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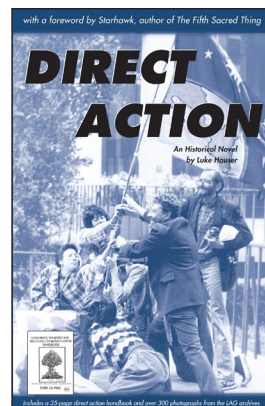


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ACTION BULLETIN

ISSUE 2

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT — JUNE 20 —

INTRODUCTION

In the autumn of 1982 Livermore Action Group began circulating a call for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, 1983. In response to the call, groups all around the United States and in several other countries are planning activities on or around that day. This action bulletin is a forum for participating groups to publicize their planned activities, ideas, graphics, and information about the nuclear facilities, military installations, power plants, or other sites at which they will organize protests.

This is the second action bulletin published by Livermore Action Group for the International Day. It includes a summary of Issue No. 1. We intend to publish action bulletins every two weeks if there is sufficient copy from participating groups to print. LAG's May, June, and July Direct Action newspaper will carry the action bulletin so that our readership can learn about activities planned around the world on June 20. For \$5.00 you may subscribe to the action bulletin and receive every copy, including the mid-May and mid-June issues which will not be a part of Direct Action.

Please send us your press releases so that we may in turn inform other International Day participants of your activities. By serving as a clearinghouse for June 20 actions, we hope to provide local groups with the information they need to publicize the coordinated aspect of all the activities planned that day.



NEW MEXICO

The June Disarmament Coalition of Albuquerque, New Mexico is planning a week of disarmament activities from June 11-20. Events include a peace camp, forums, workshops, a film festival, a poster exhibit, a spiritual service, a picnic for peace, and non-violent civil disobedience on the 20th.

The focus will be Kirtland Air Force Base on the southeastern edge of Albuquerque, one of the nerve centers of America's nuclear weapons industry.



The Coalition sent the following list of tenants at the Kirtland base, all of whom are heavily involved in nuclear weapons research, development, and management:

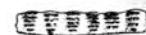
A) Air Force Weapons Lab: the lab is a leader in research on "Star Wars" technology that represents the next escalation in the nuclear arms



race. Research is being done on particle beams and laser weapons that will eventually replace bombs and bullets.

B) Air Force Test and Evaluation Center: the Center is responsible for providing operational assessments of evolving major systems of various types. AFTEC is presently evaluating more than 90 major weapons systems, including the cruise missile.

C) Defense Nuclear Agency: the Agency plans, coordinates, and supervises the conduct of Dept. of Defense nuclear weapons effects testing as well as provides for the construction and management of nuclear weapon effects simulation facilities and field experiments which simulate nuclear weapon effects. Other responsibilities include working with the Dept. of Energy and the armed services on programs to insure the safety, security, and survivability of nuclear weapons in transit or storage. It also maintains the national nuclear weapons stockpile data base and provides current information on the stockpile to government agencies.



D) Manzano Arsenal: in the Four Hills area of SE Albuquerque exists one of the largest stockpiles of nuclear weapons systems in the western world.

E) Interservice Nuclear Weapons School: the school is responsible for presenting the complete national nuclear weapons program from conception of weapons, design manufacturing and test programs, to employment of weapons and weapon effects.

F) Department of Energy: the Albuquerque Operations Office's primary mission is research, development, production, testing, stockpile surveillance, and transportation of nuclear weapons. The DOE complex includes nine major laboratory, plant and test site facilities in eight states extending from California to Florida. The office manages the entire nuclear weapons production complex.

G) Sandia National Labs: a prime contractor to the Dept. of Energy, Sandia works on nuclear fusing armament and firing systems. Sandia works closely with DOE's other two nuclear weapons labs: Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore.

MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

Mountain People for a Nuclear Free Future, as an International Day activity, plans on declaring their area a Nuclear Free Zone. They also want to initiate local action toward a Nuclear Free California campaign, which would prohibit nuclear power, as well as bomb technology, in California.

The group reports that some of its members are also interested in participating in the Livermore Action Group's June 20 blockade of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California.

For information, write: Lawrence Kay, Mt. People, P.O. Box 19, Friant, CA 93626.

IDAHO

Dear Friends,

The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) is a Department of Energy facility that occupies 893 square miles of sagebrush-covered high desert in Eastern Idaho. Fifty-two nuclear reactors have been built at INEL; 15 are operating currently. Some of the most advanced nuclear research in the world is carried on here; much of this research is military in nature.

