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The Action Bulletins were produced during the Spring of 1983, as part of the LAG-initiated International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on Summer Solstice. In addition to LAG's second large-scale blockade of Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab (over 1100 arrests), more than 300 other groups around the world joined with local actions in June 1983.

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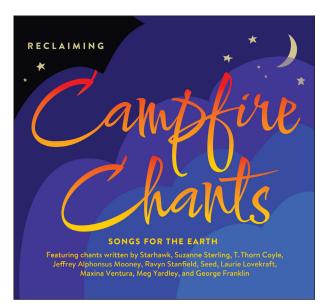
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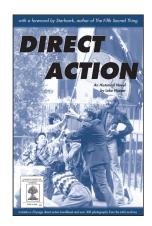
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ACTION BULLETIN

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT -JUNE 20-

PT. REYES RALLY

Bill Perry, former Public Relations Director at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) will be a featured speaker at a June 12 rally in Point Reyes Station, California.

The purpose of the rally is to call attention to the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament and the nonviolent blockade of LLNL that week. The lab researches and designs nuclear weapons. Perry quit his job at LLNL because he could no longer approve of the lab's role in the nuclear arms race.

The rally will be held at the green at 4th and A Streets and will feature music, food, and information tables. For more information, call 415/663-8483.



Contra Costans for a Nuclear-Free Future Rally

Contra Costans for a Nuclear-Free Future have decided to make International Day the focus for their June 4 "Nuclear-Free Festival," an afternoon of music, entertainment, speakers, and information. The Pleasant Hill, California group is also devoting its May general meeting to International Day, and some of its members will take part in the Livermore Action Group's June 20 blockade of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

For information, contact: Contra Costans for a Nuclear-Free Future, c/o Patty Franz, P.O. Box 23103, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523, 415/934-5249



RENAISSANCE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE



Bay Area Artists for Nuclear Disarmament present theater, music, dance and visual arts from June 13-20, ending on International Day of Nuclear Disarmament.

June 13 – Festival Opening Night – "Photographers' Reaction to Nuclear War" – Twenty by Twenty Gallery, 1261 Howard Street, San Francisco.

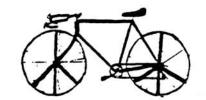
June 15-21—"The Artist and the Issue: Visions Beyond the Bomb", a visual arts exhibit including the work of forty Bay Area artists and by children relating to the disarmament issue. Southern Exposure Gallery in Project Artaud, 499 Alabama Street, San Francisco. Info: 415/621-1293.

June 16-17—"Preformance for Peace"—poetry, music, dance and theater by 15 different artists. 8:30 p.m., \$5. For reservations and location, call 415/

June 18—"Comedy Cabaret" at the Women's Building on 18th between Valencia and Guerrero, San Francisco. Dancing follows. 8 p.m. \$5.

June 20—"All Star Night" at New Performance Gallery, 3157 17th Street, San Francisco. The Oberlin Dance Collective, Pickle Family Circus, Blake St. Archive, and many more. 8:30 p.m. \$8. Reservations: 415/863-9834.





INTRODUCTION

Fifty-three separate but coordinated actions around the world have been confirmed for June 20, 1983, the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament (also called Disarmament Action Day in the US). Many of the other 140 participating groups have not finalized plans for their activities, and are building coalitions with other groups in their areas. Ten of the confirmed actions will involve nonviolent civil disobedience at nuclear facilities and weapons production sites.

Ten of the confirmed activities, including three civil disobedience (c.d.) actions, will protest planned deployment of the cruise missile this year in Europe. These actions trace the nuclear chain through research and development, manufacture, testing, and training of armed forces personnel all over the US and Canada: in Calafornia, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, and British Columbia.

Livermore Action Group is sponsoring the June 20th protests in cooperation with the Mobilization for Survival in New York. LAG will serve as an information clearinghouse for activities planned for International Day, and the Mobilization will coordinate national media coverage of the events.

- by Tori Woodard

BAY AREA ACTIONS

Silicon Valley Peace Camp beginning July 4 will protest design and production of guidance systems for the cruise and Pershing II missiles, as well as production of other first strike missiles, at the many defense contractors located in this area. CONTACT: Stop the Cruise and Pershing II Collective of C.A.N.E., 227 Mountain View Ave. #15, Mountain View CA 94041. Phone: 415/964-3066

Urban Ecology presents "If You Love Your Car, Die for It!" - a panel/workshop on how our cars are driving us toward nuclear. Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Fellowship at Cedar and Bonita, Berkeley. For more information, write Urban Ecology, 1939 Cedar St., Berkeley CA 94709.

The crew of the Pacific Peacemaker will sail her from San Diego to San Francisco in June. Planned arrival time is June 18, in time to participate in International Day activities in the Bay Area. The ship has sailed on peace missions throughout the Pacific.

Berkeley, California: A five-week bicycling journey leaving June 13 from Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, where nuclear weapons are designed, to Rockey Flats in Colorado where plutonium triggers for hydrogen bombs are manufactured. CONTACT: Cycling for Nuclear Disarmament, International House #467, University of California, Berkeley CA 94720. Phones: 415/643-2778, 643-1857, 643-1839.

