4915, Syr. NY 13221. For a mere 29 cents you can reach tens of thousands of readers.

- d. Conducting gambling operations, such as:
 - i. Use of slot machines and "one-arm bandits"; and
 - ii. Sale of pull-tabs;
- f. Attempting to set up a housing business; and
- g. Attempting to become mortgage brokers.
- 9. Your failure to provide the Council with an accounting of all the illegal business operations listed in paragraph (8) above;
- 10. Your public denunciation of your Onondaga citizenship, by claiming that you are a citizen of New York State and the United States; and your actions to directly attack the decisions and authority of the Council by claiming that there was no civil or criminal authority remaining with the Council and that New York civil and criminal were the only legitimate authority on our territory;
- 11. Your acting in the name of, and on behalf of, the Onondaga Nation, without any authority to do so;
- 12. Your attempts to overthrow the Council of Chiefs by advocating the abolishment of the traditional system of Chiefs and Clan Mothers and replacement with an elective system;

- 13. Your attempts to set up alternative governmental institutions, such as the Onondaga Nation Community Development Corporation;
- 14. Your attempts to, and advocacy for, the overthrow of the Haudonesawee Confederacy;
- 15. Your ordering the attack on Chief Ambrose Gibson on May 7, 1993;
- 16. Your numerous violent assaults on Chiefs, Clan Mothers and other members of the Onondaga Nation;
- 17. Your receipt of a gasoline delivery on Friday, October 29, 1993;
- 18. Your decision to leave the circle of the Onondaga people by inviting in the authority of the outside governments and institutions to overrule and replace our traditional system and government; and
- 19. Your continuous and constant demonstration of your disrespect for the Council of Chiefs and their authority as the governing body of the Onondaga Nation, for the Clan Mothers and for the people of Onondaga, by your physical and verbal actions."

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Tuesday, August 9, "Remembering Hiroshima/Nagasaki" 8 - 8:30 AM Vigil at Clinton Sq. to remember the past, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM Action Petitioning for a ban on nuclear weapon testing--find the crane flag at the Farmers' market to participate, 12:30 - 1 PM Rededication to a world without nuclear weapons at the Federal Building in downtown Syracuse. For more info call 475-4822 or 478-7442.

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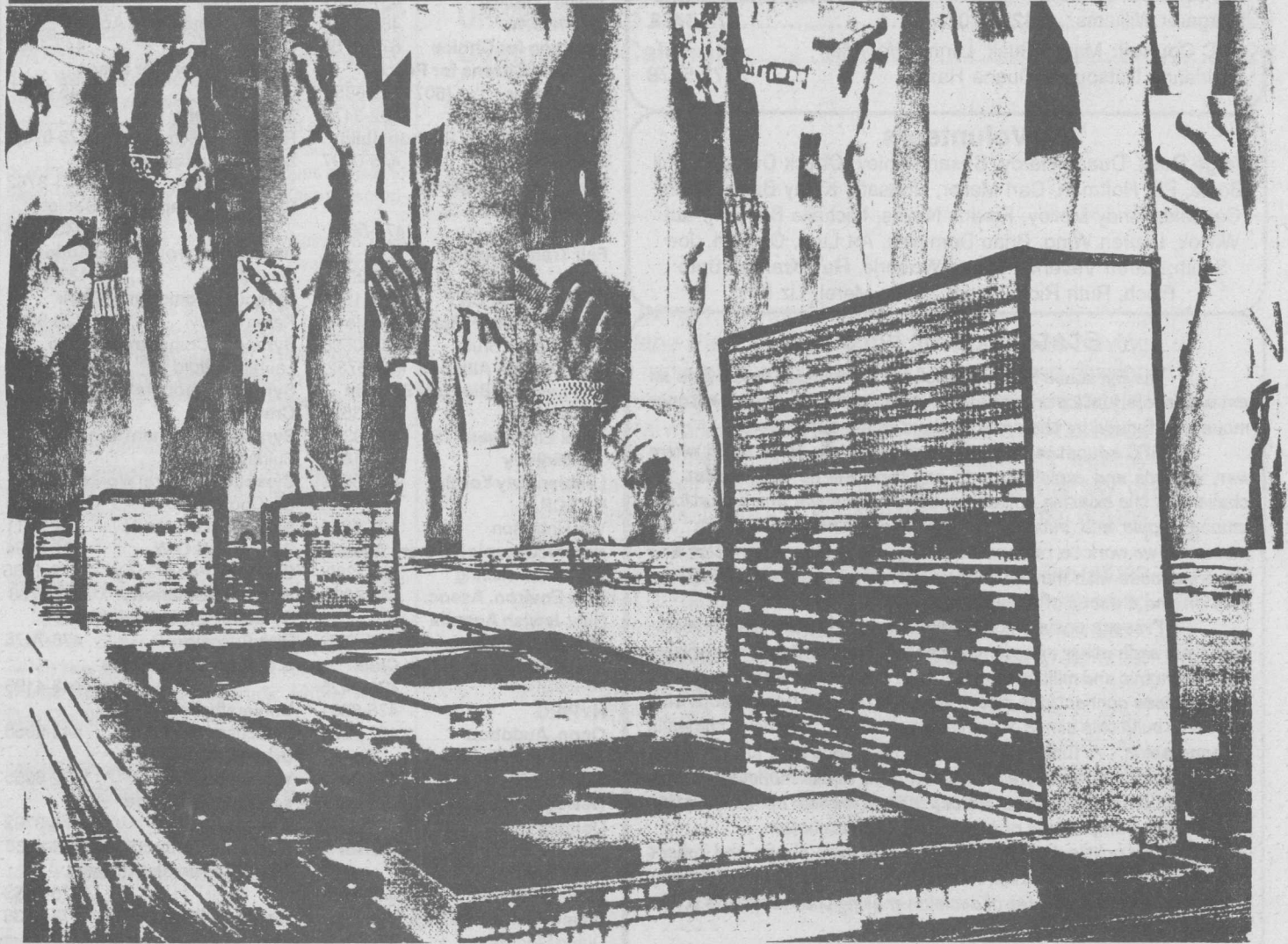


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In This Issue:

This must be the "back to school" issue of the newsletter, so if you're staying home to read this, don't feel guilty—guilt gets you no-where. The PNL, however, takes you through schools of violence with one of the permanently enrolled. But Bruce isn't doing it for the "three-squares" either. Then we find out what's been happening in the principle's office (a must read for anyone who played by the rules, and believes in them.) And speaking of rules, Bill Griffen shows us how they change for them, and against us. Community Update is an SPC rule, with Haitian rule and a CFF look at people who want white rule (ick!). CD for critters, more "waste" for your time and a health care workers article that doesn't mention Bill or Hillary once.

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About the cover: *Urban Harvest* by Bill Mazza

Urban Harvest is a response to the growing season. Having grown up in rural, upstate NY, I watch the continued division between country and city. The destruction of the small farm drives the rural working-class into the cities even as the suburbs began draining the cities of the middle-class. The wealthy always have their options—building up towards the sky or surrounding oneself with enough land to create a buffer. But the poor follow the economy.

Both our hopes and our fears are linked to the urban landscape. Learning to find sustainable ways of supporting urban environments (food production and distribution, transportation, housing, sustainable industry) is one of the great challenges of our times.

As activists, we need to walk simultaneous paths of environmental protection and a living society. At whose cost do you advocate social change in the face of the concrete needs of the living. Who shall walk the highways into parks and fields and forests?

Letters

To the editors,

Regardless of political party, when a President starts beating the war drums, I break out in beads of cold sweat.

Like Pavlov's experimental dog, I have an involuntary knee jerk, nervous reaction to the roll of martial music, conditioned, I suspect, by a long succession of deadly president foreign policy follies.

With the half-century "Cold War" now over, the United States remains adrift, mightily confused about international engagements. What rules govern intervention in conflicts that may agitate us emotionally and morally, but pose no direct threat to our national interest and security? Under President Clinton, economic self-interest has been allowed out of the closet—no longer disguised in patriotic patter and gore or hidden in the raiment of "Old Glory."

President Clinton, however, flounders as dangerous and confusing events beat on him like a violent mid-west hail storm.

As recent D-Day festivities fade from our thoughts, we must never let fade the knowledge that the price of presidential mistakes is often paid in the sacrifices of our men and women. For them throughout history, there has *never* been a "good war."

What wars do produce is an abundance of cleverly diabolical ironies. Several come to mind.

The Vietnamese gardener driving a VW, wearing Italian shoes, rolling over the graves of GI's killed at Khe Sanh, Omaha Beach, Monte Cassino and Iwo Jima—on a Japanese lawnmower.

During the Vietnam War, our obsession with stopping supplies coming down the Ho Chi Minh Trail resulted in more bomb tonnage dropped than during the *whole* Second World War! Ironically, a nation of rice farmers proved smarter than the brightest of the Post-Newtonian Mandarins of Techno-war.

Today the most widespread cottage industry in Vietnam is collecting and selling scrap metal—deadly compliments of Uncle Sam. This metal is eventually shipped to Japan. There it is made into steel which is exported to America and used in the auto industry.

The Confucian mind delights in the concept of circular connection...aging American pilots who dropped bombs on Vietnam driving around in vehicles made in part from those very same bombs.

"Think and act creatively, Mr. President."
The world is in a historic transition. Past

To the Editors:

I am writing in response to John Nagle's letter in the July issue in which he criticized my statement about Cuba being a free and open society. Let me clarify that the purpose of my article was not an analysis of the political, social and economic system of Cuba but a personal reflection on my experiences and impressions based upon what I witnessed.

I find it simplistic to merely dismiss Cuba as a communist dictatorship. How does one judge the freedom and openness of a society? Certainly it must be viewed within the particular political and historical context of that society.

What I found in my visit was a complex society, a society that defied the stereotypes—one that was "more open" than what I expected or we are led to believe from our media and our government. It was safe to walk on the streets at night (safer than Syracuse), there was no noticeable out-of-the-ordinary presence of police/military, I had the freedom to travel where I wanted, speak to whomever I wanted and people appeared free to speak to me. How unfortunate that our government restricts our travel to Cuba so that we do not have the freedom to observe and make judgments for ourselves.

One has to consider that Cuba is a society that is in transition, a period of rectification, where abuses, excesses and mistakes are being evaluated, a society that is presently adapting to changes and becoming more open to debate.

There is evidence that the society is becoming more open. "Believers" are now able to be party members. Those who are HIV positive and once assigned to sanitariums are now being mainstreamed into society with very careful monitoring and ongoing education.

The film that won the Latin American film festival prize in 1993, "Fresa y Chocolate" (Strawberry and Chocolate) not only expresses criticisms of some aspects of the system but has as one of its two main characters a gay man. This is the movie that has

guidelines may be as outmoded as the Model-T is to the modern age. "Be firm but cautious" and always keep in the back of your mind the irony of history and the wrong roads taken.

Prof. Hobbie Morris
Brookfield, NY

To the editors,

I support the right of Loretto Nursing Home workers to a fair contract (About 500 members of Local 200 A, S.E.I.U., are on strike.).

Loretto, largely funded through Medicare, is a division of the Syracuse Catholic diocese.

Didn't the Papacy once issue an encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, about the rights of labor to organize into unions and to deserve a just wage and fair treatment?

Nevertheless, congratulations to the following nine Catholic and other clergy who have issued a call for the resumption of contract talks:

Sister Pat Gibson (St. Vincent's) and Sister Ida Gregoire (Mercy); Rev. James Thornton (People's AME Zion); Rev. Nebraska Carter (Living Waters Church); Rev. John Ahern (Holy Rosary); Rev. James Mathews (St. Lucy's); Rev. John O'Brian (Cathedral); Rev. John Schopfer (Catholic Charities); and Rev. Harvey Pinyoun (Plymouth Church).

H.C. Clark
Syracuse, NY

attracted a lot of attention, playing to packed houses in neighborhood theaters.

We were lucky to attend an outdoor free concert by Pablo Milanes, perhaps Cuba's most popular singer. To an admiring crowd of thousands he introduced a new song, "The Original Sin" which is about the relationship between two men which he dedicated to homosexuals everywhere in their struggle.

We witnessed no homelessness and none of the extreme poverty one sees throughout most of Latin America. Although most everything is rationed, everyone gets something, the young and the elderly receiving priority. Unfortunately, petty thefts are on the upswing as are blackmarket activities and street hassling because of the economic squeeze that the country is facing. It is my belief that the current exodus has much more to do with the tightening of the US embargo than any kind of political repression.

The message we got, and one I continue to get from Cubans with whom I correspond, is that they want to determine and control their own destiny without interference from the United States. Let's all work together to end the embargo and normalize relations with Cuba.

Joan Goldberg
Syracuse, NY

SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL PAGE

Home Again

Thanks to everyone who sent or spoke words of support after the August issue. For those who didn't see it (to save money we only printed enough to mail out to the subscribers and to do a few of the deliveries), it was an attempt (by me) to describe the way things have been rolling on here at the Peace Council for quite some time. Just basic lack of decision-making and "Tyranny of Structurelessness stuff." The most exciting part was that even though it was only eight pages long, the newsletter was on crisp, white paper 'cause Paul printed it right here in the basement. Everybody say, "Oooooh!!!!"

Changes

And if you did or didn't see the August PNL, but want to help out, things are always in flux. It's just a matter of finding the right place at the right time. Right now that might be the new PNL Committee, which meets every Tuesday night at 6 PM, right here at SPC. Or you can get involved with the committee to fight nuclear power (see back page), or you can find out when the next SPC Council mtg. is and help sort through our agenda, or you can volunteer for a phone shift or a bookstore shift, both of which we sorely need, or you can write articles or get on our short-list for actions or if you can't do any of these things but want to, put all that guilt to good use and become a pledger, sending in regular amounts of cash, or live on the edge and send random amounts of cash at odd intervals and make Duane smile (Duane does the books). So much to do, plenty of time.

And then come to Garage Sale II: Moving but not "movie." Two big thumbs up.

Garage Sale II:

Oh! Lucky Day!

The Syracuse Peace Council will be having a second garage sale on

**Sunday
Sep. 18
9 AM - 5 PM**

"Sale Ahoy!"



**at 202 Greenwood Place
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1994 Plowshares Craftsair: Update

WE ARE EXCITED to announce that the annual Plowshares Craftsair will be held on December 3rd and 4th at the Southwest Community Center. This being our 24th year renews our belief in the work and worth of the Peace Community. It is also our fourth year at the Southwest Center and we anticipate a continued positive relationship that will expand, and become more inclusive to the Southwest community at large.

The Plowshares Committee (which is approximately eight activists strong, which is an SPC record!) has been meeting monthly since January.

We have discussed last year's Plowshares, and what improvements we can make for this year. If you are interested in becoming more involved, our next meeting is September 22. Please call Barbara at 479-8242, or Margaret at 422-4201 for further details on time and place. If you are on our Crafters mailing list you should have received your application already. If you haven't, or want one for the first time, please call SPC at 472-5478, or drop by the Peace Council to pick one up. The deadline for all craft applications is September 30. We will have a separate application for nonprofits this year. We would like more nonprofit organizations to participate in this year's Plowshares. We would also like more musicians, performers, etc. to participate. If you're inter-

ested in finding out how you or your group can become more involved, please call Margaret at the above number.

We view Plowshares as a winter peace festival that encompasses a harmonious mix of art, craft, food, music and community. Our intention this year is to emphasize a diversity in both form and function in art-work.

As many of you know, this is the Peace Council's primary fundraiser. How much money we are able to generate impacts how well the Peace Council is able to function for the next year. So your input, involvement and initiative are crucial. A possible way you could assist the Peace Council is by donating raffle-like items. These could be large household items (in good shape), artwork or gift certificates. If you are interested in donating a raffle item, please call Rae at 445-2840. You could also spread the word about what a groovy scene Plowshares is, and even commit to bring a friend with you this year who has never been to Plowshares. And last but not least, you can become directly involved, baby, volunteering your time (which we know is precious) before or during the weekend of Plowshares. Sometimes just an hour is all we will need from you. Plowshares is an annual reminder of how well our community can function and how it can even be fun at times. Be part of fun!

Barb Floch

Plowshares Committee

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Schools of Violence...

Bruce Friedrich

A CARTOON DEPICTS TWO boxes. In the left box, a police officer tells an inmate, "In here, your life becomes so impoverished, violent and hopeless that you'll think twice about a life of crime." The right box portrays a life of urban squalor, drug wars and prison-like tenements. For so many, this cartoon is reality—jail and urban destitution become a cycle.

One unavoidable observation, from jail to prison to urban slum, is the presence of a disproportionate number of people of color. The statistics on jail are particularly daunting. Recent studies show that one-fourth of young black men ages 18-24 are arrested in any given year, half of these for felonies. We must conclude that people of color are inherently criminal, or that we have a deep racism in this country which disenfranchises people of color.

In fact, studies show conclusively that poverty, not race, predisposes violence. The catch is that people of color in our country are kept poor by design. In 1993, unemployment for African-Americans was three times that for Euro-Americans, and poverty was 33% higher. Net worth for the average white family was nine times that of the average black family. Young black men are unemployed at a rate of 50%! Study upon study proves overt racism against qualified African-American applicants for loans, jobs and housing. Racism fuels poverty which fuels violence.

For over seven years now, I have been cultivating friendships with folks in shelters and soup lines. In college, I spent the better part of numerous weekends watching sports and talking with homeless at the Catholic Worker or on the soup line in Des Moines, Iowa. Four years ago, I began living with homeless folks full-time, and spending more time in soup kitchens and on the streets. On our corner, I witness beatings, fistfights, drug traffic and police violence. In soup lines, the frustration, destitution and violence intensify.

With most of my street friends, a belief in violence as a reasonable solution combines with little sense of self-worth to breed a culture of despairing violence. Recent studies

indicate that the violence myth and self-depreciation are absorbed early in life. A truly devastating piece in the *Washington Post* (2-13-94) narrates an elementary school teacher's horror at finding his poor, young, African-American schoolchildren convinced that their skin color indicates a proclivity for violence, laziness, temper and jail.

And the jail experience is hell. I have spent a significant portion (over a year) of my past four years in various jails and lock-ups, and I have witnessed more fights than I care to count. In a D.C. jail two years ago, I saw two young men killed by a mob of jail vigilantes. This is jail reality.

These jails breed violence even better than the inner-city destitution. Years of one's life in a sterile, colorless jungle of violence crushes one's spirits, eviscerates one's humanity, and turns the process of societal re-entry into a virtual impossibility. That some succeed is a powerful testament to the natural nonviolent goodness of human beings. Generally, people emerge from jail broken, alienated, despairing, angry and armed with a greater proficiency in the ways of violence and hate.

When I was last locked up in a D.C. jail, I became involved with helping numerous friends write autobiographical sketches, a required portion of an application for a pilot drug rehab program. I was dumbfounded by the stygian lives narrated by my friends and distressed by the terrible self-depreciation of each and every one. Salubrious, outgoing, quick-witted and funny with enough gump-

tion and initiative to apply for the program and seek help, yet every one of these fellows felt little hope for themselves!! I begin to cry now, to realize the lie they live. I begin to understand the violent story-telling, the addiction to violence.

Every time I go to jail, I try to be present to my newfound community: I play cards, engage in exercise groups, begin Bible studies, tutor. Without fail, the professed endeavor (cards, Bible study, whatever) fades quickly as one person or another launches into tales of daring-do. One constant is a true gift for story-telling, drama, narration. The stories are al-

ways exciting and usually violent. Audiences cheer, laugh, goad and clap. It is an impressive sight of real joy, which I see repeatedly. It feeds on and into a

culture of violence and fun at another's expense.

The micro-violence within the jails only mirrors the racism myriad, but perhaps most obvious is the so-called "war on drugs," racist and classist *to the core!* The adversary in this war is not the CIA nor the National Security Council (which manipulate drug traffic for "national security"), nor the U.S.-based pharmaceutical firms which produce the requisite processing chemicals, nor the banks (many in Florida) which launder drug profits. No—the adversaries are the US poor, especially the young, black poor. Although 82% of illegal drugs are consumed by (generally affluent) whites, 80% of drug convictions fall on people of color, generally young blacks. And the sentencing is quite (unbelievably? No.) racist: five grams of crack worth \$125 carries the same minimum sentence as 500 grams of cocaine powder worth \$50,000 dollars. Studies show that people of color consistently receive jail sentences 40 to 60% longer than whites with similar histories and identical charges.

The "drug war," in fact, helps to create the inner city violence which causes the jail squalor. According to Stephen Duke, a Yale law professor, "prowling junkies and violence-prone traffickers generate 50 to 80% of violent crime in this country as well as 20 to 40% of all murders—offenses that would not occur without [the war on drugs]."

Our jails are only punitive. Witness the rise in the "boot camp" for youth offenders...



...the Human Response

At the heart of the racism and violence, I'm convinced, is a deep sense of powerlessness. In *Engaging the Powers*, Walter Wink contends that "indifference to ordinary people carries with it a shaming effect: it makes them feel insignificant. For life is not just an encounter between human beings, but a struggle to the death for recognition...acts of indifference serve to maintain dominance." So many of my friends on the streets or in jail know only contempt from family and non-recognition from everyone else. Many of my old friends and relatives are perplexed by my decision to live and be friends with homeless people. Every time I go to jail, I experience disbelief from both guards and fellow inmates. "You don't belong here," says Mickey. The voice is tentative, cautious, insecure. I assure him that he doesn't either, but that we're in the same boat. He appreciates my point. His spirit lifts. We talk and become friends. It is a typical scene, but it amazes me every time. Most of my jail friends come from poverty and believe they can't break the cycle, that they are worthless. And violence is reality.

The violence clearly perpetuates itself, creates a cycle of destitution. There are, it seems, two possible ways to respond, "the government response," generally considered "rational" despite its lack of success, or a new way, Christ's way of compassion and love for all God's children. Our government exists by violence, as clearly evinced by its method of dealing with poverty and drugs. The solution is seeded in vindictiveness, retribution and power. Poverty is ignored and crime speciously analyzed. When given any recognition at all, the poor are portrayed as lazy and dishonest; criminals and drug users are vilified, stripped of their humanity. Poor or convict, you deserve your fate; you brought it on yourself.

We, thus, find that the only adequately funded programs for the poor are prisons and combat. In the 1980s while military spending rose 50%, job training and low income housing funds fell 50 to 70%. Clinton's new crime bill spends \$23 billion, half for prisons! His drug budget puts 70% into law enforcement, while 90% of rehabilitation applicants are presently tuned away for lack of space. And

our jails are purely punitive. Witness the rise in the "boot camp" for youth offenders; what nonsense to believe military training will make people less violent!

The problems of violence and racism require not programs nor punishment, but empathy. Jesus teaches love and compassion, without requirements or reservations. In our lives, we are called to minister and reach out to society's poor and outcast. We must build friendships with the poor, treat those criminalized by society with compassion and love. Jesus does not judge; nor should we. And it is, as Dostoyevski says, "a harsh and dreadful thing" to truly love society's dispossessed.

Beyond this simple building of friendships are two more requirements of Christ-like compassion. Compassion means, from its root, "to suffer with." We must share in the day-to-day suffering of God's poor, embracing voluntary poverty and precarity. We renounce paid employment, "prostitution of labor" as

Peter Maurin calls it. We meet the imprisoned behind bars, "truly visiting" as Dorothy Day says. We examine our consumer addiction and give up alcohol, fine restaurants, stereos, etc. In our new lives, we can no longer "judge" the poor or prisoner, because they are us.

The final step toward true compassion is that of advocacy. As an advocate, one takes seriously Jesus' call to the cross. Jesus died on the cross, showing us the way to challenge evil—through redemptive suffering, voluntarily incurred. It is the way shown by Jesus, Gandhi, King and so many others. "True change is not to be sought through parliaments nor pulpits, but on gallows and in jails," counsels Gandhi, summing up the cross. This is the only just means for opposing evil. Violent structures can't be manipulated to lesson violence, because violence is a spiral: any violence, for whatever purpose, only adds to the level of violence.

The greatest evil in today's world, I'm convinced, is war preparation. Any funds to prepare to kill is heresy. In a world where 1.2 billion people are starving, and 40 million of these starve to death each year (*Bread for the World Report*, 1994), the over 500 billion dollars (War Resisters League figure, includes

...what nonsense to believe military training will make people less violent!



indirect military expenses) we will spend this year on war is total effrontery against God, theft from God's starving children.

Our nation is the number one arms exporter in the world. We have an military budget equal to the rest of the world combined. And our internationalist violence translates into violence at home, with police and prisons as our "answer" to crime, despite the clear and consistent failure of punitive solutions—which reinforce and exacerbate societal violence. Our "faith" is firmly rooted in war and violence, in complete denial of God.

To reiterate, change cannot come through governments or institutions. The means endemic to both are coercive, disenfranchising, demeaning, violent. Change will come only through ourselves, when we truly embrace the need to be human beings in love with humanity: to serve; to suffer poverty and precarity; to act for peace and justice at personal expense.

The choice is ours: will we ever spend our lives making a positive contribution to the nonviolent kin-dom of God, or will we selfishly pursue power, prestige, and possessions at the expense of suffering humanity? "Choose life, that others may live."

Bruce continues his life-giving witness for peace and a weapons-free world from the Morgantown Federal Penitentiary, where he is currently serving his sentence for participating in the Pax Christi-Spirit of Life Plowshares (see Jan. '94 PNL for details).

Letters can be sent to : Bruce Friedrich c/o Plowshares Support Committee, PO Box 1252, Garner, NC 27529, (919) 779-8766. You can also show support by ordering a t-shirt (\$10) and post-cards (five for \$1) featuring the "Pax Christi/Spirit of Life Plowshares" logo (designed by Bruce's mom, Erena Rae) from the same address.



After Shackling, Pepper Spray

Another Death at the Syr. Public Safety Building Renews Questions of Torture

Nancy Rhodes

WHEN JOHNNY L. Williams died after a chaotic incident in the Public Safety Bldg. jail on July 25, the Sheriff's Dept. first claimed he fractured his own skull during suicidal head-first jumps off his sink before deputies could subdue him. The autopsy report, released August 15, listed "positional asphyxia" as cause of death. At a press conference the same day called by their attorney, Williams' family demanded the Sheriff's Dept. stop using pepper spray until its role in his death is clarified. On September 14, the County Legislature's Public Safety Committee will again meet and is expected to begin to look at the issue of pepper spray.

Also known as "OC," oleoresin capsi-cum is an oily cayenne pepper-based material originally developed as bear repellent and still used in animal control. Some twenty brands are now used by about 4,000 police agencies in the U.S. Almost three-quarters of them have used pepper spray for only about three years. There has been virtually no research into its safety or long-term effects on humans, and there is no universally accepted agency which certifies training in its use. Because its active ingredient occurs naturally and is not considered a food, drug or pesticide, no federal agency regulates its manufacture. The president of the Aerosol Defense Spray Association, Steve Beazer, said a year ago, "We've never had a problem." Pepper gas has been intensely promoted by its manufacturers and mainstream media alike as immediately effective and safe, a "magic bullet."

This embrace of pepper gas by police agencies has occurred in the context of the failure of "intermediate" police technologies introduced in the 1960s that have increasingly proven to be both unreliable and dangerous. Electric stunning devices such as the Taser used on Rodney King (suspected of being fatal by some medical journals since the mid-70s), gases like Mace, and the now-notorious choke-holds are all examples of the "break-throughs" that are now fast

being abandoned, supposed solutions that became worse problems.

In 1987 the U.S. Justice Dept. reviewed the history of such apparently "non-lethal" devices and tactics and concluded the most urgent need for law enforcement agencies was to develop new intermediate means for subduing individuals in "close proximity encounters," noting that "use of deadly force offends some of our highest national ideals," as well as the practical problem that a "growing number of communities are suffering financial hardship as a result of civil liability suits." And in 1987, pepper spray was "rediscovered." First introduced in 1976 for human use, pepper spray had to wait fifteen years before the Firearm Training Unit began experimenting on its use at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, as an alternative to the tear-gas products the FBI had previously used. Because it apparently induced temporary breathing difficulties and blindness whether the subject felt pain or not, pepper spray was considered an improvement over old tear-gases which didn't work well if persons were intoxicated or extremely agitated. The FBI in turn began recommending its use to police departments.

Since then it has been used in communities by police and sheriffs as well as to quell prison riots and control labor strikers. It is sold now in some states as a "personal protection device" (though only at about 1/5 the concentration of police-strength pepper sprays.) But

field experience is not bearing out either its claims for safety or effectiveness.

On July 11, 1993, Angelo Robinson died in North Carolina after being pepper-sprayed. Though not the first pepper spray-linked death, this was the first instance in which pepper spray is actually listed in the autopsy as a factor in the cause of death. This single death was sufficient to cause North Carolina to initiate a state-wide review of pepper spray. Worcester, Massachusetts, where Christian Hernandez died ten days after being pepper-sprayed the same month, joined a number of police agencies nationwide who suspended use of pepper spray in response to Robinson's death.

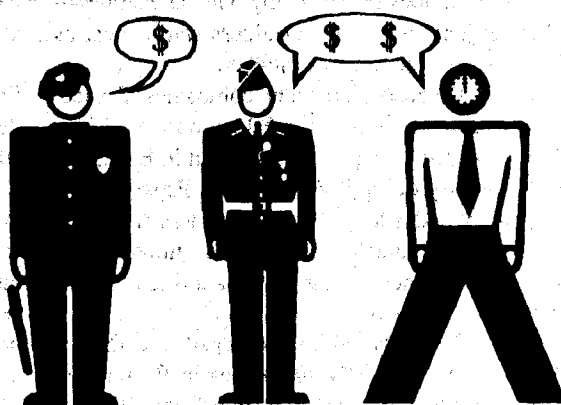
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Capstun is the commercial name of the pepper gas used here by Onondaga County deputies on Johnny Williams. Capstun is also one of two pepper gas products authorized for provisional state-wide use in California for an initial three-year period ending in 1995. The California Dept. of Justice requires every single use of pepper spray in that state be reported to them during this period. In September 1993 the ACLU Foundation of Southern California published a review of pepper spray use in that state. Seven deaths of persons in custody in California were linked to its use in roughly the first year. In March 1994 an update was released because that figure had doubled to 14.

John Crew of the ACLU's Police Practices Project in San Francisco now says there have been about 30 deaths nationwide to which pepper spray is linked, with several wrongful death lawsuits in process.

The March 1994 "Executive Brief: Pepper Spray and In-Custody Deaths," published by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, reviews 30 deaths from 13 states. A potential profile begins to emerge, including positional asphyxia as cause of death in eighteen cases, with restraints being used in all cases. IACP notes further that "maximal, prone restraints can have sudden, lethal consequences and should be avoided." Hog-tying and face-down positioning such as were used with Johnny Williams are prime

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examples. While they note something else always "caused" death, the IACP authors acknowledge significant concern inside the law enforcement community about such a possible link. For this reason the National Institute of Justice requested that IACP conduct this review and also analyze new field data on pepper spray.

The Southern California ACLU update on pepper spray from March of this year starkly extends this profile of lethality. Only three of the 14 pepper spray-linked deaths in California involved persons actually engaged in criminal activity, although pepper spray has been intensely promoted as a control of dangerous, violent criminals. Instead its victims were most likely individuals intoxicated or in psychiatric crisis, most often upon whom the pepper gas initially appeared to have "no effect." Promoted as "instantly effective" in almost all cases, pepper spray emerged instead as most likely to fail when used against persons on drugs or in crisis, just as the old tear gases were. Excerpts included from normally deadpan police reports are littered with still-startled officers' expressions of dismay that pepper spray failed to take effect on some suspects even as it incapacitated near-by officers instead, creating chaos (which certainly will ring familiar with anyone who has followed the newspaper accounts of the Williams case). In fact, the effectiveness rate in California hovers in the mid-80% range, the same or slightly lower than Mace and Taser guns when these were deemed too unreliable. The "totality" of the process may involve many possible but increasingly consistent factors in the case of pepper spray: psychiatric crisis and/or drugs and alcohol, preexisting conditions such as asthma or heart disease, excessive physical activity such as struggling, the presence of alcohol or other drugs, obesity

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Peace = Profit...Or Does It?

Pepsi-Co Tunes Out a New Gen at "Woodstock II"

Jooyun Lee

IT'S AN INSPIRED PIECE of advertising—not one but two white doves sitting on a guitar neck with the classic red and blue Pepsi logo as the backdrop. After all, this was Woodstock II on August 13-14, and Pepsi was a major sponsor. One of the magazine ads read: "Where there is peace you'll find harmony / Where there is harmony you'll find music / Where there is music you'll find us [Pepsi]." The transitive law would lead to the conclusion, "Where there is peace you'll find us [Pepsi]."

Certainly, PepsiCo was banking on the ideas of peace and humanity related to the Woodstock experience, but can we ask about PepsiCo's business in Burma, a country being choked by its military dictatorship? Almost equally certain is that most people (including the '94 Woodstock performers) are unaware of PepsiCo's ties to Burma. For the past five years, the aforementioned military junta has imprisoned Aung San Suu Kyi, the elected leader of Burma and recipient of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize. This illegitimate government has one of the worst histories of human rights abuses: slave labor, forced prostitution of children, horrible acts of torture, and murder.

The Burmese people made their choice clear when they elected Suu Kyi and her party, the National League of Democracy, to lead their country (they won over 80% of the seats!). However, the military junta has been able to build up its military personnel and arsenal. Burma does not have any outside enemies—the junta is waging a ruthless war against its own people to stay in power.

PepsiCo (and other companies Texaco, Unocal and Eddie Bauer) support the junta. How does a Pepsi bottling plant in Burma do this? By doing business there, Pepsi gives a silent nod to the junta as the leaders of Burma. This is valuable endorsement (unintentional [sic] or otherwise) for a junta trying to legitimize its position.

Secondly, although PepsiCo claims it deals with private companies in Burma, the fact is that "private companies" are affiliated

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with the junta. Any money going into Burma helps the junta—not the Burmese people. Levi-Strauss realized they could not do business in Burma without "providing a direct investment or benefit" to the junta. Levi-Strauss left Burma.

When asked about their Burma ties, PepsiCo does not seem to give it a second thought. It's ironic how peace is such an issue when Pepsi is selling drinks at a major media event, but easy to push aside and ignore when human rights are at stake. Shouldn't peace be more than just a marketing ploy?

September 18 provides a chance for voices to be heard. This is the anniversary of the junta's fake coup and the bloody massacre involving millions of Burmese who took to the streets in protest. A small group demonstrating in front of a Texaco or PepsiCo site (subsidiaries include KFC, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut, Frito-Lay, 7-UP) might be a small start, but small things tend to grow.

What you can do:

1) Stage demonstrations on September 18. You don't need a large group. In Syracuse, call SPC at 472-5478 to participate (SPC has a current "PepsiCo Boycott" organizing packet), or call CPPAX at (617) 426-3040 for information.

2) To reach regional and national contacts for existing Burma groups, call CPPAX at (617) 426-3040.

3) Boycott PepsiCo, Texaco, Unocal, and Eddie Bauer. CPPAX can provide you with their involvement with Burma and with their corporate addresses.

4) Currently in the Massachusetts House Ways and Means Committee is the Burma selective purchase legislation bill (#H5226), introduced by Rep. Byron Rushing. If successful, this would set precedence for the rest of the country. Contact CPPAX for information.

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A History of Waste...

William L. Griffen

The following is the transcript of a presentation to the National Academy of Science's National Research Council Committee to Review New York State's Low-Level Radioactive Waste Facility Siting Process. The committee met in Ithaca, New York on March 24-25, 1994—after sixteen years (1978 - 1994) of the siting process in Central New York.

This presents a case study of calling for and then ignoring public testimony—scientific and ecological criteria replaced and/or compromised by political expediency and special interests.

ON NOVEMBER 15, 1989, I spoke these words to the N.Y.S. Low-Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission:

You have crunched the numbers, eyeballed the Taylor terrain, mapped the prospective sites and have the drill-rigs standing by. Now let's talk some sense.

If you discover the bathtub in your home is over-flowing, what is the first thing you do? Evacuate the house? Draw up contingency plans? Hold a referendum in your neighborhood? Take a bucket inventory? Start mopping? No. You turn off the faucet!

Sixteen years ago (6/14/78) at an earlier public meeting on nuclear waste held here in Ithaca, I was questioning a Department of Energy (DOE) official, Critz George, "Wouldn't it be rational to declare a tapering moratorium on the further production of nuclear wastes while dealing with the storage problem?" The government official responded that he "did not know if he would go on record for a moratorium or whether his objections would even be heard if he did." (*Cortland Standard*, 6/15/78). I responded by noting that the DOE, government officials and nuclear energy public relations personnel keep advising the public to "be realistic, the wastes are here," and then urging us to democratically pitch-in and

help solve the problem. All the while more waste is being produced. Why isn't the generation of waste,

the front-end of the nuclear process, negotiable?

At that meeting I charged that "the U.S. Department of Energy's commitment to public participation in its disposal study 'reduces democracy to a ritual' when DOE 'does nothing to hear the public out' on whether it wants to see more nuclear power plants, which produce the waste in the first place, constructed in the US" (*Cortland Standard*, 6/15/78).

At that time the federal government was looking at the Finger Lakes' salt formation as a burial site for radioactive waste. We were less than comforted by the DOE's assurance of the government's commitment to a "step-by-step social agreement" seeking the public's input before a disposal site was identified. The government's record on honesty and democratic decision-making regarding nuclear questions was not encouraging. We kept up our guard.

I am what political scientists call a "concerned citizen." In the old civics textbooks a concerned citizen was a good thing. The stuff of participatory democracy. Today's texts agree, and there are plenty of instructional video tapes designed to hone the skills of our next generation's concerned citizens. But, I have found, concerned citizens live in constant danger of being relegated to bit player parts with insignificant roles in the big real life drama. Let me explain.

Here is a concerned citizen's view of the process we came to talk about today. On April 17, 1978, the *Cortland Standard* reported that a 400 square mile area around Cortland was singled out by the U.S. DOE for possible nuclear waste storage. The newspaper editorialized that "New York State needs a large-scale nuclear waste storage facility like it needs higher state taxes or more unemployment." This sentiment was reflected in letters to the editor that followed the announcement. The lead paragraph in the May 9, 1978 *Cortland Standard* read, "The nuclear power industry took it on the chin this week as a half-developed technology that is 'merrily moving along' on the production end but lagging miserably behind in the area of coping with radioactive by-product disposal." Cornell physics professor Robert Pohl told a public gathering of concerned citizens that at the top there were two warring schools of thought over waste disposal. The U.S. Geological Survey favored

deciding on waste disposal technology before building new nuclear plants, while the U.S. DOE advocated continued construction of nuclear plants while trying to solve the disposal problem. (Of course, you don't "dispose" of radioactive waste—you put it somewhere and guard it, for tens of thousands of years). Dr. Pohl noted that the DOE "fears a widening of the production-disposal gap," which Pohl described as "awe-inspiring as it is."

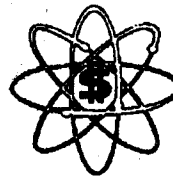
On May 9, 1978, I founded "Ecology Action of Cortland County," and the group announced opposition to nuclear power production and a commitment to support the development and use of alternative energy sources.