Sailors are trained here for nuclear submarine reactor operation. Fuels and materials for nuclear submarine reactors are tested here. At the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant, spent nuclear submarine fuel is reprocessed, and the recovered uranium is used to make new fuel for the Savannah River materials production reactors. Over 25% of the nation's military nuclear wastes are stored at INEL including over 95% of the transuranic wastes generated at Rocky Flats.

The INEL is located above the Snake River Plain Aquifer, one of the largest underground bodies of water in the world. Liquid low-level radioactive wastes, containing trace amounts of plutonium, are injected directly into the aquifer from the Chem Plant.

Idaho Peace Groups are organizing events to mark the International Day of Disarmament. Their planning is partially dependent on a decision expected by the Department of Energy (DOE) in April concerning the placement of a new tritium production reactor. INEL is one of three sites under consideration. If the DOE chooses INEL there is talk of a blockade or occupation at INEL, the first such action ever taken at the facility.

Carry on,
Liz Paul
Groundwater Alliance
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Ketchum, ID 83340

GREENPEACE/SEATTLE

On June 20th, in coordination with the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, there will be a peaceful action at the cruise missile factory in Kent, Washington. The intention of the action is to halt production of the cruise missile, focus people's attention on its local production, and demonstrate to the people of the world that people in Washington State think that nuclear weapons production is a matter of life and death for all.

With leadership provided by such groups as Greenpeace, Northwest, it is hoped that as many people as possible will participate from all over the northwestern U.S. A coalition of peace groups is currently mobilizing to organize the action.

The targeting of the cruise missile for protest came about for a number of reasons. The cruise is designed to carry a nuclear warhead. It poses special problems to world peace because it can be easily hidden and is therefore difficult to monitor under arms control agreements. The planned placement of cruise missiles by the United States in Europe would have gravely destabilizing effects. The continuing manufacture of the cruise missile contradicts the strongly pro-freeze sentiment of the American people.

Civil disobedience has been chosen as a form of protest because it is the strongest possible peaceful statement we can make. It is clear that nuclear weapons should be illegal, yet they are part of the vast system of power that effectively disenfranchises citizens of both the United States and the world. Since legal protests and referendums have not caused fundamental changes and since all life on earth is in great peril, direct actions and strong protests by people are now morally necessary.

We are encouraging all to respond to this call for peace. Those not interested in being a part of the civil disobedience are encouraged to come and be supportive. The numbers

of people who respond will be the message that carries weight.

All participants in the civil disobedience must first receive non-violence training and will be organized into affinity groups. While maintaining a non-violent mode of action, the protestors will not, however, cooperate with the manufacturers, military, or the police. The objective is to slow production for as long as possible, rather than trying to demonstrate moral superiority.

In addition to the June 20 action, planning is underway for a women's peace camp at the Kent, Washington weapons facility, which is run by Boeing.

For more information, contact Sherry Klink of Greenpeace, Seattle, Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98103. Telephone: 206/632-4326.



BERLIN

Activist Michael Lucas reports from Berlin, Germany that he has distributed the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament call-to-action brochure to Berlin peace groups and movement publications. Photocopies of the leaflet were distributed at the monthly meeting of 180 groups, at which actions are planned and information exchanged. There is now a commission within this coalition of groups to coordinate the decentralized actions which are planned for June in response to the International Day appeal.



JAPAN

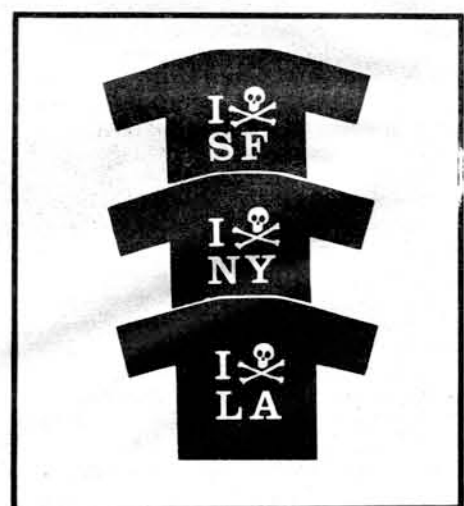
Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for sending us the call for International Disarmament Day. I made copies of this call and gave them to my friends.