Pro-Arts of Oakland plans to close their office on June 20th and put a message on their telephone answering machine suggesting that callers participate in the International Day. They plan to put large signs in their windows as well. While out of the office, several Pro-Arts members will construct a piece at the mudflats, a traditional driftwood art site between Interstate 80 and the San Francisco Bay.

BUDDHIST CIRCLE FOR PEACE DAY

Bay Area Buddhist Peace Fellowship offers a vehicle for peace-full action. In preparation for the June 18th Buddhist Circle for Peace walk, members of the planning committee gathered statements from a number of Buddhist teachers. The following are quotes from two leading teachers:

Korean Zen Master Seung Sahn directs several Zen centers in Poland as well as the US. He wears a Solidarity pin on his grey robes. In a recent address he said, "First we must take away the inside atom bomb. If we remove the outside atom bombs, they will soon return, that's karma. It's the inside atom bomb that's dangerous—each person's like-dislike mind, each person's holding "my" opinion, condition and situation.

"So everyone must do togetheraction. Eating together, working together, practicing (meditation) together. Don't keep "my" opinion, "my" situation, "my" condition. Then World Peace. Then the outside nuclear weapons will disappear by themselves."

Dr. A.T. Ariyaratna (Ari-ya-ratna) founder of the Sarvodaya ("awakening of all") movement in Sri Lanka (Ceylon) recently spoke in the Bay Area. The Sarvodaya movement is a grassroots movement which uses Gandhian principles and Buddhist philosophy to channel spiritual awareness into community-based social action.

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Dr. Ariyaratna said, "We as Buddhists have absolute faith in the supremacy of the mind. The world has reached a point where nothing short of universal consciousness can bring an effective influence to bear on those who have brought us to the verge of a nuclear holocaust. Buddhists all over the world have a unique challenge to develop supreme compassionate thought to influence the whole of humanity irrespective of religion, race, and national boundaries. Lovingkindness meditation, mindfulness of breathing meditation, and other forms of mental purification with the intention of bringing peace to the minds of all people is the surest path to peace."

The Buddhist Circle for Peace offers a first public step to express this vision. On Saturday afternoon, June 18, in Golden Gate Park at 1 p.m. a silent walk from various parts of San Francisco will converge at Lindley Meadows.

Everyone is cordially invited to participate. For more information, call Nina, 415/848-5215, or write: Buddhist Circle for Peace, 2490 Channing Way #503, Berkeley CA 94704.

CONCORD NAVAL WEAPONS STATION: Sea Blockade, Solidarity March and more...

The Concord Naval Weapons Station (Port Chicago) is one of the largest weapons facilities in the country. Eighty per cent of all munitions sent to Vietnam were shipped from Port Chicago. Now, most of the weapons and munitions that the Reagan administration ships to Central America come from this same facility.

On October 11, 1982, the San Francisco Examiner published a full page of photos, entitled "A Rare Glimpse of U.S. Military Aid," taken by photographer Jack Heyman. They showed the unloading of a 350-ton U.S. munitions shipment at the port of Acajutla, El Salvador. The military equipment included 105 mm artillery shells and 5.56 mm and 7.62 mm rounds for rifles and machine guns. The munitions were transported by the ship, Mallory Lykes (owned by Lykes Brothers Steamship Co. of New Orleans, with a branch office in S.F.) and originated from Port Chicago on June 30th.

In addition, Port Chicago is an assembly and storage facility for nuclear weapons. On July 17th, 1944, two ships being loaded at Port Chicago, exploded, killing 320 workers in the dock area (Over 200 were Black sailors), and injuring another 390 within a mile area. Eyewitness reports cited a sharp, blinding flash of light and a mushroom cloud which rose to 9,000 feet. Peter Vogel, writing in the Spring 1982 Black Scholar, provides convincing evidence from "Freedom of Information Act" documents and first-hand accounts that the 1944 explosion was in fact a nuclear explosion, involving a relatively primitive nuclear device.

Today, Port Chicago is the primary shipment point on the West Coast for the Military Sea-Lift Command, which is the ocean-going legs for all of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Pacific theater.

"The Resistance"
The Port Chicago Coalition, which is made up of peace, religious, and solidarity groups, has initiated a series of events and demonstrations protesting the shipment of weapons to Central America. Last January 29th, nearly two thousand demonstrators converged on Port Chicago with 169 people blockading the main gates.

This June, in solidarity with the LAG blockade of Livermore Weapons Labs on June 20th, there will be a march from Port Chicago to Livermore on the 18th and 19th. The political goals of the march are to dramatize the integration of nuclear and conventional weaponry in the U.S. military. Both Port Chicago and Livermore are involved in the creation and maintenance of nuclear and conventional weapons. Both are responsible for the genocide of Third World people struggling for self-determination.

The material goals of the march are to raise funds for Medical Aid for El Salvador and the Port Chicago Coalition. Material aid to the FMLN/FDR and strong non-intervention work are basic to stopping the U.S. war drive in Central America.