Late in May of 1978, Cortland County's treasurer, legislature chairperson and public health director met with federal energy officials and were told repeatedly that no depositories would be located in states where they were not wanted. At about that time the Cortland County legislature went on record as opposing a nuclear waste site in Cortland County. On June 6, 1978, Syracuse-based Congressman James Hanley publicly opposed nuclear waste storage in central New York. He

indicated he had opposed the DOE study as early as 1976. And then on June 13, 1978, Sissy Farenthold, President of Wells College, announced her opposition to nuclear waste dumping (in her Tompkins-Cortland-Community College graduation address.).

The following month a headline read: "Drilling must be allowed to find nuke dump, official says." The official was Dr. Colin Heath, director of the US DOE's Division of Nuclear Waste Isolation, and once again Cortland was dragged back into the process. He was optimistic that safe underground sites could be found to "permanently isolate" the waste. Over and over the DOE official stressed that nuclear waste disposal was a national problem. Within a few years, for political, not environmental, reasons, this federal policy would be expediently discarded. Heath intoned, "Whether nuclear power is right or wrong, a place must be found to bury 4,400 tons of nuclear waste produced over the last 30 years in the U.S." Note how the "right or wrong" question is always beyond the process, beyond the concerned citizen.

Cortland's other newspaper, the *Cortland Democrat*, was heard from on July 20, 1978.



...the Continued Production of Nuclear Power, Against All Better Judgement

Larry Harrington editorialized, "We'll fight nuclear waste... New York State people should fight with no holds barred if necessary to see that not an ounce of nuclear waste is permanently stored within the State's borders."

The *Cortland Standard* (8/1/78) reported on a White House study and the headline informed: "Politics supersedes science in finding nuke waste dump." All of this and the present siting commission still calls for patience and civility.

A legislator from Homer, NY added her voice, "It's a grave concern of mine, where they are going to put (the waste)... I would like to see a moratorium on the whole nuclear issue."

The rising local voice goes unheeded. *It doesn't fit the process.* On October 12, 1978, the *Syracuse Herald* reported a poll of 84 incumbents and challengers for state and federal offices. Seventy-five percent said they would actively oppose the nuclear waste dump, no one would support it.

At the national level the process grinds on. President Carter in October of 1978 calls for comments from concerned citizens of the U.S. Waste Management Policy. The response is tabulated in the final Deutch report on Nuclear Waste Management (3/79). Public comment decries the government's policy as pseudo-scientific, with information and data suppressed. Also noted is the minimal opportunity for public input—three cities polled and only two weeks to respond.

In January 1979, federal documents reveal 328 transportation accidents involving radioactive materials, with 118 releasing radioactive materials into the environment in less than five years. As John Gofman, professor of medical physics, has argued,

...losses from the burial site are secondary to the losses which will inevitably occur on the way to the burial place. If we can't even solve the problem of the losses on the way to the bank—and I am positively convinced that such a solution is not credible—then it is simply irresponsible to focus on the burial problem. We need to focus on stopping the production of additional radioactive poisons. (*Irrevy*, p. 98, emphasis in original)

By the 1980s the federal government had dumped the problem of waste containment back on the states. Time does not permit an adequate discussion of this major shift in the

process, although it does give a whole new meaning to "states' rights."

Along with others, I continued to play a concerned citizen role in the process. There was a flurry of New York State Energy Office hearings in 1984 at Albany, New York City, Mineola, Buffalo and Syracuse. I made a presentation in Syracuse on February 16, 1984. The meetings were structured around "8 major aspects of the decisions facing New York State regarding LLRW management."

Needless to say, true to the "lock the concerned citizens within the process strategy," no category even suggested thinking about the possibility of turning off the faucet. I picked out the most amorphous "major aspect" category—"an evaluation of the social, environmental, economic, health and safety impacts of the institutional options available to New York for compliance with the provisions of the Federal Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act"—and shared my views. The processors were once again friendly and civil. I was getting to know my concerned citizen's role rather well.

The late '80s and the '90s don't look much different than the '70s and earlier '80s. A few random local headlines: "N-Dump Panel Hires Staff Chief Before Setting Pay, Duties" (*Cortland Standard*, 7/21/90). Or this one: "N-Dump Panel Accused of 60 Secret Sessions" (*Cortland Standard*, 4/10/90). But the home front hasn't given up. The editorials continue to express the local sentiments: "Deception by Omission" (the faulted process), "How Can You Help" (nuclear dump opponents' guide), "Nuclear Clean Up Costs," and "Not Here, Not Ever...". The several hundred thoughtful letters to the editor go unanswered by the process.

Objective scientific evidence and ecological arguments continue to discredit the pro-nuclear forces. In December of 1989 a series of op-ed pieces and letters to the editor appeared in Cortland and Syracuse newspapers. They were written by a Syracuse health physicist charging that the opposition to the waste site was based on misinformation. He offered five "facts" concerning radiation. The following is excerpted from my letter to the editor response (*Cortland Standard*, 12/30/89) to this expert's fact list.

Before stating his "facts," he correctly reports that "the administrations of two major

universities, one college, one hospital and one utility located in the upstate area would not allow their radiation safety experts to present testimony."

Now, why the reluctance on the part of those working with nuclear waste to give testimony? Why is it that the whole Upstate New York pro-nuclear network could come up with only one "expert" on radiation safety?

Let us now look at the "facts" offered by the pro-dump forces.

• "Fact" one: Extremely small amounts of radioactive materials, less than one part in a trillion, can be easily detected.

Comment: So what? They are telling us they can measure with great precision what will eventually kill us as radiation amounts continue to increase. The nuclear industry must be terminated.

• "Fact" two: We know exactly how radiation affects living systems and, given the amount of radiation dose, can predict effects.

Comment: How comforting. Of course we know the effects of cumulative radiation. It kills people through a variety of radiation illnesses.

• "Fact" three: The 25 millirem per year radiation dose permitted the general public at the boundary of the low-level waste site is not significant.

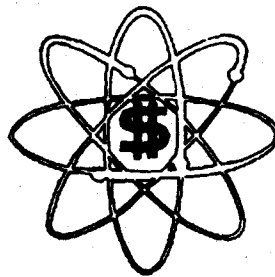
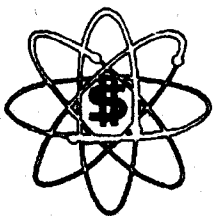
Comment: Any dose adds to one's threat of cancer by radiation. The problem is incremental so each additional "not significant" dose adds to a possible significant dose.

• "Fact" four: The transportation of radioactive materials including waste can be done safely. Thousands of shipments travel the nation's highways daily without incident.

Comment: From 1971 through 1985, 1,034 accidents or incidents were reported in transporting low-level nuclear waste! This included 90 containers releasing radiation (The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1986).

• "Fact" five: Radioactive waste disposal sites can be constructed and operated safely. The low-level radioactive waste operation at Barnwell, SC, is an example of (such a site)...

Comment: Not according to any independent



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SEAC

Student Environmental Action Coalition

The SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) and the Syracuse University (SU) chapter of SEAC invite any and all students to join SEAC. SEAC, the Student Environmental Action Coalition, serves the environmental movement as a network of active student groups. As a network, information is shared, there are regional, state and national meetings, and collective organizing occurs (among groups), while each group maintains its autonomy.

SEAC began in 1988 in North Carolina with an ad in an issue of the *Greenpeace* magazine, asking for student environmentalists to write back. The response was impressive. Now there are over 1,000 student groups that belong to the network.

This year the local SEAC chapter moved from serving solely the ESF campus to serving both ESF and SU. The group expanded from eight members to over 50. The local chapter also attracted students from several local high schools.

The local chapter worked on three main campaigns in the spring of 1994:

1. SEAC worked to stop the Great Whale Project (popularly known as James Bay II). The group pressured the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and Con Edison to cancel contracts with Hydro-Quebec (a provincially-owned utility in Quebec), toward the end of preventing construction of the Great Whale project. The Great Whale project would, among other things, flood a large area of Cree (and some Inuit) hunting and fishing grounds and significantly impact large environmental systems. It is our view that NY should not be party to destruction of Cree and Inuit land. NYPA did cancel upcoming contracts and Con Ed has postponed consideration! Finally, the group worked to get students to write letters and to testify at energy hearings, expressing our interest in demand-side management and in energy efficiency minimums being maintained or increased in the next state energy plan. We felt that through this proactive effort we could aim toward a more sane energy policy.

2. There was a food campaign as well. Students baked cookies at Syracuse's own collective bakery, ON THE RISE. Thank you,

Sierra Club

Iroquois Chapter

I was stunned to read [in the *Syracuse Herald American*] that Robert Burdick, director of the county health department's environmental health division, claims that the pesticide to be sprayed in Cicero Swamp area is so diluted that it is not harmful even if you stay outdoors while the plane is spraying! The poison being sprayed is Dibrom 14, an organophosphate; studies have shown a link between this class of chemicals and chromosomal abnormalities.

The label for the pesticide says it should not be applied directly to wetlands, and it is toxic to fish, aquatic invertebrates and wildlife. So why does Burdick think we human animals would be magically protected from its dangerous effects?

There is evidence that pesticides are related to childhood leukemia, brain tumors and other cancers. It is unconscionable that children and others are exposed to these dangers in order to accommodate a perceived benefit from spraying, especially while there is no proof that such spraying reduces the mosquito population.

Linda DeStefano

Karen Kemej! We sold them at a bake sale which had several aims: to raise some money, to advertise ON THE RISE, and to offer students organic cookies with the recipes to boot! There was some preliminary planning as to how to alter the procurement practices of the university food services as well, the hope being to support local and organic farmers through this effort.

3. There was also a campaign devoted to forest issues, especially ones related to the Adirondacks. Bill McKibben spoke on campus. We supported various pieces of legislation. The group had approximately 20 students attend and testify at the Northern Forests Land Council hearings.

The group is relaxed, we rotate facilitators and stress mass (often confusing, always invaluable) involvement through several action committees. While doing all this we also had a blast together. For example, we had

COMMUNITY WRITERS' PROJECT

The Community Writers' Project is soliciting manuscripts/readers for their Fall '94 Homegrown Reading Series to be held again at the Onondaga County Public Library's Curtain Auditorium, 447 S. Salina Street, Syracuse.

This series features local authors from a variety of cultural backgrounds, and we are especially seeking writers who express their ethnicity through their written work.

Scheduled annually are April's reading, which features *Survivors of Sexual Abuse*, a May reading with *Student Poets*, and in June, *Writers Against Racism*.

If you are interested in being considered for reading in The Homegrown Series, please call 472-0400, or send samples of your fiction or poetry (with SASE) to the attention of Jackie Warren-Moore, The Community Writers' Project, 320 Montgomery Street, Syracuse, NY 13202.

All readings are wheelchair accessible and interpreted for the hearing impaired. The Homegrown Reading Series is made possible with Public Funds from the New York State Council on the Arts and in cooperation with the Onondaga County Public Library.

camping trips to the Adirondacks. We also had a super concert by guitarist and singer Dan Lyons. The Peace Council supported the concert by providing free advertising for SEAC.

We welcome the full participation of new and returning Syracuse area students of every age into the local SEAC chapter. Ideally, we would also like to set up an Oneida Lake regional network so that we can keep in touch with groups and individuals outside the immediate Syracuse area, encourage each other, enjoy each other's events and actions, and finally work together toward protecting and preserving the environment.

Please get in touch with Bill Capowski, the acting Oneida Lakes Region Coordinator at 475-8389 (e-mail: wjcapows@mailbox.syr.edu), or write to Melissa Monforti, chairperson of the local SEAC chapter at: SEAC, 1 Forestry Drive, Bray Hall, SUNY ESF, Syracuse, NY 13210.

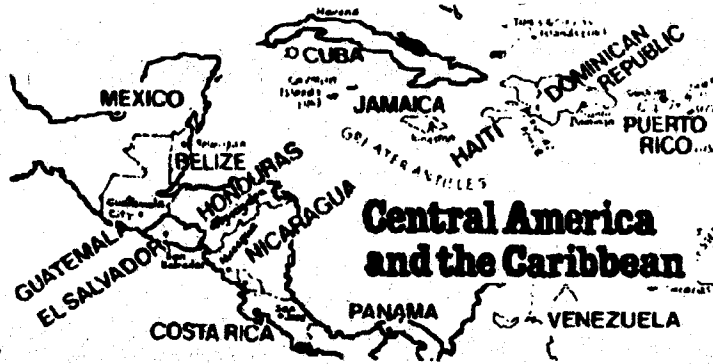
Central American/Caribbean Coalition (CACC) Meeting Notes

AT THE CONCLUSION of the August 10 meeting, facilitated by Paul Weichselbaum, we discussed doing something special for the 2nd anniversary of CACC. What this celebration will be is the major agenda item for the September CACC meeting which is Tuesday September 13—not the usual Wednesday at 6 PM, with a potluck, at Plymouth church. The individual areas-project groups meet at 7:30, following the general CACC meeting. An informal resolution of CACC is to work more closely with other peace and justice groups in Central NY.

La Estancia-Sister Community's newsletter is coming out in September. Call Shirley at 446-6099 if you'd like to receive a copy and/or subscribe. Working cameras and tape-recorders (and/or financial donations) are needed for the daycare centers. Again, call Shirley if you can help.

Due to an increase in death-squad activity, the US must be pressured to force the Salvadoran government to abide by peace agreements and end human rights violations.

Friendshipment to Cuba is looking for a local person to accompany the next caravan. We'll again be collecting material aid. Watch for more specific info soon or call Doug at 471-5749.



ABC Committee (Against the Blockade of Cuba) will have a table at the Westcott Street Fair Sept. 11. "Ché" T-shirts silkscreened by Upasatti to benefit material aid to Cuba are now on sale—contact Elana Levy at 472-5711. The delegation to Cuba, organized by Elana, is now planned for December. They are still collecting cotton underwear to take to Cuba (call Elana at above number).

Haiti—Call your congresspeople now to: support the return of Aristide, Haiti's democratically-elected president; to maintain the blockade; to grant temporary asylum here to refugees from Haiti; and to oppose any US military invasion. In the event of an invasion, meet at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St, at 5:45 PM that day, to participate in an immediate response.

New Haitian refugee families have recently arrived in Syracuse, one with two chil-

dren, and the other, a family of nine, is staying at the Eastwood Baptist Church parish house. Contact Marty Nichols at the refugee center if you want to be involved or can help. Both families need visits, help negotiating their way around Syracuse, etc.

There is a meeting on Haiti issues, with Witness for Peace, on Tuesdays at 7:15 PM at Plymouth Church. Everyone is welcome!

The Witness for Peace

Haiti delegation is successfully back from the Dominican Republic where they met Haitian refugees and the people who work with them, and witnessed the situation at the immediate DR-Haiti border. Several of them gave a brief presentation with slides at the recent CACC meeting and are more than willing to give illustrated talks to community groups. Call Michael Pasquale at 471-8919 to arrange a talk to your group. See the accompanying article on the DR-Haiti witness.

The local Witness for Peace chapter is reorganizing—stay tuned. They also thank everyone for their support at the very successful "talent jam" fundraiser at Happy Endings, which earned over \$900 for the delegation.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE



Crime is one of the greatest concerns of Americans today. As a preventive measure, some people think that placing a "watch" dog in their yard will help to protect their home. Wrong!

Dogs who live constantly chained to coops, confined to runs, or even with free run of a fenced-in yard, cannot guard their owners as well as pets who live inside, in close contact with the family.

An "outside" dog, even a normally ferocious one, can be tamed with treats and friendship. Dogs are social animals, and "outside"

dogs are usually starved for attention. A clever thief can easily befriend such a dog.

If a dog lives inside, however, no stranger will be able to establish an alliance with the animal. The dog will understand that the family is his or her "pack" and that the entire house is territory to be defended from intrusion.

Please consider making your pet a member of the family. If this isn't possible, remember that living outside can be torture for your pet if it doesn't have protection from the heat and cold. Proper shelter must be structurally sound, waterproof, insulated and appropriate to the size of your dog (or cat). The shelter should be 10-12" higher and longer than the animal's height and length, allowing just enough room to comfortably stand up and lay down. The shelter should face south (away from prevailing winds) with a rug or canvas

covering the door, be raised 6" off the ground to prevent ground-freeze from infiltrating, and the floor should be covered with 6" of straw or cedar shavings.

Also, when you decide to take the family pet for a ride, remember that a car interior heats up quickly, even with open windows. On an 85 degree day, car temperatures can reach 102 degrees in ten minutes and 120 degrees in thirty minutes. Dogs can tolerate 108 degrees only a few minutes before suffering brain damage and death. If you have to leave the dog in the car for a few minutes, park in the shade with the windows cracked (Yes, dogs are stolen from cars!).

Finally, if your dog has to ride in a pickup truck, use a secured crate or retaining harness for protection. Dogs can jump, be thrown from the bed or be hit with flying debris.

Lou DeSantis



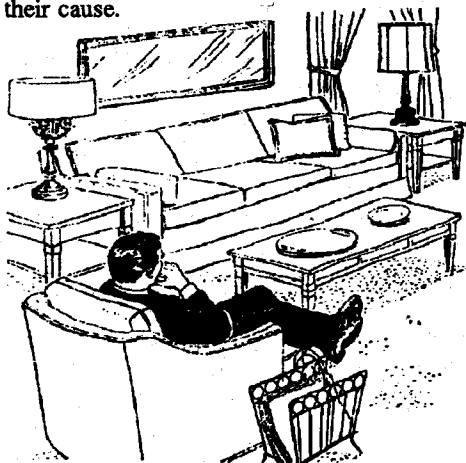
The Religious Right : The Assault on Tolerance & Pluralism in America

A New Publication by the Anti-Defamation League

Dianne DiMatteo

THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE is one of the many national organizations that has become concerned with the increasing activity of the Religious Right. David Cantor, Senior Research Analyst with the Research and Evaluation Department of the ADL, recently wrote a 193 page book following the activities of the major leaders and groups of the Religious Right. *The Religious Right: The Assault on Tolerance & Pluralism in America* is an excellent resource for those who want a compendium filled with much detailed information. It gives insight into the beginnings of the Religious Right into the 1990s and explains the often complicated issue of the separation of Church and State.

The book defines the Religious Right (RR) as "an array of politically conservative religious groups and individuals who are attempting to influence public policy based on a shared cultural philosophy that is antagonistic to pluralism and church/state separation." It explains that is important not to think in stereotypes because the majority of the thirty million Americans who are evangelicals or fundamentalists are not directly "affiliated" with RR groups. However, it is my thinking that many give support to the movement by voting in line with beliefs advanced by such groups as the Christian Coalition and in participation in other social actions aligned with their cause.



The Religious Right.
How much of it evolved by itself?
How much is the result of an intelligent maker?

In the forward written by Abraham H. Foxman, National Director of the ADL, he writes that one of the major problems critics of the RR have when speaking in opposition to their actions is: "Much of what this movement says it wants is right: most of us value strong families, better schools, a government that upholds its commitment to religious liberty. These aims have become increasingly vital at a time when our country's ills appear intractable and when many Americans say they feel dissatisfied, frightened, and angry." To oppose the RR when they take hold of these concerns, can make one appear on the wrong side of the issue. I would add that it is equally difficult to criticize the actions of evangelical or fundamentalist Christians without being labeled anti-Christian.

In the introduction of the book, Cantor says, "During the past fifteen years, an exclusionist religious movement in this country has attempted to restore what it perceives as the ruins of the Christian nation by seeking more closely to unite its version of Christianity with state power." He quotes Paul Weyrich, a strategist for the RR: "This is really the most significant battle of the age-old conflict between good and evil, between the forces of God and the forces against God." As in the words of Pat Robertson: "Expect confrontations that will be not only unpleasant but at times physically bloody...Just like what Nazi Germany did to the Jews, so liberal America is now doing to the evangelical Christians."

Cantor discusses the language of the confrontation being escalated to hysteria on both sides. He cites obvious examples of this type of language by the RR, but also states, "Yet those who object to the RR movement too often engage the intolerance and stereotyping they purport to decry. The disdain of H. L. Mencken, who called fundamentalists: "Yokels," "Half-wits," and "gaping primates," unfortunately lingers in the public imagination. It is important that in our opposition to intolerance and hatred, we do not become intolerant and hateful.

In the history of the movement, Cantor cites the 18th and 19th century beginnings of evangelism in America, and its secular approach known as Social Gospel. In the 20th Century, Fundamentalism was a "major conservative trend," not yet politicized. It was a rejection of modern cultural and political life.

Fundamentalists in the first part of this century retreated from public life into the veracities of the Bible. The Bible pointed the way, not Darwin's theories nor urban industrialism.

During the 1970s, American religious conservatives awoke to politics. Cantor writes "Many evangelicals and fundamentalists of the 1970s were ready to make things right, and they had developed intellectual, theological, and institutional structures that led not to separation but engagement. Their identity and social commitment was strengthened when evangelical and former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, discussed his religious beliefs at length during the 1976 Presidential campaign."

In the 1990s the RR realized that they had gotten it backwards by focusing on Washington, and started their campaign to mobilize at a local level. Their "stealth" candidates went underground, playing down their connection to the RR until after they were elected. These candidates have been successful in school board elections and local government positions all over the country, and the latest development is to "come out" in Republican primaries. In some areas of the nation, they are finding it unnecessary to hide their identity because they have been successful in controlling the party power mechanism.

Groups such as the Christian Coalition and Focus on the Family have grown extremely fast in the 1990s. They have also been successful in blanketing the airwaves with conservative talk shows spreading half-truths in the form of infotainment. Cantor concludes the book by stating, "In the Spring of 1994, the religious right appears to be thriving. Major groups have reported substantial growth... The coming year looks to be a period of heightened activity, and the movement's leaders are heady with recent gains and the promise of more." He cites the major reasons why the RR is flourishing at this time: 1) America is Religious. We have more variety of faiths than any other industrialized nation; 2) 94% of us say we believe in God and we see ourselves going through a crisis of values; 3) Times of cultural upheaval arouse nostalgia—a desire to return to the romantic past; 4) Many conservatives find solace in viewing America as a "Christian nation"; 5) Claiming the Republican party as their political tool has given the movement national recognition.

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Animal Rights Activists Arrested

The Animal Defense League Use Civil Disobedience to Get Message Out

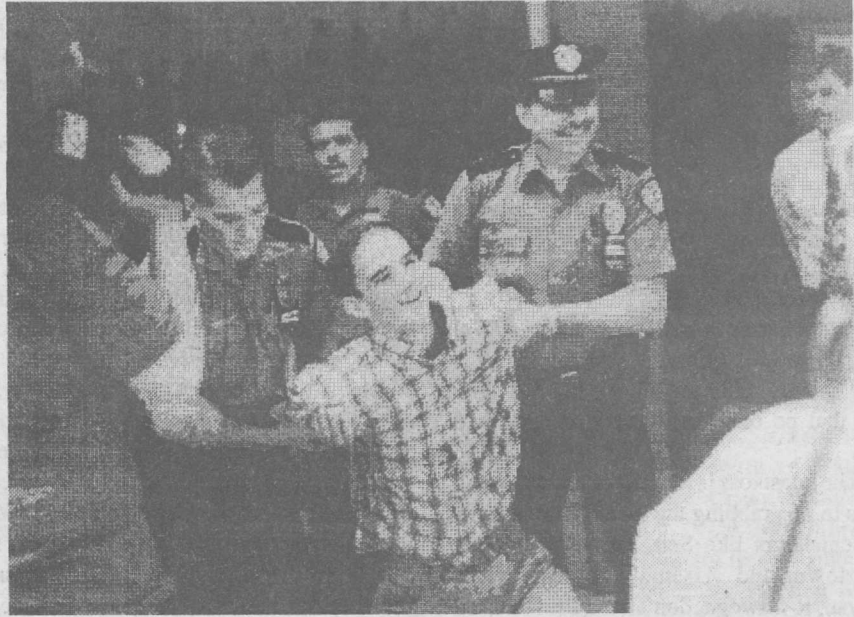
Kris Qua

ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUPS across the world speak out against wearing fur and the cruelties involved with this trade. Animals on some farms are kept in cages around 28" x 16" x 10" for their lives until they are killed by methods such as electrocution, suffocation or neck-breaking. Animals caught in traps suffer for hours or days and if they survive the trapper stomps on their throat or breaks their neck so as not to damage the fur. One in four chew their own leg off to escape.

On August 8, the Animal Defense League (ADL), a local Syracuse group, waged war against the fur industry with a tactic they'd never used previously: Civil Disobedience. Previous protests had been very successful in educating the public about the horrors of the fur trade, but ADL wanted to get the message farther. While the majority of the public appears to be against fur, this was an attempt to catch everyone's attention. Looking back, it was a complete success.

Why did we choose to go to this extreme? Because it was necessary. While fur is on its last leg, animals are still suffering for a few people's vanity. We realized it was necessary to take it a step farther to get people's attention! Call it shock value. We successfully got across our message that a couple of hours in jail was nothing compared to what the animals go through in fur farms and steel jaw leghold traps.

What exactly happened? The protest started at noon, with around 60-65 protesters. Just before 1 PM, three T.V. stations and the newspaper showed up and the action began. Initially, three protesters decided to set up a blockade of the store, not letting any potential customers through. As time went on, ten protesters blocked the entrance with over 65 people chanting "hey-hey, ho-ho, wearing fur has got to go!" Finally after four warn-



ings and 30 minutes, five protesters were arrested for refusing to leave. A little downtown disruption turned into quite a big deal.

The main goal of this tactic was to get to more people's attention and spark our movement. We received excellent coverage from each media group helping us reach the public. I don't think we really know how many people saw us that day, but I don't think it could have gone any better.

The five activists who were arrested spent seven to eleven hours in jail, getting out on

\$100 bail each. The next morning in court the charges were dismissed. Were we successful? I don't know how anyone could think otherwise. When people hear your voice on that type of scale in this world, you feel very empowered. The animals need this power if conditions are to change in the future. This tactic will most definitely be seen again in the future!



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Everybody's Backyard

On-site Storage No Alternative to Shut-down

Bill Mazza

LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL governments continue playing a deadly game of hot-potato with nuclear waste. First one community, then another, then back to an Albany office which tries to send it out of state (with no luck), and it's back to the beginning...

The only thing that all the players agree on is that no one wants the waste left with them.

The latest toss is for on-site storage. What seems to be grabbing the media's attention is that legislators like Sen. James Wright, R-Watertown, and Assemblywoman Frances Sullivan, R-Oswego, don't want the stuff, and it's easy to understand their concern ("Legislators: Don't Store Waste in Scriba," *Oswego Post-Standard*, 6/23/94). The specific potato in question is low-level waste "from some hospitals and biomedical research." Anyone who has played the nuclear game for any length of time recognizes the potential for this situation: taking low-level medical waste opens the door. Storing low-level waste on-site now may mean storing high-level waste later, as the definition of what constitutes "low-level" falls under attack and as the existing dumpsites continue to close. Pressure builds quickly in a political climate where you can't get anyone to take the "low" stuff. According to Wright:

Oswego is already doing more than its fair share for New York State...It is unconscionable that a county which is already burdened with three nuclear facilities would be considered for additional radioactive waste. (ital. added)

Once again we find ourselves trying to survive between the legally responsible federal government and a state government scrambling as it watches its out-of-state dumpsites close.

Obviously missing from the equation, however, is coherence and follow-through from the press. The past few weeks have shown dozens of articles on nuclear power in the regional papers and the subscription services, such as API and Associated Press. Yet no

connections are drawn between equipment failure, tax breaks and subsidies, accidents and outages, regular, accepted and expected radioactive emissions and the failure to find any means of reconciling the production of nuclear waste with public resistance.

Instead, related newspaper articles are left to stand on their own, ignoring clear and pertinent relationships between stories. For example, that NY State finds it necessary to lower the price of nuclear-generated electricity for the already subsidized nuclear industry is relevant to the storage of nuclear waste. After CON ED canceled their contract to buy power from FitzPatrick, the already skewed pricing—which does not account for research and development, cost over-run, down-time, accidents and waste disposal—is being lowered from 4.3 to 3.2 cents per kilowatt hour for "competitive reasons." At the same time, the nuclear utilities are being allowed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to cut security and safety measures to remain competitive ("Nuclear Plants Search for Ways to Save Time, Money," *Post Standard*, 5/11/94; "NIMO Wants to Cut Security," *P-S*, 5/15/94; "Power Authority Proposes Cuts At FitzPatrick," *P-S*, 6/24/94; & "NIMO Checks Viability of Nine Mile 1," *Oswego P-S*, 6/25/94). The true costs of thorough nuclear waste disposal are unknown and probably astronomical. Deregulation of waste from high-level to low-level, coupled with on-site storage or incineration, seems easily affordable by comparison.

Meanwhile, Niagara Mohawk seeks a 30 percent reduction in its tax assessment in Scriba ("Niagara Mohawk seeks 30 percent cut in its assessment in Scriba," *Palladium-Times*, 6/17/94), also invoking the specter of competition with cheaper power sources. As Niagara Mohawk pays 97 percent of Scriba's property taxes, this will have a significant effect on the local economy. All this from a corporation which, along with the New York Power Authority (NYPA) is currently in the news for secretly and illegally processing slightly radioactive sludge at the Minetto Wastewater Treatment Plant, and which is investigating the viability of incinerating low-level nuclear waste on-site. Low-level radioactive waste is already being incinerated in some states, and again, with waste deregulation, potential hazards are obvious. ("County

won't accept potentially radioactive sludge," *The Valley News*, 6/20/94, and at least seven other articles from Oswego and Fulton)

Careful reading also finds the omission of facts in the reports on the seven reactors in which cracks were discovered "in the steel shrouds surrounding the radioactive fuel" ("Cracks pose problems at nuke plants," *Herald American*, 7/3/94). While it is reported that Nine Mile II had no cracks ("NiMo: Plant Has No Cracks," *P-S*, 7/2/94), no mention is made of the design differences between Nine Mile II and the FitzPatrick and Nine Mile I plants. Because of similarities between these older plants and the plants found to have cracks, Nine Mile II has the least potential to develop these cracks. To allow Niagara Mohawk to wait up to a year to check the more risky plants is to allow them to take chances with our lives.

In the very least, we should demand that while Nine Mile I is shut down due to failure of its electronic pressure regulator, they show some responsibility and check the steel shroud for cracks (as it was in mid-July when this was first written-eds). What are they afraid they might find? ("Malfunction closes Nine Mile I for second time this year," *P-S*, 7/12/94).

When the question of nuclear power is addressed editorially, the trend is to support the industry. An extreme example is the claim by the editorial staff of the *Oswego Palladium-Times* on June 11/12, 1994, stating, "There is not one iota of proof that emissions from nuclear power plants 'kill' people. This is irresponsible rhetoric designed to alarm our citizenry." However, we do know that nuclear power plants—particularly the older, boiling-water reactors like the three in Oswego county—emit radiation during normal operation, shut-down and accidents. We also know that abnormal quantities of radiation are harmful to living things and that, unlike the often-invoked "background radiation" (such as cosmic rays), the forms of radioactivity which are by-products of nuclear power are far more dangerous and in much smaller amounts. This is one of the potential dangers of the Cobalt-60 in the above-mentioned sludge. The burden of irresponsibility is the deliberate confusion of fact by the editorial board of the *Palladium-Times*.

This is particularly true in a county which,

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Loretto Workers On Strike!

200A

Health-care Employees Forced to Strike in Face of Corporate Indifference

Susan Merel

ABOUT FIVE HUNDRED nursing home workers at the Loretto Corporation have been on strike since August 6. After months of bargaining, a rally, picketing and other job actions, members of Local 200A of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) voted to reject management's proposal and strike.

These nurse's aides, home health aides, dietary, housekeeping, clerical and maintenance workers normally make between \$13,000 and \$18,000 a year. The workforce is about 85% women, including many single mothers, and about 40% people of color.

Why are they on strike? They want a contract which gives them job security. They want decent, affordable health insurance. They want Loretto management to stop violating labor law. And while this strike is not fundamentally about wages, the workers are asking for wage increases which keep up with the cost of living.

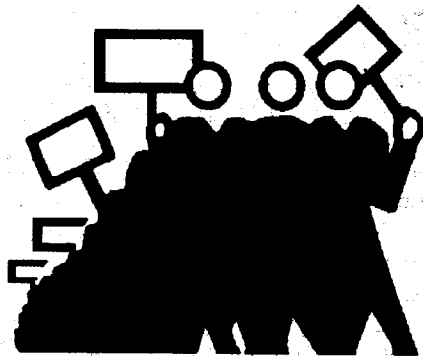
This group of workers has belonged to the union for 14 years and has never before gone on strike. This time, however, management hired an expensive, union-busting lawyer from Boston and came to the table intent on breaking the union. Management's proposal is arguably worse than no contract at all. For example, management wants the ability to subcontract work out, which could cause many people to lose their jobs.

While the striking workers are health care

providers who wish that they could still be taking care of the residents of the nursing home, the Loretto Corporation is a giant money-making entity. While the union members make salaries below the Federal poverty standard for a family, the president of the Corporation makes about \$200,000 a year. The Board of Directors includes numerous local business-people and other figures who profit from their connections to Loretto. On the whole, the Directors have refused to listen to the workers' concerns.

Besides maintaining a round-the-clock picket line at the entrance to the facility on E. Brighton Ave, workers have been putting pressure on Loretto in various ways. For example, there is a daily lunch-hour picket outside the MONY Plaza offices of John Costello, one of the Loretto Directors who has the most blatant conflict of interest in his dealings with Loretto. There was also a community support rally on August 20.

Limited progress was made in the one



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negotiating session since the strike began. Talks are expected to continue, but there is no date set for the next session.

These workers need your help! People who support the Loretto workers' struggle for respect, dignity and fairness can help in the following ways:

1. While the workers receive limited strike benefits from the union's strike fund, donations of nonperishable food and money are much appreciated. Food can be brought to the strike headquarters at 4325 S. Salina Street, just south of Valley Plaza. Checks made out to "Local 200A/Loretto Strike Fund" can be brought to the same address or mailed to Local 200A, PO Box 6389, Syracuse, NY 13217-6389.

2. The picket line runs 24 hours a day and supporters are always welcome. The strikers really appreciate community support. The picket line is at 700 E. Brighton Avenue. Before 3 PM park at strike headquarters, 4325 S. Salina, and you will be shuttled up to the picket site. In the evening, parking is available near the picket line. Your organization can set up a specific day and time to visit the picket line as a group, as did Stonewall on September 1.

3. You can also call Loretto Corporation President Jim Introne to express your outrage. The Loretto switchboard number is 469-5561.

For more information about the strike and about how you can help, call strike headquarters at 498-4780 and ask for Susan Merel or Larry Alcott.

Susan is an employee of SEIU and Local 200A, as well as an SPC Gardener.

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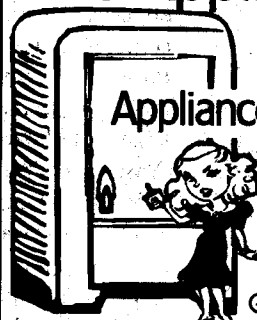
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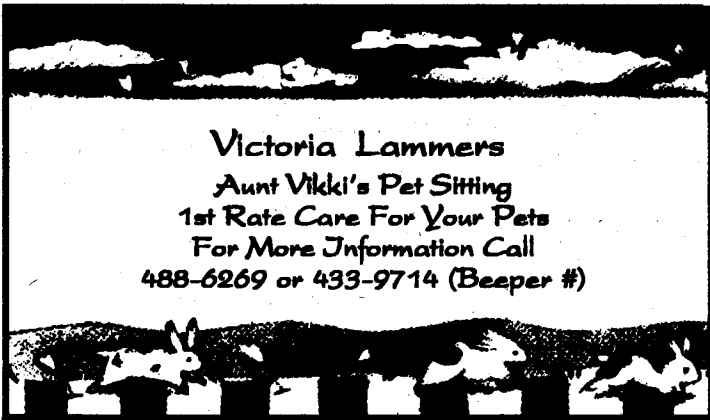
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dent study ever completed. Plain and simple, the waste sites have leaked and continue to leak radiation. The only strategy the nuclear industry and their government cohorts have for dealing with this radiation reality is to change the "acceptable" radiation dose levels. (See Dr. John Gofman's studies including "Radiation and Human Health" and "Poisoned Power." Gofman is Professor Emeritus of Medical Physics at Berkeley and helped isolate the world's first milligram of plutonium.)

If these are the best assurances of the scientific community favoring a dump site in New York State, we must redouble our efforts to prevent a waste dump in Taylor.

In light of the dismal, irresponsible record of nuclear waste containment, two responses are called for:

1) Stop the production of nuclear waste. Insist that nuclear energy be phased out to be replaced by safer alternative energy sources such as solar, wind, tides, wood-burning and the environmentally regulated use of fossil fuels—all coupled with conservation measures.

2) Declare a moratorium on the building of nuclear waste facilities while on-site storage and a national program for site locations are carried on.

These environmentally sound programs can be financed with transfers from the \$300 billion-plus per year military budget as the Cold War winds down.

We must continue to vigorously oppose the dump. A "successful" state-by-state nuclear dump proliferation will guarantee the continuation of the nuclear power-plus-waste ecological insanity.

We will cooperate in finding ecologically sensible means of containing the present supply of deadly nuclear waste, but we must insist on the rapid phasing out of nuclear plants and nuclear weapons production to put an end to this threat to the human race and the planet.

Other concerned citizens testifying here will remind you of the out-pouring of support to oppose and expose the work of the siting commission. From the United University Professions (U.U.P.) of New York State to local and regional civic organizations to the business community to workers' unions to local government to the educational institutions to the churches, comes the solid voice of opposition to the siting commission and its fatally flawed process.

In a larger sense, the process has failed to respond to the incessant flow of petitions addressing the nuclear issue: From the 1975 petition of the Union of Concerned Scientists when over 2,000 biologists, chemists, engineers and other scientists, concluded, "... the country must recognize that it now appears imprudent to move forward with a rapidly expanding nuclear power plant construction program. The risks of doing so are altogether too great," to the present petition from the Nuclear Information and Resource Service group in Washington, D.C. which urges Congress to end all funding for the Advanced Liquid Metal Reactor (Integral Fast Reactor) and for the dangerous light water reactors, and to support renewable energy projects, and which reminds the Congress that:

Since 1948, the nuclear power industry has received 65% of all federal energy research funding. But nuclear power supplies only about 20% of our electricity, and is creating a permanent legacy of pollution, economic burden and radioactive waste. It's time to put our resources toward the future: to solar, wind, and other forms of sustainable energy. At a time of skyrocketing federal budget deficits, it's unconscionable to give more of our dollars to nuclear power interests.

The voice of opposition is building. Television specials and documentaries (more on public than network systems) add their voice. Is the process listening? This past week CNN presented in prime-time "America's Nuclear Shame," a massive indictment of the first (and hopefully last) 50 years of the nuclear age.

A view from the inside has already warned us: Peter Bradford, former commissioner of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), has stated, "The first casualty of atomic energy was the truth." Unfortunately, the past 50 years have proved him correct.

What has characterized the interplay of government bureaucrats, experts (hired and independent) and concerned citizens in the process just sketched? In examining the public record from 1978 to the present, one is struck by the gap between the findings of the process—both public sentiment and expert testimony—and the evolving public policy.