I would like to put this call in a small magazine, "New World," which I am in charge of publishing so that more people can receive the message. I was very much moved by this appeal; my friends also were moved by this call. We have not yet planned any action for the day, but probably we can eventually have some good ideas for actions.

I pray for your actions to convert Lawrence Livermore Lab for peaceful uses. We want to celebrate June 20th for Survival of all human beings and all lives on the earth. We have to have international solidarity in order to realize total abolition of military expansion. Let us walk together for the future.

Sincerely yours,
Genzo Kato
Society for World Federation
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Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113
Japan



FRANCE

Friends!

We inform you about several demonstrations in France planned for the next few months:

- Action (May 22) against a "Pluton" missile base in Alsace.
- Large demonstration and a symbolic, non-violent blockade (June 5) in front of the missile base at Plateau d'Albion in southeastern France.
- Blockade at the Armaments Trade Fair (June 11-12) in Satory, near Versailles.

This resistance against nuclear armament is coordinated by CODENE (Coordination pour le Désarmement Nucleaire de l'Europe), 23 rue N.D. de Lorette 75005 Paris. We support CODENE, but we are more radical...for the total and unilateral disarmament of France; all armies are the biggest plague in the world!

We wish to receive news of your activities.

Faternally yours,
Albert Ratz
Union Pacifiste de France
4, rue Lazare-Hoche
92-Boulogne
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France

British Columbia

Plans for our participation in the International Day are still tentative. We will be participating in a major WALK FOR PEACE on April 23 in Vancouver, thus we are busy working on street theater as part of our presence. Last year 30,000 walked the 5 miles; this year we are targeting for 70,000. So, we have not focused on June 20th yet.

However, we have distributed your brochure to 18 groups in the Vancouver Island Network for Disarmament.

On March 6th we participated in a phone blitz on Prime Minister Trudeau's office - 60 groups across Canada participated. We called his office once a minute for the entire working day. Our purpose was to protest potential cruise testing in Canada. We are considering doing this again on June 20th. We are also considering picketing and leaf-letting our local airforce base.

We will keep in touch when our plans finalize.

Thank you for your work.



Sincerely,
Patti Willis
Denman Island Peace Group
Denman Island
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Canada

CONCURRENT EVENTS

TORONTO

The Planetary Congress and World Assembly described below have not asked to be listed as participants in the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. Yet they too have chosen the summer solstice as either the ending date or beginning date for their conferences. If we are all cognizant of one another's activities at that time, the good news about global resistance to the nuclear threat will spread more quickly.

A Planetary Congress is scheduled for June 17-21 in Toronto, Canada by an organization called Planetary Initiative for the World We Choose.

People representing peace groups from many countries are expected to attend to work on a consensus statement on a preferred world future. Participants will meet in small groups to go over their views and insights and the recommendations they have brought with them from their area, and look at how to practically implement them. It is also hoped that the congress will be a time of consensus-building and networking.

For information, write: Planetary Initiative, 575 - 8th Ave., New York, NY, or call 212/563-1911.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This June, an international meeting of peace activists will take place in Czechoslovakia. The World Assembly For Peace And Life, Against Nuclear War is scheduled for June 21-26 in Prague.

The Assembly is organized jointly by a large number of international and national organizations and representatives of anti-war movements. It will provide an opportunity for more than 2,000 participants from all over the world to engage in an extensive dialogue and exchange of views on the main issues affecting humanity at the present time.

The conference will include both mass assemblies and small group workshops and discussions. Meetings are planned on such diverse subjects as mass media, conversion of military installations to peacetime use, anti-militaristic poetry, the role of the United Nations, and European security and disarmament.

For more information, write: Secretariat of the Coordinating Group for the World Assembly, Novotneho Iavka 5, 110 00 Praha 1, C.S.S.R. Telephone: 231 89 61, 231 08 78; Cable 123 592.

Green Ribbons in Australia

Wear a green ribbon to show your support for International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, 1983!

A disarmament group in Australia has already acted on this suggestion, as they describe below:

"Last Sunday we had a fantastic rally here -- 85,000 of us marched through downtown Melbourne led by our Premier. I was in the leading group (the rally was headed by artists, writers, actors, architects and academics). Of course we all wore our green ribbons and on completion of the route the Premier announced that the State of Victoria would henceforth be a nuclear-free State.

"Concurrently with our march another was taking place in Sydney and also one in Adelaide—all in all 180,000 people took part. We have to win! These rallies are the largest that have taken place in Australia since the anti-Vietnam War demos."