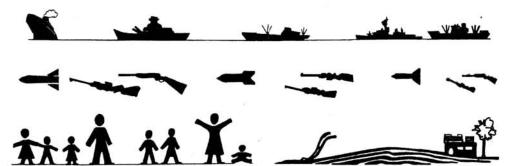
In July, there will be a major West Coast mobilization to protest Reagan's certification of human rights in El Salvador. People are coming from L.A., Seattle, Colorado, and all points in between to join the legal protest at Port Chicago on Sunday, July 24th, and join the massive non-Vrolent blockade at the main gate on Monday, the 25th. Again, there will be a strong protest of nuclear weapons development and a declaration that U.S. imperialism can lead to a nuclear war.

On-going from May 30th to the July 25th blockade will be several sea blockades of the Port Chicago shipping lines. These blockades are seen as a vital part of the struggle to stop the shipment of arms to Central America.

The Port Chicago campaign is a major on-going project for CISPES and the Port Chicago Coalition in the Bay Area. The Concord Naval Weapons Station was the focus of broad and powerful demonstrations against the Vietnam War. It is clear that our responsibility as North Americans once again must be determined solidarity with the people of the world. Hasta la victoria siempre!

--Tallis George member of the Oakland/ Berkeley CISPES Port Chicago, Coalition

For information: 644-1165



WESTERN NORTH AMERICA

Pt. Mugu Action

On May 8, about 20 people met in Camarillo, California, and consensed to the following:

-to call themselves Peace Action at Mugu:

--to leaflet in their communities and at the main gate of Pt. Mugu Naval Air Station on May 23; --to adopt the Proposal and Objectives of the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament;

-to plan a legal rally for June 19
in Oxnard, California;

--to protest the testing of cruise missiles with civil disobedience at the main gate of Pt. Mugu on June 20;

—to be sponsored by the World Peace Movement, Stop Uranium Now (SUN), the Nuclear Resistance Coalition (NRC), and Students for a Nuclear-Free Future (U.C. Santa Barbara).

Cruise missile testing is proceeding daily from the Pacific Missile Test Center at Pt. Mugu. In March of this year a malfunctioning Tomahawk cruise missile crashed in the Los Padres National Forest about 25 miles northwest of Ojai. Cruise missiles, which can be launched from the ground, the sea, or the air, are pilotless jet airplanes that fly at tree-top level using radar and computer maps to follow the contours of the earth. This enables them to escape radar detection, and thus makes the cruise a first-strike weapon. Because they are small (21 feet or less in length), easily launched, and can take either a nuclear or conventional warhead, they pose immense verification problems in possible arms control agree-

For information about protesting the cruise at Pt. Mugu, contact Sanderson Beck, World Peace Movement, P.O. Box 2, Ojai CA 93023, 805/646-5210.

OREGON =

ROGUE VALLEY WALK FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT - People from all over Southern Oregon will walk together from one end of the Rogue River Valley to the other. Leaving from Lithia Park in nuclear-free Ashland at 8 am on Saturday, June 18, we will follow Highway 99 through Talent, Phoenix, Medford, Central Point, Gold Hill, Rogue River and into Grants Pass. Walkers will spend the nights together in Central Point and Rogue River, and the walk will conclude with an afternoon rally in Grants Pass on Monday, June 20, at the Litton Industries plant, 1001 Redwood Spur, near I-5.

LITTON INDUSTRIES is one of the top dozen defense contractors in the US, and their Guidance and Control Systems Division, which operates the Grants Pass plant, works entirely under defense contracts and makes almost all of the electronic guidance and navigation systems for military aviation in the free world. Work at the Grants Pass plant consists of the assembly of electronic elements for several types of military aviation, including the cruise missiles that are destined for Europe. Without these parts, the cruise missile would not fly.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION is requested, to facilitate planning of meals and lodging. Contact Peace House, P.O. Box 524, Ashland OR 97520. Phone: 503/482-9625 or 482-4381.

CANADA 4

Christian Peace Agitators (formerly Ground Zero Canada) of Quandra Island, British Columbia, Canda, are hoping to again use their boat, the "Lizard of Woz", in blockade actions.

Eve and Ted Phillips report that the boat took part in the attempted blockade of the U.S.S. Ohio Trident submarine last summer. Ted points out, "We, and our yacht, are dedicated to the cause of peace."

The Phillips hope to sail the "Lizard of Woz" in June actions against the U.S. submarines which use Nanoose Canadian Forces Maritime Experimental and Test Ranges, located on Vancouver Island. The U.S. Navy refuses to say whether the subs carry nuclear weapons. Joining the "Lizard" will be its miniature fleet of 10 small rowboats.

For information, contact Ted & Eve Phillips, c/o Christian Peace Agitators, Box 195 Quathiaski Cove, Quandra Island, B.C. VOP 1NO, Canada, phone: 285-3648.



IDAHO

The Groundwater Alliance has proposed to Idaho peace groups that a jointly-sponsored nonviolent legal demonstration be held at the EBR-1 reactor at Idaho National Engineering Laboratory on June 19 or June 20. INEL's activities include training and material testing for nuclear submarine reactor operation, reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel, and storage of 25% of the U.S. military's nuclear waste.

