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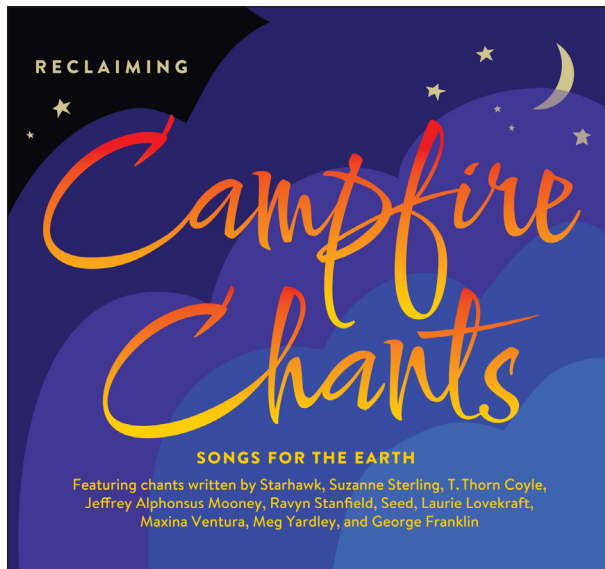
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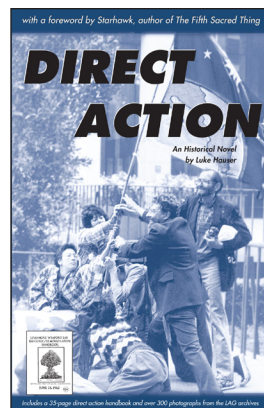
## DIRECT ACTION

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## Introducing Our Newspaper . . .

By the time you are reading this, our first issue of the LAG newspaper, we will hopefully all be celebrating the victory of the California Nuclear Freeze initiative. It is with different emotions however, that we will be facing the tasks and conditions which lay before us: the launching of the first MX missile from Vandenberg, preparations for regional war and CIA subversion in Central America, continued prosecution of draft resistance, and 15% unemployment as the U.S. sinks deeper into depression.

There could not be a more crucial time to launch our newspaper. The anti-nuclear weapons and other resistance movements stand at a crossroads. We can mobilize hundreds of thousands of people for rallies, thousands for acts of symbolic civil disobedience. But in the U.S. our generation comes to grip with the reality of nuclear terror, with its own history torn from us by media control, the rewriting of history and direct repression where necessary. Few of us experienced or remember earlier campaigns for nuclear disarmament. But we are all living through the result of their failures: the failures to ask, and then act on, the right questions about the sources of nuclear terror, whose interests these policies serve, how fundamental nuclear arms are to the worldwide dominance of U.S. corporate/military interests, and how deep we need to expose and uproot the system behind these policies to remove the threat of nuclear terror from our lives.

To think and to act. That is the dynamic this paper will seek to assist. No single individual or group has the answers to such questions, in many cases in LAG and the

wider movement these questions have yet to be posed. But in order to advance beyond the symbolic act, to avoid reduction to media theater which a blockade must constantly guard against, such dialogues must begin.

The newspaper will help tie all members of the LAG community together in support of our actions. We will publish monthly reports of all working groups, spokes and coordinating council meetings, as well as a calendar of LAG actions, benefits and meetings. Affinity groups, working groups and individuals will be able to network, share concerns, needs and planning.

Of necessity, many of the articles and reports in the first issue were written or solicited by members of the newspaper collective. But we are neither a writing or editing collective. The paper, to be successful, must be the voice of all LAG members. We need working groups to regularly submit reports on their activities. We urge individuals and affinity groups to send letters, graphics and photos, and articles on any subjects of concern. To serve the wider movement, we welcome contributions from individuals and organizations involved in all aspects of the anti-militarist and social justice struggles.

A final word. The name "LAG RAG" of this paper is only temporary. We hereby announce the first newspaper contest-Name That Rag. Please, send in your suggestions for an appropriately dignified(or not) titles. First prize is a one year subscription. Second prize is a tape of the newspaper collective attempting to reach consensus on the entries.



# OCTOBER 9TH BROADSIDE

FROM THE OCTOBER 9TH

## SCENARIO COMMITTEE

The 9th of October was LAG's first attempt at a large-scale legal action. It was also the first in a series of actions aimed at building alliances with other activist groups. As such, it has a lot to teach us about weaknesses in our organization. These weaknesses need to be faced, or they will continue to do serious damage.

Some may object to the content or tone of what follows. But with ambitious actions like the Vandenberg occupation and International Day facing us, it is time for some straight talk.