To put it simply, the information and knowledge acquired in the process are generally ignored, as decisions reflect the agenda of the nuclear industry and their powerful allies in government and the corporate board rooms. One may respond that the process has resulted in "victories" in the struggle to defeat siting dumps in Allegany and/or Cortland County. True, the breathing-space we now enjoy is a victory of sorts. But then, here we are today—still at it, spending time, energy, commitment and money to prove the obvious—the bankruptcy of the siting commission in particular and the impending doom of our nuclear death culture in general.

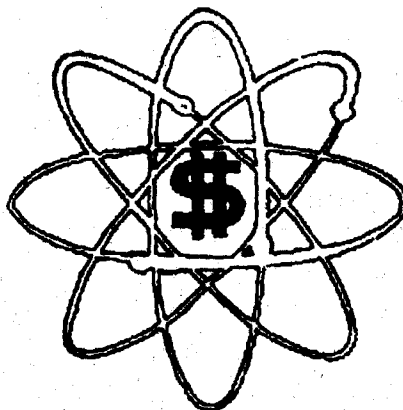
But even more important in isolating this one problem in a web of problems, the process has guaranteed a larger failure by diverting attention and energy away from the most serious threat—ecocide. The LLRW siting issue is related to nuclear energy generation is related to mindless economic growth is related to consumerism is related to waste is related to pollution is related to cancer is related to poverty is related to institutionalized greed is related to violence is related to drug abuse is related to alienation is related to a problematic future is related to a place to live out that future—our only nest, Mother Earth. It is all a web, a web of life.

The process we are looking at today traps all in its tiny section of the web. We must become conscious of the whole web. The process is well intended, but, be it democratic or power-driven, it is not designed to react to the problems of the whole web. The web in all its interdependent relationships needs to transcend iso-

lated, insulated processes. It needs a holistic process. We must resist the temptation to see only our part of the web. Every time we meet like this we must be willing, no, eager, to think about the whole web. Everyone frantically attempting to mend their tiny section of the web will guarantee failure.

My recommendation? Move beyond the process I described here. Concentrate on the web. And while you're at it, turn off that nuclear faucet, it's destroying our web.

Bill is a committed activist and a professor at SUNY Cortland.



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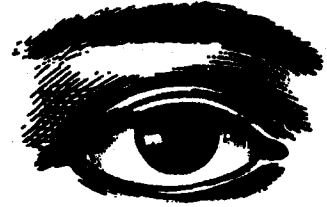
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and/or certain combinations of restraints and prone positioning which compromise breathing. The IACP report supports this reasoning with a discussion of the broad range of factors (at least 15) needed to determine cause of death.

Pepper spray has also attracted the attention of agencies which track complaints of police misconduct. Clear constitutional violations are involved if pepper spray is used for convenience or punishment. The Fourth Amendment protects against "excessive" force. Officers may use only a minimum amount of force necessary to arrest or defend from harm. Pepper spray is typically placed at the "intermediate" level in police "scales of force," the categories of escalating police intervention (ranging from mere visual presence in uniform through deadly force). The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments provide for due process and equal protection rights. There is evidence that pepper spray has been used disproportionately on African-Americans in some areas.

As if this all weren't enough cause for alarm, the National Institute of Justice notes that in aerosol form pepper-spray may use alcohol as a carrier, which makes it inflammable. The NIJ reports a case where police sprayed an armed, agitated adolescent and then shot him with an electric stun gun, which ignited the alcohol in the pepper spray drenching his clothing and set him afire. Despite this hazard, alcohol-based pepper spray is preferred because it can be used at most temperatures, opens the pores and washes protective oils off the skin surface, and assists the active ingredient is acting faster. And non-alcohol bases may be ozone-depleting, toxic and carcinogenic.

And finally, one can muse on how come that teen-ager's clothing would be "drenched" with pepper spray anyway, a substance supposedly calling at most for several one to three second bursts from an aerosol can. What were those three whole cans they used on Johnny Williams all about? Maybe we need to stop and reconsider what we're doing

Nancy is a Syracuse activist working with the Task Force on Community Relations and was instrumental in the creation of the Syracuse Citizen Review Board to monitor police misconduct.

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There is reason to believe that the RR will lose some of its appeal in the future. Seeds of peril are planted in the reasons for its success. Cantor writes, "The assignment of a single doctrinally orthodox position on varied issues of governance, a 'Christian' health care plan, for example, trivializes religious convictions... Moreover, a vigorous religious witness cannot be supported by a romanticized revised history... America's democratic vistas have comprised fertile soil for spiritual innovation...new religious denominations, branches, and sects." American dedication to the 'practice of difference' is what the RR is most strongly hostile towards, and where it will find its stubborn opposition. In its attempt to politicize religion, the RR is trying to "supersede the most democratic form of discourse: the argument...disdain for consensus instead assumes the superiority of coercion to persuasion."

The Coalition of Freedom is made up of

individuals and organizations committed to the sharing of information, education, and taking action in opposition to the political and social agenda of the "religious right" and other groups that infringe upon or threaten individual freedoms. On September 25 at 2 PM at the Church Center on East Genesee St., Syracuse, the Coalition For Freedom will sponsor speaker Skipp Porteous. As a former fundamentalist minister and activist in the theocratic movement, Skipp Porteous has become one of the Religious Right's most outspoken critics. He is President of the Institute for First Amendment Studies, a research organization based in western Massachusetts. His presentations are equipped with first hand research on the latest activities of the Religious Right. He is author of *Jesus Doesn't Live Here Anymore: From Fundamentalist to Freedom Writer* and coauthor of *Challenging the Christian Right: The Activist's handbook*. Please attend this educational event and learn ways in which we can monitor and oppose the activities of the Religious Right.

Dianne is member of the Coalition For Freedom.



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according to the Oswego chapter of the American Cancer Society, has some of the highest rates of cancer incidence in the country. So much for editorial integrity.

The above examples are just a sampling of the dangerous rule-book to this game of hot-potato. With an excess of available power produced in NY State each year (see "Power Authority Proposes Cuts at FitzPatrick," cited above), the people who continue to produce nuclear waste are clearly more interested in profits than lives. Nuclear power has never been cost-efficient as a means of power production and, contrary to the claims of the industry, has never been an environmentally-safe alternative to fossil fuels. The deadly costs of nuclear mining, transport and produc-

tion can never be justified by using less fossil fuels.

In this light the discussion of on-site storage is manipulative and redundant. Such "answers" to the nuclear question are a waste only of our precious time. By focusing media coverage on whether to store nuclear waste on-or-off-site, the question of why we still allow nuclear waste to be produced at all is erased.

Let's face up the deadly nature of this game. We can begin that process by making the connections. The only sane option in the radioactive waste debate is to stop creating it. Period. If we continue to create waste while discussing what to do with it, we'll find ourselves drowning in it. Let's act together, act responsibly, and shut down nuclear power before the final cost is our lives.

Bill is the staffperson for the Syracuse Peace Council, and no fan of nukes.



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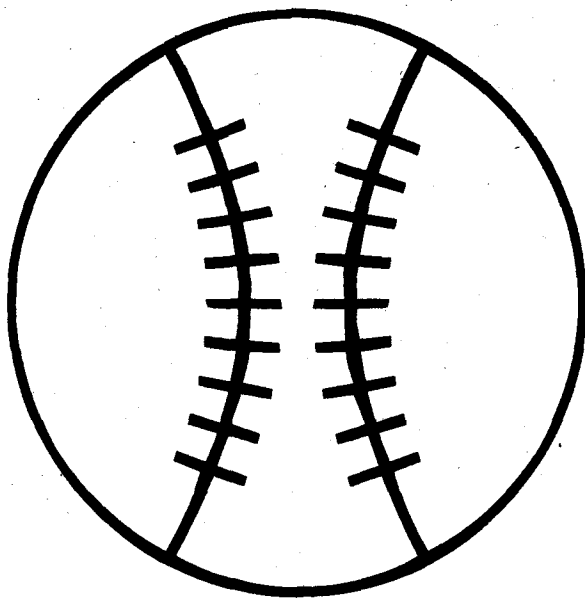
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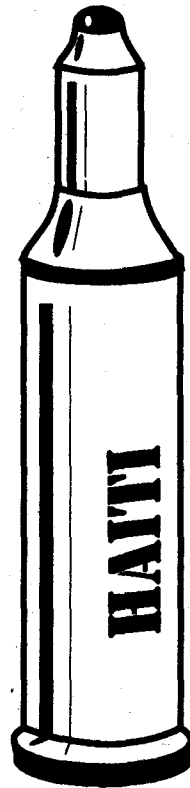
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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

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

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

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In This Issue:

All the big, generous doin's are about Haiti this month 'cause that's where it's at...or at least that's where we are...or our troops and CIA operatives and military trainers and advisors and all of the news media that got thrown out of OJ's trial. I feel a little responsible about the whole thing since last time I went by the White House I screamed "Get a job!" at the president, and what do you know, he went right out and got himself an occupation...well, I'm not going to explain the difference to him! But seriously folks, then we stay South for El Salvador, talk about Computers and education, cops and dinosaurs. Happy October.

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

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About the cover: "Industrial and Hardcore" concept by Paul Pearce, execution by Bill Mazza

It is almost too big in the irony field that baseballs are the most renowned product of Haiti since now we are protecting this precious national resource with blood. I guess no one told Bill about the strike. The title is a gratuitous reference to the angst ridden, angry youth movement and its music. With troops in Haiti there is certainly plenty to be angry about. We've been meddling in Haitian politics for two centuries and then pretend we have nothing to do with the conditions, and that somehow we could fix it. Fix it we will, but fixed in the sense of stuck. Not to mention Uncle Bill Clinton displaying his overwhelming modesty by naming his business partner, Lt. Col. Cedras as the biggest human rights violator in the Western Hemisphere. The US has held that title hands down for too long to count, so it's kind of nice for Bill to spread the wealth. Just picture the trophy. Build it and they will come.



Letters

Dear Bill,

Your "Little SPC Page" in the August PNL certainly make me stop and think of a number of things, and I feel like I want to react to at least some of your thinking. You are to be commended for so carefully and even handedly laying out the current dilemma as you see it from within the SPC.

It is possible that you don't know who I am, although my wife and I are one of the set of old-timers that had more of a public presence within the SPC during THE 60s and 70s. Now that we are in OUR 60s (and near 70s) we still practice what we preached back then, but in different ways.

I felt good in reading your message, although not because you personally are feeling an agony, but rather because you stated it so clearly and recognized it for what it was—the power structure within the SPC, both because it is there, and it is not there as you feel it should be. I think it has always been that way, at least during the time that I have been associated with the SPC—it is left to a few to sense the real needs of the time and to develop actions and communications accordingly.

Now to the negatives in your message, and what I detect as a self defeating attitude of

anti-intellectualism that resides in your report. On page three you are bemoaning how the computer has "...dragged the PNL into the technocratic 'democracy' where the work is decentralized." Good heavens, it sounds like you would also be against electricity and the light bulb. Now read the end of the first new paragraph of the second column on page three. I will quote it here for easy reference:

This critique does not even address the demographics which show that computer technology is racist, classist and sexist because of the inherent costs and accessibility of training.

Good heavens, again. Can't you separate out a technology from the way people use it? Those are two different things. Neither the SPC nor any other social action group can, or should, halt the advance of technology merely for the sake of halting it—the concentration should be to change the way it is used so that humankind can benefit. Indeed, work to stop the onrush of nuclear technology because the disastrous effects of it can indeed destroy life on this planet. Indeed, recognize, as you have, that computer technology completely alters

the way we used to do things, but there is no turning back. You recognize that within the SPC the introduction of computer technology has caused whole new conflicts that you are ill prepared to handle—welcome to the crowd! You are not alone in this problem. But don't try to dismiss the problem because you think it is evil—you sound like an evangelist crying in the wilderness and who is out of touch with what problems people have to deal with.

In the second last paragraph on page four you say:

How do you organize in a culture where information is controlled by a shrinking number of corporations intent on preserving their power?

Oh, come on now! There is a communication revolution underway. More information is being shared worldwide that ever was dreamed possible only a few short years ago. Join it—don't sit back and mumble old aphorisms. Sometimes you sound like an old man bewailing how things will never be the same. I say, thanks for the change!

Now that I have got that off my chest, let me again say that I am deeply impressed with your clarity of understanding how people have difficulty getting involved with the SPC—or most any other social action organization. But, let's not fight change, let's join it.

John Brule
Syracuse, NY

Bill responds:

Living within the ever-flexing borders of the US and participating in a movement for social justice means embracing many contradictions. Not the least of these contradiction, is living a "first world" life-style. I don't assume I can somehow transcend this pattern of North American comodification and consumption. I do think, however, that I can remain aware of the everyday costs of my life-style as I continue my resistance work.

I, of course, type these words directly into a state of the art (art of the state?) computer. I am neither a luddite, nor do I fear the "changes" of technology. I do, however, refute that we are undergoing a period of great change. What I see happening is merely an intensification of the pace of capitalist expansion, the direct result of centuries of western-defined progress and expansionism.

That is why I deny a tone of "anti-intellectualism" in my August piece. For you to associate a critique of technology with anti-intellectualism is to accept technology and knowledge as synonymous. This argument is often invoked toward anyone questioning the god "technology." Neither is technology progress, something you imply in your letter, that I should "join" or somehow keep up with. Meaning, I assume, that to critique technology is to critique progress and subsequently resist change.

I would counter that it is at least in part my white-skin privilege and my male gender that has allowed me easier access to an education above my working-class background. I recognize and acknowledge this. But it is the progress of social movements which allows me to engage these ideas so freely. The structural changes I note in the last decades have been changes brought on by the activities of

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see back page for details!

SPC'S GARAGE SAIL (sic)

Our second garage sale in '94 fared wondrously at Will's on Sunday, September 18. Cargo spilled out of the garage, out of the van, on to the yard, up to the bridge (porch). Many thanks to all who donated cargo for this as well as the August sail. Greenwood Place is a high traffic road with folks moving in, moving out, walking dogs, visiting with neighbors; and we enjoyed fair sailing winds also.

The Peace Council is grateful to all who came to visit, perchance to buy; and especially to help ready the garage for the voyage and sail it on Sunday and dock it again 'til next year. Most special gratitude to Will for loan of yard, van, and all the ship's fittings. The first sail netted \$233 for Peace Council coffers, and this one made \$329.

—Marge Rusk

Haiti!

Prelude to the 1915 Invasion:
US Military historians assert that:



"The US Navy has been compelled to send warships into Haitian waters to protect the lives and property of American citizens in 1849, 1851, 1857, 1858, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1876, 1888, 1891, 1892, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913, and, during 1914, 1915, had maintained ships there almost without interruption."

Heinl and Heintz,
1978, *Written In Blood*. Turn the page
for the rest of the
US record.

Quote of the month: from a Fifth Estate interview with Noam Chomsky, October 31, 1993

FE: On some issues candidate Clinton was very critical of President Bush on, like Haiti, President Clinton is not much different at all.

NC: In fact, one of the first Clinton campaign promises he gave up on was Haiti. He had criticized Bush for the quite inhumane policy of forcibly returning people fleeing a horror chamber, and his first act was to harshen that policy. Clinton instituted a completely illegal blockade on Haiti which succeeded in turning back every fishing boat with starving, desperate people on it. Although, interestingly, it didn't succeed in stopping ships coming from Haiti carrying drugs to the US that are the main narco-trafficking support of the Haitian military junta.

On US Humanitarianism

The Dec. 8, 1993 New York Times reports Somali war casualties were 10,000, mostly civilians resulting from US free-fire policies in Mogadishu. The cost to the US was a bruised imperial ego, almost 200 casualties, including 26 killed, and a \$1 billion dollar price tag from this Bush/Clinton fiasco.

Thanks for the tid-bits to Fifth Estate, 4632 Second Ave., Detroit, MI 48201, subs. avail. for \$6/four issues.

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these social movements with or without the use of technology. This is, to me, a much clearer definition of progress.

Granted, thanks to technology, communication of these changes has perhaps been "easier," but that is a purely subjective argument I prefer to avoid.

You ask me if I can separate "technology from the way people use it" when I am, instead, interested in first separating the tool from technology, and then asking the question, "is it possible to separate technology from its social costs?" Tools are created for specific functions, whereas it has been argued that in our commodified society technology is often its own means and ends. In fact, often times functions are created for technologies. Where is this more evident than in the computer industry where domestic and civilian uses ride on the coat-tails of massive socially-funded military research and development? Like so much of the arms race, civilian applications have been an afterthought.

Yes, technology can be used positive ways on an individual, or micro, level. Even the Internet, which is a valuable source of alternative communication to the computer literate, operates as decentralized communication between individuals and offers invaluable service at times like the recent Chiapas Revolt in Mexico. It is perhaps only the availability of communication technologies such as the Internet (and television, radio, etc.) that kept the Mexican government from crushing the rebellion immediately.

But let's not put the cart before the horse (a technological no-no), the poor and Indigenous people of Chiapas revolted as their last hope of stemming the destructive tide of Free Trade. And as President Clinton so often expounds, Free Trade will open unlimited access to the so-called Information Highway. The contemporary basis for your "communication revolution." Research also shows that access, or "on-ramps," to this highway are consolidating (predictably) in demographically wealthier and whiter neighborhoods. These are the reasons I won't discuss technology without discussing class.

It is a fact that rapid technological development is killing the poor and the people of the Southern countries. Industrial production of silicon chips is one of the most polluting and physically abusive industries we have exported. And this is only one violent industry of many. We have a responsibility, as activists, to weigh costs against benefits, and to live our lives accordingly. This does not mean that we should deny ourselves the ability to function in this society by refusing to handle technology. But it does mean that we should never avert our eyes to the global damage these technologies inflict on the macro level.

Again, the "communication revolution" is not about change, but intensification. The machinery of industry has indeed changed. However, the mechanisms of the social and economic orders remain acutely intact.

The true potential for change lies within the social structures of oppression. To accomplish this we need to remain clear on what processes we choose to participate in and not allow ourselves to continuously adapt to an increasing corporate pace. We have the freedom to choose the tools of change.

Haiti: "Operation Democracy"...

"Nothing must block this light of peace—neither violence nor vengeance, guns nor provocation, impunity nor retaliation. 'No' to violence, 'no' to vengeance; 'yes' to reconciliation, 'yes' to justice."

(9/21/94 statement by President Aristide at the Pentagon, quoted in the 9/22 Post Standard)

The following text is a brief fact sheet on Haiti compiled by Ann Tiffany and the Rev. Harvey Pinyoun. We hope to offer context for the US occupation by highlighting the US government's political and economic participation in Haiti, stretching back centuries. Without basic historic understanding of the US in Haiti, we feel it is impossible to digest the complexity of the current situation and offer resistance to yet another use of the US military as "peacekeepers" for the global economy. —editors (also see pg. 8 for WRL Statement on Haiti)

A Brief History of Haiti

THE MODERN INVASION of Haiti began with the military invasion in 1915 and US occupation of Haiti until 1934. During our occupation:

- We created and trained their army;
- We chose and installed their first 20th century dictators.

After a series of these dictators over the next 23 years, Francois Duvalier was elected to the Haitian presidency in 1957.

Francois Duvalier (Papa Doc), 1957-1971

Duvalier received \$40.4 million from the US in his first four years.

Upon his death in 1971 President Nixon agreed to support the leadership of Duvalier's 18 year-old son if the US economic program was accepted. That program called for:

- Private investments;
- No custom taxes;
- A minimum wage kept low;
- The suppression of labor unions;
- The right of American companies to repatriate their profits.

Jean-Claude Duvalier, 1971-1986

It was during this period that the "assembly industry" came to Haiti in great strength. Haiti was poor, overcrowded and ruled by a US-backed right-wing regime. These were the perfect factors for corporations seeking large profits. As of 1980 there were approximately 200 assembly plants employing 60,000 persons (mostly women) and all located in Port-au-Prince.

Despite this industrial growth the Haitian international debt grew from \$53 million in 1973 to \$366 million in 1980. The number of poor grew, and "boat people" began sailing to America.

General Henri Namphy, 1986-1988

Already in power, he stepped down for an election of Leslie Manigat, then deposed him and declared himself president. Removed after the massacre at the Saint-Jean Bosco Church, where Aristide was the priest.

Namphy is currently in exile in the Dominican Republic where he maintains a home in the same neighborhood as Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson.

General Avril, 1988-1990

"Tension peaked in the fall of 1989 when Avril arrested three popular political activists, had them tortured and then displayed them, bloodied, on television." The Coronels Prwohimme and Clerjeune, the two officers who directed the torture, were at then on the payroll of the CIA (*Philadelphia Inquirer*, Oct. 8, 1991, p. A1).

The general was transported into exile courtesy of the US.

Ertha Paseal Trovillot, 1990-1991, transition president.

Jean Bertrand Aristide, 1991-September 1991 (coup)

The US supported Marc Bazin, a conservative businessman, and sent hundreds of thousands of dollars through the National Endowment on Democracy to support him. Mr. Bazin gained 14% of the vote to Aristide's 70%.

After Aristide's election US AID grants were re-routed to conservative groups to serve "as an institutional check on Aristide," and "move the country in a rightward direction" (*Washington Post*, Nov. 10, 1991).



Did You Know?

Facts about Haiti:

President Jean Bertrand Aristide:

- Is a Roman Catholic Priest.
- Has a masters degree in biblical theology and has done the course work for a PhD in psychology.
- Is a biblical scholar who studied Hebrew and Arabic, translated the bible into Creole, the language of all Haitians, and lived in Israel for three years.
- Has mastered six languages—French, Spanish, Italian, English, Latin, Greek—because "I have a desire to understand others better."
- Before becoming President, survived at least four assassination attempts.
- In an election monitored by Jimmy Carter and under UN supervision, was elected President of Haiti on 12/16/90 by 67% of the vote.
- Upon assuming office served hundreds of street kids and homeless poor at his first Presidential breakfast.
- Refused his \$10,000 per month salary, calling it "scandalous in a country where most people go to bed hungry."
- As President, pushed adult literacy, agrarian reform and increasing the minimum wage from 15 to 25 gourdes per day (still less than three US dollars a day).
- Stemmed the flight of "boat people" and other refugees from Haiti (as per the US Embassy). Many exiled Haitians returned to their country during Aristide's seven months.
- While in office won the confidence of international lending agencies—which offered aid and endorsed Aristide's investment program. Particularly impressive were his steps to reduce foreign debt and inflation, streamline government bureaucracy and end corruption.

...Operation Hipocrisy

Things You Can Do

As Compiled by the War Resisters League

- Offer counseling services to US soldiers. Active duty units were deployed from Camp Lejeune (NC), Fort Bragg (NC), and Fort Drum (NY). Ten units of the Selected Army Reserves (those who attend trainings one weekend a month and two weeks a year) were activated. Many people in the military don't think about the actual job until they are called to Somalia, Iraq, or Haiti...Counseling services will be offered nationally through an 800 number: 1-800-FYI-95 GI. If there is a problem with this number, call WRL nationally for referral.
- Search out information from informed sources other than the established media. Read alternative sources including *The Nation*, *The Progressive*, *The Nonviolent Activist*, *Peace News* (War Resisters International), NACLA, and newsletters from peace and human rights groups.
- Support Haitian refugees through agencies that offer relief or volunteer with programs that serve refugees in your community.
- Leaflet, demonstrate. Use the points above to create your own flyer or stand with a placard at a busy intersection in your community. In Syracuse join people at Columbus Circle, downtown, from noon to 1PM on Mondays or come to the Tuesday night meetings at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga Ave., 7:30 PM (see page 13, this PNL)
- Write or call the President and members of Congress with your concerns.
- Write op-ed pieces and letters to the editor. Speak out for the rights of the Haitian people to peace and self-determination, while calling for an end to the military occupation. Be vigilant for and ready to condemn violations of human and civil rights by the occupiers, including censorship, arrests of grassroots activists and banning of demonstrations.

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**Public Teach-In on Haiti
at Nottingham High School, Syr.
100 E. Genessee St.
Thurs, Oct. 6, 7-9 PM
Call SPC for more information.**

Did You Know?

Facts about Haiti (cont'd):

Haitian Coup Leaders: Lt. General Raoul Cedras, and Colonel Michel Francois, Chief of Police

- Colonel Francois is an alumnus of the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia.
- Lt. General Cedras was trained by the CIA for a secret intelligence unit. This unit engaged in drug trafficking and committed acts of political terror including interrogations and torture.
- Lt. General Cedras was appointed head of the general staff and later Commander-in-Chief of the Army by President Aristide.
- *The New York Times* reported on 11/14/93 that the CIA "...paid key members of the junta now in power for political and military information up until the ouster of Father Aristide in 1991."
- During the last three years the Coup leaders made money through transshipment of drugs and control of monopolies over utilities and staples.
- During 1991-1992 documented human rights abuses numbered 9,134. Aristide's government presided over 0.2% of these, the coup government over 99.8%.

Is the occupation of Haiti in our national interest?

- It was in US national interest to enter Haiti economically through the Caribbean Basin Initiative in 1984. Over 200 companies resettled in Port-au-Prince alone. With no tariffs and paying workers \$.14 per hour these assembly plants accumulated massive profits.
- Haitian apparel exports to the US grew from \$81 million in 1983 to \$177.9 million in 1989, making Haiti the third largest exporter of apparel to the US in the entire Central American and Caribbean region.
- In the Haitian election of 1990 the US, in our national interest, supported the business-related candidate Marc Bazin, and funneled millions of dollars through the National Endowment for Democracy. The US candidate,

Bazin, gained 14% of the vote and Aristide won the election with 67%.

- After Aristide became President on Feb. 7, 1991, in our national interest, the US withdrew the financial grants previously given to and through the Haitian government. We redirected the money to private Haitian businesses, who had opposed the election of Aristide and were in partnership with the Haitian military leadership.

- Although President Bush began the economic embargo soon after the overthrow of Aristide, Sept. 30, 1991, US related assembly plant industries were granted unilateral exemption from the embargo. Overall, US imports from Haiti rose almost 50% in 1993 over the previous year. The embargo was not applied to American companies until the spring of 1994.

- Finally, despite our recent ten year involvement in Haitian economics through the Caribbean Initiative, despite Haitian development strategies through USAID, despite our attempts at political influence through the US based National Endowment for Democracy, the US felt no responsibility for Haitian refugees and broke its' own refugee laws (1980 Refugee Act and the UN Protocol on Refugees, 1968) and in the national interest, refused to provide safe asylum to refugees fleeing certain persecution.

"Why get involved in Haiti?" We can't have it both ways, or have we? ☪



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War Resisters League: Statement on Haiti

War Resisters League

"The purpose of this agreement is to foster peace in Haiti..."

SO BEGINS THE TEXT of the agreement reached by former President Jimmy Carter, Senator Sam Nunn and retired General Colin Powell after intense meetings with the military rulers in Haiti, September 17-18. If only we could believe that this agreement would truly foster peace.

As with much of the world, WRL was heartened that the talks *did prevent* a violent military invasion of Haiti. We are glad that President Clinton turned—even at the last minute—to further negotiations. But 3,000 US troops landed on Haiti as an occupying force the day following the talks, and thousands more are scheduled to fill out that force of up to 15,000 foreign soldiers—only a few thousand from countries other than the US. WRL has never sanctioned the use of military forces for "peacekeeping." Soldiers are, after all, trained for war, not peace. The recently failed effort in Somalia demonstrates the peril of soldier-peacekeepers.

The September 18 agreement also explicitly maintains the Haitian military structure and dominance, and allows full amnesty for the military rulers who have carried out a reign of terror against the Haitian people since their coup ousting democratically elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in 1991. The Haitian military structure, with whom, as noted in the agreement, "the US is working in close cooperation," is the same structure responsible for the actions which have blocked the emergence of anything resembling democracy and democratic institutions in Haiti. For the sake of a peaceful resolution there is often reason to let abstract justice slide, but there will be no peaceful resolution if the military leadership is

able to remain in Haiti without a full accounting of who committed crimes against civilians and who ordered those crimes.

The US government plan is focused heavily on training military and police forces in Haiti, *but the Haitian army is the reason for the problem.* In addition, it must be noted that the present military and police leadership in Haiti—including General Cedras—already went through US training at the School of the Americas; many of them have been on the CIA payroll for years. *They need less, not more, US training!* Is

there a country in Latin America that hasn't found the army its greatest single threat? We should urge Haiti to follow the pattern of Costa Rica and get rid of its army. (Indeed, the US itself could take a leaf from the book of Costa Rica) If one thing is clear historically, it is that in Latin America the military forces are one of the dominant factors, behind which the ruling class has been able to hold power and maintain societies of extraordinary poverty and vast private wealth. El Salvador, Guatemala, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Mexico, Nicaragua—how many examples do we need before we stop training new armies to "maintain democracy."

Through the occupying force, the CIA, its local operatives, and the US government will remain on the side of the economic elites in Haiti, once again stymieing the desperate desires of the impoverished masses. As Major Louis Kernisan, a key figure in the US occupation has said,

"You're going to end up dealing with the same folks as

before, the five families that run the country, the military and the bourgeoisie. They're the same folks that are supposed to be the bad guys now, but the bottom line is you know that you're going to always end up dealing with them because they speak your language, they understand your system, they've been educated in your country" (*The Nation*, October 3, 1994).

We want to see an end to the suffering of the people of Haiti, but sending a huge armed force to a country which has suffered for 80 years at the hands of the military is not the solution.

We call for:

- Immediate, massive shipments of medical and food supplies under the auspices of the UN or humanitarian relief agencies, not governmental agencies. This is the most immediate, most urgent need for the people of Haiti. The sanctions must be lifted so that

aid can reach the people.

- An end to the US occupation of Haiti. Bring the troops home. If there is to be a democratic government, it cannot be accompanied by the intervention of the US military. Any interim policing force should be a multi-lateral one under the UN and limited strictly to the disarming of the unofficial militias of the junta. The US is unsuited to be a neutral intervenor after a long history of supporting the oppressors in Haiti.

- Support for grassroots activists, peasant and cooperative efforts in Haiti. Three groups to work with are:

Peasant Movement of Papay, Education and Development Fund, 25 West St., 2nd Fl., Boston, MA 02111 (617) 542-1140; fax (617) 542-1017.

Cry for Justice is a project of nine organizations, including Pax Christi, Haiti Communications Project, Washington Office on Haiti and Peace Brigades International, and endorsed by WRL, FOR, AFSC and other groups. Cry for Justice has provided a nonviolent presence in Haiti, working with human rights activists within Haiti. Another delegation will be sent in December 1994. Support for Cry for Justice will reach directly to the people of Haiti: Cry for Justice, c/o Pax Christi USA, 348 E. 10th St., Erie, PA 16503 (814) 453-4955 or (202) 543-7905.

Haiti Reborn, Quixote Center, PO Box 5306, Hyattsville, MD 20782 (301) 699-0042, fax (301) 864-2182.

See previous page (this PNL) for the WRL list of things to do about the US intervention.

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Progress of Democracy in El Salvador



Two Years After the Peace Accords

Shirley Novak

MORE THAN TWO years after the January 1992 signing of the Peace Accords, there is strong evidence that democracy in El Salvador is still far from being a present-day reality. Despite improvements over past blatant fraud and election-day violence in El Salvador, the first post-war elections (of March and April) cannot truly be classified as "free and fair." Death Squad activity is again on the rise; threats of violence continue to be directed against those who express opposition to the right-wing ARENA party in power. Religious and political leaders involved in the struggle prior to the signing of the Peace Accords and attorneys engaged in UN-sponsored investigations of the death squads are also targeted. Rather than improvements over two years time, reversals in key aspects of the Peace Accords relating to public security have reversed.

Americans should be concerned with the progress of democracy in El Salvador—or lack of it—because much has been done in their name. Making El Salvador a strong focus of its foreign policy, the Reagan-Bush government invested heavily, both through the expenditure of US tax dollars and military personnel, in an attempt to bring that tiny Central American country to a democratic system.

More than \$6 billion was spent over a 12-year period toward that goal. Also during that time, there was a strong presence of US military advisors on foreign soil and hundreds from the Salvadoran military were trained at the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia. USAID has spent millions of dollars in the past year alone to encourage "democratization" in post-war El Salvador.

Despite these vast attempts to move the country toward democracy, the elections of March and April 1994 did not meet recognized standards of "free and fair." This is just one conclusion of a 24-page report recently issued by the United States Citizens Elections Observer Mission (UNCEOM). Three Central New York women—Barbara deFranqueville,

Nancy Gwin and Shirley Novak—were part of the observer mission and part of the 700 North Americans who contributed to this report. It has been distributed to every member of Congress in Washington as well as to officials in the Salvadoran government and the United Nations team there. It provides clear recommendations for the United States government to push for true election reform and implementation of the Peace Accords.

A key element of the UN-brokered Peace Accords called for dismantling and investigating the death squads. The death squads were identified in the UN Truth Commission report as being responsible for the murder of thousands in El Salvador. But rather than being dismantled, their activities appear to have increased according to recent alarming reports. An article by Gene Palumbo in the July 1, 1994 issue of the *National Catholic Reporter* announced, "Threats, attack in El Salvador arouse fears that the death squads are back." He reported a new wave of death threats, particularly against Catholic bishops of San Salvador, Jesuits at the Central American University and attorneys engaged in investigating the death squads. According to Palumbo, "The threats came just after the Joint Group, a UN-sponsored commission, asked for a two-month extension of its mandate to investigate the Death Squads."

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Often disguised as the result of common crime, over 30 former leaders of the FMLN have been assassinated since the signing of the Peace Accords. And, as recently as June 1994, Nidia Diaz, an FMLN congressperson, has experienced multiple attempts on her life. Jesuit priests at the Central American University have received death threats specifically from the Domingo Monterrosa Commando Unit, a notorious death squad.

Rather than adhering to the Peace Accord mandate to deploy a newly-trained, independent, civilian National Civil Police

(PNC), reports show increased militarization of that new force. Instead of following the January 1992 order to disband, just before the end of his term, ex-President Cristiani moved 6,000 National Police en masse into the new PNC without retraining. Members of the notorious anti-narcotics unit UEA have also been incorporated into the PNC as well. Clearly the PNC is not turning out to be the kind of institution the Peace Accords intended it to be.

The USCEOM report states that, although the 1994 elections were not blatantly fraudulent nor violent as were many previous elections in El Salvador's history, "rapid electoral reforms are urgently needed to build upon the degree of progress shown to date, and overcome the remaining severe problems in El Salvador's electoral system (page 10)" in order to correct massive voter disenfranchisement. Some of these include:

- A single, comprehensive national registry of citizens to replace the current error-ridden electoral registry;
- The voting process should be radically simplified;
- A local precinct system of voting...allowing people to vote in their neighborhoods.

Regarding implementation of the Peace Accords, the USCEOM report encourages the international community to "continue to advocate for full implementation of the Peace Accords which the government of El Salvador has not yet fulfilled. Rapid fulfillment of the Accords is all the more vital

encouraging peace
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Computers and Education: Revolution or Business as Usual?

William L. Griffen

"Everywhere I look, I read that the microcomputer industry (hardware and software) is about ready for a serious assault on the home market. Guess what is expected to be the major sales factor for convincing the home user to purchase? Yes, the word is out—it's education

We now have "arcademics," a new word recently added to ed/tech jargon by one software publisher. It reflects a growing belief that there is sales magic and a few pots of gold in cleverly mixing arcade game fun with education."

—from *Classroom Computer News* editorial "Riding the Microcoaster," Henry F. Olds, Jr., Editor

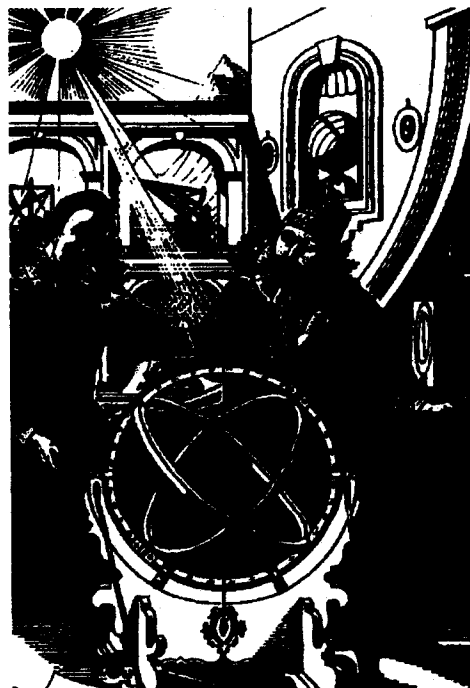
IF THOSE IN EDUCATION wanted an opportunity to test the seriousness and effectiveness of the institution's commitment to critical thinking in the face of rapid technological change, ready or not here it comes. In the next several years we will be determining how effectively the generalists can relate historical data, logic and enlightened values, and locate high-tech, automation and computers in a context more profound than a Dun and Bradstreet printout.

The temptation will be to go along on that pot of gold micro-coaster ride. In a somewhat less than reflective mood, Henry Olds teases us on board as he announces excitedly: "The roller-coaster car we're in has just about reached the top of that first big hill. Hang on! There's a fast ride ahead, with some breathtaking ups and downs, twists and turns. We at *CCN* (*Classroom Computer News*) will try to keep you in touch with the world speeding by, and provide guideposts for checking to what extent *all the motion* produces real progress" (emphasis added).

The possibility that "all the motion" might be perceived as progress is a very real one. Have we already forgotten the "Taylorism-efficient-technique" mentality so widely embraced by educators as a panacea for organizing schools and directing educational programs in the early 20th century? In retrospect, how well did we analyze the relationship be-

tween "all the motion" of the first technological revolution and progress? Did we develop machines and technology intelligently to elevate the human condition or did the technological dynamic diminish human goals and alternatives? Will the second computerized technological revolution be harnessed for humane, progressive, friendly-to-the-race-and-planet ends? "Computers are the wave-of-the-future" supporters think so and base their optimism on the expected development of computer literacy in our citizens. Computer-philes confidently talk of educating us to understand the impact of computers on our social, political and economic lives. This social perspective will be an integral part of computer literacy education, according to these advocates. While not faulting intentions, let us examine some of the complexities in placing computer technology and education in a wider cultural context.

It is time to be more specific on how computers are to play a key role in delivering us out of our deepening crises. How do the undeniable advantages of computers at retaining and processing information contribute to



The globe alone was worth eighty years of his salary. The splendor of Brahe's equipment was beyond anything he had imagined.

the realization of social and educational goals? What kind of education prepares one for preventing nuclear suicide? According to progress-through-technology advocates, computers will be key to organizing information and statistics to confront the big problems.

"Everything you see on TV—it's a computer this and computer that. If it's going to take over, maybe I can get a job with one."

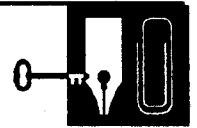
—Senior at an Atlanta inner-city high school

Schools will be places where the young will pass through the rites of technology worship and become comfortable with, if not expertly

knowledgeable in, the computerized society. The need to ask what is all this computerization for and to integrate means and ends will likely be put aside as the fascination with computer achievements push political, moral and philosophic questions offstage. The "hard" sciences get another boost as the "soft" studies of what humans do to humans fade further into oblivion. Ethics, morality and the fuzzy questions of "why we are here?" appear either quaint or esoteric as we get on with the business of ordering our lives through technology.