Seven million cubic feet of government nuclear waste has been disposed of at INEL. Before 1970, it was dumped and covered haphazardly. Since then, it has been stacked and covered with a layer of soil. Of this, 3,600,000 cubic feet is contaminated with 1276 pounds of plutonium. Because this surface storage is considered temporary, the waste containers have a designed lifetime of 20 years. Some of the materials they contain are dangerous for 240,000 years. A program to isolate these wastes in underground salt caverns is at a standstill, with no progress in sight.

The purpose of the protest demonstration is to bring attetion to INEL's links to the nuclear arms race and publicly express opposition to this activity, to inform the people of Idaho of the direct threat to their environment, to join together with one another in a show of strength and cooperation, and to show solidarity with other International

Day participants.

The demonstration will include speakers, music, children's activities, and a helium balloon launch.

For information, contact: Ground-water Alliance, c/o Liz Paul, Box 4090, Ketchum ID 83340.

NEW MEXICO



The following events are being planned in Albuquerque, New Mexico as part of INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF DISARMAMENT. We are scheduling a week of activities that will focus on disarmament and related issues with a special emphasis on the role played by Kirtland Air Force Base in the arms race.

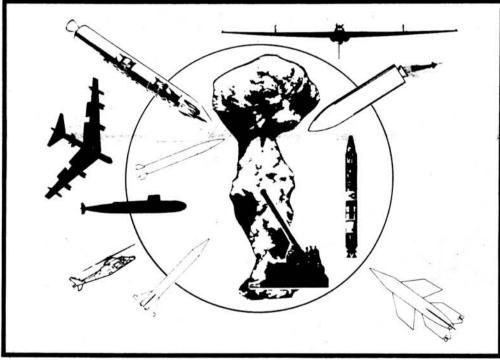
SATURDAY, JUNE 11: Noon. Opening ceremony of Peace Camp to be established adjacent to Kirtland Air Force Base.

JUNE 13-17: Nightly forums held by various groups in Albuquerque on issues related to the arms race. Call for specifics.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19: PICNIC AND PARADE FOR PEACE. 1 p.m. - Parade. 2 p.m. - Rally with speakers, music, teatro, and more.

MONDAY, JUNE 20: Non-violent civil disobedience at Kirtland Air Force

For more information, contact: June Disarmament Coalition, 106 Girard SE, Rm. 121 C, Alb. NM 87106. Phone: 505-268-9557.



LOS ANGELES

FATHERS DAY

Anti-nuclear dads, pops, and fathers will call for an immediate bilateral nuclear weapons freeze during a Fathers Day Peace and Disarmament Vigil and Rally, Sunday, June 19, 2-4 p.m., at the West Los Angeles Federal Building (Wilshire Blvd. and Veteran Ave.).

The event will have a disarmament theme similar to the recent Mothers Day Walk For Survival at the same location. Many fathers who attended the walk feel a unified gathering on Fathers Day could effect U.S. Senators to support the upcoming freeze vote, noting most Senators are men, many being fathers

Participating fathers will line Wilshire Blvd., then gather for a 3:30 p.m. rally. Messages of disarmament will be drawn on a huge Fathers Day Freeze Scroll. The scroll will be delievered the next day to "father of the hydrogen bomb" Dr. Edward Teller.

A portable television will be available on-site, providing easy access for fathers to attend who might ordinarily find it difficult to tear themselves away from a good Sunday ballgame.

The Fathers Day vigil and rally is a family event, free and open to

all. Free parking on-site. For further information, contact the Santa Monica/Venice Alliance for Survival, 26 Breeze Ave. #3, Venice CA 90291, 213/399-1000.

PEACE WEDDING

A Peace Wedding and Life Celebration Rally will be held to unite Alliance for Survival anti-nuclear activists Jerry Rubin and Marissa Rothberg and to commemorate the first anniversary of last year's historic June 12 disarmament rally in New York City.

"Linking personal commitment and love with global commitment and peace" will be the theme of this festive occation Sunday, June 12 noon to 3 p.m. in Santa Monica, California.

Event organizers hope the celebration can also serve as a means of focusing attention on the upcoming June 20 International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. On that day a women's demonstration at Rand Corporation in Santa Monica will be one of many actions around the world to resist nuclear arms and power, militarism, intervention and their social and ecological consequences.

For further information call the Santa Monica/Venice Alliance for Survival at 213/399-1000.

EUROPE

BELGIUM

Dear Friends,

As followup on an article read in the 1/4/83 number of "WISE-Brussels" we would be glad to receive the announced bulletin with the actions you plan for the 20th of June.

We, on our part, will do our utmost best to launch (even if it is somewhat late to do so) such a nuclear disarmament day in our country. Main events in view in our country are: 23rd of April gathering in and around Florennes, future launching site for pershing and cruise missiles, and the very important fall gathering of the 23rd of October, where we expect at least 200,000 people in Brussels.

Our strictly non-political ecological group works in close connection with the main peace groups in Belgium: Union Belge Pour la Défense de la Paix, Mouvement Chrétien pour la Paix, and Comité National d'Action pour la Paix et le Développement, and with the French "Union Pacifiste".