- by Leno Morrocco
March 31, 1983



TRIDENT NEIN

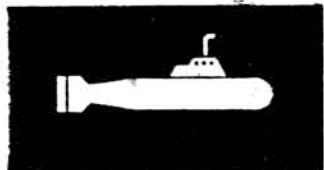
Activists in and around Connecticut are preparing for a three-day International Day protest culminating in civil disobedience at the Electric Boat shipyards, contractors for Trident submarines.

The demonstrations are to begin Saturday, June 18, with a legal protest against the launching of a new Trident sub. Sunday the 19th is a day for prayer, vigils, and non-violence trainings, with c.d. scheduled for Monday.

According to organizers at the Covenant Peace Community, recent c.d. actions in the area have been small. But there has been a lot of interest in the International Day actions, and several groups in the area are networking around the dates.

Many of the people working on the protests have been involved in the Trident Nein and the Plowshares actions, the "covert" forays in which a small band of activists have slipped into Trident assembly plants and taken hammers to various sub and missile components, literally trying to convert swords into plowshares. Covenant Peace Community is part of an ongoing support group for the Plowshares #4 protesters, whose trial for an action last fall is presently underway.

Information on the June 18-20 Trident actions is available from Covenant Peace Community, (203)562-7935. Women's AGs are being networked by the Feminist Union Anti-Nuclear Task Force, (203)789-2137.



ARIZONA

The Cruise Conversion Alert group in Tucson, Arizona is embarking on a campaign against the training of ground-launched cruise missile operators currently taking place at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. Included in this campaign will be large demonstrations on June 20 and/or October 22-23.

Cruise Conversion Alert has chosen two themes on which to organize -- the cruise as a first-strike weapon and the planned economic conversion of the cruise missile project to peaceful research. The group hopes to achieve its goals with a seven-point plan which includes: an educational plan, including a speakers bureau; at least bi-monthly presence of demonstrators/leafleters at Davis-Monthan; the major demonstra-

tion(s); house-to-house canvassing of the neighboring community; publication of literature about the cruise; coordinated information dissemination with the local peace center newsletter (representing 29 organizations); and a legislative alert network, including a "phone tree" setup.

Among the group's fundraising efforts to support this ambitious campaign is the sale of an anti-nuclear record entitled "Ominous Clouds". The record is available from the Committee for a Non-Nuclear Future, 5516 E. Rosewood, Tucson, AZ 85711.

Cruise Conversion Alert can be contacted at 1145 E. 6th St., Tucson, AZ 85719, 602/792-3517.

NEW YORK

The following is a letter from Richard M. Bowers, a counselor and lawyer from Delhi, New York. We are printing this letter as an example of how an individual, without membership in a specific group, is planning to observe the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament and his reasoning behind his planned actions.

Bowers also has extended an invitation to "any and all peaceful people" to use the Eugene V. Debs peace Camp in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. Five acres of fields surrounded by evergreens are available for tenting, along with a small cabin and outhouse. For further information, contact Hank Mayer, Andes, NY 13731; 914/676-3351.

Dear Folks,

You may list my name and address as a person to contact in my upstate New York area who will be engaging in direct actions in support of nuclear disarmament. I had been thinking of doing some sort of direct actions before on my own but have decided to make the date June 20th to be part of the global activities on that date.

Unless there is some irresistible pull outside my own community, I have been thinking of, and will probably engage in, the direct actions right here in my own community in the western foothills of the Catskill Mountains.

I am unaware of any nuclear weapon facility anywhere nearby Delhi so the direct actions will be directed toward those activities which do take place here (as elsewhere) which provide essential support for nuclear weapons. If the three targets of my civil disobedience or what they represent were not present in any community I believe there would not be any nuclear weapons.

The first target or place where I will be engaging in direct actions on

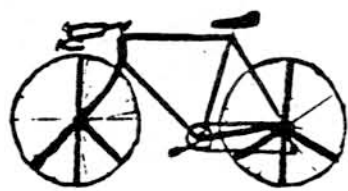
June 20th will be at the local American Legion building. Whether the direct action here will be more than entering upon the land where the American Legion is located I doubt. In fact, entering upon that land is probably not even civil disobedience, as the public is often (all the time, I guess) invited to come and buy beer, etc., at the American Legion Hall. There will be leaflets which I will pass out and I have been thinking of (but probably will not) pouring symbolic blood upon the steps of the building. The symbolic blood will be only water.