Computers introduced earlier and earlier into the student's life will further socialize this "naturalness" of means over ends. The subject matter of ends—philosophy, ethics, morality—will appear to be alien and distant concerns as the hardware, software and floppy discs engage the student's consciousness. Peace through computers, labor unrest settled by computers, racism eliminated by computers, fulfillment and happiness through computers will have triumphed. A caricature? Perhaps, but when one observes the popularity of computer-games that are designed to solve inter-national, economic and personal problems through input-output gamesmanship, the hidden curriculum gets a high-tech update.

But the get-with-it-it's-almost-the-21st-century technophiles cry out: "It's only a tool. Would you have opposed the typewriter, telephone and television?" Tools in the past were used to solve technical problems with little thought to other problems generated by the "solution." In fact, the aim of technique tends to get lost as we "progress." Jacques Ellul correctly observes, "The further we advance, the more the purpose of the techniques fades out of sight" (*The Technological Society*, p. 430). This is not to say that technology is not



The Austrian firm of Utschneider and Reichenbach had come to realize that young Fraunhofer was not only a technician, but a researcher. And because his research proved valuable to them, they let him experiment when he wished.

useful to the powerful in a social sense. And *this* problem of computer literacy—placing computer technology in a social context—is not on the school agenda anymore than who is served by US foreign policy. The most powerful institutions in our society, from the corporations (including mass media) to the public bureaucracies (including education), will not likely lead the way toward a disinterested, critical examination of the effects of the

computer revolution. All indications are that those in positions of power will limit and obfuscate the analysis to what is (or perceived to be) good for the economy—an economy clearly having unequal beneficiaries. One is not encouraged by the historical record of the “power elite” to develop bureaucratic-technological literacy, while technique and systems-analysis approaches in industry revolutionized the nature and meaning of work. The academic community was not effective in anticipating, explaining, or offering alternatives to the massive deskilling of labor and the accompanying alienation in the work-place. Given “business-as-usual,” both in the cliché and real sense of that phrase, can one expect computer literacy to be any more than the narrowest, self-serving market-place definition of social progress?

If computer literacy is to mean more than merely adapting to changes precipitated by new technology, emerging contradictions must be critically examined. Educators must be responsible for more than hardware/software decisions. One critical task is to monitor the claims made for the computer revolution—a campaign for truth-in-advertising. Once beyond the four color, razzle-dazzle, fold-outs of high-touted high-tech, many regressive realities begin to surface.

(1) Wave-of-the-future rhetoric: “The Economic Revolution by High-Tech”

Computers and high-technology will provide our economic salvation and fill the void of lost manufacturing jobs.

Reality: Although the US added 13.6 million full-time jobs between 1979 and 1989, nearly five million of those jobs paid less than \$250 a week—less than the poverty level for a family of four. The Census bureau calculates that in 1979, 18.9% of full-time workers had

low-wage jobs. By 1989 the figure had risen to 23.1%.

(2) Wave-of-the-future rhetoric: “High-tech job opportunities are where it’s at”

Jobs in computer technology are exciting and challenging and the new road to success.

Reality: Most high-tech workers hold either production or clerical jobs. The basic nature of most computer work is alienative, as the worker is separated from genuine participation in the purposes and goals of the work. The ends continue to be corporate-determined.

In 1994 the largest single private employer is Manpower Incorporated employing almost 600,000 workers. It is projected that by the year 2000 nearly half of all US workers will be classified as part-time employees. IBM, a leading computer corporation, refers to them as “the peripherals.” Without real economic systemic change the second tier labor market composed of low-income people including disproportionate numbers of African-Americans, Latino/as, Asian-Americans will continue to be unaffected by the growth of the computer industry.

In short, extreme caution should be exercised before being taken for still another technological wave-of-the-future roller coaster ride. Attention must also be given to how the benefits from the economic technological changes will be distributed. Will the “benefits” be bought at the expense of further deskilling and alienating workers?

(3) Wave-of-the-future rhetoric: “An equal opportunity technology”

Computers and computer literacy will benefit everyone.

Reality: The most persistent problem in American education—equal opportunity—is likely to be unaffected or even worsened by computer-emphasized education. A decade ago a *Wall Street Journal* report noted that many educators worry “that computers, potentially a great equalizer, may instead widen the gap between the rich and the poor.” Jerome T. Murphy, Associate Dean at Harvard’s Graduate

School of Education, reminded us: “We have a system of education in this country that is highly inequitable. There is tremendous diversity between school districts and among the states. Computers are a small exacerbation of a more fundamental problem” (*Wall Street Journal*, 5/26/83). He may have minimized the effect of computer use on the problem of equity, considering the economic direction toward information processing and service-related jobs. The decade following has confirmed the above

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dire predictions. Inequities accompanied by increasing uncertainties in employment do not signal a high-tech miracle.

Tracking students into lower-level vocational jobs or toward the post-college professions and elite occupations will likely be continued by sorting students into different kinds of computer training.

Lower-income students are more likely to be exposed to drill-and-practice computer-aided instruction (CAI) than upper-income students. Computer-programming skills are more likely to be taught to the upper-income student, thus readying one class for the elite jobs and relegating others to dead-end, alienating low-paying jobs. The national PTA summed up the problem: “At the secondary-school level, a vocationally oriented curriculum in such areas as word processing, data processing and computer repair is developing for inner-city youngsters, whereas middle-class youngsters are being provided with

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1994 Peace Action Award to Karen Mihalyi: Music and the Revolution

Karen Mihalyi will receive the 1994 Peace Action Peace Award. Karen once thought that "music had no place in the revolution."

To people throughout Syracuse who know Karen's leadership of the Syracuse Community Choir, this is hard to believe. The Choir lives what it sings about in songs of peace, freedom and justice. Karen personifies an understanding of the connections between women's issues, war, and capitalism, and the importance and potential of cultural work to empower all people to stand up against oppression of all sorts.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Randall Forsberg, will provide us with concrete possibilities for building the kind of world Karen is bold enough to envision. Her talk is entitled "The Hidden Agenda of the Peace Movement: Ending War."

Dr. Forsberg wrote the "Call to Halt the Arms Race" in 1979. This call launched the Nuclear Weapons Freeze and helped to end the Cold War. Forsberg is not afraid to call for the abolition of weapons of war and has set down a series of steps to accomplish it.

The dinner is to take place on October 23 from 4:30 to 9:30 at University United Methodist Church. It will be catered by the radical gourmet himself, Ron Shuffler. His main feature will be Cajun/Creole chicken or eggplant with red basil sauce. His grand finale will be New Orleans bread pudding with bourbon sauce. The cost is \$35-\$75 sliding scale. We encourage you to be generous both so that we can provide partial scholarships, (call if you need one), and to support our work for peace and justice. Send your check to Peace Action CNY at 658 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13204 or call 478-7442 for more information.

Do come!

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EarthBound Meets Community Challenges

At Earth Bound we continue to encourage people to join us in our efforts to rehab our neighborhood into a cooperative community. We realize that the area of the city which our project is based represents a considerable challenge to the ideas of cooperative housing. There are many problems we face in attempting to apply the concepts of co-housing to a urban area. But it is precisely because of these problems that urban areas cry out for alternative solutions.

We are also aware that the cost considerations has inhibited people from joining us. But we now believe that we may have a way to allow people to buy into to the coop for a reasonable price and begin living with us immediately. The building at 914 N. Salina has three habitable living spaces. Though someday we hope to see 914 N. Salina rehab as part of a bigger efforts, we can begin coping the space now as a means to building our community. As for the cost of the space, we ask only that the resident obtain enough financing to relieve us of part of the building's mortgage proportionate to the amount of space the resident will occupy.

The available space is divided into two apartments, a two bedroom which takes about two thirds of the available space and a one bedroom taking the remainder of the space. We are open to the option of a family obtaining either the entire available space for \$30,000 or just the two bedroom for \$20,000, or even the one bedroom for \$10,000. In any of the cases we would hope that the families or residents joining the coop would realize that as the community grows more housing opportunities will be created which will allow for future possibilities. The monthly cost for financing and housing expenses for the one bedroom would be about \$200, the two bedroom would be about \$385, and the monthly occupy to entire available space would be about \$570.

Those that would like more information about joining Earth Bound Cooperative Community should call James or Margaret at (315) 422-4201.



Companion Mutilation

Declawing, debarking, and amputation are cruel practices that many take for granted as routine and necessary. Declawing cats is generally done to protect material items. Debarking dogs is also seen as a nuisance prevention. Often done without anesthesia, amputations, such as clipping ears and tails, are thought to "enhance" the looks of certain canine breeds. Let's look at these operations as what they really are: mutilation.

These mutilations are not comparable to ear piercing or tattooing in humans as the animals have no choice in having these done. Hopefully, people will start to realize the barbaric reality of them.

Declawing is essentially ripping the fingernails out of cats. Imagine what it would feel like to you! Cats need their claws for protection and for escaping, such as climbing trees. For inside cats, nail clipping is a much more humane option. Special attention should be made to training your cat not to scratch on particular furniture and you should provide an alternative "scratching post". Declawing also causes extreme psychological trauma to your companion.

Debarking can be a painful, permanent removal of the vocal cords. The motivations for debarking should be scrutinized. It is usually an easy way out for people who don't want to address the behavior or who have too many dogs. Often dogs aren't getting the amount of exercise, the direction, and the interaction they really need. In an article in *Dog Fancy* magazine (July 1993), a Nevada veterinarian suggests one of the Bach flower remedies and calcium lactate (to balance the parathyroid) as alternatives, in addition to training and attention.

Amputations are purely for the owner's vanity. It is another sad side-effect of the breeding industry. People for Animal rights discourages the breeding of animals and encourages the adoption of one of the many, many homeless animals at shelters.

In all mutilation procedures, the risk of loosing your companion under anesthesia is too great for such "luxury" surgery.

I cringe at the thought of intentionally causing pain to my beloved companions.

Central American/Caribbean Coalition (CACC) Meeting Notes

Meeting Notes from September 13.

The bulk of the time at the CACC meeting was devoted to pro-action possibilities for before and after a possible invasion of Haiti. The recent Witness for Peace delegates to the Dominican Republic will write an op-ed piece against invasion.

There's a possibility of a Nicaraguan speaker coming here in early November. Look for more info soon and, if interested, call Frank Stokes at 446-6060.

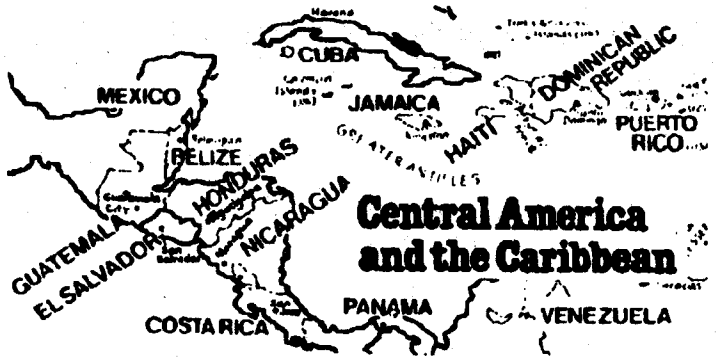
Witness for Peace is putting the final touches on the report of the delegation to the Dominican Republic (and the Haitian border) and organizing their file of photos. Their meeting following the CACC meeting was spent talking about future projects and the reorganization of the chapter.

Another new Haitian family has arrived in Syracuse, sponsored by Tucker Missionary Baptist Church. Approximately 100 refugee Haitians are now living in New York State. Winter coats, jackets, and snow suits will soon be urgently needed for them. Call Harvey Pinyoun 474-4836 if you can contribute anything.

La Estancia—Sister Community's newsletter is recently off the press. A few more battery-operated tape recorders and cameras, as well as toys for the day care center are needed for the communities of La Estancia. If you would

like to help but haven't got a working-condition camera or recorder to donate, money for batteries is also needed. Another delegation will travel to La Estancia, El Salvador in a few months. Call Shirley at 446-6099 if interested in traveling, donating, or subscribing!

• AB Cuba spent a worthwhile day at the Westcott Street Fair September. They are just finishing raising money at \$2/subscriber for an ad in the New Times asking Clinton to end the embargo. The fourth Pastors for Peace Caravan to Cuba, leaving in November, is looking for participants. If interested call Doug at 471-5749.



HAITI: ACTION

There is a lunchtime vigil at Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse, every Monday from noon to 1 PM.

A coalition on the US occupation of Haiti meets every Tuesday at 7:30 PM at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St., downtown Syracuse.

See page 7, this PNL, for information on the October 6 "Haiti Teach-In" and the Oct. 15 Rally on the US Occupation of Haiti.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE



FIGHTBACK!

Self-defense Course Offered

Fightback!, a unique course teaching physical and emotional self-defense skills for women, will be offering another class starting in October. The class consists of 25 hours of intensive training, and will be held on the following evenings and weekends - October 22, 23, 26, and 29, 1994. The class meets in the Dr. Martin Luther King School on West Castle Street in Syracuse.

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The I.A.C.O.L.E. Conference:

Participating in the World Movement for Citizen Review

Nancy Rhodes

IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, 129 representatives from 29 US cities and ten other nations gathered in Orlando, Florida, for the tenth annual conference of the International Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (IACOLE). Last year in Cambridge, Massachusetts, Syracuse sent me from the Task Force on Community & Police Relations, and Inspector Richard Boynton from Internal Affairs of the Syracuse Police Department. This year, new Citizen Review Board Administrator Felicia Pitts and Chair Bernard Alex attended for the first time.

After the four day conference, I stayed on for another day of talks on US issues that resulted in the birth of a new national organization for practitioners of law enforcement oversight which hopes to sponsor regional meetings before next fall's IACOLE meeting in Vancouver.

One of the most obvious US issues was that President Clinton signed his new crime bill in Washington as this conference was going on in Florida. An hour afterward, a group of US delegates caucused and drafted a request for the last plenary session that IACOLE's President, James Grew of Northern Ireland, write directly to Clinton, with copies to Janet Reno and major media, noting the US crime bill contains no provision for citizen oversight of law enforcement. (Three days later *The New York Times* obligingly printed an op-ed piece on the increased risk for brutality and corruption in hiring 100,000 new young police and rushing most of them through training and onto the streets in the next three years.)

Although plans for US participants to meet had been made beforehand, the crime bill signing spurred a sense of urgency that after a decade it's time for a national network. Other kinds of national networks on police accountability exist already—I'll mention them below since the Task Force is part of several—

but none is so agency based and focused on oversight practitioners. As past IACOLE president Werner Petterson pointed out the first day, IACOLE had been formed primarily for such practitioners, so they might have an organized body of colleagues to start to identify with and learn from other than police, in order to support the true independence of citizen oversight. This is especially crucial since most communities choose to appoint "new blood" to their newly established review boards for impartiality's sake, persons not involved in the often lengthy community battles to establish such boards but perhaps also without a corresponding intimate knowledge of the history of those battles or view of the community as their constituency.

The US lag in forming such a national group is partly the result of the different ways citizen oversight is established here and abroad. Many IACOLE members come from national or provincial-level systems of oversight. Overwhelmingly, US oversight systems have been established first in our largest cities, with a recent trend to a few county-wide systems. Upstate New York's recent move to informal networking among smaller cities and rural communities is a further innovation likely to spread because specialized police accountability needs related to Native American communities, migrant workers and rural areas in general are not met by imposing large metropolitan models cookie-cutter style.

And state-wide review boards for police have been resisted here (even though State Senator Franz Leichter has tried in the past to introduce such legislation for New York) and where they do exist—Florida, for example—more local oversight bodies have continued to grow anyway. Attempts to spark any separate national system of police accountability—a bill introduced in Congress several years ago, and Paul Hoffman's extensive ACLU report, "The Feds, Lies and Videotape"—have so far come to nothing.

This may partly be a result of a more serious crisis of legitimacy in US institutions generally

and policing in particular. Some constituencies no longer trust one government institution reporting to another as sufficient audit, and citizens may instead decide such arrangements are just another way to keep them outside the loop. Furthermore, despite the "few bad apples" theory often advanced publicly by those who wish to calm jittery police unions, US policing has never really recovered intact from the clashes of the '60s, which called into question the legitimacy of policing in this country in terms of the "professionalism"

the US crime bill contains no provision for citizen oversight of law enforcement

model. "Community control of police" was the marching phrase from that era. Translated to the 90s, to a large extent both

review boards and the growth of "community policing" as a new alternative model are parallel reactions to the failure of the "professionalism" model to ever entirely rebound in either confidence or credibility. "Community policing" can of course be used as a buzzword by politicians across the ideological spectrum. And it's often been used to both simply gain community compliance for police strategies or to fend off moves for independent bodies to review misconduct in each successive "war on crime." But US communities have tended so far to want more local and accessible citizen review systems, just as there's been a move to demand that police live in the communities they serve.

Police unions in the US have played a major role in polarization. Last year's IACOLE conference was the scene for a number of impassioned speeches during workshops and plenary sessions from police, often union reps, about the very fabric of civilization being rent by citizen review. We've heard these speeches here in Syracuse, where currently the PBA is largely behind officers' refusal to attend CRB hearings without being subpoenaed and the threat to sue the CRB as well. There were fewer long speeches from the floor by police this year in Orlando and a number went out of their way to be cordial and to listen. Both the Chief of Police and Sheriff of Orlando welcomed us the first day, and a visit to Orlando's own review board the last day was the scene for an impromptu international seminar on the fine points of what works and doesn't. But the diehards were still there. One from Washing-



ton, D.C. insisted police "despise" the Washington review board. Ironically, it's our capitol's Board which hosts the most foreign visitors wanting to see how this US democratic institution works—which they know was largely the child of our Civil Rights movement—so they can take it home. Long-time IACOLE member Gabe Chikas from the Washington review board agrees with Marvin Rotrand, a city councilor from Montreal, that IACOLE ought to try to move toward NGO status in the United Nations so it can more systematically be used to support emerging democracies. Certainly such a hope was present in the lone law school lecturer from Ghana who had paid his own way here at great sacrifice, or in Stephen Tiro from South Africa, who was unable to come this year and the source of great worry during a recent period when he was unreachable in his tribal homeland due to civil unrest.

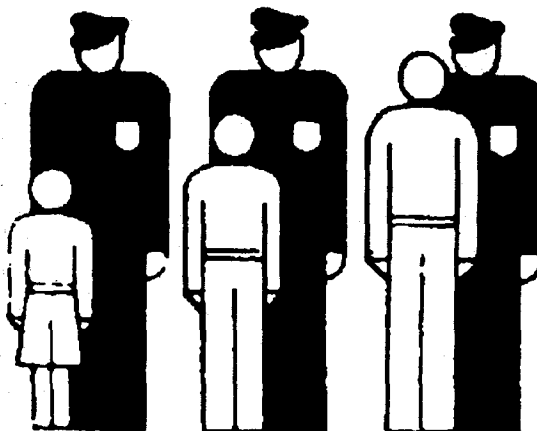
At last year's IACOLE conference in Cambridge it struck me that outside the US (and, to a lesser extent, Canada) there did not seem to be such extreme and bitter polarization on this issue as we have here. Of the dozen countries there last year, many from outside North America seemed to think citizen review ought to be just a normal part of the checks and balances needed to make democracy work, a view we in the Task Force had advanced since our earliest days of advocating for a review board. After all, we reasoned, it's not like we ought to dismantle the Supreme Court just because the country's up and running now. This was also what we'd heard from Werner Petterson, one of IACOLE's founders, whom we in the Task Force first crossed paths with three years ago in Rochester at a day conference on police accountability. Werner, with Fred Szabo from Cleveland's board, did a significant portion of the training of the Syracuse Citizen Review Board last spring.

Membership in other US national networks overlaps to a large extent with US participation in IACOLE, and this complements both. Because of the "new blood" tendency in appointment to US review boards, the emerging profession of oversight practitioners often does not have deep experience in concerns precisely of the advocacy, organizing and lobbying skills that created such review

boards and safeguard their continued existence as well as the range of other activity around police accountability that communities may choose instead.

N-COPA (National Coalition for Police Accountability), which is based in Chicago, is one such network, with community-based groups like the Task Force, individuals advocates, and other networks with an interest in this and related issues like jail abuses and INS misconduct along the borders (ACLU, National Lawyers Guild, InterReligious Task Force on Criminal Justice, etc.). N-COPA's conference next month in Santa Fe is considerably less pricey than IACOLE, and they were sufficiently interested in the work Central New York did on the Jessie Davis case to include a workshop on Regional Organizing which focuses on this example.

Based in Oakland, the Campaign for Community Safety & Police Accountability (CSPA) has included a network of five US cities until recent addition of some other US communities. Last month the Task Force endorsed CSPA's comprehensive four-part platform on prevention, community justice, public participation and police accountability. We hope to participate in CSPA's next national meeting in Providence on November 14. A joint project of the Applied Research Center and Center for Third World Organizing, CSPA puts out a monthly newsletter, "RapSheet," and is solidly based in and consciously committed to community organizing principles. Echoing the Task Force's 1992 proposal that a Syracuse Citizen Review Board be paid for with asset forfeiture funds (the monies police



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seize from drug dealers), this summer CSPA groups investigated how such funds are used in their cities, now that new regulations permit them to be spent on a much wider array of community-based prevention projects and not just as police see fit.

When I spoke to Albany's city Council in June on their proposed Citizen Review Board legislation at the invitation of Albany's Citizen Action and Center for Law & Justice, the police union rep railed and sputtered about "outsiders." But in Orlando, in addition to the scheduled workshop topics, we spent a fair amount of time on such emerging issues as pepper spray, the pros and cons of asset forfeiture, high speed pursuit policies and the lack thereof, who review boards are accountable to really, how to enact and implement new legislation for different kinds of law enforcement, the question of community oversight bodies for jails and not just police and sheriff's departments, and diversity issues. We're right on time in Syracuse. Sometimes that perspective comes from leaving for a while.

Nancy is a Syracuse activist working with the Task Force on Community Relations and was instrumental in the creation of the Syracuse Citizen Review Board to monitor police misconduct.



Of Dinosaurs and Dinner:

A Vegetarian Analysis of Jurassic Park

Joseph Smith

OCTOBER 1994 will see the second coming of Spielberg's Jurassic Park as it invades homes across America in its video format. And with its reappearance, a resurgence of heated debates about everything from the ethical consequences of biotechnology to the levels of television (and movie) violence suitable for children will be dragged along in its wake. Yet I fear that amidst all of the hype, one important issue will be left out in the cold. For, like the last time Jurassic Park plowed through theaters, any discussion about the film's advocacy for vegetarianism, which I believe to be an integral part of the film (whether intended or not), went by unheard: just as the film's juxtapositioning of the roles of hunter and hunted sneaked by unseen.

The vegetarian sentiment in Jurassic Park comes early in the film as a group of children on the site of a dig listen to a paleontologist describe his latest find. As a sarcastic quip from a boy in the group compares the remains of the unearthed veloci-raptor to those of a "giant chicken," the importance of the find (not to mention the ego of the scientist) is deflated before the scientist's eyes. But more than just a breath of comic relief, the boy's comparison transforms a beast from a prehistoric age untouched and unfettered by man-

kind into a piece of livestock, and can be seen as a symbolic reference to humanity's efficiency in reducing the magnificent animals that walk the planet to mere resources.

However, the boy's small triumph is quickly overturned as the paleontologist enlightens the student by informing him that this "chicken" could have him disemboweled before he could even think of screaming. I will spare you the graphic play-by-play of the animal's unsightly table manners, but the role this dialogue between the boy and scientist plays is significant in terms of setting the tone for the duration of the film. The description of the raptor's killing methods subtly brings the savagery of the carnivorous world to the forefront of the disgusted viewer's mind. Although the statement will most likely go unnoticed, its importance is reinforced as the movie progresses.

As the main characters are brought to the island theme park (and thus introduced to the audience), the viewer immediately learns that the young girl in the film is a vegetarian. More than just a mere personality trait, the girl's vegetarian lifestyle is a tool used to broadcast her character's feminine and stereotypically passive demeanor. Positioned opposite her rambunctious and aggressive brother, the children represent the bi-polar modes of thought about the natural world, in addition to exemplifying stereotypical gender roles. The former is exemplary of the mentality that calls for stewardship and a renewed sense of place in the environment equitable with the standing of

all creatures, while the latter accounts for the ideology of humanity's dominance over other life forms and its willingness to exploit the earth and its creatures in the name of science. The contrast in philosophies battles back and forth throughout the film until finally being resolved at its close by the actions of the surviving characters. It is the out-

come of this conflict that prods the audience to consider the consequences of their actions, of interest here those of meat eating, and the effect such a lifestyle has on the natural environment.

The vegetarian symbolism in the film quickens its pace when the island's main attractions are fed livestock via mechanized doors and heavy machinery, the same or similar instruments used in the destruction of livestock in our world. One memorable scene depicts a fattened bovine being lowered into a group of hungry raptors eager for a snack. Though the audience does not get to witness the dinosaurs feasting on the helpless cow, the sound of a feeding frenzy and swaying vegetation clue the spectators in on what is happening behind the leafy blinders. The powerful nature of this scene is evident from the moans and groans of the audience who, physically repulsed, shift and squirm in their seats. Paramount in its importance to vegetarianism, this act takes the audience and places them in a situation in which they perceive, quite possibly for the first time, the suffering of an innocent animal. It is this scene, and a later one in which a close-up of a dismembered goat leg lands atop the glass roof of the jeep containing the children, that echo the desert scene's message about the savagery inherent in the act of flesh eating.

The audience's introduction to the animal suffering and barbarism of flesh eating is a vital precursor to interpreting the film's later scenes. The same feelings that the audience expressed at the death of the cow are reiterated each and every time a human member of the cast meets his/her demise. To vegetarians like myself, comparisons between the humans who are snacked upon by the feisty reptiles and the non-human animals killed in our nation's slaughterhouses seem unavoidable, for each meet their end trapped in inescapable situations. In every instance that a death occurs, neither victim has a "fighting chance" to escape. The victim is always grossly ill-equipped to defend itself from the attacker, a qualifier transforming each death into something more akin to execution. Despite the fact that the villainous dinosaurs are meat-eaters, both the slaughtering of the livestock and the unfortunate characters seems "murderous" in the sense that the "battle for existence" between the predator and prey is not played out in a natural setting.



Life in the Corporate Jungle

But then again, the murderous quality of eating animals, be they human or non-human, is central to the nature of flesh-eating. In Jurassic Park, as in the slaughterhouse, the idea of natural predator and prey relationships is a foreign concept. Like the mechanized processes and man-made killing machines of the slaughterhouse, the events taking place on the island occur in an artificial and sterile man-made world. With that in mind, it becomes increasingly clear that the exploitation of the non-human animals the characters have attempted to control is what has led to their destruction. Such a situation makes an interesting metaphor when one considers the very real, degenerative effects that man-made, profit-driven industries like animal agriculture are having on the life-sustaining abilities of our own environment.

The major episode of the film that ties all these notions together in a portion small enough for the audience to digest in one setting is the chase scene where two raptures trap the children in the park's kitchen (oh, the irony!). Nowhere else in the film does the relationship between humanity and the animals it consumes become more apparent than in this figurative reversal of man's self-proclaimed privilege over physical and verbal transformation of sentient, non-human animals into inanimate objects of human consumption, the children (and the audience) have their human privilege stripped away from them and experience the terror of the hunt from the hunted animal's perspective. As psychiatrist Harvey Greenberg put it, "This movie is dedicated to making you feel like food," and I would argue that the kitchen scene is most effective in accomplishing this.

This act is central to the film/s pro-vegetarian impetus because it delivers the notion of the absent referent, which Carol J. Adams talks about at length in her book *The Sexual Politics of Meat*, to the foreground of the film. Adams suggests that the notion of a vegetarian diet is uncomfortable to people who consume animal products because vegetarianism compels them to think about animal suffering; something flesh-eaters, through industry propaganda and contact with other flesh-eaters, have learned to distance themselves from. The drama that unfolds beneath the hanging pots and pans of the kitchen reasserts the "absent" from the other side of the hierarchical barrier between mankind and the non-human animals it so wantonly destroys. By nearly transforming the children into food for the dinosaurs,

death and food become synonymous with one another as was hinted at earlier in the earlier in the film by the devoured cow, dismembered goat and consumed characters.

Nevertheless, the children escape the near death experience of the kitchen and, along with the rest of the survivors, end up a more closely-knit group at the end of the movie. Yet the film's "Disneyesque" ending represents more than a concise "and-they-all-lived-happily-ever-after; ending. Those characters that survive the reptile rampage are those characters that began the film with some sense of respect for the animals they came to the island to see (even if the animals were thought of as just subjects of study). Conversely, the insurance agent, big game hunter, and various genetic engineers—the film's "forces of evil" whose only concern is to reap

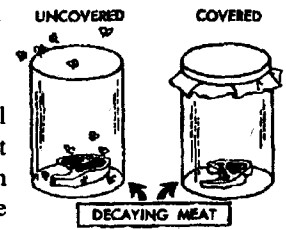
the financial rewards of the the park—do not make it off the island. Though some may argue that this semi-conservative "good guys win bad guys lose" ending reflects the young audience the film was intended for, it is no coincidence that the characters who do not make it to the end of the film represent the industries in support of humanity's "divine right" to exploit the earth and other species.

Still, the outcome of every character is not as black and white as I have make it out to be. The characterization of the park's owner who experiences the falsity of humanity's claim of dominance over the other species of the planet after watching his multi-million dollar financial investment, not to mention his staff, vanish before his eyes. The course of events that take place on the island compel the character to abandon his plans for the park after the terror of the dinosaurs goes unrestrained. Easily read as the film's conscience, the character of the park owner is a device used by the film's creators to strike a chord with an audience who may unknowingly follow in this tragic hero's footsteps. Footsteps which begin in animal exploitation for profit and that end in violence and ruin.

Yet despite the character analysis and exposing the symbolism in each of the film's significant scenes, none of this explains why the advocacy for vegetarianism and respect for non-human animals has received practically no media attention.

**"This movie is dedicated to making you feel like food,"
—psychiatrist Harvey Greenberg**

If Carol Adams' notion that vegetarianism makes the "average person" uncom-



fortable for (re)acquainting them with animal suffering is correct, then it is not irrational to suggest that society's resistance to change and its penchant for protection of the status quo is involved.

Such a conclusion hints at a notion that making a profit was not the only force pushing for sales of McDonald's "Jurassic Park Meal Deals," and encouraging films critics to rave about the movie's "dazzling" special effects. As psychoanalyst Brunn Bettelheim suggests,

"The dominant culture wishes to pretend, particularly where children are concerned, that the dark side of man does not exist." Hence, with volumes written about

the awesome cinematic spectacle that was Jurassic Park, any serious content in the film was turned into mere fluff and filler while expensive computer animation stole the show (and the discussion). As evidence of the potential effect that such a film could have on public sentiment, *Business Week* recommended that the biotech industry "use Jurassic Park as an opportunity to start talking about biotech's positive contributions" to defend itself against consumer advocacy groups who may want to use the film's content as a weapon.

Obviously, the businesses involved in the largest degree of animal exploitation escaped the film's first opportunity to open dialogue about animal oppression unscathed. Lucky for those of us dedicated to fostering much needed rights for animals, the age of video gives us a second chance. The re-runs of Jurassic Park will provide us the opportunity to bring up the vegetarian aspects of the film to friends and peers who might not see the connection. After all, it has been said that "a picture is worth a thousand words," and if the rantings of film critics are any gauge of a movie's aesthetic brilliance, then Jurassic Park is worth millions. This time, let's just make sure those words are about something important—ending animal suffering.

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(4) Wave-of-the-future rhetoric: "A classroom revolution through computers"

The use of computers will improve instruction through more sophisticated and highly motivational feedback and interface systems. Computers in the classroom will revolutionize teaching replacing the "three r's" with the "three c's"—computing, calculating and communicating through technology.

Reality: While it might be true that real gains will be made by CAI in the physical sciences, in the social and behavioral sciences the problem of ideological distortion (inherent in any system of education) will tend to be exacerbated. The tendency to perceive computers and their programs as scientifically objective will obscure the reality of ideologically imposed content distortions included in the simulations, games and instructional software. One would expect the same kinds of omissions, stereotypes, and misinformation that have been so well documented in the case of textbooks; now they will have an increased legitimacy based on the scientific mystique of the medium. It must be asked: Is processing distorted information through computers an advance over processing distorted information through conventional printing?

How does one go about resisting the computer tidal wave without appearing at worst a modern Luddite or at best one who would have earlier scoffed at the steam engine and airplane? Is the task of the progressive educator to generate and utilize radical computer software programs in the schools? Maybe. But then again, we would be gambling that the content of *our* progressive programs would prevail and shape consciousness as the hegemonic cloud was penetrated and the hidden curriculum messages of the computerized school market-place environs were blown away. Bad gamble.

While it may be possible for computers to contribute to some learning objectives (primarily of the stimulus-response variety), "going along with computers" will also reinforce the technological fix mentality described by Michael Apple. "The lack of quality in

education is viewed in terms of only a lack of technical sophistication and can be effectively solved through engineering" (*Curriculum and Ideology*, p. 112). It is predictable what forms the "engineering" will take when computers are enlisted to solve social problems. The emphasis will be on warehousing information and statistics and then designing highly motivational games, simulations and learning programs to manipulate the ever-growing stockpile of retrievable data.

Two problems emerge. We currently suffer from an overload of data as the tug of technology encourages endless collections of information. If it can be quantified, count it and store it. Enlarging the data base crowds out and overwhelms the crucial reflection on the data task. Fascination with running the info through the computer replaces the tedious, lack-luster task of analyzing the ethical and political implications of the piled up printouts.

A second problem is sensed by even the most avid supporters of the computer revolution. They warn: "garbage in—garbage out" in referring to the need for quality control on what is fed into the computer. In a case study from *The Computing Teacher* (9/82): "Using the Microcomputer to Study the Anatomy of Revolution," the program's author states, "Foremost is the assigning of levels of violence, political and economic instability to various periods *based upon bits of information provided by most textbooks*" (emphasis added). Garbage in? More than likely, given the ideological bent of most major social studies textbooks when explaining any revolution other than our own. Also, the objectivity halo hanging over computers may function to encourage false estimates of accomplishment in students. One student working through the

revolution software package stated, "I transformed the French Revolution and the Cuban Revolution into graphs and was able to form an accurate interpretation of the revolutionary process." As the computer-coaster roars on there is likely to be some casualties among the more traditional, less market-place oriented school offerings. Programs for remedial basic skills, special needs education and bilingual education will be forced to compete with ex-

pensive computer equipment in order to be funded. Joseph Weizenbaum, professor of computer science at MIT, be-

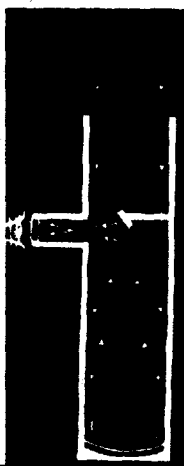
lieves that courses in the humanities may be pushed aside by computer courses. We have already witnessed the move toward rapid vocationalization of higher education and should resist the increasing invasions by school and college programs designed to satisfy industry and corporate plans at the expense of the liberal arts.

Computers in the larger social sense are *not* neutral, not merely a tool. Within a different social order it is problematic if they could be neutral. Ellul thinks not, and his powerfully argued *The Technological Society* should be required reading for all who seek true computer (and technological) literacy. Ellul states, "I do not maintain that the individual is more determined today than he has been in the past; rather, that he is differently determined." He concludes, "In the modern world, the most dangerous form of determinism is the technological phenomenon. It is not a question of getting rid of it, but, by an act of freedom, of transcending it."

And finally, on what grounds can the argument be made that technology is automatically linked to human progress? Has there been any pervasive and large-scale use of technology, past or present, to analyze "why war?" instead of how to wage war? Can we now expect computers and a computer literate society to reverse this reality? Will a computerized society bursting with computer skills and knowledge apply new found intelligence to age-old problems of poverty and inequality?

Optimistic answers become possible only if we refuse to allow technique, technology and computers to remain immune from human critique and direction. ♣

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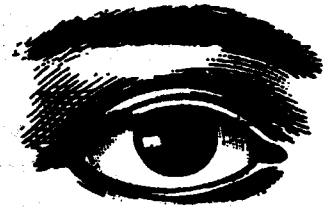
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the lost boys and girls, playing cool,
acting tough, trying to conceal
the desperate loss of hope, the fear
that they may be without value,
to the world that's based on profit.

The winds from Washington D.C.
are blowing in state capitals,
and funneled to the big cities,
where citizens of confusion,
disciples of the lottery,
are conditioned to evasion
of thankless chores to do what's right
that never seem to earn rewards.

Across this land of bitterness,
divided by have notes and haves,
a growing sense of failure cries
to lock up kids or shoot them down.
A democratic decision
that was made without much wisdom
to let kids kill each other off
and put survivors behind bars.

The gates of welcome opened wide
for victims of our kind neglect,
the kids we chose to throw away
because it costs too much to care.
What sins we make them suffer for,
these babies born to stand alone.
What price they pay to learn their crimes,
offspring from schools of violence.

The citizens of our country
demand more prisons for our kids
Fund them, build them, staff them,
then everyone will make money.
For those who dream philosophy
we'll teach them true economics:
there's no profit in prevention,
nor in rehabilitation.

It matters not how bad the drugs
that leave kids lifeless in the streets,
as long as dealers make their loot
and neighbors help them ply their trade.
We close our eyes to all the needs
that don't put cash in some pockets
and the harm that's done to our youth
doesn't count, because they don't vote.

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since the elections failed to increase confidence in the political system (page 24)." A few important elements are:

- Electoral and judicial reform;
- Incorporation of all ex-combatants into civilian life;
- Land transfers and agricultural credit for those who receive land;
- Demilitarization of society through ensuring the civilian character of the National Civil Police and the complete phasing out of the National Police.

All the above conditions must be completed for justice and democracy to transform Salvadoran society. To help accomplish this, the international community has pledged \$800 million in reconstruction aid, and the US has committed \$250 million. This necessary economic aid should be administered conditionally upon fulfillment of reforms and promises

to exert pressure on the Salvadoran government to fulfill its promises. The international community must also advocate for continued UN presence.

Both through the pure monetary interest in "investing" our tax dollars in El Salvador and the questionable military use of that investment which killed 75,000 Salvadorans (mostly civilians). Americans owe it to themselves to be well informed on the progress of their "investment." Those interested in seeing democracy and justice come to El Salvador are encouraged to contact their Congressional representatives. Ask that United States funding to El Salvador be contingent upon successful completion of conditions in the Peace Accords. Ask that US aid be directed toward land trans-

fers, the National Civilian Police (according to its original mandate) and local development projects headed by Salvadorans. Attention to El Salvador must not be withdrawn at this critical time.

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16 Every Sunday. People's 60 Minutes. Adelpia Cable Ch. 3. 8pm. Produced by Syracuse Peace Council.

23/30 Peace Action Peace Award Dinner honoring Karen Mihaly. At University United Methodist Church, crr of E. Genesee & University Ave. 4:30-9:30pm. \$35-\$75 sliding scale. 478-7442. New Environment Association potluck & general meeting. 7pm. Friends Mtg House, 821 Euclid Ave. 446-8009.

3 Every 1st & 3rd Mon: Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets. 5:30pm. Every Mon: Vigil to Support Haitian people and return of President Aristide. At Columbus Circle, downtown Syracuse. noon-1pm.