Ecological greetings, Christian Jacques, secretary Brabant-Écologie Route de Renipont 33 B-1328, Ohain, BELGIUM

FRANCE

Dear Friends

On Sunday, June 19, 1983 L'Alliance Internationale pour le Désarmement (A.I.D.), along with others supporting the cause of disarmament, will begin marching from Paris, into Germany, with the final destination of Geneva. We will arrive in Geneva (where the arms reduction talks will be in session) on the 38th Anniversary of the Hiroshima devastation, August 6, 1983.

We encourage all individuals and groups sharing a belief in disarmament and an attitude of non-violence to join us in all or any portion of the March For Disarmament. Between our departure date of June 19th and our date of arrival, August 6th, we will be holding scheduled demonstrations at missiles bases, sites designated for deployment of Pershing II missiles, etc., along our route.

Our arrival in Geneva will be followed by two days (August 6-8) of mass disarmament demonstrations by groups and representatives from around the globe.

Your partners in the quest for world peace, Crystal Zevon L'Alliance Internationale pour le Désarmement 60, rue de Rébeval 75019 Paris, France

MIDWEST U.S.

CHICAGO

DISARM NORTHROP JUNE 20, 1983

Northrop Defense Systems Division in Rolling Meadows, a northwest suburb of Chicago, is the largest military plant in Illinois. Northrop is the 26th largest military contractor in the U.S., making electronic countermeasures, or radar-jamming devices, for the B-l nuclear bomber and various jet fighters. From the Tiger fighter jet, sold through the U.S. government to 30 countries, to the guidance system of the MX missile, to the Stealth bomber, Northrop's research and development is on the cutting edge of World War III.

We must take direct action against U.S. First-Strike nuclear war plans, interventions in Central America, the Middle East or elsewhere, and the war production that devastates the environment of us all. We must demand conversion to a non-military economy. The arms race does not exist in Washington or Geneva alone. It is in our community; we must stop

The Disarm Now Action Group proposes a nonviolent blockade of Northrop Defense Systems on June 20th. We have begun leafletting Northrop workers, and will continue to do so on a regular basis, encouraging their participation and support. We will be coor-

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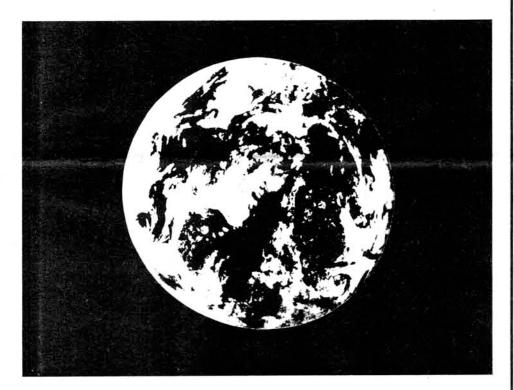
A group of Madison, Wisconsin, peace activists interested in observing International Day has banded together as Disarmament Now. After consideration of several options, it was decided that the University of Wisconsin's Mathematics Research Center would be an appropriate focus for the Madison event.

The MRC is supported in large part by a \$7.15 million contract with the U.S. Army. The purpose of the contract is to provide the Army with the mathematical know-how which, in this age of high-tech weaponry, enhances its capability to wage war by nuclear and "conventional" means.

Disarmament Now has called upon the MRC to renounce its Army contract and seek alternative sources of funding. At the same time, they have notified the MRC of their plans to disrupt business-as-usual there on June 20 as part of the international day of protest.

On May 17, the group staged peaceful picketing of a MRC conference scheduled to begin that day at the Wisconsin Center in Madison. The conference is a semi-annual event at which the MRC helps the Army acquaint the academic community with its mathematical needs.

For more information, contact Disarmament Now, c/o Peacemakers, 315 W. Gorham, Madison WI 53703, 608/256-2060 or 257-4764.



dinating our action with other activists in Minneapolis, Madison, Milwaukee, Des Moines and Detroit, who are also planning for June 20th.

We see these actions as the basis of a strong anti-war movement that is more than simply anti-nuclear or anti-intervention. The military plants manufacture both conventional and nuclear weapons, and military strategy integrates the use of both. June 20th can mark the unity of the opposition to nuclear and conventional interventions, as well as the struggle for human needs. A new resistance has begun, and we in Chicago and the Midwest should be part of it.

For more information about the June 20th Northrop action, contact Disarm Northrop Action Caolition, 407 S. Dearborn #370, Chicago IL 60605. Phone: 312/427-2533.

MINNESOTA =

The Honeywell Project plans a peaceful legal demonstration at Control Data in Bloomington, Minnesota, on June 20th. Control Data sells computer technology to the Pentagon and has sold soft and hardware to Livermore Lab.

There will be a trial going on June 20th, as well as several court appearances before that date, of some of the 150 protesters arrested at Honeywell, Inc., on April 18th.

For more information, contact The Honeywell Project, 3255 Hennepin Ave. So., Rm. 101, Minneapolis MN 55408. Phone: 612/827-5362 ex. 24.

THE OZARKS

As for the "Day", we have a local defense contractor building cruise missile launchers in West Plains, Missouri, population 8,000, ultra-conservative. We are dedicated to making the Ozarks and America aware of the truth about and immorality of nukes.

We have spent our savings and homebuilding funds. (Ain't no point in "Back to the land" if it's radioactive.) Besides, children are starving, old people are dying needlessly.