On June 20th the second place I plan to go and engage in direct action is our county jail. Just as the American Legion supports nuclear weapons by the support American Legionnaires give for war, so our jails provide very essential support for nuclear weapons by punishing persons who refuse to conform to standards of conduct which are dictated by laws. One of those standards is to pay taxes. Without jails to take person's liberties away, would there be successful tax collections? Not likely at all.

Finally, at our local Village Green, I plan to commit THE major act of civil disobedience of the day. It still will be fairly minor and I probably will not be arrested. I plan to pour some of my own blood, maybe only a drop or two, upon the Civil War monuments on the Village Green. Why the Civil War monuments? If the South had been permitted to secede, we never would have had any United States. We might not have made nuclear weapons even if some other places might have. We the United States would not have done it, for we would not have existed. I strongly support all U.S. states seceding now! Here's for no USA and no nuclear weapons on North America. Why not?

Very truly yours,
Richard M. Bowers
72 Main St.
Delhi, New York 13753





CYCLING FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Cycling for Nuclear Disarmament is seeking interested individuals for a five week cycling journey this summer from the Livermore Weapons Lab to the Rocky Flats Nuclear Arsenal in Colorado.

At the Livermore Labs, where various missile systems are conceived, we riders will be symbolically "born." Our "Life Cycle" will culminate in a die-in at the Arsenal, where these lethal implements are poised to annihilate the lives of untold millions. We will gain wide-spread media coverage and will meet with local peace, religious and community groups along the way to encourage support for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze and Disarmament.

We will leave June 13. If you're interested in joining us, call 415/643-2778 or 643-1857 or 643-1839. Our address is Cycling for Nuclear Disarmament, International House, #467, Berkeley CA 94720. We are supported by an ASUC Mini-Grant at U.C. Berkeley.



POSTERS AVAILABLE

Posters with the following message are available for the cost of postage for any group which will disseminate them to businesses and agencies:

"Monday, June 20, in honor of the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, we will be closed between the hours of ____ and ____."

We can suggest that businesses take the day off, the afternoon, or at a minimum, between noon and 1 pm. To obtain posters, send 50¢ per poster for 1-10 or 40¢ per poster for 10-100 copies, to Michael Stewartt, 700 Camino Militar, Santa Fe NM 87501.

Michael also reports that his friend Anthony Brooke, a U.S. citizen traveling in New Zealand and Australia, is actively assisting people who are organizing for June 20 in those countries. Another peace emissary is contacting groups in Japan about June 20 actions.



mobilization FOR SURVIVAL

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Protest actions on June 20, 1983 are called in cooperation with the Mobilization for Survival, a coalition of local and national peace, environmental, anti-nuclear, religious, and community groups dedicated to linking the issues of militarism, intervention, nuclear technology, and human needs.

BUDDHIST CIRCLE FOR PEACE DAY

In this time of danger of nuclear holocaust people from all Buddhist traditions are invited to participate in the first Buddhist Circle for Peace. On June 18th, a day close to the summer solstice, people can practice in their own way, both publically and privately, in a collective effort for peace.

When people practice together there is a communication that is different from communication in thoughts and words. It is a manifestation of the fundamental interconnectedness of all beings. The place where we practice becomes peaceful, and we move together toward a fuller appreciation of the truth that there is no separation between ourselves and our world.

In addition to being a day of extended group practice, we hope that the Circle for Peace will serve as a public demonstration of the need to take responsibility for the safety of all beings. The Circle for Peace is being planned in conjunction with the June 20 International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. We would like the Circle for Peace to contribute its spirit to this worldwide demonstration two days

later.

While for this first year we are focusing our effort on the San Francisco Bay Area, we hope Buddhist Circle for Peace will become an annual event, and that in the future people from all parts of the world will take part.

On the first Buddhist Circle for Peace Day we propose:
Morning--Individual or group meditation or other expressions within our own sanghas or in selected public places.

Afternoon--Beginning at 1 p.m., a silent walk from various parts of San Francisco to Lindley Meadows in Golden Gate Park, which is reserved for our use from noon to 6 p.m.

We warmly invite everyone to participate, not only on June 18, but in organizing and preparing this event. The Bay Area Buddhist Peace Fellowship will hold its next general meeting on Sunday, May 22. For more information, call Nina, 415/848-5215, or write: Buddhist Circle for Peace, 2490 Channing Way #503, Berkeley, CA 94704.