10 People for Animal Rights mtg. 7pm. Call 488-9338 for location. 11 Haiti Meeting. At Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St. 7:30pm. Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Community "All That" Get Together. At Women's Info, 601 Allen St. 5-7pm. \$10. Amnesty International Group #373 mtg., Mundy Branch Library, 1204 S. Geddes St. 7-9pm. Letter writing, updates on cases. 668-7441.

17 Every Mon: ACT-UP mtg. 601 Allen St. (Women's INFO Center). 7:30pm. 425-0673. Every Mon: "At Home with a Poet" storytelling, poetry, myths. Adelpia Cable Ch. 7. 10pm.

24/31 People for Animal Rights mtg. 7pm. Call 488-9338 for location. Support & Self-Education Group for Parents & Friends of Gay People meets at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St. 7:30pm. 474-4836.

4 Haiti Meeting. At Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St. 7:30pm. Every Wed: Alliance membership meeting. All welcome. At ECOH, 2nd fl., crrs of Westcott & Euclid. 2pm. 475-4120. Books Sandwiched in reviews of Sam Roe: My Ill, Roe v. Wade and Freedom of Choice" at Curtin Library, Public Library, downtown Syracuse. 12:15-12:50pm. 435-8533.

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19 NAACP general mtg. 7pm. NAACP Office, 1125 S. Salina. 422-6833.

26 Every Wed: Military & Draft Counseling at the Peace Council. Noon-3pm. Call Marge 472-5478.

5 Every Wed: Student Environmental Action Coalition meetings At SUNY ESF, Basement of Moon Library, 6:00pm. Every Thursday: "Evening Arabesque" Arabic television w/ news & entertainment. 5:30pm. Adelpia Cable Channel 7. Every Thurs: Lesbian & Gay Youth Support group for ages 14-21 meets at Women's Info Ctr, 601 Allen St. Call for time 422-9741.

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20 Syracuse Community Radio Annual Meeting. Call 422-4219 for time and place. Every Thursday: Central America Vigil. Fed. bldg. 7:30am

27 Peace Newsletter Mailing Party at SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. 5-7pm. Free Food! All welcome. 1st & 3rd Thursdays: Gay & Lesbian Alliance meets at Trinity Parish House, 523 W Onondaga. 7:30pm.

6 AIDS service provider group. 12:15-1:15pm. Bring lunch. 627 W Genesee St. 475-2430. Opening Reception for photo art show "Vietnam - War Stories & Meditations" at Menschel Gallery, Schine Ctr, SU. 6-8pm. Artist Don Unrau. 443-1300.

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21 Every Friday: Lesbian Coming Out Group. 7pm. Women's Info Center, 601 Allen St. 492-8035. Every Fri: Gay & Lesbian Youth meeting for ages 21-25. At Women's Info Ctr, 601 Allen St. 422-9741 for time.

28 Kate Clinton in "Out Its In" to benefit Persons w/AIDS Support Fund. At Hotel Syracuse. \$25 tickets at My Sisters Words or call 475-6866. Every Fri: PNL Committee meets at 924 Burnet Ave. New members always welcome. 472-5478. 1pm.

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29 Labor & Environment Conference. "Building a Movement for Labor & Environmental Justice". Le Moyne Manor Conference Center, Syracuse. Keynote speaker: Alice Brody, NYS United Teachers. 518-462-5527.

1 Memorial Mass for Rev. Jean Marie Vincent, the 49 yr old Haitian priest killed by assassins on 8/28/94. At Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Columbus Circle, Syracuse. 7th Anniversary Party at My Sisters Words bookstore. 304 N. McBride St. 10-6pm. Cake, raffia, prizes! 428-0227.

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

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

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In This Issue:

We made it pretty simple this month since we gave you a bulk of articles dealing with a few familiar topics and authors that I guess we just can't get enough of. One is the jail, starting with the latest article by Nancy Rhodes on the criminal justice scene, followed by statements from this years Human Rights Commission Awards, where some of our friends were honored. Kathleen Rumpf was awarded for being such an official thorn in the sides of our public officials, and the youth of the Onondaga Nation were awarded for the work they've done supporting their families and the blockade during the current crisis. And we rounded the section off with Nojaims, 'cause they were there too. Then we dive back into Haiti, Queer consumerism, Cuba, old friends and PepsiCo. Simple, huh?

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About the cover: Fitzpatric is a Death Penalty graphic by Paul Pearce

Well it seems Fitzpatric Nuclear Power Plant had a little accident. Common sense would say that we should be concerned, but luckily there is no room for common sense in the nuclear industry.

On July 4, 1994, while operating at 100% power, control room operators observed turbine control valve oscillations. This is significant only in that August 1, 1994 was the date given for the failure of three fuel rods at Fitzpatric in a late August Power Authority of New York State (PASNY) press release. However, it is highly unlikely that three fuel rods could go at the same time unless there was an operator error, of which there was not. Therefore it is important to note that incidents such as the July 4 turbine oscillations can cause increased leakage in already damaged fuel rods (although it is also true that all fuel rods leak pinhole waste, which is considered "acceptable").

Damaged fuel rods should not be a surprise as there have been numerous cases of GE fuel rod-related problems across the country in boiling water plants similar to Fitzpatric. One reason to be concerned about fuel rod leakage is that with the increased release of Uranium-235 into the cooling water there is an increase in production of radioactive gases which are vented directly from the roof of the plant. Both the turbine and the reactor building have "direct vents," each of which has a sampler, but it can be assumed that little to no filtering exists. It was through the sampler that an immediate increase of radioactive emissions was discovered on August 1. The isotopic analysis demonstrated that Xenon-133 had increased by a factor of approx. 600%, whereas the Xenon-138 activity had approx. doubled." We were assured by the New York State Power Authority (NYPA) that the levels of emissions are still within Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations and that the only gases vented are Noble gases with very short half-lives. To some degree, this is true. However, what they choose not to tell us is that these Noble gases (Xenon and Krypton) break down into highly radioactive daughter products with varied, and in many cases significantly higher, half-lives. For example, Xenon-133 has a half-life of 5.243 days, at which point it decays into Cesium-133 which has no half-life. Further: Xenon-138 (17 month half-life) decays into Cesium-138 (13 day half-life); Krypton (13 minute half-life) decays into Strontium-89 (52-day half-life); Xenon 135 (9.2 hour half-life) decays into Cesium-135 (3 million year half-life); and Xenon-139 (3.9 minute half-life) decays into Cesium-137 (30 year half-life).

So perhaps it's a little more complicated than they make it seem. And more dangerous. Fuel rod leaks are not innocent leaks. In fact, in 1978 NRC official Robert Minogue stated that "The NRC's position is that all radiation is bad, no matter how little...What we have found is that, by God, there ain't no threshold...It's a myth." This is the agency that repeatedly assures us, reactor release after reactor release, that the accident was "below regulatory concern."

How can the average citizen expect to sort through the maze of technical jargon and expect action from the NRC, which is not even a government agency. Since deregulation in 1989 the NRC has been funded by the utilities themselves. Can we expect justice from a self-reporting, self-regulating, self-testing agency whose profit is staked on lying to the public? No, we need to act together to shut down nuclear power before it's too late.—Bill Mazza

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I'm sorry if you missed them... The band "All God's Children" played a fund-raiser (well, we're calling it a party, 'cause we lost almost \$100 in the deal, which makes for a lousy fund-raiser, but a great party) at Styleen's downtown in Armory Square. All ten band members made for an outrageous night of music and hysteria, ranging from the instrumental "Polka for Zapata" to getting the audience to switch places with the band on stage (all of the audience) and then join in with the band on a cover of "All You Need is Love." The Children played for almost four hours, which, after a full set from local band "Running Water," made for an unforgettable night of music and politics.

Sometimes you just have to take a chance.

Taking That Chance

Which must be Retired Gen. "Stormin' Norman" Schwarzkopf's motto, who almost got his wish of a couple months ago when he was in the paper regretting that the US hadn't "blown up Saddam's statue." He was referring to a 30-foot high statue of Saddam in Baghdad that the larger-than-life-himself Schwarzkopf must still be envious that Saddam had erected. But even this statue thing is no excuse for the morally vacuous actions that the US government began taking against what remains of Iraq, for reported troop movements near the border of Kuwait within the borders of Iraq.

Some of you who weren't so closely tuned into CNN may remember that along with the now famous incubator-baby lie that was created by Kuwait's PR firm, and spread by then-President Bush (now hawking his sons' political campaigns on Saturday Night Live, acting talent he must have picked up from his predecessor), was the false reports of Iraqi troops massed on the border of Saudi Arabia. When Russian satellite photos were released that showed no unusual troop activity, the photos were denounced by the US government as a scam.

But now Iraqi troop movements are making waves again. You would think they could come up with a new reason to drum up "international support" in the UN for aggression against a country which has been cut off and starved by the sanctions which have been responsible for the deaths of untold thousands of civilians.

No one seemed to mind when US troops joined Kuwait on the fourth "anniversary" of Iraq's invasion by bombing abandoned Iraqi tanks "near the Iraqi border." These "live-fire" exercises didn't constitute an act of aggression 'cause it was us and the liberated, free and easy Kuwait playing with guns. I guess it is whether you win or lose that matters.

Same old...

Which must be why National Public Radio goose-stepped right in line the other day with an "unrelated story" about "democratic improvements" in Kuwait since the "liberation." "Sure," they said after prattling on about the Kuwaiti vote and the election and such, "only 60,000 Kuwaiti citizens can vote (out of around a million people living there), and of course women can't vote, but Kuwait is relatively tolerant compared to other Arab states." (paraphrased)

What didn't make the report, however, was the Nation editorial of the same week that cited the 1993 Human Rights Watch Report describing "intensified persecution" of Bedoons, Palestinians and Iraqis, including torture and summary execution.

I guess we were so busy bombing abandoned tanks with our video-game mentality that we can't see real people dying. Not if they're killed by Kuwait, or they die by sanctions. Or maybe it's just that Kuwait is really trying to institute American-style democracy—a democracy for the money and by the money. Throw in some token women and minorities

and we have the same wealthy business class enjoying the vote on either side of the globe.

Local News

But closer to home, you may remember our report on Cornell University admitting they used to dump their "low level" nuclear waste in open trenches near the Tompkins County Airport. Well, contrary to their earlier protesting, it seems that :

Cornell University and the State Department of Environmental Conservation have confirmed that a radiation burial site near the Tompkins County Airport is leaking.

The University is notifying nearby residents—though state experts [sic] say the risk of exposure is minimal—less than the equivalent of one X-ray per year.

The D-E-C will conduct an investigation and release a report on the problem within two months. Tests show slightly elevated levels of radiation in groundwater and vegetation near the site.

Luckily some of the information is coming from Cornell's own "radiation safety officer" who I'm sure we can trust to present an objective and unbiased view for his employer.

This is from the same people who tried to get us to believe that the reduction in radioactivity in the are of the trenches wasn't due to runoff but to half-life and radioactive decay. NO PROBLEM.

'nuff said.

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Behind the Justice Dept.'s Patrick Report

Asst. Atty. Gen. Deval Patrick Gives Nick Pirro a Deadline

Nancy Rhodes

ELSEWHERE IN THIS issue is printed Kathleen Rumpf's speech when she received the 1994 Individual Award for Contributions to Human Rights from the Human Rights Commission of Syracuse and Onondaga County on October 18 [page 8, this *PNL*].

As many of us know, she got this formal acknowledgement primarily for her efforts regarding the PSB jail here in Syracuse, although she has worked for a wide range of peace and justice issues for over twenty years. During a visit to anti-nuclear groups in Ireland, Belfast, Scotland and England in 1983, foreshadowing later instances of her willingness to take up struggles of apparently unequal odds, Kathleen visited a Trident nuclear submarine in the Thames River by canoe. It was two summers ago that she lived outside the PSB for a time in a cage to dramatize the difficulties faced by those held in custody inside. Although she was dismissed as "crazy" by at least one County official, she says it was during this time, often at night when no one else was around, that some PSB deputies began to speak directly with her about how troubled they were themselves by conditions inside the PSB.

Two years later, Human Rights Commission Chair David Shomar noted on October 18 that Kathleen has "consistently refused to lump PSB deputies into a single demonized group," and he quoted her own words: "It was a deputy who agreed to come forward for '60 Minutes,' and we couldn't have done any of this without people putting themselves at real risk to help. They have homes and families. They are the real heroes. It's the system that brutalizes inmates and deputies alike that needs to change."

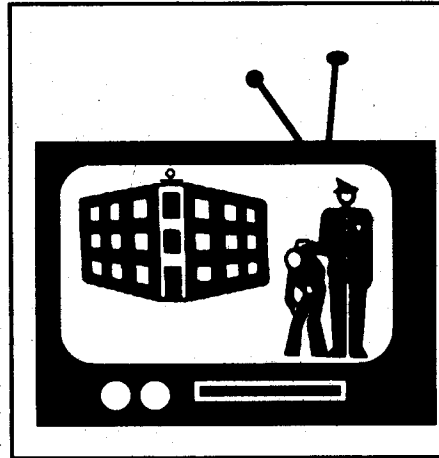
It was largely through her efforts that the practice of shackling inmates at the PSB was first exposed and investigated, resulting in both a permanent injunction on September 14 from State Supreme Court that shackling may never again be used in the PSB and the ongoing lawsuit on behalf of a number of individuals who were shackled.


In the beginning, the practice of shackling was simply denied. In working with others in the Coalition for Justice in the Jail, Kathleen's persistence led to national television exposure of shackling on CBS' "60 Min-

utes," editorials on conditions here in both *The Boston Globe* and *The New York Times*, the first documented case of torture in the U.S. by the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights (which usually investigates totalitarian regimes elsewhere and has only taken up two such requests for assistance in this country), several investigations by the N.Y.S. Commission on Corrections, a probe by the N.Y.S. Assembly, and of course the recently reported investigation by the U.S. Justice Dept.'s Civil Rights Division.

The deaths in custody of Joseph Flores in September 1993 and Johnny Williams in July of this year have raised further issues regarding adequate medical care and proper use of restraints such as ERB's (emergency restraint belts) and the chemical agent pepper spray (brand name, Cap-Stun). Williams' death of course occurred in the context of first, a growing insistence by some County Legislators that their body exercise some oversight function, second, the first open election race for a new sheriff in sixteen years, including one candidate, Kevin Walsh, who chairs the County Legislature's Public Safety Committee, and third, the imminent opening of the new Justice Center, which will be the largest jail facility in the entire state of New York.

A Grand Jury called to look at both PSB deaths and general management issues was critical of management but failed to indict anyone in these deaths, suggested that Johnny Williams brought his treatment at the hands of deputies on himself, and vigorously opposed any form of actual community oversight being created in response to these incidents. Recalling that recent Grand Jury report now that the Patrick report is out, Kathleen says, "It is curious and telling that we've had many outside agencies coming in to investigate the PSB jail, and every single one finding gross misconduct, and the only time the County was involved in doing any investigating itself, with the Grand Jury, they back off."





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Although the Grand Jury delayed deliberation on a proposed legislative oversight committee to be composed of County Legislature members themselves for the month of August and much of September, the County Legislature did subsequently vote to create such an ad hoc panel, but only to review others' investigations and oversee a transition to the new Justice Center, not to conduct further ones itself. This panel is not yet seated.

In the wake of the Justice Dept. report, attorney Alan Rosenthal pointed out, "None of this would have been necessary if they had made the necessary changes before," a remark almost identical to Kathleen's serene response to the initial furor over "60 Minutes" visiting Syracuse.

Though not released to the public until late in the day on October 20, this 17-page report, in the form of a letter to County Executive Nick Pirro from Assistant Attorney General Deval Patrick, is ironically dated October 18, the same day as Kathleen's award. Patrick has given Nick Pirro 49 days to reply with a plan for correcting what is wrong with the PSB or face a federal lawsuit.

While the contents and effect of the Patrick Report are still breaking on our community as we go to press, a major portion addresses pepper spray. The implication of pepper spray in Johnny Williams' death

sparked both his parents' call for halting the use of pepper spray at least temporarily as well as local efforts to learn more about this replacement for the older gases whose use is rapidly sweeping the country (see our September issue). The international conference on citizen oversight in Orlando that month revealed an increasing concern about pepper spray not only in this country but in others where it is also being aggressively marketed. And while that conference was going on, police in Seattle were using pepper spray during street sweeps of homeless youth.

The Patrick Report is clear and unequivocal about pepper spray. It may "never" be used as punishment. It "may not be used" once an inmate has been secured or once an inmate has complied with instructions. It "may not be used" on suicidal inmates. In addition to Johnny



Williams, the Patrick Report reveals an instance where an inmate tried to hang himself, was then cuffed to his bed, and then pepper-sprayed.

The Patrick Report's attention to pepper spray is important for several reasons.

First, those of you who have been following the PSB saga and who might be familiar with the Physicians for Human Rights report on shackling might recall that shackling, in its day, was also used as a "treatment" for those

inmates who were suicidal or otherwise in psychiatric crisis. It is especially important to establish clearly and unequivocally that such behavior

does not constitute acceptable "treatment" for persons particularly vulnerable. As a social worker with a background in the mental health system, I have been particularly appalled by such actions masquerading even remotely as appropriate "treatment."

Second, despite some thirty deaths nationwide that have been linked to pepper spray and a growing number of studies that seek to explain its role in these deaths and create some kind of profile of its lethality, pepper spray is still largely unregulated. A clear statement from such a high level in the U.S. Justice Dept. goes a long way to establishing such a missing standard and should be widely distributed to communities seeking such a standard as a beginning.

Third, to the extent that a profile of lethality has begun to emerge where the use of

pepper spray, especially in conjunction with other ill-conceived restraint, is most likely to go wrong, the Patrick Report is on target as it addresses precisely that emerging medical profile. It may save the lives of those individuals who are agitated to the point of crisis, aside from appropriate treatment concerns.

Also as we go to press, Public Safety Committee Chair Kevin Walsh has denied any role in events leading up to the Patrick Report, returning again and again to his new Justice Center. And a number of us who have worked on this and other issues regarding community oversight of law enforcement are preparing to participate in a 13-city teleconference requested by the Rainbow Coalition and other groups in Worcester, Massachusetts. The focus will be on how to organize and continue to address the July 1993 death of Cristino Hernandez at the hands of police there in an incident that also involved head injuries, pepper spray and chest compression. Hernandez never regained consciousness and died ten days later. It is worth noting that Worcester police failed to follow their own procedures which called for taking anyone in custody who they pepper-sprayed immediately to the hospital. Our new Justice Center apparently expresses other plans, installing instead hosing-off stalls right outside booking.

Kathleen says, "Maybe we can house people at the OnCenter."

Nancy is a Syracuse activist working with the Task Force on Community Relations and was instrumental in the creation of the Syracuse Citizen Review Board to monitor police misconduct.

The Patrick Report is clear and unequivocal about pepper spray. It may "never" be used as punishment.

The Struggle for Equality and Justice

Kathleen Rumpf Receives Award from Human Rights Commission

We're stepping out a bit by running the 1994 awards statements from the Human Rights Commission of Syracuse and Onondaga County. We wanted to honor in recognizing the difficult work that Kathleen Rumpf has done to bring local and national attention to the gross violations of human rights which continue to occur in the local criminal justice system. Kathleen's statement caused quite a stir at the ceremony (no surprise), and the bio of the Commission put together on Kathleen is worth passing on (see pg. 6 for more on this issue).

We also felt the award statement for youth from the Onondaga Nation could also be printed as an update to the series of articles we've printed on the current conflict (see pg. 10). And by that we just made sense to add the "corporate award and round off the set.

Congrats' again on all the good work!

Kathleen's Statement

BY RECEIVING THIS award represents the many who have been involved in the struggle to bring about humane treatment out of jail.

I want to give special mention to Alan Mathal, a past recipient of this award and a man who continues to give voice to the struggle in our community for equality and justice. To Nancy Rhodes, another past recipient, thank you for all your work and support. Thank you Dr. Traver and the Boston based Human Rights Organization, Physicians for Human Rights. Thank you all at Jail Ministry for 19 years have been in the Public Safety Building jail daily advocating for the incarcerated and addressing issues. Thank you to the Public Interest Law Firm at Syracuse University and the many law students who gave so much. A very special thank you to Patricia Flores. She is a woman of great courage and compassion who through her suffering and loss has been a diligent advocate of the jail coalition. And, a final thank you to the Coalition members for Justice in the

I believe everybody in their own way tries to do the best they can to bring progress to our world, and it's nice to be recognized for this. But, there is still so much to do. The struggle is far from over.

Many in our County would have you believe that our new jail will solve all our problems. Buildings don't shackle people, inhumane policies and attitudes do. A jail is never a solution, rather it is a monument to our failures as a society to address the needs of those in our community who are most hurting and marginalized.

Our new 53 million dollar so-called Justice Center is nothing more than a sort of Grand Larceny that robs our community of desperately needed resources, resources that could uplift and give hope: programs to provide appropriate services for those in crisis rather than using the jail as a warehouse and dumping ground, alternatives that keep women home with their children and fathers in the job force rather than stigmatizing and dehumanizing them, programs that offer compassionate treatment for those suffering addictions.

I hear a lot of boasting about the programs that are going to be provided in the new jail. Where were the programs in the Public Safety Building? Why must a person go to jail to receive a program that usually doesn't exist anyway? A jail is not about programs. A jail is low-income housing.

The Onondaga County Center is anything but *Just*. Let's tell the truth about it. It is a jail. It is the largest pre-trial facility in all of New York State and it sits next to the old Public Safety Building Jail, infamous for torture and for gross mismanagement. If we can't run a 212 bed facility, how will we manage a 616 bed facility?

One normally receives an award when one accomplishes something. I wish that were the case today, for I would love to stand here proud of all that could be accomplished.

I thought about telling you that until the day comes when we as a community value human rights for all people, I was going to receive this award gratefully but not display it. I thought it a powerful symbol to tell you that I would hang this award face to the wall until we have accomplished our dreams and hopes

and until no more families wept over the senseless death of a loved one. I wanted to tell you that until we as a community realize that in order to achieve our goals in the jail we must

also address the poverty, racism and all forms of oppression in our community. And, until that day comes, this award

would face the wall.

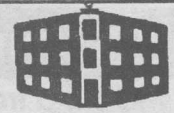
But that symbolism would have us facing yet another wall. We already have too many walls, walls that keep the hurting away from our line of vision, walls of ignorance and hardness of heart. It is not this award that needs to be turned around, it is us. We must stop looking at walls and barriers as solutions, we must stop building walls but build instead dreams, hope and justice for all. Thank you very much to the Human Rights Commission for this award. God go with you all.



An Active History: Kathleen Rumpf

AN ACTIVIST FOR peace and justice in the radical Catholic Worker tradition for over two decades now, Kathleen Rumpf takes pleasure in small ironies about her origins. She notes she was conceived at Hancock Air Base; her father had joined the Navy in World War II. Later, as a letter carrier, he delivered mail to the Berrigan family on the South side of Syracuse. Her mother was a nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital until the family moved to Florida when Kathleen was five. Kathleen began working in nursing homes at age 13 and was trained as a surgical technician. She says she held a variety of jobs in Florida, including working on fishing boats, until she make a radical departure in the early 70s.

Kathleen heard about Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker movement from a friend in a nursing home, and she left Florida for New York City. She says now that she didn't know what she was getting into. "I knew they worked with the homeless, and that was a real draw. But I'd never met a vegetarian or a hippie. I had campaigned for Richard Nixon. Well, I guess I was a product of my environment."



The Catholic Workers had a farm two hours outside New York City in Tivoli where they also cared for elderly people. Kathleen worked both at trucking vegetables to the city for soup lines and directly with the homeless in the Bowery. Social protest is part of the spiritual discipline of the Catholic Worker movement, and Kathleen's first demonstration was at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Facility. Although she says she "didn't jump right into it." In 1973 or 1974 Kathleen began getting arrested intentionally. In 1980 she was arrested during a year-long peace presence at the Pentagon, and after this moved to a new Catholic Worker house opening in Baltimore which provided a shelter for women and children.

She remained in Baltimore until the Griffiss Air Force Base Plowshares protest in late 1983, after which she came to Syracuse to do support work for the subsequent trial in 1984. During this time she stayed at Syracuse Jail Ministry's Slocum House

and met Father Bill Cuddy. After serving 18 months in federal prison in West Virginia for her part in Plowshares, Kathleen returned directly to Syracuse. She says there was a real draw to "come full circle" by returning home again, and that she knew she now wanted to concentrate on doing jail ministry. Kathleen notes her earlier arrests were different from the time she spent in federal prison. "We would pack our toothbrushes. Going to jail was like going on retreat for a few days. Prison really put a human face on it for me."

Two summers ago Kathleen lived in front of the Public Safety Building jail in a cage to dramatize the plight of those held in custody inside. She says it was during this time, often at night when no one was around, that deputies began to speak directly with her about how troubled they were with PSB conditions. Although she was dismissed as "crazy" by one County official, results flowed from this effort. Kathleen and others formed the Coalition for Justice in the Jail to provide research, support and lobbying for litigation and other efforts to change PSB conditions. Largely through Kathleen's efforts the practice of shackling persons in custody at the PSB was first exposed and investigated. Kathleen's persistence has led to national television exposure on CBS's "Sixty Minutes," the first



Kathleen Rumpf living in a self-made cell outside the Syr. PSB, 1992

documented case of torture in the United States by the Boston-based Physicians for Human Rights (which usually investigates Third World totalitarian regimes), and investigations by both the NYS Commission on Corrections and the US Justice Department. On September 14, an injunction from the State Supreme Court permanently barred the use of shackling from the PSB jail. Kathleen has noted, "None of this was necessary if they had only listened in the beginning and stopped these practices."

The subsequent deaths of Joseph Flores and Johnny Williams in PSB custody have raised further issues regarding adequate medical care provided to inmates and the proper use of pepper spray. Both cases have come to the law office of Alan Rosenthal, with whom Kathleen works closely in the Coalition for Justice. She has well been part of an effort to research models for jail oversight as the County Legislature moves toward initiating some form of this. Kathleen has consistently refused to lump PSB deputies into a single demonized group. She notes, "It was a deputy who agreed to come forward for 'Sixty Minutes,' and we couldn't have done any of this without people putting themselves at real risk to help. They have homes and families. They are the real heroes. It's a system that brutalizes inmates and deputies alike that needs to change."

In addition to the jail work upon which Kathleen has increasingly focused in the past decade, she continued her active work on behalf of peace and in protest of US foreign policy. In the summer of 1983 she received a grant to visit anti-nuclear peace groups in Ireland and Belfast, Scotland and England, where she spent time at Greenham Common. Foreshadowing later instances of her willingness to take up apparently unequal battles, Kathleen visited a Trident nuclear submarine in the Thames River while in England by way of canoe. Besides visiting Guatemala, she travelled with Ramsey Clark to Panama to see first hand the effects of the US invasion there. She travelled to Mexico to facilitate bringing Salvadoran refugees through the underground Sanctuary Movement to Syracuse. In Syracuse she has been part of housing numerous Salvadorans, Guatemalans and Haitians.

Kathleen can list more than 80 arrests here and throughout the US in organized peace and justice actions of conscience. Among a number of public fasts she has undertaken, last summer she fasted on the steps of the Capitol against US policy toward Haiti and was part of efforts to successfully convince Congressman Walsh to change his votes regarding military aid to El Salvador and continued funding of the Army-run training camp in Georgia for Latin American dictators and police, the School of the Americas.

Besides doing Jail Ministry work, Kathleen also has volunteered with the AIDS Task Force, Dorothy Day House and the Friends of Dorothy Hospice. She sits on the Board of the Center for Human Policy at Syracuse University. In 1986 the War Resisters League honored her with their Peace Award, and in 1991 she received the Daniel Rubenstein Social Justice Forum Award from the graduate students at the Syracuse University School of Social Work. Kathleen is featured in her own chapter of the 1993 *Voices from the Catholic Worker*, published by Temple University Press.



Biographical statement compiled for Human Rights Commission of Syracuse & Onondaga County for presentation of 1994 Individual Award for Human Rights, October 18, 1994.

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Youth Award: Onondaga Nation Youth

THIS YEAR'S YOUTH AWARD is unusual in several ways. It is presented to the Youth of the Onondaga Nation, rather than to an individual or even to a particular organized youth group. This award is presented for a pattern of behavior exhibited voluntarily over time, rather than for a single project or accomplishment. When we originally solicited nominees for our 1994 awards, an individual teen from the Nation was in fact suggested. As outsiders, we were mindful that the people of Onondaga prefer to interact with representatives of institutions outside the Nation in particular ways. In an effort to be appropriate and respectful, we first approached the mother of this youth in person regarding the proposed award. After taking this proposal for discussion at the Longhouse, she told us the Onondagas would prefer their young people be acknowledged as a

group for their activities over the past year and a half in supporting their parents through the most difficult time of the blockade of the businesses near the Route 81 exchange outside Nedrow. They say they now realize they could not have managed without this response from their young people, who understood the dispute with the business owners went beyond taxation and threatened their very culture and way of life.

The adults of Onondaga have stressed their youth were never ordered to take up slack during this period. The dispute has placed a particular strain on families in the Nation. This is not only because some families were split between painful disagreement in the tiny community of 1,100, but because of the method of blocking the merchants after Nation permission to operate was withdrawn. The Clan Mothers' and Council of Chiefs' barricade of the businesses was primarily carried out by women. This was not only because many of the men needed to go to work between sunup and sundown, but also because the Onondagas believe women would be less likely to become

involved in provocations. Even so, a number of serious episodes have occurred at the barricades, as we all know from media attention.

The decision to barricade the Nedrow businesses meant great sacrifice for the young people of Onondaga. Their mothers were not home to care for their families, drive them to sports after school, help with homework, fix dinner and hear the problems of the day. The teens of Onondaga organized among themselves to cover both their elders' work and their own chores. Older youth watched the younger children, fixed meals, cleaned, helped with homework, and produced crafts. Many of



these youth gave up or delayed their own projects and plans to be available to their community. Each spring the youth organized and carried out a massive clean-up of the Nation. Many staffed the barricades during nighttime hours so that adults could be at home then. These youth have also actively participated in the decision-making of the Nation at the Longhouse and edu-

cated themselves and one another as to the history and context of the dispute. Further, they have put themselves in harm's way during difficult moments and have maintained their nonviolent position.

The adults of Onondaga who nominated these youth as honorees for the 1994 Human Rights Youth Award stress that their actions are consistent with Onondaga teachings and beliefs regarding nonviolence and respect for elders, maintaining a balance with nature, supporting one's family and the Nation's sovereignty, and participating in right relationship to the Onondaga form of government. We in the surrounding culture would do well to look to the Onondagas' success at transmitting their values to their youth as one key to their survival over centuries now, as one of the few Native nations which has never lost nor ceded its sovereignty.



All information on pages 8-10 compiled and presented by the Human Rights Commission, 1994

Corporate Award: Nojaim Brothers, Inc.

NOJAIM BROTHERS, INC., winner of the corporate award, for 75 years has served the near west side community [of Syracuse]. A large employer of neighborhood people, their staff reflects the diversity of the nearby residents. Unlike many companies whose workforces never seem to age, some of Nojaim's employees have over 50 years of service.

Nojaim's strives to meet the needs of the people they serve, a population often underserved by the larger society. They have a city-wide reputation for carrying products unique to the Latino community. Lesser known are the WIC-approved products they stock for mothers and infants. In 1989 Nojaim's was one of three retailers in the Northeast honored by the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Public Assistance Program by the US Department of Agriculture in recognition of their carrying nutritional products for pregnant women and infants. Paul Nojaim said that although most grocery stores carry baby formula, the other WIC-approved items, such as cereals high in iron and low in sugar, are not big sellers. His store seeks out these and clearly tags them for shoppers.

In addition to nutritional food, Nojaim's has played another important role in reducing the infant death rate in Onondaga County. In 1992 Nojaim's bought property adjacent to their store at the same time the county received grants to develop a clinic targeted to reduce infant mortality. Nojaim's demolished the existing building, replaced it with a non-profit clinic and leased it to St. Josephs Hospital for a ten year period at only the cost needed to recover their initial investment.

Nojaim's supports about thirty community activities and agencies that improve the quality of life on the west side. As one example, in conjunction with the Syracuse Police Benevolent Association, Nojaim's organizes and solicits donations from various vendors, securing foodstuff for 350 families annually.

Nojaim's also delivers groceries in the neighborhood, buses the elderly to the store and then instead of putting the groceries on the bus, has a truck follow behind delivering bags to the individual apartments and homes.



The Spirit of Haiti

The Vibrant Culture of a People Struggling Towards Freedom

Harvey Pinyoun

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE generally ignore Haiti because it is thought to have no resources of interest for us, except faceless labor. But, when events force us to pay attention, Haiti frightens the American people, particularly the American government!

Haiti has a powerful spirit. It is a very holistic, integrated culture, with land, body and language touching each other. Furthermore, the culture has been oppressed militarily and economically, which has empowered the grass-roots Haitian spirit even more. With its history closely wrapped in experiences with the land, the animal world and the past, Haiti's particular and unique identity becomes inclusive and multi-dimensional. This image is radically different from the departmentalized, technological, sanitized culture to the North, where people try to decide whether the casket lid will be open or closed in dealing with death, someone else kills our chickens for us, and shoes are rarely muddy from ground-breaking.

We North Americans, tend to not hold as valuable, the life-giving power of the spirit that emanates and vibrates in the deep Haitian loyalty to extended family, in artistic expression, in religious fervor. The passion of the Haitian spirit dwarfs the waning spiritual glimmer in North American faith communities, governing bodies and communities.

Therefore when Lavalas, the surging movement of hope, like a wave of water (the sign of the spirit) moved across the Haitian culture in the early 1990s, it was found to be difficult for American representatives in Haiti to control, and almost impossible for them to understand. President Aristide rode in the middle of that surging Lavalas, with a unique combination of both a voice of the people and as a religious symbol of the spirit of hope and vision. Furthermore, he was beyond the control of the corrupting force of American money or military dictatorial authority. The American government declared

Aristide out of control, and they were right. Aristide was out of *our* control.

Aristide also broke one of North America's political mantras—never let a Black man, who talks about justice, have power. As early as 1804, America would not recognize Haiti's hard-won independence because Southern Senators feared the enslaved black people would be encouraged to rise up in the South. Early in this century, when a Haitian diplomat visited the US, an American diplomat was heard to say, "Can you believe it, a nigger who speaks French!" Now, many years later, a dignified, intelligent, well-educated, deeply religious black man with two graduate degrees, speaking five languages, has the audacity to chart his own leadership course and in some American political camps, he is certain to be seen as an uppity Black.

America's approach to this kind of unacceptable audacity is strategically consistent:

- 1) We undermine the respect for a black leader by diminishing their reputation, i.e. C.I.A. disinformation reports on Aristide. (Note: We have done this elsewhere—Martin Luther King, Jr., 1960s; Adam Clayton Powell, 1970s; Mandela, 1980s; Jackson, Farrakhan, Chavis, 1990s.)
- 2) We cut off resources, in order to force a certain direction and/or we fund the opposition. (Note: America funded the candidate, Mark Bazin, who lost the election to Aristide; upon Aristide's election, the US cut off direct aid to the Haitian government and re-directed funds through private business.) We have used this same approach with the cutting and expansion of funding to urban black leadership, depending on how compliant they were willing to be.

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3) We trivialize and shade the symbols and roots of the popular movement: i.e.

a. We won't meet with or recognize community leaders—unions, grass-root parties, etc.;

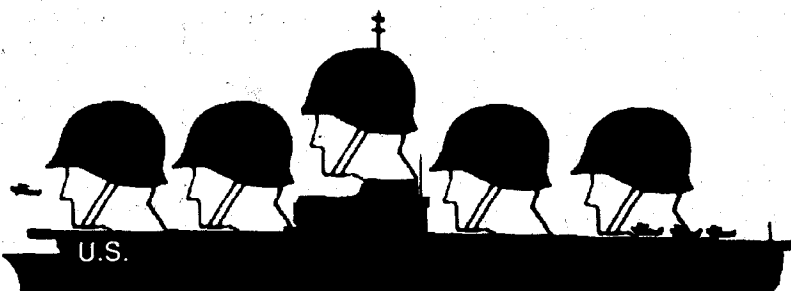
b. Peaceful, spontaneous public support (at times the only vehicle) is cast by the US as disorder and dangerous, rather than positive;

c. Elections are not taken seriously, parliament and the Haitian constitution are not taken seriously and previous agreements are not taken seriously. (The US chooses the cards we want in the negotiations and when an independent leader resists, he is portrayed as troublesome, recalcitrant, unbalanced, and unwilling to compromise.)

How dare this worthless little black country, whose people are "not worth sacrificing one drop of blood for" stand up and suggest that they should participate in the decisions

that influence their own destinies. Don't they know their place? They are a convenient labor source for the American economy, making our baseballs, shirts, blouses, etc. and are to be seen and not heard. Our C.I.A. leadership will decide on Haiti's leadership structure again and after that, let us hear no more about the spirit of the Haitian people. We will decide when they are ready for democracy, and they are definitely not ready. Besides, right now, we need them as an off-shore, non-tariff, assembly plant location for struggling American businesses. If they know what is good for them economically, they will follow this path, or we will go elsewhere with our investments. Boy, do we miss Papa and Baby Doc Duvalier. Although dictators, they understood these economic realities. This Aristide! What does he know? He wanted to raise the hourly wage from 14 cents to 35 cents an hour! The dignity of the poor—whose crazy idea is that?

Harvey is the Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church and is deeply involved in the Sanctuary Movement in Syracuse.





Peace Toy Fair

"Playing with violent toys increases the risks that children are going to use aggression in real life at a later time," Dr. Charles Turner from the University of Utah has found in his research.

The sixth annual Peace Toy Fair, presented by Peace Action of Central New York, seeks to offer alternatives to violent toys. It provides people in the Syracuse area an opportunity to see, order, and purchase a wide variety of toys, games, books and crafts that are creative, constructive and peaceful.

This fair, just in time for holiday shopping, also features fun for everyone. There will be refreshments, special activities for children, and great raffle prizes.

Fred Gee, singer and songwriter from Oneonta, will be here again with a new tape and will lead children in two singing workshops during the afternoon.

The Peace Toy Fair will take place on November 5 from noon until 4 PM at May Memorial Unitarian Society, 3800 East Genesee St. in Syracuse. Plan to come. Invite your family, friends, co-workers and especially any parents you know.



Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

Where do parents turn when a daughter or son "comes out" to them saying, "I'm Gay" or "I'm Lesbian"? Parents FLAG is available with understanding and information to help in this possible emotional crisis. We are Parents, Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. Among us, we represent all stages along the continuum in our journey toward resolving this conflict. Our main goal is to provide support to parents. We also aim toward seeking prevention of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Another goal is to provide education to counteract the shameful proliferation of myths associated with homosexuality. Those who have these concerns are welcome to call for more information, 474-4836. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at Plymouth Church, at 7:30 PM, 232 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY 13202.



Jezer vs. Walsh on Nov. 8

The two candidates for the 25th Congressional District, incumbent James Walsh and challenger Rhea Jezer, give people a choice instead of an echo.