We plan to disrupt Southwest Truck Body's nice little nuclear dream world on June 20. Gathering strength and wisdom. May all good things of the Spirit be

Mountain Grove MO 65711

Clark & Mary Beth Shannon Ozarks Area Community Congress Rt. 1, Box 204B

INDIANA

Activists in Indiana will pressure Les Hamilton, their congressperson, on June 20 by writing and making phone calls about nuclear disarmament. The contact group for this action is Corydon Peace Group, Rt. 1, Box 341B, Corydon IN 47112.



EAST COAST U.S.

Protests at G.E.

CONNECTICUT

On June 18 the nation's third Trident submarine — the USS Florida, renamed the USS Auschwitz by the Trident Nein group — is scheduled to be commissioned into the Navy. There will be a ceremony at Electric Boat, a division of General Electric in Groton, Connecticut, in which the sub will be christened at noon.

A protest demonstration is planned by the Call to Disarm coalition in Groton, which includes such groups as the Trident Nein, the War Resisters League of Norwich, Connecticut, and the Covenant Peace Community of New Haven. After the commissioning, the protesters will march 3/4 of a mile to a park where people will share their gifts of music, juggling, and whatever they want to offer to a nonviolent world, in an alternative fair.

There will be hospitality Saturday evening at a farm near Groton honoring those planning to do civil disobedience on the 20th to protest the building of Trident subs at GE. Nonviolence training on Sunday will prepare people for a Monday blockade at the GE administration and engineering building.

For more information, contact Call to Disarm, 3235 Uncasville, Groton CT 06382.





FLORIDA

To my friends at Livermore,

Hi. Peace be with you. I am writing to tell you we will be organizing Florida International Day of Disarmament on June 20 as a blockade of the General Electric Neutron Devices plant here in Pinellas County. We have 9 people so far (and we haven't even had a mailout on it yet.) And for this politically dead area (which is Falwell country) that is a real accomplishment!! I am encouraged!

General Electric, fourth largest corporate recipient of Defense Department dollars, is an immense, multinational company that spends over \$6 million a day on devices of death. The GE plant makes the tiny neutron generators used to detonate hydrogen hombs.

The GE plant is a frequent target of protests by Tampa Bay area antinuclear groups. For example, three anti-nuclear protesters sought to halt production at the GE plant on Oct. 14, 1983 by stringing a steel cable across the plant's Belcher Road entrance. The three were arrested after two GE employees drove into the cable during the predawn hours that day. No one was injured in the incident, although one of the protesters fell when one of the cars ran into the cable.

The GE three are facing trials in May. They could use your support. For more information, or to donate money for their defense, contact Immanuel House, 5600 68th St. N., St. Petersburg FL 33709.

- from Bea Moore

Worcester County

The Worcester County Coalition for Disarmament has finalized its plans for International Day actions at the GTE plant in Westborough, Massachusetts. GTE is currently designing, producing, and testing the Command, Control, and Communications systems for the MX, the Minuteman, and the Sentry anti-ballistic missile system.

A legal rally will be held at the plant at 2 p.m. on June 19. Speakers will discuss the current effects of military spending, the conversion from a military-based economy to one geared towards meeting people's needs, and non-nuclear U.S. military intervention activities. The rally program will also include music and entertainment.

The rally has been endorsed by Boston Mobilization for Survival, Traprock Peace Center, Clergy and Laity Concerned of Central Massachusetts, Central Massachusetts Safe Energy Project, People in Solidarity With Central America, and the Worcester County Nuclear Referendum Campaign. A separate nonviolent civil disobedience action will be held the next day.

The coalition has held weekly vigils in front of GTE since before the facility opened around May 1981. The organizers feel that their presence was responsible for the cancellation of the GTE gala opening that was planned.

For information, contact: Worcester County Coalition for Disarmament, 90 South St., Westborough, MA 01581, 617/791-9269, 464-5146.

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ORLANDO

Martin Marietta, prime contracter for the Pershing II missile and the company responsible for Pershing II testing, will be the focus of a protest demonstration on June 18. The Central Florida Nuclear Freeze Campaign is one of several groups in a coalition called People for Disarmament which has been maintaining a monthly presence at Martin Marietta the past two months. Approximately 50 people have vigiled for two hours each time, in this area where many people are employed by Martin Marietta, are military personnel or retired military.

For more information, contact People for Disarmament, P.O. Box 2442, Winter Park FL 32790. Phones: Bruce at 305/841-5920 or Johana at 305/804

NEW YORK

The Knolls Action Project has decided to stage a rally over the weekend of June 18-19, and several simple related civil disobedience actions, at two sites in New York state. The actions will focus on the Knolls Atomic Power Labs in Niskayuna (which conduct research and development on nuclear propulsion systems for the Trident submarine) and on the training site for nuclear submarine crews in West Milton. The group is still finalizing a scenario for the actions.

Knolls Action Project has been actively leafletting the workers every week about the arms race. The leaflets also point out that the civil disobedience action is against the lab, not against the workers.

For information, contact: Knolls Action Project, 221 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206, 518/434-4037.