♥ THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Following is an article by Guy Meyer of the New World Society, San Pablo, California, which plans a public celebration, resistance, and demonstration of loyalty to humanity on June 19 or 20.

Despite more than half a century of peace action, building during the past twenty years to marches and demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S., Japan, and Europe--demonstrations that now occur almost weekly in one place or another--despite an outpouring of books, articles, films, and editorials condemning nuclear weapons--despite voices of protest from such respected quarters as the Roman Catholic hierarchy and other religious leaders, former military leaders and strategists--despite the widespread poverty, the deepening world-wide depression resulting from the squandering of resources and manpower on weaponry and wars, both internal and international--despite all this, the arms race is not abating but rather accelerating. The threat of nuclear holocaust looms higher every day.

The majority of citizens in the U.S., the U.S.S.R., and most other countries still support the policies that thrust us to self-destruct.

They support these pro-war policies because of the underlying obsolete values and assumptions which inevitably give rise to such policies, values which have not as yet been challenged by those who cry for peace.

Failure to challenge these values is failure to act effectively to slow the arms race. Demanding disarmament without offering an acceptable alternative source of security has been, is, and will continue to be unacceptable to the majority of people.

When national security is itself seen as irrelevant, then and then only will armaments be recognized as unnecessary and wasteful. National sovereignty must give way to world law.

For humanity to survive global loyalties must replace tribal loyalties. This must be our goal. To evade this responsibility on the grounds that the people "are not ready", "will not listen",

"will not take us seriously" is to admit that the people cannot be brought to take the steps necessary for our survival.

Nothing short of a significant move in the direction of world order can pull us back from the brink.

What strategies can effect these needed value changes?

Values change when--

1. Society becomes sufficiently disordered, when new assumptions, goals, methods, identities, satisfy our needs better than previous assumptions, goals, etc., and

2. are perceived as better satisfying them. Until these are perceived as better, the majority of people will continue to be attached to the old, useless, harmful values. When the new values are accepted as better, the values will have changed. New policies will follow.

What factors bring about awareness of the need to adopt new goals, assumptions, etc.? These include crisis, repetition, controversy, dramatic demonstration, and authority.

When the alcoholic kills someone while driving drunk, or loses his job, or his wife, he becomes aware that he must change, while previously he has been able to get by with half-hearted good intentions.

A nuclear melt-down is worth a thousand arguments against nuclear power. A traffic light is installed after a fatal accident.

Appropriate phrases and slogans, constantly repeated, such as "make the world safe for democracy", "nuclear freeze", "national defense", "Reaganomics", "free enterprise", "Save the whales", etc., are picked up, repeated, accepted by many, and associated with political and economic policies.

Controversy draws attention, not only of the media, but of people who are curious as to what the argument is all about.

Dramatic demonstration, including induced crises, such as civil disobedience, call attention to the breakdown of the old values, not in theory alone, but in direct experience. This also

SPEAKING TOURS

Livermore Action Group is offering speaking tours by two peace emissaries who took the call for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament to Europe this winter and spring. Patrick Diehl returned April 18 from a two-month visit with peace groups in Germany, England, Holland, France, Belgium, and Italy. He is available to talk about the European peace movement and help organize support for June 20th actions in the state of California. Any California groups who would like to schedule a slide show and/or talk with Patrick should contact the LAG office at 415/644-3031.

Pamela Osgood will return from a three-month tour of peace groups in Germany, Austria, Scandinavia, Switzerland, England, Holland, and Italy on May 23. She will be available to visit International Day participating groups in the United States at the end of May to talk about European organizing against the deployment of the Pershing II and cruise missiles. If requested, she could participate in press conferences organized by local groups around the U.S., and emphasize how important to the survival of Europe are our actions for peace on June 20.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in New Orleans has pledged \$100 toward the financing of Pamela's U.S. tour, and circulated a letter among other International Day participating groups asking for their support of the idea. International Day has been offered the services of volunteer pilots to fly Pamela on a limited organizing tour of the Western U.S.

Please contact LAG soon if your group is interested in having Pamela stop in your area. After we know where people would like to talk with her, and whether our pooled resources are enough to make the tour happen, we can set up an itinerary for Pamela and you can publicize her visit to your area.

draws media attention and exposure.