Walsh is a sport hunter and a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. The Caucus began with a more limited agenda but now has expanded to promote mining, ranching and other "wise use" interests. Under the guise of property rights, the industry-backed, sometimes violent "Wise-use Movement" lobbies to weakening amendments to environmental bills.

Walsh has a weak environmental record. According to the League of Conservation Voters, he scored 50%, 45% and 45% in his three terms (out of a possible 100%). For example, Walsh has consistently supported the Onondaga County trash incinerator, from the time he was a member of the Common Council in Syracuse until today in his lobbying for bills which would negate the excellent US Supreme Court decisions which put additional restrictions on incinerators.

In contrast, Jezer incorporates environmental and animal protection ethics in her life and in her platform. She saves energy by being aware of how she uses electricity, refuses or re-uses bags, makes compost and has an organic garden. She rescues abused, injured or stray animals. Upon learning that Montezuma Wildlife Refuge allows sport hunting, she said: "I know that opening Montezuma up to hunting is a terrible idea. Montezuma to me was a place where, if everything was going wrong with my life, I could drive up there and walk through. It was a respite to me, nevermind the birds. What kind of a reserve is this where you have to dodge bullets?"

Jezer opposed the trash incinerator when she ran for County Legislator and, if elected, says she would also support re-authorization of a strong Clean Water Act, Endangered Species Act and other landmark environmental legislation, being wary of the "wise use" amendments.

Jezer supports the maximum use of trash reduction, re-use, recycling and composting and would support a national bottle bill so



New Crafts Collective Opening in Syracuse, NY

Earth Circle Craftworks is a collective of craftspeople from different disciplines who have opened a storefront at 914 North Salina Street. The store will be open for business as of November 1, 1994. There will be a Grand Opening on November 26, from 10 AM to 5:30 PM followed by a "Crafters' Hoedown"—a celebration with food, music and some surprises—until 11 PM that evening. Regular storefront hours are scheduled for 10 AM to 7 PM, Tuesday - Friday, and Saturdays from 9:30 to 5:30 PM.

The work for sale is handmade by members of the collective and includes quality items such as handmade paper items, pottery, stained glass, hammocks, children's clothing and wearable art. Earth Circle encourages other craftspeople to participate at whatever level they can—as a full time or part time member, or as a consignee. Earth Circle Craftworks operates on a collective membership, and will accept items for sale in the storefront on a membership or consignment basis. Membership is actively involved with maintaining the storefront, bookkeeping, etc. Regularly scheduled meetings will be open to everyone involved—members have a vote, and consignors have a voice. Earth Circle Craftworks invites you to experience an alternative method of selling and purchasing crafts. For further information, call Margaret Birdleough at 422-4201, or stop by and see our display at this years Plowshares Craftsfair on Dec. 3 & 4 at the Southwest Community Center, 401 S. Ave, Syracuse..

beverage containers would be re-used or recycled.

She recognizes the environmental destruction caused by the population explosion and would vote for education and assistance to people in the US and other nations to control births. She honors freedom of choice in contraception and abortion.

Jezer supports the campaign to protect the Great Northern Forest, which includes the Adirondacks, from overdevelopment and overlumbering.

Central America / Caribbean Coalition (CACC) Meeting Notes

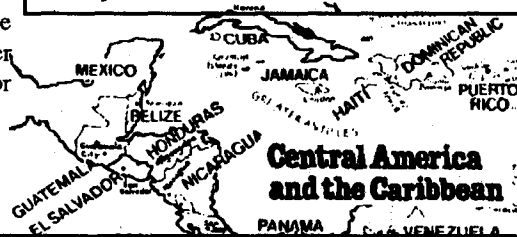
October 12 General Meeting

Haiti was much on the mind of CACC members at our October meeting. Ed Kinane and Cynthia Banas had just left for Haiti as part of a Witness for Peace delegation, coinciding with the return of President Aristide. Plans were discussed for the October 16 event at Alverna Heights, at which Haitian refugees residing locally would gather with many supporters, celebrating the positives of the current process in Haiti, and contemplating the pitfalls of US military involvement. Of particular importance are the parliamentary elections scheduled in December. Ed and Cynthia (as well as others) will be available as speakers: please call Plymouth Church at 474-4836. Other nationally-organized delegations are being planned by Witness for Peace and other organizations; please keep an eye open for local participation.

Cuba

The situation in Cuba continues to be a great concern. There will be a march on Washington to advocate an end to the blockade, on November 12. The Friendship Caravan will be crossing the border in Buffalo on November 17 (see article in this PNL). Many of you will have attended the "Night for Cuba" on October 29. For information on transportation arrangements for the march on Washington, please call Joan at 673-1083.

The next CACC meeting is Wednesday, November 9, from 6 to 9:30 PM at Plymouth Church. Everyone is welcome.



The Sister Community Project

The Sister Community Project continues to be very active planning another trip to La Estancia in Morazan Province during February 1995. A lot of work has been done to supply significant items for the day care centers in the five hamlets of La Estancia; five tents, two cameras and two tape recorders have already been sent, among other things. Recent reports from El Salvador, however, are not encouraging. Death squad activity has picked up. It has been suggested that some organized, anti-left violence masquerades under the general increase of "banditry", caused in large part by ongoing unemployment and poor government follow-through on the peace accords regarding integration of ex-combatants back into civil society. Anyone interested in participating in the trip to La Estancia or other Sister Community activities can contact Shirley at 446-6099.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

the WHY CHEAP ART? manifesto

PEOPLE have been THINKING too long that ART is a PRIVILEGE of the MUSEUMS & the RICH. ART IS NOT BUSINESS ! It does not belong to banks & fancy investors ART IS FOOD . You cant EAT it BUT it FEEDS you. ART has to be CHEAP & available to EVERYBODY. It needs to be EVERYWHERE because it is the INSIDE of the WORLD.

ART SOOTHES PAIN!

Art wakes up sleepers !
ART FIGHTS AGAINST WAR & STUPIDITY!
ART SINGS HALLELUJAH!
 ART IS FOR KITCHENS!

ART IS LIKE GOOD BREAD!

Art is like green trees!
 Art is like white clouds in blue sky !

ART IS CHEAP !
HURRAH!

Bread & Puppet Glover, Vermont 1984

ALTERED SPACE

The Altered Space Community Art Gallery **CHEAP ART AUCTION!**

Altered Space, a nonprofit, artist-run space in Central New York continues to demonstrate its commitment to community expression, participation and exchange as it enters its third year of operation.

In the tradition of Bread & Puppet, Altered Space invites you to participate in a **CHEAP ART AUCTION!** A chance for everyone to participate in a festival of artistic production and consumption. Part of the Altered Space philosophy is that **CREATIVITY AND ART ARE FOR AND OF THE PEOPLE**, and the **CHEAP ART AUCTION!** is a chance for you to exercise your object-making abilities for a good cause—us.

We ask that all those interested **CREATE** something fun—be it collage, potato print, paperclip sculpture, stamp art, wearable art, jewelry, art you make with a friend, art you make with your pet, art from a tin can, art from a cup, art from the newspaper, art you find at a garage sale and can't pass up—what ever. Just trust your tastes and your judgement, but above all, enjoy making it! We leave the **UNCONVENTIONAL** materials and **IDEAS** to you. Maybe **SET UP A DAY** to make art with a friend, and then donate the **CREATIONS** to Altered Space to display in the gallery (starting Dec. 1), and sell at the gala, extraordinary, fabulous, splendiferous, spectacular (did I say "gala") **CHEAP ART AUCTION (oh what a party!)** to be held at Altered Space on December 9, a Friday to end all Fridays. All proceeds will go to Altered Space. No minimum bids.

It's easy. **Make something**, or just come to the auction, or do both. Anyway you join is bound to be a resounding hoot and a holler!

Call Altered Space at (315) 479-8675 or mail your Cheap Art! to: Altered Space, 922 Burnet Ave, Syracuse, NY 13203

Culture for Sale

...or Is This Really the Real Thing?

Karen Hall

THE MORE CORPORATE America turns its attentions toward queer markets, the more I fear my life will soon resemble Erie Boulevard—a long, indiscriminate strip of ugly buildings owned by national and multinational corporations existing ostensibly to sell us what we most need with the highest degree of efficiency and convenience for the lowest price. It's a street on which I drive at least once a week but can never remember if I need to turn right or left to accomplish the errand I'm running because it all looks the same.

If you had told me when I was nineteen and just coming out that one day I would be able to go into any mainstream bookstore and browse in a gay and lesbian (or at least an "alternative lifestyle") section, that I would see clothing advertisements with two butch-looking women gazing into each other's eyes and holding each other's belt loops, and that I could go into any record store (who even calls them record stores anymore!) and buy recordings of the hippest lesbian musicians, I would have been very excited to see such a day. Now that it is here, I want it to go away.

In his July 4 *Nation* article, "Homosexual Liberation: A Socialism of the Skin," Tony Kushner writes:

It's entirely conceivable that we will one day live miserably in a thoroughly ravaged world in which lesbians and gay men can marry and serve openly in the Army and that's it. Capitalism, after all, can absorb a lot. Poverty, war, alienation, environmental destruction, colonialism, unequal development, boom/bust cycles, private property, individualism, commodity fetishism, the fetishization of the body, the fetishization of violence, guns, drugs, child abuse, underfunded and bad education (itself a form of child abuse)—these things are key to the successful functioning of the free market. Homophobia is not;

the system could certainly accommodate demands for equal rights for homosexuals without danger to itself.

Kushner goes on to critique gay conservatives for being assimilationists and for their reliance on individualism and the containment of a broadly defined, collective left. I'm intrigued that Kushner's essay begins with what I find a frighteningly true assessment of capitalism and ends with what I find to be a naive though inspiring flourish:

Gay rights may be obtainable, on however broad or limited a basis, but liberation depends on a politics that goes beyond, not an antipolitics. Our unhappiness as scared queer children doesn't only isolate us, it also politicizes us. It inculcates in us a desire for connection that is all the stronger because we have experienced its

absence. Our suffering teaches us solidarity; or it should.

These two points need to be tied more tightly together for a moment. Capitalism can absorb all that Kushner says it can, and it can help to create and sustain a culture that sanctions homophobia at the same time that it turns a profit on selling the "Gay is Good" message. It's a wondrous system that oppresses and alienates people and then sells them trinkets to comfort themselves.

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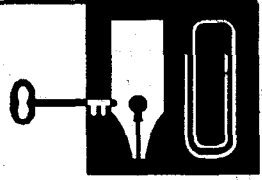
Don't get me wrong; I too get a warm glowy feeling when I pass a house flying a rainbow flag. I smile and wave to people in cars with

pink triangles on the bumper. I intentionally wear buttons and freedom rings so that people will identify me as lesbian when I am in public places. Thinkers in all disciplines wrestle with the question "What is the site of homosexuality?" Is it in our DNA? Is it in the act of genital sex or in acts of cultural subversion? Is it a socially constructed identity? Capitalism offers us a seductively easy answer—it's in the things we buy—the pinky rings, the rainbow flags, the size twelve ruby red slippers, the 501s . . .

You don't even have to believe in psychoanalysis to see how inventive capitalism's hold on queers is. For a moment we'll set aside all discussion of the desires, traumas and psychic pains that induce us to buy. Gay and lesbian politics has long relied on the act of coming out. We've all heard the speeches on Gay Pride Day—if we all came out tomorrow the world would change. One predominant method for coming out and being out is to buy products that mark our houses, cars and bodies as gay. It's not a new phenomenon: tattoos and piercings and leather have simply replaced Birkenstocks and overalls and armpit hair as the markers of a (certain style of) lesbian body. What is new is that queers can increasingly enjoy the conveniences that mainstream America has so long enjoyed; we can buy queer culture on Erie Boulevard. We can travel



HYPNOTIZED BY HOLDING THE HANDS.



to the mall to buy expressions of our queer nationalism.

I find this all intriguing and problematic. On the one hand, I'm thrilled to get my copy of *Shocking Grey* in the mail. Even though I can't

shopping may be becoming the most prevalent and visible political act of folks who think of themselves as liberal or radical

afford to buy anything, I think it's cool that I can shop for queer stuff through the mail. The more gay-owned business ventures there are and the more queer products that reach the mainstream marketplace, the more accessible queer culture becomes. This is helpful because it combats the isolation so many gay and lesbian people feel and because it exposes mainstream culture to gays and lesbians, hopefully bringing the message that we are not satanic child molesters who need to be quarantined, imprisoned or in any way irradiated. These are good things.

On the other hand I am angry that shopping may be becoming the most prevalent and visible political act of folks who think of themselves as liberal or radical. It's horrifying to me that queers chant, "We're here, we're queer, and we're not going shopping!" or the alternative, "We're here, we're queer, and we go shopping!" in gay pride marches. Controlling the flow of our economic power is one political strategy. My fear is that it is increasingly becoming a political focus and once again we will fall short of generating a vision of liberation. Queer nationalism can and will reproduce some of the caustic aspects of nationalism; queer marketing, whether performed by gays and lesbians themselves or by faceless corporate America can and will reproduce and help sustain some of the caustic aspects of capitalism.

The queer marketing phenomenon is another way that capitalism can drive a wedge in our liberation movement. While one class of queers goes off to buy furniture for their homes, rainbow baby strollers, and gay mail order trinkets, another class of queers will feel further disenfranchised because they do not have access to these queer status symbols. Class has always played havoc with gay and lesbian and leftist politics, but I would argue that new marketing strategies are making class schisms more visible and pronounced. Since gay and lesbian politics have never dealt effectively

with issues of class, race, or gender terribly well, it may not make a difference, but it will support the bulwark of capitalism—creating a class of those who have and a class of those who desire to have.

Exhorting readers to resist the urge to buy things in order to comfort ourselves or appear a certain way is not only not a flashy way to end an essay, it's condescending. And how embarrassing it would be the next time I saw you in the mall. We are a culture who surrounds ourselves with things to give us a sense of safety, comfort, belonging, connection. Capitalism creates these needs in us and then withholds any feelings of fulfillment or satisfaction so that we will all have work to go to Monday morning. It may be an antipolitic, but any vision I can imagine is based on trying to live outside the capitalist system.

Kushner called for a gay political vision that connects skin, mind, heart, and soul. I would preface his vision with


health—healthy skin, healthy mind, etc.—it sounds appropriately Greek, "A healthy mind in a healthy body in a healthy economic system." There is no health accessible to all under capitalism, it's one thing the system cannot absorb.



Karen Hall turns thirty this month and hopes all her friends buy her cool queer gifts at the mall.



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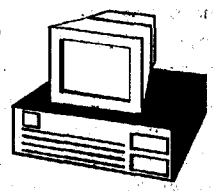


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Cuban Crisis Fact Sheet

Sifting Through the Facts Behind the US Embargo of Cuba

CLASP

RECENTLY, THOUSANDS of Cubans have set out in shark-infested seas, using anything that will float, to make their way to the US. Why is this exodus occurring? Following is some background information.

Why are so many Cubans leaving now?

The flood of refugees is the culmination of a food crisis that has become acute in the past two years. Raymundo Del Toro, President of the Cuban American Committee for Peace, in an 8/25/94 letter to the *New York Times*, traces this situation to the February 1992 enactment of the Torricelli Act, which dramatically tightened the already restrictive 30-year blockade of Cuba. It is estimated that 70-90% of all Cuban imports prohibited by this bill were in food and medicines. Says Del Toro: Cubans "are not taking to the sea because they lack the right to vote in a two-party election...[but] because they cannot bear the hardship anymore of going without electricity, water, cooking oil, chicken, milk, soap, even toilet paper."

How do the Torricelli Bill and the US embargo prevent Cuba from meeting these needs?

Although the US is the only country with a policy of embargo against Cuba, and even though the UN General Assembly has twice condemned the US blockade, other nations and foreign businesses face severe economic penalties if they trade with Cuba. If Cuban raw materials are present in any product, that product cannot be sold in the US. If there are any US materials in a foreign-manufactured product, the US will not allow its export to Cuba. Thus Cuba's ability to trade goods for products it needs is drastically curtailed. The US has employees in its foreign embassies whose job it is to ferret out violations of the embargo, and has sued and bankrupted foreign companies which violate it. It has also blocked assistance to Cuba from international lending agencies. The Torricelli Bill extended the embargo to prohibit trade by foreign subsidiaries of US

companies, forbade ships which landed in a Cuban port from docking in the US for six months, and authorized the cutoff of foreign aid to any nation which trades with Cuba.

What is the political origin of the current crisis?

The political basis for the current crisis is the coming to office of a new US President, Bill Clinton, with a more aggressive anti-Cuba agenda than previous administrations. In the words of Jorge Mas Canosa, head of the right-wing Cuban American National Foundation (CANF), Bush and Reagan were admirable "but they never took a stand against Castro the way Mr. Clinton has, despite all their rhetoric." Clinton, during his election campaign, forged an alliance with Mas Canosa and the CANF, making possible passage of the Torricelli Bill, which up to that time was opposed by Bush on the grounds that it interfered with free trade interests of US allies. In return for campaign contributions of nearly \$250,000 Clinton endorsed the bill, attacked Bush as soft on Cuba and promised if elected "to bring the hammer down on Castro and Cuba." Under pressure Bush reversed his position, and the bill was enacted with bipartisan support. As President, Clinton has vigorously enforced the Torricelli Bill, as part of his publicly stated goal to overturn the Cuban government and force Cuba to adopt a market economy.

Wasn't the Cuban economy already in trouble before passage of the Torricelli Bill?

The Cuban economy worsened drastically beginning in 1989 with the collapse of the Soviet Union and East European socialist countries (trading partners Cuba turned to following imposition of the US embargo in 1962). Virtually overnight, Cuba lost 80% of its trade, and was forced to pay premium prices on the world market to fill critical needs for products such as petroleum and food. Cuba stresses that virtually any other

country in the world would have collapsed immediately as a result of such economic dislocation.

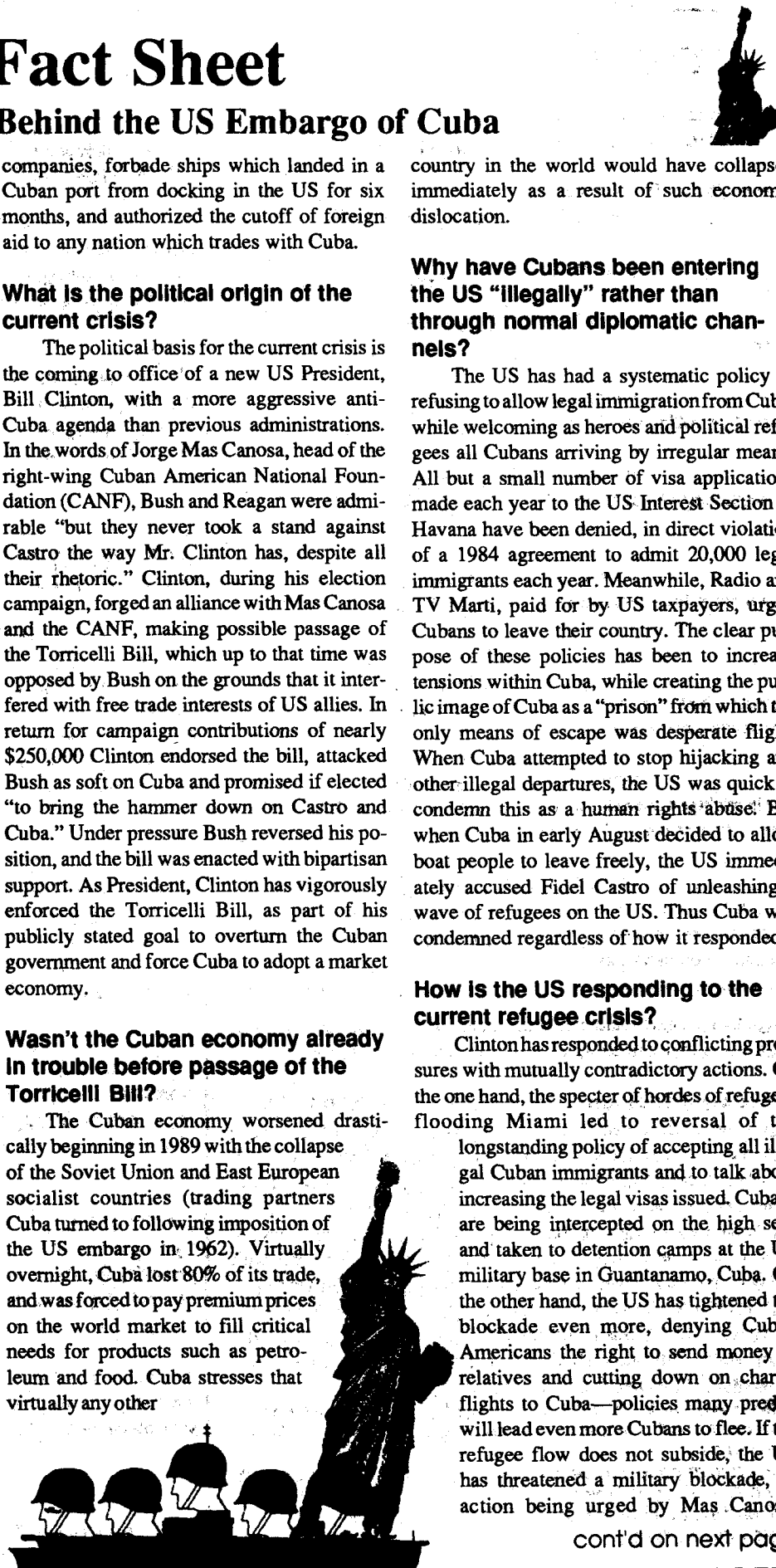
Why have Cubans been entering the US "illegally" rather than through normal diplomatic channels?

The US has had a systematic policy of refusing to allow legal immigration from Cuba, while welcoming as heroes and political refugees all Cubans arriving by irregular means. All but a small number of visa applications made each year to the US Interest Section in Havana have been denied, in direct violation of a 1984 agreement to admit 20,000 legal immigrants each year. Meanwhile, Radio and TV Marti, paid for by US taxpayers, urged Cubans to leave their country. The clear purpose of these policies has been to increase tensions within Cuba, while creating the public image of Cuba as a "prison" from which the only means of escape was desperate flight. When Cuba attempted to stop hijacking and other illegal departures, the US was quick to condemn this as a human rights abuse. But when Cuba in early August decided to allow boat people to leave freely, the US immediately accused Fidel Castro of unleashing a wave of refugees on the US. Thus Cuba was condemned regardless of how it responded.

How is the US responding to the current refugee crisis?

Clinton has responded to conflicting pressures with mutually contradictory actions. On the one hand, the specter of hordes of refugees flooding Miami led to reversal of the longstanding policy of accepting all illegal Cuban immigrants and to talk about increasing the legal visas issued. Cubans are being intercepted on the high seas and taken to detention camps at the US military base in Guantanamo, Cuba. On the other hand, the US has tightened the blockade even more, denying Cuban Americans the right to send money to relatives and cutting down on charter flights to Cuba—policies many predict will lead even more Cubans to flee. If the refugee flow does not subside, the US has threatened a military blockade, an action being urged by Mas Canosa.

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YOUR STRUGGLE IS OUR STRUGGLE

(the inscription printed under a photo of Nelson Mandela and Fidel Castro, Havana, Cuba; 26 July 1991.)

we don't say enough to each other.

YOUR STRUGGLE IS OUR STRUGGLE.

your struggle is our struggle

sister

your struggle is our struggle

brother

your struggle is our struggle

grandmother voting for the first time in Soweto

your struggle is our struggle

uncle protecting the children with your body in the refugee camp in Rwanda

your struggle is our struggle

Haitian mother in a boat swerving, praying you'll avoid the U.S. coast guard.

your struggle is our struggle

Guatemalan indigenous hiding from the Guatemalan military who kill and relocate your people

your struggle is our struggle

father in Michigan standing on line hoping with thousands of others for the sixty announced job openings

your struggle is our struggle

Cuban doctor who cannot get the medicine your patients need, because the northern colossus refuses to trade not because you can't pay.

among others. This would constitute an act of war under international law, with unforeseeable consequences for the US and Cuba.

What is the condition of the Cuban Revolution today?

In spite of the setbacks of the last five years, Cuba has tried to maintain the gains of the socialist revolution. These include free, high quality health care, free education at all levels, and guaranteed jobs. In the past year, Cuba actually *lowered* its infant mortality rate. In all social indicators—infant mortality, life expectancy, literacy levels, ratio of teachers and medical personnel, etc.—Cuba is on a par with wealthy countries and well above other nations in Latin America and the "Third World." To deal with the present crisis, Cubans are experimenting with new forms of economic organization and political democratization. They ask only that the US lift the blockade and allow them to shape their own future as they choose.

Sources: Most facts on this sheet were taken from the New York Times, National Public Radio, the World Almanac and the Center for Cuban Studies.

This document was received in a mailing from the Caribbean & Latin America Support Project (CLASP), PO Box 7, New Paltz, NY 12561, and the Dutchess County Peace Center, PO Box 4973, Poughkeepsie, NY 12602.

your struggle is our struggle
bruised black-eyed mother remaining in the home,
otherwise how will you feed your children?



your struggle is our struggle
Brazilian woman/child sleeping on the streets, that's home,
hiding from bullets of police, sniffing glue for one moment of peace,
thieving or prostituting for the next meagre meal.

your struggle is our struggle
nine year old Thai girl-child with not yet woman's body
not yet positive HIV
sold into sexual slavery to feed her family and please
the wealthiest males whose greed keeps the families in poverty.

your struggle is our struggle
girl-child listening wakefully in the dark room wanting *not* to hear the
door open by stepfather/uncle/whoever insists her body is theirs.

your struggle is our struggle
Nicaraguan Mozambican Egyptian Bolivian Mississippian mother
who hears the stomachs of her children grumbling as she rocks them
to sleep,
while her bosses grow fat
throw away half their dinner
the four times a day they sit down to eat.

your struggle is our struggle
freedom fighters for the poor the hungry the women
the overworked those who never got their fair share
fighting for justice gets you jailed
in Nairobi Marion Federal Penitentiary Jerusalem
or the Philippines

your struggle is our struggle
Zapatistas in the Mexican mountains who hid the ten years of
preparing.
now successfully display to the colossus
what *NAFTA* really means

your struggle is our struggle
guerrillas still hidden in mountains and cities
fighting for liberation of women men all humans
preparing for the next successful appearance
not yet revealed on the world scene.

your struggle is my struggle
your people is my people
your struggle is ours.



— Dana Levy
27 April 1994,
commemoration of first democratic South African elections.
rev. 20 Oct 94

Update On the ANZUS Plowshares



Moana Cole and Ciaron O'Reilly originally came to the attention of the Syracuse Peace Community as two members of the ANZUS Plowshares, the group that disarmed a B-52 Bomber at Griffiss Air Force Base the morning of Jan. 1, 1991, to highlight the intended use of weapons of mass destruction in the impending Gulf War. The following press release is an update on Moana and Ciaron's whereabouts, as well as their continued witness against the US war machine.

THE UNITED STATES Air Force maintains a base at Christchurch International Airport, Harewood, on the south island of New Zealand. The base is primarily support for US "Deep Freeze" operations in Antarctica. Twice a week, however, Starlifter flights touch down en route to N.S.A. (National Security Agency) and CIA bases at *Nurrungar* and *Pine Gap* in Outback Australia. These bases provide intelligence and targeting information to the United States. This information is shipped *out*, and supplies are shipped *in* by these USAF Starlifter flights.

Action

On Hiroshima Day, August 6, 1994, Moana Cole and Ciaron O'Reilly, members of the Christchurch Catholic Worker community, entered the USAF base at Christchurch Airport. The pair then made their way to the hangars that service the Starlifter flights. In memory of the victims of Hiroshima the pair spraypainted shadows or silhouettes of the

vaporized victims of the nuclear explosion in front of the hangars. They hung photographs of Hiroshima, the nuclear blast victims and vaporized shadows on the hangar. They then knelt in prayer holding signs "REPENT HIROSHIMA: RENOUNCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS" and "HAREWOOD—A PIT STOP FOR THE US WAR MACHINE". Thirty friends from the local peace community gathered at the front gate in support. The pair were eventually discovered by USAF personnel who contacted the USA commander and local police.

Moana and Ciaron were arrested and have been charged with trespass. They are presently out on bail awaiting trial.

Trial

Trial is set for October 18, at the Christchurch District Court. The Christchurch Catholic Worker plans to continue regular vigils at Harewood approaching the trial date. Action and celebration are planned for the eve of the trial. For more information, please contact Catholic Worker, 8A Cotterill St. Addington Christchurch, 2 Aotearoa, (New Zealand). Phone 3-338-7105. Donations to cover printing, mailing and expenses would be appreciated and should be made out to "Catholic Worker."

Following is the text of the flyer the protesters distributed:

From Hiroshima to Harewood Resist the Nuclear War Assembly Line

Aerial bombardment of civilian populations was initially denounced as a Nazi war crime. By the end of World War II the Allies

had refined the technique over Dresden and Tokyo. The United States perfected it with the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The United States has never apologized or repented for the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of civilians in Nagasaki and Hiroshima. The US has never renounced the first use of nuclear weapons. Instead, it has embarked on building thousands of more advanced nuclear weapons, delivery and targeting systems. The United States has since waged genocidal air wars in Vietnam during the 1960s and '70s and in Iraq in the 1990s. The United States Air Force stands ready with weapons of conventional and nuclear mass destruction to protect and expand US power and wealth throughout the world.

Harewood—A Pit Stop for the US War machine

Acts of genocide and mass destruction are facilitated by an assembly line mentality, where no one takes responsibility. The nuclear war assembly line extends around the globe...everyone doing their little bit and no one taking responsibility. US National Security Agency and Central Intelligence Agency bases in the Australian outback collect targeting information from US satellites in orbit. This information is shipped out, and supplies are shipped in by USAF Starlifters twice a week. These Starlifter flights stopover at Christchurch Airport, Harewood.

This week US Assistant Secretary of State Winston Lord plans to visit Harewood. His visit takes place between the anniversaries of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings. He hopes to embrace New Zealand back into the fold, to accept its role as a cog in the US war machine. We call upon the New Zealand people to reject this role and the Starlifter stopovers. We call upon Mr. Lord and the US government to repent the Hiroshima and Nagasaki massacres, rather than continue preparations for their repetition.

Transfiguration—From Complicity to Resistance

Today, on the anniversary of Hiroshima and Church's Feast of the Transfiguration, we gather in community to take responsibility. We bring the symbol of the shadows of human remains left at Hiroshima to the 629th AirLift Support Group of the US Air Military Command, located at Christchurch Airport, Harewood. We cross its barbed wire fence in a spirit of repentance and resistance.



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Pastors For Peace to Cross the Border at Buffalo, NY

Douglas Igelsrud

JUST AS LAREDO, Texas was the point of confrontation when the first three Pastors for Peace caravans challenged the US blockade of Cuba, Buffalo, New York will be the focus of Pastors for Peace Friendshipment IV. On November 2, volunteers and trucks will depart from western US and Canadian cities and travel along 13 distinct routes that will converge in Washington D. C. on November 12. After a "March on Washington" at 11 AM caravanistas and supporters will hold educational meetings with members of Congress and the administration over a four-day period. These meetings will be coordinated with similar meetings in US host cities. There will be several large public gatherings with well-known religious and secular leaders.

On Wednesday, November 16 the caravan will travel to Buffalo, NY. A rally will be held at 7 PM at St. John Baptist Church, 184 Goodell Street in Buffalo. On Thursday, November 17 there will be a 7 AM rally at the border crossing point. (See below for more information on travel to Buffalo and Washington from Syracuse.)

From Buffalo the caravan will travel to Toronto and on to Montreal where the collected aid will be loaded onto a ship destined for Cuba. On November 19 the caravanistas will fly to Cuba where they will spend a week. They will return to Montreal on November 26.

Although no one from Syracuse will be traveling with the Caravan to Cuba, we will be participating by collecting and sending material aid as well as funds for the bulk purchase of medicine and powdered milk (see below for details on how YOU can help).

All of this activity will occur at a time when a real debate on US-Cuba policy could be emerging. Some news coverage of the recent exodus of rafters from Cuba included the views of Cubans who support the Cuban government. CNN showed a pro-government rally and interviewed many Cubans who support the Cuban revolution. The Wall Street Journal ran an editorial against the US economic embargo of Cuba (for the wrong reasons of course). The New Republic (Oct. 3) ran an extensive article describing Jorge Mas Canosa, the wealthy influential leader of the Miami exile community as a "mobster and megalomaniac." The article included descriptions of his associations with Batista, the CIA, Somoza, as well as a real estate deal with Jeane Kirkpatrick. Mas Canosa's influence on President Clinton is well documented. The

role of Hillary Clinton's sister in law, Maria Victoria Arias, in the making of US-Cuban policy is also described: "...a Cuban whose far-right politics neatly dovetail with Mas (Canosa)'s...who has deputized herself White House adviser on Cuba."

The United States and Cuba were supposed to resume talks in mid-October, so by the time you read this there may be new developments. Also telephone service to Cuba will be greatly improved in the very near future thanks to State Department approval of an agreement between Cuba and five major telephone companies including ATT, MCI and Sprint. As US companies continue to lose out on investment opportunities in Cuba thanks to the embargo, an Australian company (Western Mining Corp.) just signed a 500 million dollar proposal with Cuba to prospect and mine nickel.

Cuba has 37% of the world's nickel reserves.

Material Aid:

School supplies: notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, crayons, etc. must be NEW. IBM computers with hard drives. Bibles in Spanish. Powdered milk: must be in original factory sealed containers. Miscellaneous: Bedding, including sheets and pillow cases; ballet shoes, cloth for costumes, cassette audio system and tapes, batteries, guitar strings, soap and detergent. Medical supplies: Wheel chairs and canes must be new or in excellent condition. Micro-sutures must be in factory-sealed packaging.

Or consider making a donation for the bulk purchase of medicines and powdered milk.

Doug Igelsrud is a local musician who has recently travelled to Cuba. He is a member of ABC—Abolish the Blockade of Cuba Committee, which is composed of persons from Syracuse who have been to Cuba.



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Washington
11 AM**

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**Pastors for Peace
Buffalo Area Events:
Wednesday Nov. 16 — 7 PM
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INDIAN ENVIRONMENTALISTS are concerned that PepsiCo is turning India into a "full-cycle" dumping ground for PepsiCo's plastic waste. Unlike the US or other industrialized nations, India does not have strict laws to protect its environment or workers from pollution caused by virgin plastic production or plastic recycling.

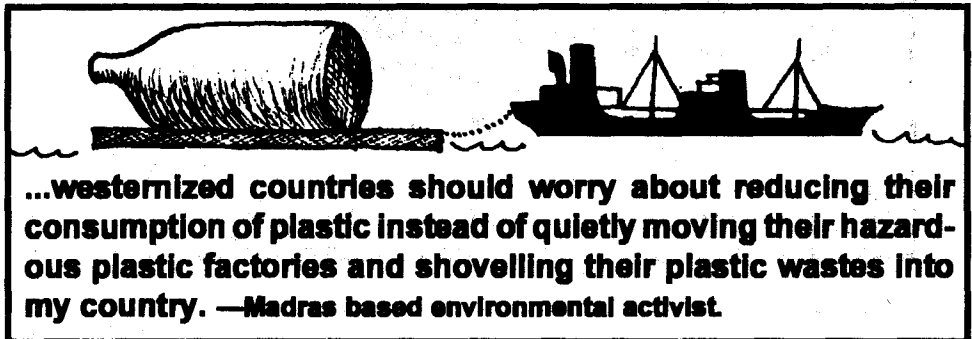
PepsiCo is currently shipping thousands of tons of used plastic soda bottles from the US to India for reprocessing. Most of the used bottles are shipped to the Futura Industries factory near Madras, in southern India. According to the Senior Manager of the Futura plant nearly a third of the plastic waste shipped to Futura is unfit for recycling. The plastic waste that is recycled is processed into polyester under hazardous conditions.

PepsiCo has now received permission to build a virgin plastic bottle manufacturing plant near Madras. Plastic bottles, with their toxic manufacturing byproducts, are to be produced in India. The bottles will be shipped to Europe and the US. Some of the plastic waste that returns to India will be dumped or burned as garbage. The remainder will be reprocessed.

Indian citizens are protesting the social, environmental, and economic impacts that multinational beverage companies are having in India. Indian environmentalists and activists are demanding that PepsiCo suspend its Indian operations.

Background

• **Recycling scheme**—PepsiCo, Coca-Cola, Seven-Up, and other plastic producers and users have set up the Plastics Recycling Corporation of California (PRCC) to facilitate the export of plastic waste. Based in L.A., PRCC buys plastic waste from municipal recyclers in the US and sells it at a reduced price to Asian markets. Financial contributions from PepsiCo and the other firms subsidize the transactions. In 1993 PepsiCo exported more than nine million pounds of plastic waste from California to Madras, India. The plastic waste that Futura cannot reprocess is disposed of in



...westernized countries should worry about reducing their consumption of plastic instead of quietly moving their hazardous plastic factories and shovelling their plastic wastes into my country. —Madras based environmental activist.

massive heaps outside the plant. When burned, plastic can release dioxins, one of the most poisonous substances known to science.

• **Recycling dangers**—The mostly female laborers who sort and wash the plastic bottles are paid approximately 30 cents a day. Futura does not provide them protective clothing or masks to protect them from scalding water, contaminants and exposure to the toxic fumes released during the recycling process. Skin and respiratory ailments have been associated with exposure to plastic recycling discharges.

• **Recycling statistics**—In the past 30 years the amount of discarded plastic waste in the US alone increased from 400,000 tons to more than 16 million tons. By the early 1990s more than seven billion plastic soft drink containers were being produced in the US.

• **Virgin plastic bottle production**—Toxic byproducts of plastic bottle production include ethylene oxide, benzene, and xylenes. These toxic chemicals can cause cancer, birth defects and damage to the nervous system, blood, kidneys and immune systems.

• **Glass production**—The major ingredients to produce glass are sand, limestone, soda ash and feldspar, all naturally occurring materials. Unlike the chemicals used in plastic production, these materials are solid, inert, non-flammable, and largely non-toxic. The production of a 16 ounce glass bottle results in 100 times less pollution than is produced by one 16 ounce plastic polyethylene terephthalate (PET) container.

Send Letters or FAXes to Wayne Calloway / CEO PepsiCo:

- Ask Mr. Calloway to respond to charges by Indian environmentalists that PepsiCo is exporting pollution technologies from the US to India;
- Remind him that plastic bottle production and reprocessing produces dangerous chemicals and places an additional burden on India's already threatened environment; and,
- Urge PepsiCo to take a leadership role in returning to the use of safe, non-toxic, refillable glass bottles.

Address:

Wayne Calloway—CEO, 700 Anderson Hill Rd., PepsiCo Inc., Purchase, NY 10577-1444 USA.

Information received through Global Response (GR), a letter writing network of dedicated environmental activists focusing attention on specific environmental threats. Global Response also issues a monthly Young Environmentalist's Action, a simplified, larger-print version of GRACTION in English and Spanish for use by elementary and junior-high school students. Global Response, PO Box 7490, Boulder, Colorado 80306-7490. (303) 444-0306.

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- 6pm.
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7 Every 1st & 3rd Mon:
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ties: A Community's Response
to Domestic Violence*. Learn
what domestic violence is &
how to stop it. 6am-7pm.
Radisson Hotel, Ulica Centre,
Ulica. To register call 783-
3821.