BISHOPS

The call for International Day of Nuclear Disarmament was sent with a special cover letter to all U.S., Canadian and Mexican Catholic bishops and to approximately 50 foreign cardinals with translations of the call. Several bishops have responded, and we are reprinting a couple of their letters here.

Living Action Group (sic):

In answer to your letter of April 18th I am happy to inform you that I will communicate your suggestion that we participate in the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. I am informing the priests of our Diocese of the nature of the proposed action.

I join with you in prayer and witness in the hope of sparing our world the ultimate disaster.

- Alexander Carter

Dear Rafael and Michael:

This is a brief note to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 20, 1983, informing me about the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, June 20, 1983.

I will be happy to call this to the attention of our clergy and religious, and will also include it in our diocesan newsletter.

With prayerful best wishes to you and your colleagues, I am

> - Sincerely, Francis A. Zuinn Bishop of Sacramento Sacramento, California

Letters have also been received to date from the Bishop of Rochester, New York; the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota; Archdiocese of Detroit, Michigan; Archdio-Bishop of Sault Ste. Marie cese of Chicago, Illinois; and the North Bay, Ontario, Canada Archbishop of St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada.

NUCLEAR NEWSREE INTERNATIONAL DAY HITS PRIME TIME

Fine Line Productions, an independent film company, is making a documentary, NUCLEAR NEWSREEL, about the activities scheduled for June 20. The program will include footage from across the U.S. and Europe. It will be distributed to PBS stations on June 24, but individual stations determine when and if to air the program. For times and dates of local broadcast, write your local PBS station.

According to Project Director, Mark Freeman, NUCLEAR NEWSREEL will explore the diverse stages and sites

of arms production, and document the grassroots response to U.S. arms policy. He is interested in gathering footage, interviews, and background material from affinity groups. NUCLEAR NEWSREEL will give a "fair and complete" picture of the anti-

the Livermore Action on June 20 who has an experience or viewpoint which might contribute to the NUCLEAR NEWSREEL should contact Mark Freeman at Fine Line Productions, (415) 861-

nuclear movement. Anyone planning to participate in

will be in session) on the 38th anniversary of the Hiroshima devastation, August 6, 1983. CONTACT: L'Alliance Internationale pour le Desarmement (A.I.D.), 60, rue de Rebeval, 75019 Paris, France. Phone: 245-1508.

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Omaha, Nebraska: A film festival on June 18 is planned by Omaha Pax Christi, 1717 Izard, Omaha, Nebraska 68102. Phone: 402/345-0539.

Following are excerpts from Action

Bulletin #3. We have included those

· International Day actions which we

not written up elsewhere in this

were able to confirm and which are

Paris, France: A March for Disarmament will leave Paris June 19, hold

route, and arrive in Geneva, Switz-

erland (where arms reduction talks

sites designed for deployment of

Pershing II missiles along the

demonstrations at missiles bases and

Chico, California: A local demonstration on June 20 protesting nuclear weapons. CONTACT: Chico People for a Nuclear-Free Future, 930 Walnut St., Chico CA 95926. Phone: 916/893-9078.

Salt Lake City, Utah: A morning vigil in a park, followed by a pancake breakfast. An evening vigil is also planned. CONTACT: Utahns for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Crossroads Urban Center, 347 South 4th East, Salt Lake City UT 84102. Phone: 801/363-9388.

Pomona, California: Vigil June 20 at General Dynamics, a weapons man-ufacturer. CONTACT: Peace Conversion Coalition, 339 10th St., Claremont CA 91711. Phone: 714/676-0371 or 624-3102.

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Albany, New York: Nonviolent civil disobedience June 20 at Knolls Atomic Power Labs, which do research and development of nuclear propulsion systems for submarines (i.e. Trident), and train nuclear sub crews. CONTACT: Knolls Action Project, c/o M. Louise McNeilly, Box 3152, Albany NY 12203. Phone: 518/ 434-4037.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: A peace picnic and leafletting at noon on June 20 will kick-off a conversion project for Rockwell International, MX and B-1 bomber producer and among the top 10 U.S. defense contractors. CONTACT: Ames Peace Network, c/o Tim Anderson, 713 8th St., Ames IA 50010.

Santa Barbara, California: A Nuclear Free Zone will be declared by Moutain Folks, c/o Garrett Connely, 300 W. Mountain Drive, Santa Barbara CA 93103. They are interested in starting a Nuclear Free California campaign. Phone: 805/969-7506.

Burlington, Vermont: A statewide legal demonstration on June 18 will call for disarmament and an end to intervention in Central America. CONTACT: Burlington Peace Coalition, 300 Maple St., Burlington VT 05401.

■ Protest of Cruise Missiles ■

Creston, Iowa: Nonviolent civil disobedience at Wellman Dynamics plant, producer of aluminum bodies for cruise missiles. CONTACT: The Catholic Worker House, PO Box 4551, Des Moines IA 50306. Phone: 515/243-0765.

Walled Lake, Michigan: Statewide legal demonstration June 11 at Williams International, which assembles engines for ground-, sea-, and air-launched cruise missiles. CONTACT: Michigan Alliance for Peace. 4318 Michigan Union, 530 South State Street, Ann Arbor MI 48105. Phone: 313/761-7960 or 764-5280.