When authoritative voices are raised, whether from well-known politicians, writers, religious and educational leaders, musicians, athletes, etc., those who admire them tend to trust (subconsciously, at least) their judgment. Unfortunately such authorities are rarely in the van of any movement, carefully guarding their popularity.

The people of the world are at this moment in one sense "ready" for world order. That is, the old values of nationalism, national defense, etc., are no longer serving human security and well-being. To the contrary, policies based on these threaten our survival.

Readiness in the sense of accepting and perceiving the need for global awareness, law and economy, will come about when those of us who are already aware will have acted to bring them to this readiness.

We must no longer delay, confining ourselves to the subsidiary issues of protest against certain weapons systems and foreign policies, merely because we think these strategies are more popularly acceptable. The military and nationalist political leaders of the world, not noted for human concern, will have the last word until their very roles and functions have been widely challenged and exposed as superfluous.

The threat is global, the solution is global. Our actions to affect the solution must be global. It will be one humanity or none. "International Day" is a large step forward. Next time it must be widened to "World Day".

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SUMMARY OF 1st ACTION BULLETIN

For those of you who missed the first edition of the action bulletin, we are providing a summary of its contents, which included news of planned actions in the United States and around the world.

German peace activists Monika Gretschnann and Klaus Kurtz reported that 75 West German organizations have been informed of the call for the June 20 International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. They included a resolution supporting the day and pledging solidarity with the U.S. peace movement, as well as a promise for June 20 actions in Germany. The International Movement of Conscientious War Resisters in Tel Aviv, Israel, also responded favorably to the call, and is spreading the word throughout Israel.

The Midwest Field Office of the Mobilization for Survival told of a March meeting of over 80 activists from six midwestern states. Actions, many incorporating civil disobedience, are planned for defense contracting companies, nuclear power plants, and military bases. At the meeting, these actions were placed in the context of

a year-long campaign against the Euro-missiles, including followup actions in October coordinated with the European peace movement.

Actions in the midwestern U.S. will include: the Ames Peace Network at Rockwell International's plant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Rockwell plays a key role in the production of the MX and B-1 bomber); the Chicago Disarm Now Action Group at Northrop in Rolling Meadows, Illinois; and the Catholic Worker Community at Wellman Dynamics in Creston, Iowa, where cruise missile bodies are made. In addition, there may be an action at the Williams International plant in Walled Lake, Michigan, where cruise missile engines are manufactured, and legal rallies/demonstrations in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota and in Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin.

The Worcester (Massachusetts) County Coalition for Disarmament is planning a June 20th action at the nearby GTE plant. GTE is currently engaged in research and development of command, control, and communications for the MX.

Activists in Colorado are considering using International Day as a starting date in a campaign to stage on going civil disobedience at Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, near Denver, which produces plutonium "triggers" for the new weapons systems. It is hoped that 1,000 people will sign a "Resolution to Resist" the work at the plant, which includes a commitment to risk arrest.

In New Mexico, Kirtland Air Force Base will be the International Day focus. Kirtland is a huge nuclear weapons storage facility and is an active combat-ready base for the Tactical Air Command. A march around the base, children's picnic, and art/poster exhibition are among the planned activities.

In the western U.S., Peace House of Ashland, Oregon is sponsoring a 2½-day, 45-mile walk from Ashland to Litton Industries in Grants Pass, culminating with a rally near the plant June 20. Litton manufactures guidance and control systems for cruise missiles. Further south, in the Pomona Valley of

Southern California, the Peace & Justice Coalition of Claremont will hold a large vigil at General Dynamics, a major weapons manufacturer.

In the San Francisco Bay Area of California, the Livermore Action Group is coordinating a massive blockade of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where U.S. nuclear weapons are designed. Last June, over 1300 demonstrators were arrested in a non-violent blockade. Urban Ecology of Berkeley will make a presentation the evening of June 24 on the relationship of ecological cities to efforts to end nuclear war threats, and will also announce a plan to restore the full length of Strawberry Creek, which flows through the University of California campus. In another action, Bay Area Artists for Nuclear Disarmament is planning a festival for June 13-20, "Renaissance in the Nuclear Age," which will include paintings, sculpture, film, photography, dance, and theater.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