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Every Wed: Student Environ-
mental Action Coalition meetings
at SUNY ESF, Basement of
Moon Library. 6:30pm.

Every Wed: Alliance member-
ship meeting. All welcome. At
ECOH, 2nd fl., crms of Westcott
& Euclid. 2pm. 475-4120.

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Central America & Caribbean
Coalition potluck & mtg at
Plymouth Church, 232 E.
Onondaga St. 6pm.

NOW CNY Chapter mtg at
Marine Midland Bank, 360 S
Warren, Syracuse. call 487-9188
7pm.

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Taste of the Arts lunchtine
concert featuring the Red Eye
Rangers old time & blue
grass. Plymouth Church, 232
E. Onondaga St. 12:15-1pm.

"The Faithkeeper" a 1991
interview of Onondaga Chief
Oron Lyons w/ Bill Moyers.
Video at Onondaga Historical
Assoc. 321 Montgomery St.
Noon. 428-1884.

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Taste of the Arts lunchtine
concert featuring Chris
Dranchick & Patricia De
Angelis flute & piano. Plymouth
Church, 232 E. Onondaga St.
12:15-1pm.

Closing reception for Amy
Bartell's show at My Sister's
Words bookstore. 5-7pm. 304
N McBride St. 428-0227.

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Meet & hear Robert Meeroop,
youngest son of Ethel & Julius
Rosenberg, & director of
Rosenberg Fund for Children.
At the Hill home, 945 Cornstock
Ave, Syracuse. 7:30-9pm.
RSVP: Dick Ford 425-7354.

Gay Men's Support Group
meeting. Call 422-5732 for info.

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200th anniversary of 1794
Canandagau Treaty between 6
Nations & US. parade/speakers
at County Court House, Main St.,
Canandagau NY. 3pm.

"We'd rather go naked than
wear fur" protest at Georgios fur
store. Spors. by Animal
Defense League. 12-2pm. 471-
0460.

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Peace Action's Annual Peace
Toy Fair. At May Memorial,
3600 E. Genesee St. Non-
violent and cooperative toys,
music by Fred Gee, fun for
children. Noon-4pm. 478-7442.

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Every Sunday: This Way Out,
Gay & Lesbian radio program on
WRFV FM 80. 6:30-7pm.

Hélène Shrier will read from her
newly published work of poetry.
At My Sister's Words bookstore.
1pm. 304 N McBride St. 428-
0227.

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People for Animal Rights
mtg. 7pm. Call 488-8338
for location.

Every Mon: ACT-UP mtg. 601
Allen St. (Women's INFO
Center). 7:30pm. 425-0873.

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Homegrown Reading w/local
authors James Vermuelen &
Juan Cofrancesco at Curtin
Auditorium, Onon. Library, 447
S. Salina St. 6:30-8:30pm.
Free. Eiken 472-0400.

Annemey International Group
#373 mtg, Mundy Branch
Library, 1204 S. Geddes St.
7-9pm. Letter writing, updates
on cases. 888-7441.

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NAACP general mtg. 7pm.
NAACP Office, 1125 S. Salina.
422-8833.

Every Wed : Syracuse
Community Choir rehearsal. At
ECOH, corners of Westcott &
Euclid. New members welcome.
7:15pm Call Karen 428-8724 for
info.

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Taste of the Arts lunchtine
concert featuring Dan Duggan
on the hammered dulcimer.
Plymouth Church, 232 E.
Onondaga St. 12:15-1pm.

Every Thursday: Central
America Vigil, Fed. bldg. 7:30am

Every Thursday: "Evening
Arabesque" Arabic television w/
news & entertainment. 5:30pm.
Adelphia Cable Channel 7.

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Every Friday: Lesbian Coming
Out Group. 7pm. Women's Info
Center, 801 Allen St. 482-8035.

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Every Sunday.
People's 60 Minutes.
Adelphia Cable Ch. 3,
8pm. Produced by
Syracuse Peace
Council.

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Sierra Club conservation crmie
meeting. 7:30pm. Call Linda for
place 488-2140.

Every Mon: "At Home with a
Poet" storytelling, poetry, myths.
Adelphi Cable Ch. 7. 10pm.

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Support & Self-Education
Group for Parents & Friends of
Gay People meets at Plymouth
Church, 232 E. Onondaga St.
7:30pm. 474-4838.

Every Tuesday: Gay, Lesbian,
Bisexual Student Assoc. soccl.
8:30pm-nkd. 780 Ostrum Ave.

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Peace Newsletter
Mailing Party at SPC,
924 Burnet Ave. 5-
7pm. Free Food! All
welcome.

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1st & 3rd Thursdays: Gay &
Lesbian Alliance meets at
Trinity Parish House, 523 W
Onondaga. 7:30pm.

Every Thurs: Lesbian & Gay
Youth Support group for ages
14-21 meets at Women's Info
Ctr, 801 Allen St. Call for time
422-8741.

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Fur Free Friday demonstration
at Georgios fur store. 11-3pm.
And at Bonwit Teller (mail
entrance) from 3-6pm. Spors.
by Animal Defense League.
471-0480.

Every Fri: Gay & Lesbian
Young Adult meeting for ages
21-25. At Women's Info Ctr, 801
Allen St. 422-8741 for time.

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Grand Opening of Earth Circle
Craftworks, a new collective of
local crafters. 914 N. Salina St.
10am-5:30pm. food, music,
surprises. "Crafters Hoedown"
at 5:30-11pm. 422-4201.

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Every Sunday: Support group
for former and current mental
patients. Spors. by Alliance.
Plymouth Church. 3-5pm. Peggy
Anne 475-4120.

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People for Animal Rights mtg.
7pm. Call 488-8338 for location.

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Every Wed: Military &
Draft Counseling at the
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3pm, Call Marge 472-
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☛ The car is the single biggest source of atmospheric pollution. Its emissions contribute greatly to global warming, acid rain, ozone depletion and human ill-health.

☛ Cars create untold waste. Car and road construction requires the extraction, processing and transport of huge amounts of metals, plastics, acids, glass and rubber. Each process creates its own environmental hazards and wastes vast amounts of land, energy and labour.

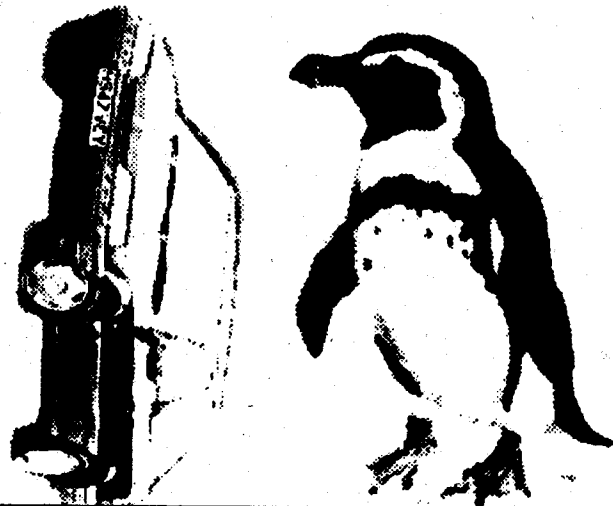
☛ The car uses more than a third of the world's oil and plastics. Oil extraction and transportation is responsible for devastating pollution, the destruction of unique ecosystems and has major cause of several wars.

☛ Road accidents killed more than 5000 people in Britain last year, while there were a quarter of a million reported injuries. Non-human casualties have never been counted.

☛ CARS ARE CRAP

Cars Vs Penguins

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☛ Penguins waddle when they walk on land and are a great source of amusement for humans.

☛ Penguins chase fish and eat them.

☛ After a swim, penguins lift themselves onto a bit of iceberg and clean their feathers.

☛ Like an avalanche of waiters, whole crowds of penguins will launch themselves into the sea one after another.

☛ Penguins have streamlined bodies so they can move through the water with ease and style.

☛ PENGUINS ARE AMAZING.

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Welcome to the Syracuse Peace Council's 24th Annual Plowshare Craftsfair.

Our Central New York tradition is a collective effort of many peace workers to provide you, the public, a pleasant shopping atmosphere during the holiday season.

We try to bring you a crafts fair that is as free of commercialism as possible. All of our various craftspeople make their crafts by hand, and by their own design. We are proud to say that Plowshare is one of the favorite craftshows for the craftspeople, having one of the most enjoyable family atmospheres in the area.

This is our fourth year at the Southwest Community Center. For twenty years the crafts fair was held at Plymouth Community Church in downtown Syracuse. Our move was a big one and we continue to build on our past traditions. Please take advantage of finding out more about what the Southwest Community Center offers residents in the South side neighborhood.

BE SURE NOT TO MISS:

- Peace Council Table — find out about the work of the Peace Council and pick up assorted literature. Here you will find an assortment of crafts for sale that were donated by the craftspeople. All money goes to support the Peace Council.
- Peace Council Raffle — Over 25 great prizes!! At only \$1 per chance or 6 for \$5 these raffle tickets are a great buy. Pick up a ticket or two at the raffle table or from one of our roving ticket sellers (wearing outlandish hats). The raffle drawing is held on Sunday afternoon and you need not be present to win.
- The Front Room Bookstore — bookstore of the Syracuse Peace Council. Find a range of books, t-shirts, tapes, buttons, bumper stickers, and calendars dealing with peace, social justice and environmental topics.



SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL

The Syracuse Peace Council was founded in 1936 as an anti-war organization. The Peace Council's vision of a world where war, violence, and exploitation in any form will no longer exist has been a mainstay for most of our 57 years.

The Peace Council has changed, though, over the years from a group with a few members working out of peoples' homes, to a larger organization with many active volunteers and several paid staff working out of our own building.

It is the Peace Council's belief that present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and violent roots. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human needs above monetary profit. The Peace Council stresses a

strategy that makes these connections clear.

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

Peace and social justice struggles have reached unprecedented proportions around the globe, and constant organizing is taking place around these struggles. WE are all part of the global fight for change and it is up to us to realize that one voice can always make a difference.

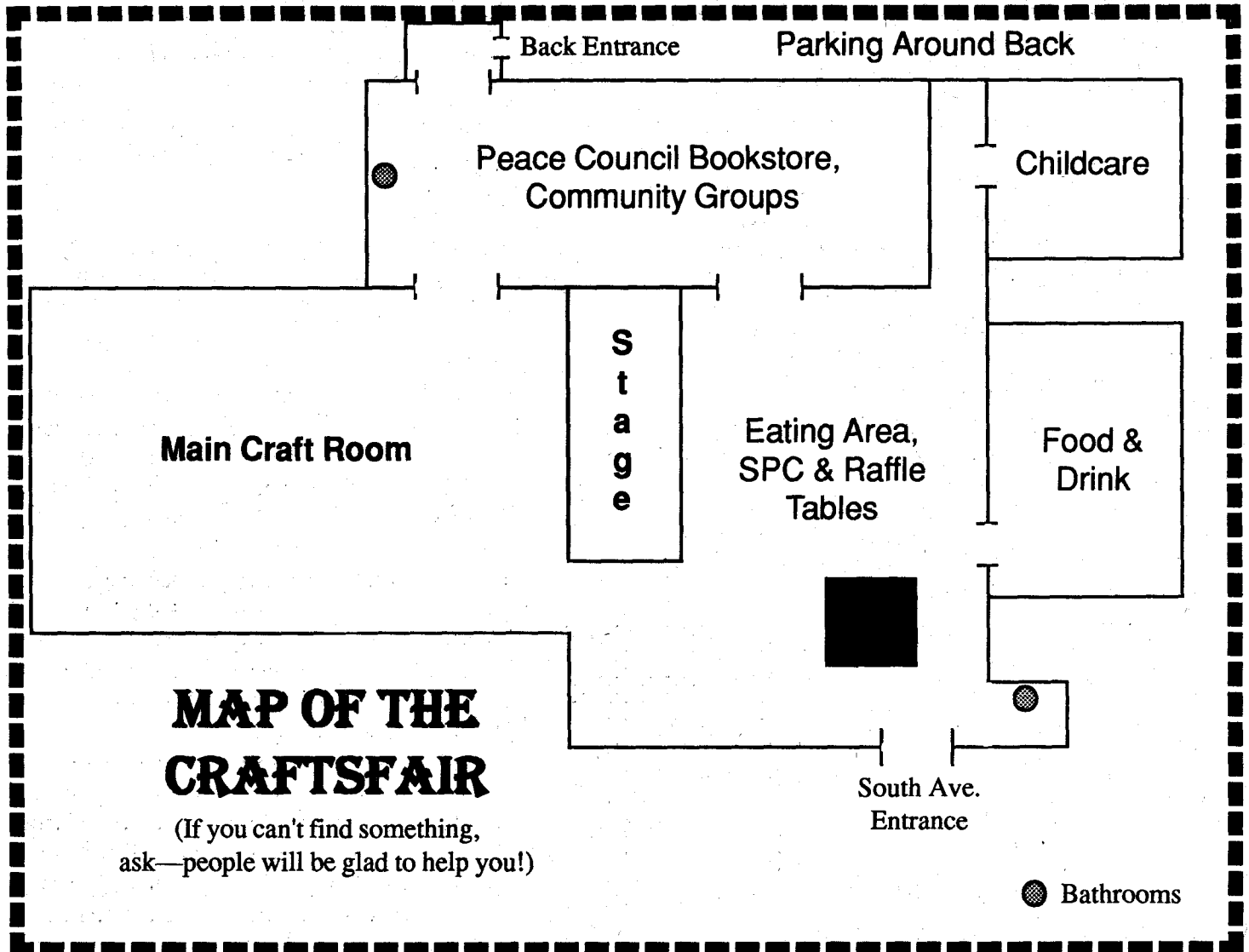
For more information about the Syracuse Peace Council call 472-5478, stop by the SPC table at the crafts fair, or write.

GREAT FOOD

Great food this year will be provided by Michael and Beth. They have strived to bring you a tasty and inexpensive menu. Delicious items will include soups, burritos, garden salad, pizza, macaroni & cheese, garlic bread, chocolate cake and cookies. Both vegan and non-vegan dishes will be available. Drinks include apple cider, coffee, tea, juices, and spritzers. Tables are provided for eating. Seek it out! A portion of the proceeds from food sales goes back to the Peace Council.

**THIS OVERLEAF IS YOUR OFFICIAL 1994 PLOWSHARES PROGRAM.
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1994 PLOWSHARES PROGRAM



MAP OF THE CRAFTSFAIR

(If you can't find something, ask—people will be glad to help you!)

THE FRONT ROOM BOOKSTORE

The Front Room is the bookstore of the Syracuse Peace Council, located in the front of the Peace Council's offices at 924 Burnet Avenue (just east of downtown.) For the past 14 years the bookstore has supplied the progressive community with hard-to-find literature on peace and social justice topics.

The Front Room carries books on topics such as Peace Work, Parenting & Families, Black Liberation, Africa, U.S. Foreign Policy, Central America, History, Labor, Gay & Lesbian Issues, Women and also has a wide selection of children books. Another attraction for the store is the collection of T-shirts, tapes, buttons, bumper stickers, and posters.

Over the years many people have been part of the Front Room; our store reflects the unique spirit and commitment of each one of them.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER

The Southwest Community Center was built by the City of Syracuse in 1975 with a Model Cities Block Grant. The programs and activities that go on under this one roof are too numerous to fully mention here. Be sure and look around you while you browse the crafts. Youth activities include youth groups, parks and recreation activities, pre-K, Bishop Foery Foundation, and a branch of the county library. Senior groups such as the Golden Corner and Senior Day Treatment Program meet. Family counseling, AIDS education, a Parenting Center, indoor pool, and a summer Caribbean Festival are just a few of the many things going on at SWCC.

The Syracuse Peace Council

Collectives, Committees & Projects

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

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The Front Room Bookstore
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The Peace Newsletter

The PNL editorial committee needs people!...Join us Tuesday evenings at 5:30 PM at SPC, 924 Burnet Ave.

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Statement of Purpose

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

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

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

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

Alliances, Coalitions & Contacts

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Alternative Media Network	Peace Brigades International
Jim Dessauer 425-8806	Ed Kinane 478-4571
Alternative Orange	P.E.A.C.E., Inc.
Brian Ganter 423-4466	Louis Clark 470-3300
Alternatives to Violence Project	People for Animal Rights
Jay Liestee 449-0845	488-PURR (7877) or 488-9338
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SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL PAGE

About the cover: by Anita Welych and Bill Mazza. Yes, it's a genuine ad from the "Lillian Vernon Holiday '94 Mail Order Catalog," pg 10, so we couldn't resist. Our only regret is that you can't see it in color, 'cause the infant in his right hand is swathed in red, so it looks like he's crushing his very own communist.

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Hank Strunk Struck by Illness

In early November, long-time Central New York activist Hank Strunk was diagnosed with leukemia. The diagnosis was a shock to Hank and to all of us who know and love him.

Hank's activism stretches over nearly three decades, involving work in the peace, environmental, social justice and labor movements. What activist in the region hasn't listened to Hank's eclectic tapes which seek to tie all the issues together and inspire us to more committed and passionate action?

Hank was immediately hospitalized and began intensive chemotherapy. As we go to press (November 18), Hank's prospects are looking up. It appears that the leukemia is no longer active. He remains at Upstate Medical Center for continued monitoring and isolation from germs. If all goes well, Hank will be back home at Common Place Land Trust in Truxton in a couple of weeks.

Following his initial astonishment at the illness, Hank has responded in the practical and good-natured way for which he is well known. He has dug in to fight the disease, while at the same time accepting his mortality and cherishing the time he has.

The response of Hank's broad family has been truly wonderful. The staff at Upstate have been rather overwhelmed at the onslaught of visitors and phone calls. And, of course, Hank has been talking about the need for a single-payer healthcare system. For updated information, call 478-4571.

— Andy Mager

Selected Shorts:

Labor Victory

Congrats are in order to the Loretto Strikers who won their contract after a long, hard, bitter (thanks to Loretto Corporation and the Syracuse weather) struggle. You are all amazing and inspiring.

Victory of Words

And congrats also for the fantastic poetry reading where local author Karen Hall read and about 30 of us were present (or presents) upstairs here at SPC. Also amazing and inspiring.

Retraction:

In last month's "about the cover" I mistakenly quipped that the NRC was deregulated when it was actually *privatized*. Not synonymous. And yes, the NRC is a Congressionally appointed gov't. agency, but it falls under the National Security Act so there is no direct access for oversight. Reagan used the same loophole to make it illegal to whistle blow at Knolls Atomic Power Lab (see the video "Deadly Deception, Bringing GE to Light.") All other info accurate in language and substance to the best of our knowledge.

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LETTERS

To the editors,

In his article appearing in the October issue of the PNL, Bill Griffen asks some hard questions about computer technology. While I agree with much he has to say, I wonder if his concern is somewhat misplaced. Bill appears to be saying that this technology is little more than another potential instrument of oppression. Perhaps it is, but all technology, whether it be as ancient as a stone lashed to a stick to make a weapon, or the latest electronic on-ramp to the Internet, is potentially an instrument of oppression. I contend that whether or not computer technology becomes that, as opposed to a means of bettering life for everyone, is not entirely out of the individual's control.

Life is full of choices. Griffen suggests that "tracking students into lower-level vocational jobs or toward the post-college professions and elite occupations will likely be continued by sorting students into different kinds of computer training." This suggests that students are given but little control over their own futures. I don't believe it's as simple as all that.

I know a person who is on welfare, who also smokes over two packs of cigarettes a

day. Were this person to quit smoking, and instead save the money, at the end of one year, she would have enough money to pay for a computer-related training program at BOCES. In two years, she'd have enough to pay for the BOCES program, child care and transportation to classes. And she'd learn skills sufficient to earn between six and seven dollars an hour. Should she continue to save cigarette money while working, in another couple years she could afford to take additional training in software technology, with the reasonable assumption that her income would soon more than double.

Six dollars an hour isn't bad wages, assuming that a reasonable benefits package accompanies the salary. Trouble is, jobs providing such benefits are becoming increasingly hard to find, and on a salary of \$240 a week, my acquaintance is not going to be able to pay for health insurance for herself and her

child without outside assistance. If there's a major change in the makeup of the national legislature, we may very well see that outside assistance vanish. While this is a very real and a grave threat, it has little or nothing to do with computer technology. And while tracking such as Mr. Griffen describes does occur, students still have choices. What may be lacking is concerned guidance from older and more experienced people capable of helping them make the best possible choices.

We do need to recall the hyper-inflated predictions for technology that were common ten and fifteen years ago. The

computer mavens of the day were fond of the oft-heard claim that computers would soon outnumber TV sets in American homes, and that anyone who wasn't "computer literate" within the decade would be left hopelessly behind. We all know it didn't quite work out that way. This too has, however, fulfilled some of its potential.

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the Atlantic with a wireless signal. Information is now sent and received 'round the globe at a rate unimaginable less than a decade ago. And money—it is possible for the banking giants to transfer billions of dollars from New York to Hong Kong overnight. And images of outstanding clarity and quality can be transferred at the same speed. It is even possible for surgeons in New York to direct coronary bypass surgery on a patient in sick bay aboard a ship berthed in Pearl Harbor.

Education is possible via a computer with a modem. Empire State College's Center for Distance Learning makes it possible for my wife to research her paper for her anthropology course without leaving our house. There is a college that makes it possible to earn a PhD entirely via a computer network. I can take accredited and non-accredited classes via any of several on-line services. For most folks, the limiting factor is tuition—these computer-accessible educational opportunities cost money, just as does the more conventional on-campus approach.

Not long ago, we began to hear about the possibilities of linking our home computers to the television cable, enabling us to carry on virtually all contact with individuals and institutions outside our homes electronically. Coupled with this technology in particular promises to allow us to isolate ourselves within our living spaces like so many moth larvae shut up in our cocoons. Given the frightening images flashed nightly across our television screens that would have us believe crime is absolutely out of control, the temptation to take advantage of a means of shutting ourselves off from the work will be too much for some to resist.

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Here I think, is where Bill Griffin needs to concentrate his questions. Is any technology, or any philosophy, that allows people to isolate themselves from others a boon or a bane? It boils down to choices, after all. I find that my computer has drawn me closer to my oldest son. Whereas he and I communicated quite sporadically prior to my getting a machine with a modem, we now e-mail each other on a regular basis. Could not this "hard" science draw others closer together also, that we might co-discover the answers Griffin seeks regarding the "soft" sciences of ethics, philosophy and morality? Perhaps it can; perhaps it can't. This past Sunday, between fifteen and twenty people met via America Online—people in California, Florida, New York and elsewhere conversing simultaneously via this high-tech party line—and discussed just such questions.

Is it "just another tool"? Yes—but whether boon or bane is up to the users, not the technology.

Bill Mayers
Canastota, NY

P.S. The foregoing document was composed using Word Perfect for Windows on a 386 Machine.

Griffen responds:

I see two general concerns raised in Bill Mayers's response to my article "Computers and Education: Revolution or Business as Usual?" (Oct. '94 PNL). One is the issue of the individual and computer use, and the second more important issue that I focused on, was the computer's affect on schools, society, and our future.

Mayers states that "life is full of choices" whether you are a student being tracked into the hierarchical workforce or a person on welfare. He then provides personal examples of computer-linkage with his oldest son, an America Online philosophic hi-tech discussion and a few other positive uses of computer technology. Fine. Enjoy.

But, he ignores or glosses over the tremendous price being paid for the personal convenience and limited advantage of electronic bonding with family and friends or the millions of PC-type projects of individual technophiles. That price has to do with a corporate-encouraged love affair with technology that addicts one to quests for never-ending improvements of techniques and means while avoiding working toward humanistic

futures. We become trapped in a million private "how to" alienated microcosms and forfeit the future to those powerful enough to market it. This is the reality that demands our collective attention. The attractiveness of the personal computer should not blind us to the corporatized, anti-social uses of computer technology.

Up to this point neither Mayers nor I nor the Syracuse Peace Council nor anyone else have figured out how to harness the tools of the age of the information-computerized society that would place the agenda of the needy over the greedy, the earth savers over the earthspenders-scorchers, or the peace advocates over the Pentagon powers. No, I'm afraid the computer-technology question cannot be simplified to Mayers's capsule, "...whether boon or bane is up to the users, not the technology."

The computer technology as presently utilized and institutionalized by the powerful severely limits the decent, egalitarian, humanistic and environmentally sound choices. Choice is an illusion; the reality is more of the same: the rapacious market that commodifies everything. Computers used by the corporate elite continue to reproduce privilege and block changes needed to eradicate racism, sexism and social inequalities in general.

Mayers's example of his cigarette smoking friend on welfare demonstrates the absurdity of the we-all-have-a-choice argument. Her "choice" according to Mayers—quit smoking and use the savings to secure a \$6 an hour job via a BOCES tech. program. Contrast her "choice" with, oh let's say, Nike CEO Philip Knight's choices. If Knight should ever be down on his luck, he and his fellow welfare cheats get to feed at the \$170 billion (in 1990) entitlement-welfare trough for the rich. Our smoking welfare person, however, must settle for the \$19 billion (1990) lower-class welfare fund. And, she must live with the onus of being on welfare while the CEO Knight-types are "entitled" to their form of welfare. Incidentally, CEO Philip Knight's weekly paycheck is \$19, 077 while a third world Nike worker's pay for a week is \$9.37. Nice choice Phil.

We can hop on the computer-technology Love Boat and savor a few perks... or we can recognize the big picture of computers as tools of social control and exploitation

What about Jesse Helm's choices, the point-man for the tobacco industry that has successfully commodified Mayers's friend's addiction? The senator from North Carolina will not be forced to choose between welfare dependency or a minimum wage computer job—the computers work for him and his cronies.

The myth of the free choice by now should be clear. Very few people—the one-half of one percent who own 45% of the wealth—own the bulk of the computers that sustain their empires and determine the basic "choices" for the rest of us. The real choice is dramatic! We can hop on the computer-technology Love Boat and savor a few perks such as more efficiently exchanged and processed data

or we can recognize the big picture of computers as tools of social control and exploitation and reject that reality.

That big picture is only blurred by Mayers's gee-whiz observation that "it is possible for the banking giants to transfer billions of dollars from New York to Hong Kong overnight." Should we be excited by this hi-tech achievement? Why? How does this affect Mayers's welfare friend or, for that matter, our deteriorating environment?

Computers ask "how to" questions. We need "why" questions. Roszak argued in *The Cult of Information*, "No data base will ever be invented that answers to the command: 'Show me everything that is true and relevant.'" He concluded, "Computers, even when we reach the point of having one on every desk for every student, will provide no cure for ills that are social and political in nature."

The current infatuation with hi-tech and computers magnifies our mania with means and techniques as we continue to postpone our collective need to move beyond the endless crunching of data toward the cultivation of ideas and visions friendly to ourselves and to our nest, the earth.

In struggle,
Bill Griffen
Tully, NY



Charged With Democracy

Four Syracuse Activists Arrested at Haiti Demo

Compiled by elana levy

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVISTS appear in court to defend their acts of civil disobedience. they continue a long tradition in central new york. we think it useful to share what occurs in the courtrooms, as part of an ongoing oral testimony within the progressive community.

several concerned central new yorkers entered representative james walsh's syracuse office to voice concerns on u.s. government's policy towards haitian refugees, 6th of june 1994, (50 years after the allied forces landed on normandy beach in france—d-day).

the representative's office closed at 5pm, the federal building at 5:30 pm. our people chose to remain in walsh's office, having not yet voiced their concerns to their congressional representative. those four, ann tiffany, harvey pinyoun, ed kinane and elana levy were charged with criminal trespass, a misdemeanor, locked up in the syracuse jail, and eventually released on their own recognizance. the district attorney's office lowered the charge against the four defendants to trespass violation.

on 11th october 1994, three of the defendants, ann tiffany, harvey pinyoun and elana levy appeared pro se (without lawyers) for trial on the trespass charge in city court before judge thomas higgins. ed kinane that very day was on his way to haiti.

judge higgins did not allow the defendants any opening statements.

harvey pinyoun took the stand to testify. he questioned whether there ever are any "exceptional times when trespassing is allowed."

the judge cut him off stating that harvey's testimony could only pertain to "what happened ...on or about 5:30 in the afternoon on June 6th in congressman [sic] walsh's office..."

harvey replied that he was there to provide "safe refuge for refugees from haiti..."

the judge said he would not listen.

harvey replied "i feel like my expression is being censored."

the judge said that he would have to step down.

just before he stepped off the stand harvey pinyoun stated "i trespassed past the closing time because the congressman had trespassed the law of the united states government."

the defendants were allowed closing statements. following are edited versions of the defendants closing statements in the order in which they occurred in the courtroom (alphabetical order).

elana levy:

it is strange today to be standing before this court in syracuse, new york, united states of america, being asked what i plead.

there is no question in my mind that neither my co-defendants nor i are guilty.

what did we do? we asked to be heard. we asked to be listened to. we said, we hear the pleas, we notice the inequities our govern-

ment policies carry out with regards to the people of haiti, and we want you, our representative in congress, our voice in washington dc to hear our pleas for equity for fairness for all people, in particular, today, the people of haiti.

we have noticed that certain people's voices, people of darker hue, people who have no money, people who look different than we do, people who cannot lobby, people who cannot contribute to a PAC, don't get heard in the halls of washington dc. so we had to find a way that people who were being turned away from our shores, in part because of their dark skins, in part because of their poverty, because they could not contribute to the PAC's of either major party, could be heard.

so we knew we'd have to speak, in the common language, from our professional positions, from our positions of educators.

the strength of a democratic society is that everyone gets to be heard and considered. our society is particularly weak in this aspect, as those who don't have the money to buy time or stations on tv or radio nor have the resources to pay for thousand dollar ads nor own newspapers often don't get heard. we have our flyers our vigils our meetings all of which are

important and not to be poohpooed, nor ignored, but don't reach the thousands of syracuse nor the millions of this land.

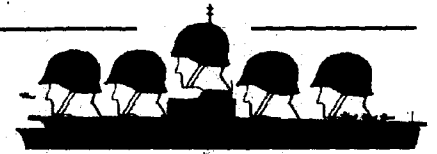
so we searched for a way to be heard by our representative and more.

what did we do? we asked him to listen to us. to hear what we had to say. if he had chosen to come, he was in syracuse that day, we might not have had to remain in his office. but his choice was not to listen to us. not to hear us speak for voices he had not heeded before.

our choice was to say: these voices do not leave us. therefore we cannot leave. as they cannot but flee the conditions this very nation created in their land.

hard to speak for me, elana levy, individually, but for a moment i will. there are mini-





mally five roles which lead me to know, for sure, i am not guilty.

the first is as a jew, child of survivors of the holocaust, i will not here detail the horrors. only to say, guilty to want to be heard? to want to speak to injustice of refugee policies inequitably dealt to the people of haiti? no, the parallels are too clear to ignore.

the second is as a professor. what are my academic degrees and teaching experience for? if not to use whatever skills i have

at analysis and speaking for those who have not had the privilege of the education and cannot give as clear a voice as i can.

third is as a woman. when i look at alerte's face. when i think of how rape is used as a weapon. when i think of the fear and listening to a cry of pain, of hunger, of fear. how can i ignore?

fourth is as a mother. i too have a daughter. i cannot imagine i cannot even allow myself the image of what it would be like to hear the soldiers come through the door knowing their tactics with my daughter at home. or in a boat with her, not knowing if we were going to make it or be allowed on some shore (i can't help but recall the photos of the ss st. louis in the holocaust museum).

fifth, of course, and most important as a human being.

what other choice do i have?

why do i not do so much more?

why do i not do so much more to shout out about the inequities i notice, i know of here in syracuse as well as other countries, caused by the same greedy selfish exploitative policies which led me to stay seated on the sixth of june 1994.

Harvey Plynoun:

Your honor, it's really an embarrassment for me to be present in this courtroom as an American citizen because I have always felt that this was one of the arenas for free expression if people were respectful and abided by the rules of respect and kindness in a judicial setting.

And so it probably is instructive to me that I should already know this, that in some

ways the spirit of justice and kindness and generosity has slipped away from the American arena, the American public, and it is one of the reasons why we have been unable to understand Haiti and the Haitian refugees.

I have been touched in my heart by Haitian refugees since November of 1992. There are presently 18 living in this city with us. They are an example of thousands of refugees who have been turned away on the open seas.

If those refugees had been Irish, this country would have let them in. But they are Black, they have African descent, they are poor, they have no names, and they have no faces.

So we, the US, have chosen to break the laws of this country, the 1980 Refugee Act and the UN Protocol on Refugees, 1968.

We have broken our own law, but more than that, we have broken moral law by not being a country with a generous heart, providing safe asylum for refugees fleeing certain persecution.

For me today, this is a sad occasion. Sad first of all that we've not been equal to the task of accepting these Haitian refugees in a time of crisis.

Secondly, I am sad that my country treats its citizens in the way that we have been treated in this courtroom today.

Ann Tiffany:

My closing remarks address why I went to Representative Walsh's office on June 6th.

There was a connection with my presence there and the laws of this land. I've worked with refugees over the last decade and have a good knowledge of the Geneva Convention, the UN Protocol on Refugees in which we are a signatory, and to our own 1980 Refugee Act.

I know from the laws of our land that any person that is fleeing persecution in their own country, persecution just because they belong to a political party, because they support their president, or because they belong to a religious group or a different creed than the administration of their government, that if they are persecuted for that, they have a right to safe refuge in another country until it is safe for

them to return home. That is the law of our land, and because of my knowledge of that, I as a citizen, felt a responsibility to speak out in any way I could.

I was a teenager when the Nuremberg Trials took place in Germany. The principle we were all taught from that period was that citizens have a responsibility to speak out. They cannot be silent.

When we know that our laws are not being respected and that people are dying because of it, we cannot close our eyes to it.

Last year at this time I went to Haiti. I spent two months there. I walked with the people, accompanying them. I met with refugees in hiding, people who had been tortured, imprisoned, had watched their mothers, their sisters raped, their children beaten. People who had applied to come to this country and had been turned away.

And so I returned home knowing that I had to speak out, and I did, in every legal way I knew.

I went to Washington and lobbied. I met with my representative and told him what I had seen and heard and experienced. I wrote letters to the paper. I wrote letters to congresspeople. I signed petitions. I distributed leaflets.

And then came a day when I had to go one step further, and I went to our representative's office. We were met with respect there, with dialogue.

But what his staff told us was that he hadn't a position on this issue, an issue that was resulting in the death of people. And I felt that it was an injustice not only to the Haitian people, but an injustice to the citizens of this country when the highest authority is making decisions based on politics, based on foreign policy, based on economics, and not on morality or conscience or life.

As a citizen of this country, I know that this court can consider what I did within the cause of justice, and I hope that will be the consideration of the court. Thank you.

conclusion:

after acknowledging that the defendants had raised "eloquent" defenses, judge thomas higgins found the three defendants guilty of the charge of trespass, and sentenced them with unconditional discharge.



compiled by elana levy

Legacy of Hypocrisy

A Breath of Fresh Death for Haiti's Downtrodden

Brian Dominick

ONCE UPON A TIME, there was a tiny Caribbean island known to its inhabitants as Haiti. Upon it a native culture flourished, largely free of violence. Then, one day, a man named Columbus came and rechristened it *Hispaniola* in the name of the motherland—and the peace ended. More than 500 years later, Haiti is no longer populated by folk with native blood, it all having been shed long ago. And except for seven months in 1991 peace has yet to interrupt the reign of terror that has succeeded ruler after despotic ruler.

Some months ago on these pages I wrote a three-part series called "Policy of Hypocrisy." With those articles I argued that US foreign policy was inherently contradictory, and that State Department rhetoric was empty as the Third World stomachs it falsely claims to feed. I ended the series with a piece concerning the continuing conquest of Haiti, where more than 200 American corporations have investments which require continued repression of democracy and civil liberties. Today, US troops occupy Haiti, ostensibly to restore and maintain democracy. But has this proved my thesis invalid? Hardly. In fact, as I will demonstrate, recent events have only supported my earlier contentions and predictions....

The Modern Day Conquistadores

By the time you read this, the most recent US occupation of Haiti will be more than six weeks old. The torture of Haiti's populace will be 502 years old; and it will be showing no signs of ending. If the CIA has its way, the suffering will continue.

This December, Washington and the UN will "help" Haiti construct a new "constitutional" parliament. Most of its members will represent US and Haitian business interests. There will be no just minimum wage in Haiti. There will be no effective unions. There will be no re-

distribution of wealth. There will be no democracy. Anything less (or more, depending on your perspective), would be looked upon as a failure by global corporate interests.

The Haitian military, created during the 1915-34 US occupation, has no defense capability. It is only equipped and trained for "low-intensity combat," i.e. terrorism directed against unarmed opponents. That is what Haiti's military has practiced for several decades, supplemented by paramilitary storm trooper organizations like the Tontons Macoute of the Duvalier days and the FRAPH attaches of current infamy. Specifically, the military has usually been backed by Washington and Langley (CIA headquarters). Yes, it is still going on, but Washington and Langley refuse to allow President Aristide to dismantle the military and its death squads. We all know why this is so: Terror = Profits—end of lesson.

The FRAPH still actively exists, as do its "torture houses" where suspected Aristide supporters are "interrogated" via neo-medieval techniques like cigarette burns and genital electrification. Further, FRAPH is being run by personnel linked to the US Agency for International Development, which along with the National Endowment for Democracy, defies its title by helping to dismantle liberty throughout Latin America.

The Justice Department organization known as ICITAP (International Criminal Investigation Training and Assistance Program) is now engaged in training Haiti's brutal police force and has strong ties to USAID (US Agency for International Development). According to Allen Nairn, reporting an interview he held with FRAPH leader Emanuel Constant, "US intelligence had 'encouraged' Constant to form the group that emerged as FRAPH." Constant went on to tell Nairn that he has "partici-

pated in the de-stabilization of this country for the past three years, and the United States knows it very well, no matter what agency you talk to." Constant insists further that at the time of the coup which ousted President Aristide, CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency personnel were actually in the coup headquarters. (*The Nation*, 10/24/94).

One year ago, the *USS Harlan County* floated off the shore of Port-au-Prince, ostensibly to deliver UN personnel to prepare for Aristide's return in accordance with the Governor's Island Accords. But the Navy vessel was chased away by a band of FRAPH members, embarrassing the Clinton administration. But Constant claims that he had issued a warning that he and his gang would be angrily awaiting the *Harlan County* without either the CIA or the US

State Department ever asking him not to challenge the ship's arrival.

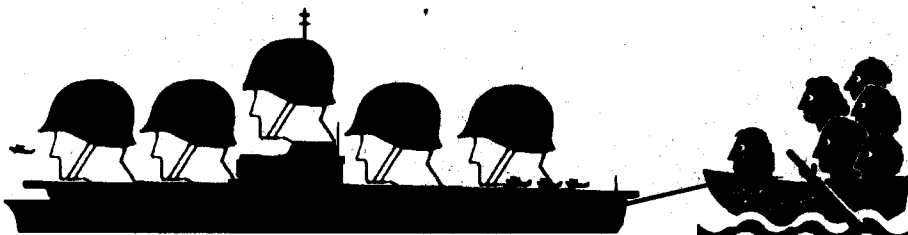
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The Rug of Rhetoric

So Washington finally did it—Cedras is out and Aristide is in. The last time the United States sent troops to restore democracy in a Latin American nation, things weren't so neat. The December 1989 invasion of Panama, did not end as pretty. It ostensibly meant to oust a "narcoterrorist" and restore the duly-elected leader who had been kept from office by Manuel Noriega (a former CIA asset). Five thousand Panamanians, mostly civilians, lay dead. Many of these casualties were the result of a Pentagon decision to test its new F117 stealth fighter-bomber over defenseless civilian communities. That time around, several US troops also died. They were sent home in flag-draped caskets while their victims were buried in mass graves dug by US soldiers.