1. Where are we when we need us? LAG suffers from a crippling problem: lack of involvement by most of its members. LAG actions are our actions. They are our responsibility. Any shortcomings are our collective fault. We need to feel a duty to support to our utmost actions that we endorse. This means doing things not just because they suit us, but because they need to get done. The military establishment is on duty round the clock 7 days a week. We are not going to make much impression on it unless we are willing to make significant sacrifices, not only of our time, but possibly in our pocketbooks and our careers. This is a life-work that we are undertaking. It should be approached in that spirit.

Our social conditioning and the passivity it breeds are hard to shake. Nonetheless, affinity groups ought to be not consumers of actions, but creators. Brainstorm! Contribute ideas! Use the telephone! Don't sit back and let someone else determine the shape of the action (each of us is everyone else's "someone else"). Think of needs on your own—what would it take to make an action effective and make it run smoothly?

Specifically, affinity groups should adopt the following as minimum goals:

- providing volunteers to help out regularly in the LAG office (8 hours a month is suggested);
- providing at least one member to help organize each major action;
- providing this member (or members) active support and advice.

AGs should also consider assuming a group role for themselves before and/or at each action (e.g., outreach/fundraising/monitors/banner and sign construction/organizing car-pooling/assisting with publicity etc.). Most of the weak spots in the Oct. 9th action were a direct result of too few people trying to do too much. (There were five people on the Scenario Committee; two of them live in Bolinas and could rarely get down to the East Bay.) More organizers were needed—in principle, EVERYONE IN LAG SHOULD THINK OF THEMSELVES AS ORGANIZERS! The opportunities that we missed were missed for two reasons: first, because there were too few people asked to make too many decisions; second, because we let ourselves fall into the traditional pattern in which a few are appointed to do the thinking for the many.

## 2. Whither? Why? How?

The Oct. 9th action, and the discussion of it at the meeting the next day, show that we need to reassess our goals and tactics. Many seem to assume that one single action can be equally effective in reaching a) the Lab, b) the Livermore community, and c) the media audience. Is this a reasonable expectation? The Lab employees are probably the toughest nut to crack. How much of our energy should be devoted to trying to reach them? What is the most effective technique, or set of techniques? When we feel the urge to have more direct "contact" with Lab workers, are we seeking it for their sake or for ours? We might also ask ourselves



how we can best serve yet another goal: increasing our membership and strengthening ties with other activist groups. It would be nice to think that we will win members just by doing what comes naturally, but it probably isn't so. And we had better improve on our performance Oct. 9th in persuading other groups to join us if Vandenberg and International Day are to fulfill their potential. The fact that most members of LAG did so little to get behind a legal demonstration designed to forge alliances is disturbing. Do we really want to be ONLY a band of blockaders, addicted to the heady pleasures of defying authority and holding retreats at County expense, filled with ennui (and suddenly "too busy") at the notion of less heroic political action like staffing tables or working on outreach or improving political education or organizing legal demonstrations? How much of our behavior is motivated by romantic adventurism, and how much by a dedicated desire to help the human race the best we can with our limited resources? Confronting the police may make us feel brave and bold, but does it by itself make the world any safer, or different?

We must avoid the trap of caring more about style and gesture than about effectiveness. The Left is notorious for putting symbolic and verbal correctness first and getting things done a long way second. Actions—even civil disobedience actions—can all too easily become performances. If we let this happen, history (assuming there is any) will say of us, "Good drama—bad politics."

## 3. Thrills and Spills

Feedback concerning the 9th was positive on the following points: theatrics, costumes, music; affirmation of life; function as a LAG party; logistics during march (esp. the water wagon); floral messages (but display could have been better); media coverage in some papers and on some TV stations; amount of attention given us by the Lab and hence the police and the world at large; size of turnout. With more people involved in the weeks of organizing before the 9th, the turnout would have been much larger than a 1000. No one has said anything about the food, perhaps because it was handled so smoothly by "Turning Tide." Criticism centered on a sense of incoherence at the gathering and a lack of focus at the end of the march. The incoherence at the gathering was largely due to the fact that the theater groups who had agreed to perform failed to show up. Impatience precipitated the beginning of the march before the organizers had a chance to signal the dance of death group to do their bit. Again, with more organizers, and with more active engagement by LAG members, the situation would have been better handled. The lack of focus at the end of the march was a major worry from the start of planning. In hindsight, we might have done better to plan to stay at the gate(s) and force the visitors to run our gauntlet. But several factors deterred the Scenario Committee from proposing this: i) we had promised the Park District we would be out of Robertson Park by 4 P.M.; ii) we expected that people would be tired and ready to go home after walking four miles; iii) we thought that the march would arrive too early for us to ask people to wait till 4 P.M. and the end of Lab festivities (or whenever the police relented and let the visitors out). Our best idea for providing something we could all participate in without keeping everyone standing around for an hour or two was the floral messages. We hoped that those in the march would see contributing to a collective message for the Lab and the press cameras as a fitting way to conclude the day. The experiment was not successful. Perhaps it didn't get a fair chance, thanks to police games affecting access to South Gate, where the message "Convert the Labs" and half the march were to have gone. In any event, it seemed that most who reached Mesquite Way were more interested in confronting the police than in spelling out "BOMBS KILL" on the flats behind them.