<u>Kent, Washington</u>: A women's peace camp will start June 18 at the Boeing cruise missile production plant. CONTACT: Puget Sound Women's Peace Camp, PO Box 22756, Seattle WA 98122. Phone: 206/ 523-2101.

San Diego, California: Rally June 19 and nonviolent civil disobedience June 20 at Point Loma submarine base.

CONTACT: Community Energy Action Network, PO Box 33686, San Diego CA 92103. Phone: 619/275-1162

Vancouver Island, British Columbia: Demonstration at Canadian Forces Base/Comox to protest storage of U.S. nuclear weapons there. A daylong phone blitz to Prime Minister Trudeau -- one call per minute -expressing opposition to planned cruise missile testing in Alberta, which has similar climate and geography to the U.S.S.R. CONTACT: Denman Island Peace Group, c/o Patti Willis, Denman Island, B.C. VOR 1TO, Canada. Phone: 604/335-

Tucson, Arizona: A rally June 19 will protest training of operators for ground-launched cruise missiles at Davis Monthan Air Force Base. After training, the personnel are sent to Greenham Commons in England, site of a women's peace camp. CONTACT: Cruise Conversion Alert, c/o Elaine Schwartz, 5516 E. Rosewood, Tucson AZ 85711. Phone: 602/ 792-3517.

Santa Monica, California: Encirclement of Rand Corporation (defense research institute doing feasibility studies on the cruise missile and playing war games) and a tea party at lunchtime with employees on June 20. CONTACT: Women's Rand Action, c/o Patty Litwin, 1001 Pier Ave. #B, Santa Monica CA 90405. Phone: 213/399-1705.

**This list was compiled May 15. 1983. For information about other actions confirmed after May 15, contact the Livermore Action Group, 126 Shattuck Ave. Berkeley CA 94705. Phone: 415/644-3031.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Note: The list below includes only those participants and endorsers added since publication of Action Bulletin No. 2. There are 140 total participants as of May 20, 1983 who have sent their names to LAG.

CALIFORNIA

Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador-East Bay, Berkeley Port Chicago Campaign, Berkeley Mountain Folks, Firegold Big Raisin, Fresno Silicon Valley Peace Camp, Mountain View Stop Uranium Now, Ojai World Peace Movement, Ojai Community Energy Action Network, San Diego Pacific Peacemaker, San Diego Peace Resource Center, San Diego Bay Area Asians for Nuclear Disarmament, San Francisco International Indian Treaty Council, San Francisco Graduate Program in Psychology, New College of California, San Francisco U.S.-Vietnam Friendship Association, San Francisco World Federalists Association-Northern California, San Francisco

Students for a Nuclear-Free Future (U.C. Santa Barbara), Santa Barbara Daughters of Resistance, Santa Cruz Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-

Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz Women's Rand Action, Santa Monica Arms Are For Embracing, Sebastopol Alliance for Survival, Venice Sequoia Alliance, Visalia

ENDORSEMENTS

Painters Union, Local 1146, Redwood City, California Internationalist Workers Party (Fourth International),

Peace and Social Welfare Council of the National Association of Social Workers-Northern California Chapter Student Environmental Alliance of Ohlone College, Fremont, California

New College of California, San Francisco, California Sierra Club-San Francisco Bay Chapter, San Francisco/ Oakland, California

OTHER STATES IN U.S.

Nuclear Resister, Tempe, Arizona Call to Disarm, Groton, Connecticut War Resisters League, Norwich, Connecticut Covenant Peace Community, New Haven, Connecticut Central Florida Nuclear Freeze Campaign, Orlando, Florida

People for Disarmament, Orlando, Florida Immanuel House, St. Petersburg, Florida Disarm Northrop Action Coalition, Chicago, Illinois: American Friends Service Committee

Chicago Life Community Chicago Peace Council Chicago Religious Taskforce on Central America Chicago Area War Resisters' Support Group Chicago Womens' Uprising Committee in Support of the People of El Salvador

Disarm Now Action Group Hyde Park Peace Council Palestine Human Rights Campaign People Against the LaSalle Start-Up

Corydon Peace Group, Corydon, Indiana St. John of the Cross Catholic Worker House, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

New Covenant Justice & Peace Center, Omaha, Nebraska Nuclear Free America, Baltimore, Maryland Mobilization for Survival, Cambridge, Massachusetts Michigan Alliance for Peace, Ann Arbor, Michigan Mobilization for Survival, Detroit, Michigan Home for Peace & Justice, Saginaw, Michigan The Honeywell Project, Minneapolis, Minnesota People's Test Ban National Clearinghous, Portland,

Burlington Peace Coalition, Burlington, Vermont Puget Sound Women's Peace Camp, Kent, Washington Kitsapers for Peace, Poulsbo, Washington Armistice, Seattle, Washington Disarmament Now, Madison, Wisconsin

OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

Japan

Brabant-Écologie, Ohain, Belgium Headingley Peace Action, Leeds, England L'Alliance Internationale pour le Désarmement (A.I.D.), Paris, France

Japan Congress against A&H Bombs (GENSUIKIN), Tokyo,

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Protest actions on June are called in cooperation wi 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.