Ironically, General Raoul Cedras, treated as a monster by official US rhetoric, now lives in Panama. He and his former coup gang were given total asylum (unlike Noriega), along with complete access to a combined wealth which reportedly exceeds \$18 million—mostly drug money and profits earned during the fake US embargo of Haiti. Yes, they were heavily involved in cocaine smuggling. And, yes, they were far more violent than Noriega ever dreamed of being. But, no, they



aren't real criminals. At least not in the eyes of the US Government.

Now the junta members have been rewarded. The Clinton administration, after several futile attempts at appearing concerned, has stepped in to clean up. Of course, "cleaning up" is not the same as repairing the damage. Rather, it is a thorough sweeping of the violence and tyranny under a rhetorical rug of peace and liberty.

Still more ironic is the fact that, in Panama, Cedras and co. are not welcomed by the people. But according to recent polls, 70% of Panamanians do wish Manuel Noriega was their president.

Aristide Without Aristidism

Father Jean Bertrand Aristide came to power in Haiti on a platform of sweeping reforms via its first democratic elections. His courage and integrity constituted the tiny nation's only hope for political and economic salvation. The Western Hemisphere's second "independent" state had been the sight of extensive violence. Aristide was more than another national leader—he was a symbol of the hope that had all but died in Latin America. The significance of his election—and later his overthrow—is enormous. Amidst an atmosphere of despair, freedom piped up and was quickly silenced a mere seven months later.

This time, hope once again envelopes the Haitian masses who greeted Aristide's return with jubilant ceremony. But it may not be long before disillusion reclaims them.

Many on the Left here at home see the Haitian intervention as unique in that the US is on the side of the good guy for the first time in the post-WWII era. Some even dare hope for a progressive US foreign policy. They are wrong. Inherent to US objectives is one goal—profits. There will now be absolutely no restrictions on US-Haiti trade. American-based corporations dealing with Haiti once again will be provided with unrestricted access to the most over-exploited population in the Western Hemisphere. President Aristide will not serve a full term, nor will he be allowed to run for re-election. In his compassion, conviction and charisma Aristide is one in a mil-

lion (most others having been exterminated by the CIA's pals at FRAPH). That means no progressive will take his place.

It was remarkable, I thought, that President Carter was sent to Haiti for negotiations, thus being given a second chance to accomplish what he failed to do with Nicaragua in 1979. When Nicaragua's Somoza regime, a long time ally of Washington, was about to be

forced from power by a grassroots revolution, Carter attempted to appease all sides by removing Somoza and replacing him

with a pro-Western dictator who was not Somoza but acted in a similar—though perhaps less sloppy—fashion. This idea was dubbed *Somocismo sin Somoza*, or Somozaism without Somoza. That way, the people of Nicaragua would be ruled by a new face, but Nicaragua would still be friendly to US corporate interests.

Fifteen years later, Carter got it right. He defeated the people of Haiti. The Aristide who returns from three years' exile is politically impotent. That's all part of the deal. In what has become known as "power-sharing," Father Aristide has conceded his influence over his government to international business interests. As long as Aristide remains politically "mature," a label coined by the *Washington Post's* Doug Farah, all will go smoothly. That is, if Aristide refuses to rock the boat, he will be supported internationally. But as soon as he steps out of line, the support will end.

Clinton's Gamble

Few would refer to President Clinton's recent policy toward Haiti as politically risk-free. By choosing to forcefully sponsor Aristide's restoration, Clinton has stepped onto a tightrope. It is secured at one end by his

friends in the global banking racket and the United Nations, but held at the other by enemies in the CIA who would love to see him tumble and be replaced by a conservative more sympathetic towards their budget.

If paramilitary terrorism continues in Haiti under Aristide's rule, which is a likely result of his figurehead status, Clinton's efforts will appear fruitless; the whole campaign will be denounced by rivals as a waste of time and resources. Clinton, who now appears victorious, will again be a laughing stock.

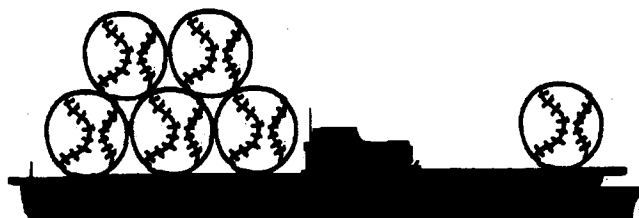
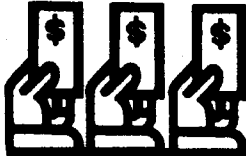
Is There Hope?

Conceiving of hope for America's international activity is an impossibility, at least for me. No nation which is dominated and manipulated by the whims of its business community can possibly maintain a progressive foreign policy. Markets and imperialism simply go hand in hand. I can cite hundreds of years of history to support that conclusion. Opponents of my view can hardly cite a single incident.

But that does not negate hope for the world's suffering—either abroad or here at home. I believe that writing your Congressional representatives, as other so-called "progressives" would have you do, however noble your intentions, will be futile. But getting rid of them would be the opposite. Until authority is removed from the hands of evil-wishers, evil will be done. Lies will be told with a remarkable consistency of inconsistency. And the downtrodden will fall over and over again.

But in our hands is the power to make changes. We vastly outnumber the oppressors. Yet we continue to give them their way, for our own convenience. As we watch the events in Haiti unfold over the days and years to come, we must remember that the violence protects our convenience. And until a stand is taken, lives will be taken. Such is the price of comfort. Such is the legacy of hypocrisy.

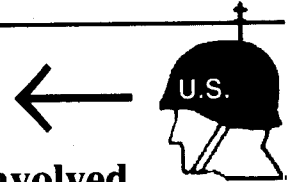
Brian is currently living in Washington DC where he is assistant-teaching economics at American University and advising Latino youth organizers, among other projects.



US/Haiti Policy

A History of US Policy and a Short List of How You Can Get Involved

Ed Kinane



THE MOON IS caught by the earth's orbit; so too Haiti has long been ensnared by US power. Here's an outline:

1804 — Haitian slaves defeat Napoleon's army and win independence. The US, a major slave-holding state, refuses to recognize Haitian independence until 1862.

1849-1913 — US gunboats sent to Haiti to assert US business interests in 1849, '51, '57, '58, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '76, '88, '91, '92, 1902, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '11, '12, '13....

1915-1934 — US Marines occupy Haiti. Thousands of resisting peasants killed. US imposes constitution; disarms Haitian people; re-establishes forced labor (corvee); arms, trains, finances and centralizes Haitian National Guard. During the same period the US also intervenes militarily in Cuba, Panama, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

1957-1986 — US helps bankroll dictators Papa Doc and Baby Doc Duvalier.

80s-90s — Haitian officers train at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and—according to the 11/1/93 *NY Times*—go on CIA payroll.

Feb '91 — Fr. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a Catholic priest, becomes President...having won a landslide victory over the US-sponsored candidate.

'91 — AID, the US development agency, spends \$26,000,000 to oppose Aristide's raising the minimum wage from 14 cents an hour. Such a raise would cut profits of assembly plants owned by US companies and could set a "bad" example throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.

Sept. '91 — Above mentioned Haitian officers depose Aristide. According to *Time Magazine* the CIA knew about the coup beforehand.

'91-'94 — The de facto regime, headed by Cedras, Biambly and Francios, kill thousands of Aristide supporters.

Bush and Clinton administrations defy international law by repatriating thousands of Haitian boat people seeking political asylum.

'93-'94 — CIA wages disinformation campaign against Aristide. Porous international embargo enriches Haitian military. US pressures Aristide to negotiate with Haitian military.

Oct '94 — US occupies Haiti; detains few human rights abusers; doesn't push hard to disarm thugs opposed to Aristide.

Eight Ways to Learn More About Haiti...and Help Others Learn More

1. For updates and analysis every two weeks, subscribe to "Haiti Info" Newsletter, c/o Lynx Air, Box 407139, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33340 (\$20).
2. For essential background, read:
 - a) Aristide, *In the Parish of the Poor*
 - b) Amy Wilentz, *The Rainy Season*
 - c) Paul Farmer, *The Uses of Haiti*
 - d) James Ridgeway (Ed.), *The Haiti File*.
3. Invite a speaker on Haiti to your class, church or synagogue. To make arrangements, contact Ann Tiffany, 478-4571 or Paul Frazier, 487-2739.

4. Visit Haiti on a delegation or help finance someone else to go. Contact Nancy Gwin, Witness for Peace, 422-4589.

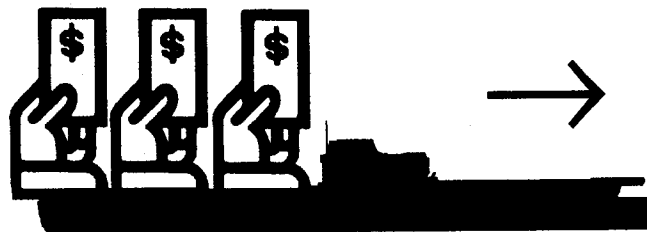
5. To support Haitian refugees in Central New York, contact Rev. Harvey Pinyoun of Plymouth Church, 474-4836.

6. Explore having your parish work with a parish in Haiti. Contact the Haiti Parish Twinning Program, 209 Leake Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205, (615) 356-5999.

7. Through letters to the editor and other actions, urge the US government to:
 - a) keep hands off Haitian elections
 - b) stop forced repatriating of refugees
 - c) disarm and detain Haitian human rights violators
 - d) support multilateral (not US only) training of police
 - e) investigate the CIA's role in the 1991 coup against Aristide, its disinformation campaign against him, and its funding of the FRAPH thugs and coup leaders.

8. Attend local Haiti solidarity meetings at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St. in downtown Syracuse. The next one is at 7:30 PM, Wed, Nov 30.

Ed is a Syracuse activist and a member of the PNL Committee.



I SAY THAT IT'S TIME WE ALL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT SOME OF OUR CHERISHED INSTITUTIONS!



Central America/Caribbean Coalition

Notes November 9 Meeting

Sister Community on the move: The Sister Community Project is planning a third trip to La Estancia February 16, 1995. People who are seriously interested in direct solidarity work with this conscientious community in Morazan, El Salvador should contact Shirley Rywak (446-6099). Please look for various fund-raising events, including a January 15 dinner (with music, we hope) at May Memorial Unitarian Society. Our goal is to raise \$500, which will help support several collectively organized development projects.

Haiti solidarity work, with Witness for Peace: Ed Kinane and Cynthia Banas continue their valuable speaking engagements throughout our community and in many parts of Upstate New York. Contact Ann Tiffany (384-5711) to get someone to speak in your home, workplace, group or school. If you are interested in participating in future delegations to Haiti, call Nancy Gwin at 422-4689.

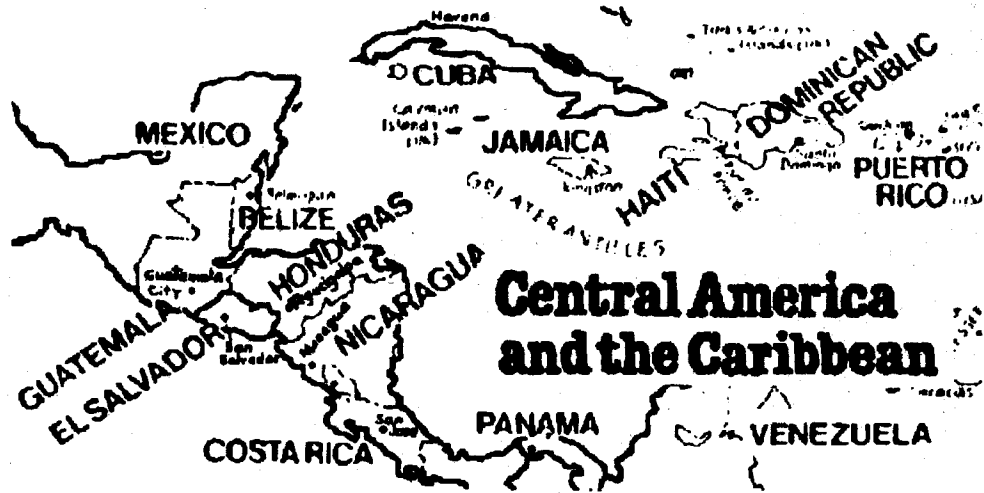
Against the Boycott of Cuba very active: Events in Washington, D.C. Nov. 12 and Buffalo, NY Nov. 17 will already have occurred by the time you're reading this. We are inspired by the work and character of Hank Frank to redouble our efforts to end the boycott of Cuba, and to create a more just society in our country. Special thanks to Mary Sopchak for her marshalling of essential material aid.

Bits and pieces: Iliana Romero spoke in several places in Central New York about the deteriorating conditions for the people of Nicaragua. She urged her audiences to pressure the World Bank and International Monetary Fund to alter their strategies of "structural adjustment" in Nicaragua and other poor nations, strategies which only serve to impoverish the masses and benefit tiny minorities.

A regional conference on global economy will take place soon: watch for details.

Also, there will be a Human Rights Day event on Saturday, Dec. 10: watch for details. On the same day there will be a concert by Rod Donald and Mexican dinner by Ron Miller at ECOH, starting at 6 PM.

As Ron said, "If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates." Rose Mearns reminded us, however, of the struggles for the vote in which she participated in the 1960s.



Central America and the Caribbean

Agenda: Coalition-Building

CACC's discussion on Nov. 9 concerned coalition-building. We started out brainstorming regarding ways to develop coalitions, and to whom we should reach out. This issue has been percolating for a while, but seemed even more pertinent given the disheartening results of the Nov. 8 elections. A key concrete suggestion was that the activist community demonstrate increased organized solidarity with the Loretto strikers, and several people volunteered to make those connections, to be present on the picket line.

Another suggestion is to merge phone trees among several groups, and to meet possibly monthly for a giant potluck with a hands-on project to accomplish for the benefit of our communities. It was clear that each of the twenty people at CACC's meeting participates in other groups, and therefore may make more explicit that there is an informal network of activists with varied interests. This brainstorming process will be integrated into each CACC meeting, including information-sharing about actions which can be strengthened by formal coalitions.

We made a list of groups which came to mind. Feel free to add your own organization's name to the roster by calling Paul Weichselbaum (478-1592); again, CACC doesn't own this issue, and the Peace Council and other groups are already

engaged in coalition-building—synergy, and not competition is our aim. The groups include Middle East activist groups; Pax Christi; Civilian Police Review Board; GLAS; Coalition for Health and Welfare; Fellowship of Reconciliation; AFSC; SPC; Peace Action; National Coalition for Institutional Alternatives; Urban League; Delta Kappa; NAACP; ANCLA; P-FLAG; Mental Patients Liberation Alliance; Office of Consumer Advocacy and Empowerment; Rainbow Coalition; Greater Syracuse Labor Council; Rose Center; Interreligious Committee Native American Society; SUN; CNYCOSH; Jail Ministry; Spanish Action League; Caribbean Student Organization; and the Syracuse Community Choir.

The next CACC meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 6 PM (potluck while we meet), at Plymouth Church. Member groups will then have individual meetings at 7:30 PM.

Syracuse Community Choir

Winter Solstice Concert

Four months ago, Karen Mihalyi gave birth to her first child, a daughter named Cora.

Next month, when the Syracuse Community Choir presents its 10th Winter Solstice Concert, under Mihalyi's direction, the theme will be noticing sacred moments. The two are no coincidence.

"I've been thinking about noticing," Mihalyi says. "Having Cora slows everything down so much. I'm forced to notice things."

"Often we don't notice," she says. "Especially in our culture, we're taught to be so separate from each other. We're not supposed to notice."

But noticing is crucial for change, explains Mihalyi, who last month received the 1994 Peace Action Award from Peace Action of Central New York. "Once you notice how oppression hurts someone, most of us will say, 'I will not stand for this anymore. I must make a difference,'" she says.

The theme runs through the music.

"In the song, 'Earth Moves In a Mysterious Way,' the writer is saying: When I lose touch with the earth then I start to feel hopeless," Mihalyi says. "When I notice the wind or the stars then I see the sacredness again."

"The Hebrew chant we're singing says: Don't lose sight that people have power. Stay in the present. Notice."

In 'Winter's Coming,' by associate director Marcie Boyd, the message is to "take a moment to reflect on the earth's turning, the season's coming and going," Mihalyi says.

The concert will be held at 7:30 PM Wednesday, December 21, 1994 at the University United Methodist Church.

The church, located on the corner of East Genesee Street and University Avenue in Syracuse, is wheelchair accessible. Jim Skvorak will interpret the music for the hearing impaired and child care will be provided.

A reception with refreshments will follow the performance. A sliding scale donation of \$5 to \$20 is payable at the door.

The concert is made possible, in part, with public funds from the new York State Council on the Arts as part of its Decentralization Program as administered by the Cultural Resources Council.



Peace on Earth

Winter weather is upon us and the holidays are approaching. Advertisements abound, inviting us to buy, buy, buy. Among the ads promoting gift ideas are this season's attempts by the fur industry to market various luxury fur garments. These ads typically depict beautiful women wrapped in fur. Their smiles and seductive looks belie the suffering of millions of innocent animals whose lives meant nothing, but whose horrible deaths meant profit. Those who have taken the time to look beyond the claims of the fur industry know the torment fur bearers are forced to endure.

The toll on the world's precious wildlife is in the tens of millions each year from the steel jaw leg-hold trap. Although banned in over 65 countries, this primitive device is still used in North America to trap animals for the fur trade. The European Parliament (consisting of 12 European countries) has voted to ban imports of furs caught with the trap beginning in 1995. Hence, the fur industry is busy test marketing in Japan and Italy. The steel-jaw leg-hold trap mutilates and kills four times as many unintended animals as targeted ones. An unintended victim (called "trash" by trappers) can include just about anything—pets, endangered species, fawns, etc; the trap does not distinguish. Animals caught in traps fight for their lives until they are too weak to continue. It's no wonder the American Veterinary Medical Association has condemned this trap as inhumane. Victims often are trapped for days, Nevada requires trappers to check traps only once every 96 hours. Animals can and do die of thirst, blood loss or by predator. Eventually the trapper returns and either bludgeons or suffocates the animal, who survived their nightmare in the trap only to be killed at last.

Life on a so called fur "ranch" is no better. Imprisoned for an abbreviated lifetime, subjected to deadly temperature extremes, denied even reasonable care such as regular food, water and a lean cage, animals on a fur "ranch" often demonstrate neurotic behavior which manifests itself in self-mutilation. There are no humane regulations or guidelines. To maximize profits, fur "ranchers" have devised various ways to "harvest" the animals that cause indefinable pain and suffering but do not damage the pelt. Commonly used methods are anal electrocution, squeezing the chest area to cause



New Crafts Collective Opens in Syracuse, NY

Earth Circle Craftworks is a collective of craftspeople from different disciplines who have opened a storefront at 914 North Salina Street. Regular storefront hours are scheduled for 11 AM to 6 PM Tuesday - Friday, and Saturdays from 9:30 to 5:30 PM.

The work for sale is handmade by members of the collective and includes quality items such as handmade paper items, pottery, stained glass, hammocks, children's clothing and wearable art. Earth Circle encourages other craftspeople to participate at whatever level they can—as a full time or part time member, or as a consignee. Earth Circle Craftworks operates on a limited collective membership, and will accept items for sale in the storefront on a membership or consignment basis. Membership is actively involved with maintaining the storefront, bookkeeping, etc. Regularly scheduled meetings will be open to everyone involved—members have a vote, and consignors have a voice.

Earth Circle Craftworks invites you to experience an alternative method of selling and purchasing crafts. For further information, call Margaret Birdleough at 422-4201, or stop by and see our display at this year's Plowshares Craftsfair, Dec. 3 & 4 at the Southwest Community Center.

suffocation, bashing skulls, and carbon monoxide poisoning.

Many compassionate human animals wonder how humankind can consider itself moral or ethical when the torture and violence we inflict on innocent animals is routine and even sanctioned. No one in our society has needed to wear fur for a very long time; yet the practice continues as a fashion statement. You don't have to look long or hard to find the remains of the once beautiful animals that previously graced our wilderness. Stores have been loaded with fur in an effort to recapture a portion of their market. It is vitally important that they do not succeed. We cannot relax our vigilance. We must continue to educate and vocalize our message of good will to all God's creatures. There can be no Peace on Earth until compassion is extended to all living sentient beings.

Nancy Camorati

5000 March Against Cuban Blockade

National Demo in Washington DC Attacks US Policy

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ON 12 OF NOVEMBER 1994 5000 people from all over the nation demonstrated in the nation's capital to loudly proclaim their opposition to the US Government's thirty year plus economic blockade against the people of Cuba.

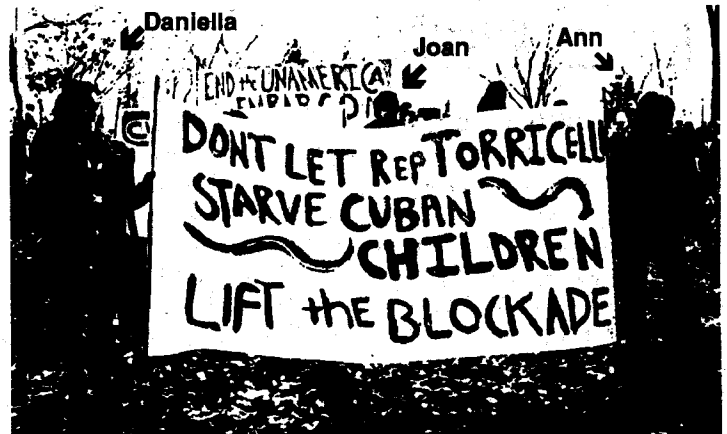
This historic occasion occurred only days after an election which brought to congress yet more conservative "representatives" and in which the electorate of the State of California approved a proposition pulling children of undocumented workers from their rightful seats in the public schools.

About a dozen persons from the Central New York region joined the national demonstration. They brought with them the banners and the spirit of Hank Strunk, whose critical illness did not allow him to follow through with his intention to join the marchers.

Among the speakers at the rally following the march were former US Attorney general Ramsey Clark and Rev. Lucius Walker the Executive Director of Pastors for Peace, Friendship and the fourth time the Friendshipment Caravan concretely breaks the blockade against Cuba with its shipment of 150 tons of goods from the people of the US to the people of Cuba.

People will be traveling to the US-Canada border at Buffalo, NY on 17 of November to support the Friendshipment caravan's crossing. the caravan will be shipping the goods to Canada from Montreal.

Speak out against the UN-opposed, US-backed inhumane, economic blockade of Cuba.
CUBA SI! BLOQUEO NO!



Hank Strunk's banner carried in his absence by the Syracuse contingent at the Washington, DC event (see page 5 for update on Hank).

p.s. Neither the *New York Times* nor the *Washington Post* considered this first demonstration of national protest against the US blockade of Cuba "news fit to print." One more example that "freedom of the press" is only for those who own the presses or do what they consider "fit".

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(315) 428-0227 -or-

Earth Circle Craftworks

914 N. Salina
Syracuse, NY 13208
(315) 422-4201

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Asset Forfeitures and "Pass-Throughs"

The Police, Money and Our Neighborhoods

Nancy Rhodes

IN THE WAKE of victory in November's elections, then-presumed new House Speaker Newt Gingrich promised one of the first projects of the new Republican-dominated Congress will be slashing the Clinton crime bill's \$7.6 million allocation for prevention and treatment programs. Given this prospect—only one among many targets—it's timely to notice another avenue for resources which has opened via the U.S. Dept. of Justice, though perhaps it will be a two-year window rather than a whole new path.

"Asset forfeiture" refers to the seizure of cash and other property identified by law enforcement agents as the proceeds of crime, especially drug trafficking. Forfeiture laws have been around since the 1930s, and there are forfeiture provisions written into more than one hundred federal laws covering money laundering, gambling and racketeering, child pornography, auto and electronic communications theft, illegal war munitions, copyright violations, and smuggling of aliens. But the really enormous boost to their scope and powers occurred when convictions became unnecessary in 1984 when Congress passed the

Comprehensive Crime Act and declared "war on drugs." Since then, an estimated \$7 billion worth of cash and property has been seized through both federal and various state forfeiture laws. Because these resources are directed to be plowed back into law enforcement efforts which should "directly benefit," the net proceeds are divided up among and controlled by the various police agencies who cooperate in investigations and other activities leading to seizures and prosecutions. Federal entities in the Justice Dept. Forfeiture Program include the FBI, DEA, INS, US Park Police, US Marshals Service, US Attorneys' Offices, Criminal Division, and US Postal Inspection Service. The Justice Dept. estimates it has shared over \$1.4 billion with more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement agencies, which generally get 80%.

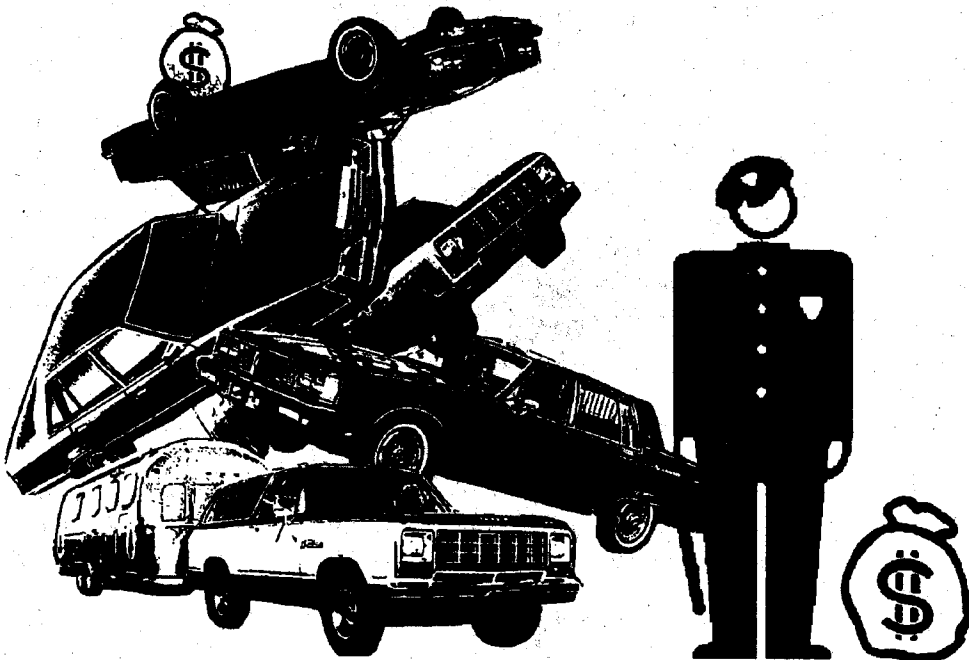
In May of 1992 the definition of "law enforcement" began to shift with regard to asset forfeiture. According to Cary H. Copeland, Director and Chief Counsel of the Executive Office for Asset Forfeiture, located in the Justice Dept., in recognition that "traditional crime suppression alone will never solve the nation's drug and crime problems" but must be supplemented by "prevention and intervention programs including human and community development initiatives," the Justice Dept. then began permitting the "pass-through" of federally forfeited real property to

either other government or to community-based (private, non-profit) agencies for housing a range of crime and drug prevention, education, and treatment programs and a variety of community development initiatives such as youth centers, job skills centers, and public housing programs.

In March of this year, Attorney General Janet Reno extended this "pass-through" concept to forfeited tangible property (that is, motor vehicles) and to the shared cash proceeds of federal forfeitures. This has been codified in a new edition of *A Guide to Equitable Sharing of Federally Forfeited Property for State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies*. The purpose of the pass-through program is to "ensure that the asset forfeiture program does its part in supporting prevention." Copeland suggests that in the future increased asset forfeiture will "obviously be able to provide expanded support for social service initiatives."

Pass-through program allocations to local community projects is left, however, to the discretion of local law enforcement agencies, albeit with an offer to assist local communities in preparing plans for pass-through projects and with express written and public encouragement from the Justice Dept. to such local police agencies to assist in meeting these community-based requests "to the maximum extent possible," which is 15%. With a national average of \$200 million in assets seized annually by police under federal forfeiture—either through joint cooperation among policing agencies or through federal "adoption" of forfeitures at the request of local police (which enables proceeds to be directly funneled to local police instead of going through state treasuries)—this means as much as \$30 million could become available to community-based prevention and treatment projects, if local police agencies will turn it loose.

Back when the Syracuse Task Force on Community & Police Relations first proposed that the Syracuse Common Council establish a Citizen Review Board to monitor police misconduct, the Task Force also suggested that a CRB might be financed by asset forfeiture money. In June 1992, the Task Force noted in its position paper, "Ten Questions on Citizen Review in Syracuse," that the Syracuse Police Department could keep such money without publicly accounting for it, and sug-





gested the Common Council consider reallocating a comparable sum of City budget money ear-marked for the Police Dept. to a new CRB, even if asset forfeiture money couldn't be directly spent for such a purpose.

We now know the formula by which local law enforcement must apply to the U.S. Dept. of Justice to keep a share of seized assets prohibits such money being spent to replace local budget money re-allocated elsewhere in anticipation of forfeiture funds. But the Task Force's idea was that such money ought rightfully be returned to our neighborhoods in some systematic way to repair some of the damage done there in this "war on drugs" and for prevention, instead of disappearing into local police "slush funds."

At that time, the Syracuse Police Department had just completed a hugely successful one-time gun buy-back project funded by asset forfeitures, which of course did put such money directly back in the hands of individual citizens. But whether those were the guns most likely to do killing on the streets, or those cashing in on them were the citizens most directly in need of such compensation, were both real questions. And the Task Force had heard complaints that in some parts of Syracuse a few police seized cash from citizens which was never returned, regardless of charges being dropped or lack of convictions, adding to other long-standing resentments. It seemed that the increased accountability that could come from a Citizen Review Board would go a long way toward ultimately repairing relations between police and people in just those neighborhoods most ravaged by drugs and the war on them, and most in need of a new and mutual respect—what current CRB member Pat Rector has called "community peace-making." And it seemed some of that drug money ought to pay for such a venture instead of just fueling more of the kind of aggressive policing tactics that have lead some citizens to declare the "war on drugs" has really been a war on the poor, the dark and the non-English speaking.

News of the new 15% pass-through program was first brought to our attention by a network of five U.S. cities called the Campaign for Community Safety and Police Accountability (CCSPA), a project of the Oakland-based Center for Third World Organizing. The Syracuse Task Force has recently become as-

sociated with this network, which also includes People United for a Better Oakland (PUEBLO) of Oakland, Action for a Better Community (ABC) of Denver, Direct Action for Rights & Equality (DARE) of Providence, Sacramento Communities Taking Action for Neighborhood Dignity (STAND) of Sacramento, and Tri-County United Action (TCUA) of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

CCSPA promotes a comprehensive four-part platform for community safety called the "Home Run Strategy," which puts forth positions on prevention (objective is a 50/50 split between prevention and punishment funding), community justice through sentencing reform and dispute resolution, public participation in community-directed policing and greater access to information, and an extensive platform on police accountability. The Home Run Strategy was generated by a multi-city series of public hearings and study groups not unlike the series of neighborhood speak-outs the Task Force itself undertook as the basis for its 1991 "Report to the Community."

At a November national meeting of CCSPA in Providence, various members described the progress of their efforts throughout this past summer and fall to investigate the receptiveness of their communities and local policing agencies to sharing asset forfeitures with community-based prevention programs through a further series of public forums. The Oakland Police Dept. has agreed to the 15% transfer and negotiations on re-allocation continue. In Denver, City Councilwoman Martinez

agreed to actively support forfeiture re-allocation, and U.S. Attorney Henry Solano supported the broad notion of prevention replacing punishment, though he refused to directly challenge Denver's police chief on forfeitures. In Providence, DARE worked with the city's Finance Dept. Director to complete lists of itemized income and expenditures of asset forfeitures for the last three years, met with a number of city and state elected officials who acknowledged the 15% guideline, and is

working with the Urban League on reform of state forfeiture laws. STAND of Sacramento did much of CCSPA's early research on asset forfeiture, and although they have encountered denial and resistance to their requests for seizure information, they have reached agreements with both the police chief and some elected officials to act on the 15% guideline.

Orangeburg's sheriff has promised TCUA county information on asset forfeiture but so far failed to provide it. CCSPA members from around the coun-

try agreed that law enforcement officials were most typically surprised that citizen knew of the new 15% share guideline and sometimes were themselves not fully aware of it.

CCSPA national coordinator Francis Calpotura notes there are two basic problems with the asset forfeiture program. One relates to how the assets are liquidated and spent. Forfeiture money has provided police agencies with the means to buy hardware and new technology, pay overtime and fund new or temporary pilot project salaries in an era of increased belt-tightening. But the money has also been used to buy new gym equipment, to redecorate the police chief's office in a second case, purchase a third department's "Lazy-Boy" furniture, and pay for an out of court settlement of a rape case involving a police officer in a fourth department.

Secondly, the civil rights of those whose assets are seized are often violated in the process. Newspapers across the country—in *The Pittsburgh Press*, *Orlando Sentinel* and Gary Webb's outstanding *San Jose Mercury News* series—documented hundreds of cases in asset forfeiture suspects were never charged with a crime or had their cases dismissed, yet never recovered their seized property. Asset forfeiture has become, simply, a gold mine to local law enforcement. This was not always so. In 1939 California passed a forfeiture law requiring police to seize cars used in hauling drugs, but then-Governor Reagan obligingly repealed it in 1967 because police did not want to act as

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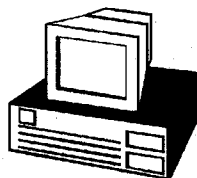
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used car salesmen." In 1979, the California legislature sent Governor Jerry Brown an almost identical forfeiture bill, with the difference that local police could keep much of the proceeds. This was a direct reaction to Proposition 13 in 1978, which cut California property taxes and reduced policing's drug war chest. Although Brown's legal advisors warned him against the bill, saying that local law enforcement shouldn't profit from enforcing laws and that this would tempt them to neglect other things (such as violent crime), Brown signed it anyway, because the California police lobby supported it so strongly. Brenda Grantland, a California defense attorney who heads a national anti-forfeiture group called FEAR (Forfeiture Endangers American Rights) says that asset forfeiture turns police into "bounty hunters" and she has long warned that forfeiture of drug profits will spill over into ever new areas when local governments are so pressed for money.

Modern forfeiture laws date from the late 50s and the 70s, with very little interruption until three Supreme Court rulings in 1993. Since the 70s police lobby groups have waged a patient campaign that has stripped away virtually every safeguard legislators had written in to prevent police profiteering.

For example, the amount of proof needed to seize assets has been reduced repeatedly. In some three-quarters of confiscations, the owner is never charged with a criminal offense. To seize, the police's "probable cause" can be based on as little as a paid informant's hearsay (who may be eligible for up to 25% of the seizure proceeds). Sarah Henry of the Center for Investigative Reporting notes that because civil forfeitures are considered actions against property, prosecutors are not bound to extend the same constitutional protections usually given to criminal defendants.

The kinds of property that can be seized have expanded to anything a person may have purchased within the past five years. Weapons were added in 1990 and the Justice Dept. advises agents to seize all guns, regardless of value, whether legally registered or not. Police have confiscated tires and rims, Nintendo games and jars of pennies.

The amount of money local police agencies can keep has soared over the years from nothing to 90% in some instances.

With the theory being that asset forfeiture would deprive drug king-pins of their profits, we find instead that the typical forfeiture is under \$5,000. Robyn Blumner, Executive Director of ACLU of Florida, notes that the rule of thumb is, if less than \$10,000 is seized, give it up: it will cost at least that much in the required posting of bond and legal fees to get it back. It's hence not surprising that 75 - 90% of such cases never go to court. The vast majority are instead decided, if challenged at all, by District Attorneys (who also may apply for a share of the proceeds). Blumner describes the entrepreneurial Sheriff of Volusia County in northeast Florida, whose deputies have seized some \$8 million since 1989 by targeting not the drugs flowing north on Interstate 95, but the cash flowing south. Over \$4 million that Volusia County has kept is accounted for as "settlements," out-of-court agreements in no-arrest cash seizures whereby the owner of the cash regained a portion of it but could not afford to go after the rest. The Justice Dept. historically approved such practices, helpfully suggesting in an earlier forfeiture manual that "the very specter" of facing formal depositions by prosecutors will often be "sufficient to provoke settlement discussions."

1993 saw the beginnings of serious challenge to the asset forfeiture business. The U.S. Supreme Court alone handed down three ruling limiting forfeiture powers. In *U.S. v. James Daniel Good Real Property*, the Court ruled that real property cannot be taken without a full hearing. In *Austin v. U.S.*, the Court ruled that forfei-

ture of property can constitute punishment and is thus subject to the Eighth Amendment excessive fines clause. In *U.S. v. 92 Buena Vista Avenue*, the Court ruled that innocent owners are exempt from losing their property just because it had once been owned by drug dealers or unbeknownst to them, had been paid for with drug money.

In Congress Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) last year sponsored an asset forfeiture reform bill, HR 2417, as did Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-Michigan). Conyers had held two Congressional hearings on forfeiture reform in 1992 and 1993, and his bill, HR 3347, would redistribute proceeds from federal forfeiture cases (a 50/50 split), require asset accountability, increase protection of individuals subject to seizure, place the burden of proof on the government instead of the suspect, provide legal counsel for persons who can't afford it in forfeiture challenge cases, require a conviction for forfeiture, require an annual audit, and transfer state and local asset seizures to the state treasury from which they would be distributed.

In November of 1993, Attorney General Reno asked the Chair of the House Judiciary Committee to delay action on forfeiture reform until the Justice Dept. could review policies. The 15% pass-through guideline was the result in March. And the Conyers bill H.R. 3347 is still alive. Just as peace movement organizations spoke not long ago of conversion to a peace-time economy, we might still serve notice that we intend our police to participate in economic peace-keeping in our neighborhoods as well.

Nancy is a Syracuse activist working with the Task Force on Community & Police Relations. She also edits *Policing By Consent*, a bi-monthly publication of the National Coalition on Police Accountability (N-COPA) which makes its debut this month.



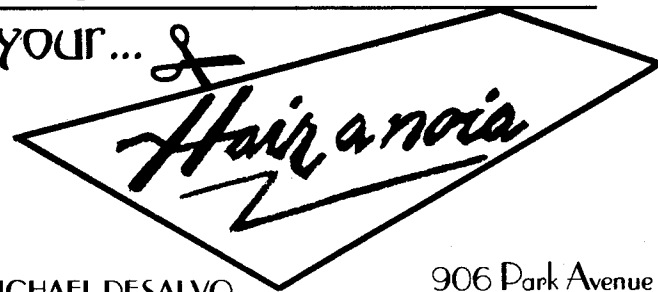
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