CALIFORNIA

- Buddhist Circle for Peace Day, Berkeley
- Cycling for Nuclear Disarmament, Berkeley
- Livermore Action Group, Berkeley
- Urban Ecology, Berkeley
- Women for Peace - East Bay, Berkeley
- Chico People for a Nuclear Free Future, Chico
- Peace and Justice Coalition, Claremont
- People for a Nuclear Free Future, Fort Bragg
- Nuclear Resistance Coalition, Los Angeles
- Peace and Justice Center, Los Angeles
- Women's Peace Blockade, Los Angeles
- Alternative Energy Collective, Oakland
- Laney College Faculty for Social Responsibility, Oakland
- Pro-Arts, Oakland
- WILPF/East Bay-Berkeley Branch, Oakland
- Bohemian Grove Action Network, Occidental
- Community Against Nuclear Extinction, Palo Alto
- H.O.P.E., Petaluma
- St. John's Peacemakers, Piedmont
- Contra Costans for a Nuclear Free Future, Pleasant Hill
- Walnettos, Pleasant Hill
- Acorn Alliance, Redway
- Bay Area Artists for Nuclear Disarmament, San Francisco
- Ecumenical Peace Institute, San Francisco
- June 12 Coalition, San Francisco
- U.S. Nuclear Free Pacific Network, San Francisco
- Women's Party for Survival, San Francisco
- San Jose Peace Center, San Jose
- World Citizens, San Pablo
- Mountain Folks, Santa Barbara
- SONOMore Atomics, Santa Rosa
- Sonoma County Direct Action Coalition, Santa Rosa
- Mt. Diablo Peace Center, Walnut Creek
- Wilbur Hot Springs Group, Wilbur Springs

OTHER STATES IN U.S.

- Independent Big Mountain Diné Nation, Oraibi, via Arizona
- Cruise Conversion Alert, Tucson, Arizona
- Trident Nein, New Haven, Connecticut
- National Campaign to Stop the MX, Washington, D.C.
- Washington Peace Center, Washington, D.C.
- Ames Peace Network, Ames, Iowa
- Catholic Worker House, Des Moines, Iowa
- Groundwater Alliance, Ketchum, Idaho

- Center for Peace and Justice, Pocatello, Idaho
- Disarm Now Action Group, Chicago, Illinois
- Covenant Community Peace Tax Group, Evanston, Illinois
- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Worcester County Coalition for Disarmament, Princeton, Mass
- Lansing Area Peace Education Center, East Lansing, Michigan
- Ozarks Area Community Congress, Mountain Grove, Missouri
- Omaha Pax Christi, Omaha, Nebraska
- Citizens Against Nuclear Threats, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Project Lighthawk, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Knolls Action Project, Albany, New York
- Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace, Geneseo, New York
- Fourth Wall Repertory Company, New York, New York
- Mobilization for Survival, New York, New York
- National Mobilization for Survival, New York, New York
- Parallel Films, New York, New York
- Peace House, Ashland, Oregon
- Thomas Merton Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Utahns for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Citizens for Nuclear Disarmament, Addy, Washington
- Greenpeace, Seattle, Washington
- International Disarmament Organization, Arlington, Virginia
- Mobilization for Survival, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

- Campaign Against Nuclear Energy, Adelaide, AUSTRALIA
- Denman Island Peace Group, Denman Island, B.C., CANADA
- Ground Zero Canada, Quadra Island, B.C., CANADA
- Vancouver Island Network for Disarmament, Victoria, B.C., CANADA
- Forsvar-Militaerkræftsk Magasin, Copenhagen, DENMARK
- International Movement of Conscientious War Resisters, Tel-Aviv-Jaffa, ISRAEL
- The Society for World Federation, Tokyo, JAPAN
- World Constitution & Parliament Association, Cuernavaca, Morelos, MEXICO
- Bilker gegen Atomraketen, Dusseldorf, WEST GERMANY
- Frauen furden Frieden START-Gruppe, Berlin, Germany
- Friedensinitiative Neuss, Neuss, WEST GERMANY
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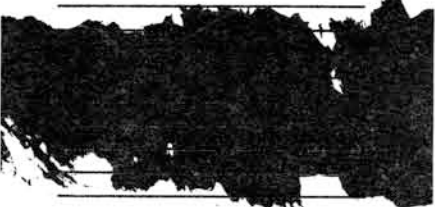
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Also in the first action bulletin, plans were announced for a "Nuclear Newsreel," a documentary film about June 20 actions which will be designed for immediate satellite distribution by June 24 to over 200 public television stations throughout the United States. For more information about this project, write to: Mark Freeman, Fine Line Productions, 1101 Masonic Ave., San Francisco, CA 94117, or call 415/861-3885.