## 4. Doing It Better

- We need an INVENTORY OF LAG RESOURCES, both material and human. I.e., vehicles available for car-pooling or for transport of objects

or for medical care; containers for water; banners, signs, materials for making same; costumes, masks, and the like; RV's with toilets that could be used at gatherings, blockades, march termini; bullhorns; walkie-talkies; plywood sheets, stakes, string for use at rallies or staging areas; cordless sound equipment; bicycles/cyclists to help with communications; and anything else anyone can think of that could be useful at an action. In addition, we need names of monitors, medical people, legal observers, drivers willing to help with transportation around actions, etc. It would save a great deal of time and assure better-run actions if there were LISTS at the office to tell organizers where to get hold of whatever and whoever is needed. Otherwise, we remain dependent on word-of-mouth, erratic recollection, and continuity of personnel from action to action.

- We need a MANUAL on organizing rallies, demonstrations, and blockades in the East Bay and at Livermore. The scenario people for Oct. 9th plan to get together with the scenario people for earlier actions (especially June 21st) and make this happen.

- We need MORE LEAD TIME for actions in the future. Seven weeks isn't enough. Not because LAG members are too slow to act, but because the public agencies with which we must deal aren't prepared to adjust themselves to our schedule. In consequence, fliers may go out before the City of Livermore has reached a decision as to availability of Robert Livermore Park, and we find that we have been disseminating misinformation when the park is denied us. That sort of thing.

- We need much MORE ENERGY PUT INTO RAISING MONEY. No money, no action. This organization makes a shoestring girdle the globe (at least it did for a day in June). Imagine what we could do with some good long bootlaces—maybe tie up LLL for a week? So try to staff a table, go out and canvass, organize benefits, fleece your friends, etc.

- We need MORE OUTREACH to groups and to individuals. There are close to 5 million people in the Bay Area alone. Surely we can persuade 10,000 Northern Californians to go jaywalking with us next time round if we just put our minds to it?

- We need BETTER CO-ORDINATION AMONG GROUPS working on different actions. Otherwise, actions will compete among themselves, with adverse effects on the actions and on the morale of LAG members. Unless we are prepared to integrate the demands created by trying to organize several actions concurrently, we have no business endorsing them.

We could close by saying, "See you at Vandenberg." How about "See you tomorrow" instead? Help organize Vandenberg and International Day now, behind the scenes, where the real work gets done. Call the office at 644-2028 or 644-3031 for information.

## Dear LAG,

As a member of the scenario collective for Oct. 9th, I'd like to share an observation of this action.

The four people on the scenario collective worked as hard as possible on this action. Yes, four people. I think we should all realize that four people are not a large enough group to organize a demonstration of this magnitude. It seems pretty basic: more creative input = more interesting, effective output. Just double that number and I'm sure we'd have felt the difference.

Considering the difficult circumstances, including the run around from Park & Recreation on the site. I feel we owe a great deal of appreciation to Pat, Maureen, Max, and all the other working groups that helped to make the march happen.

Tom Tieler of Turning Tide  
Bolinas CA

## Oct 4 Arrests

Eleven people were arrested at the South Gate of the Labs on Monday, October 4, after sitting down alone or in pairs in front of entering cars. The blockaders were accompanied by a crowd of about 80 demonstrators who had gathered at 6am for singing and meditation in commemoration of the 800th birthday of St. Francis of Assisi. Bearing signs calling for the conversion of the labs to peaceful purposes and an end to war and social inequality throughout the world, the protesters sang and talked with lab police and employees for several hours.

Nine of those arrested were arraigned on Tuesday, October 5, and sentenced to seven days community service. Two blockaders had cited out, and at a later hearing were also sentenced to seven days community service.



## gather at LLL weds, nov 24

Join us for an afternoon at the South Gate of Livermore Labs on Wednesday, November 24 (the last workday before the employees' four day Thanksgiving weekend).

We will gather on this day to appreciate the world, what it is and what it can be, and to hear from a Native American about the American Indian perspective of Thanksgiving, which the American Indians call Day of Mourning.

From Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University (D.Q.U.), the only all-Indian university, will come a representative fresh from the protest of the government-threatened shutdown. He will describe what part the oppression and genocide of na-

tive people and their uranium-rich land plays in the nuclear arms scheme.

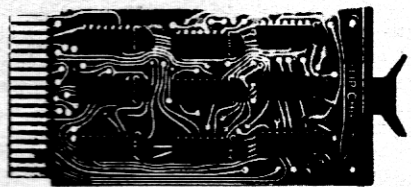
It all starts at 12 noon, so bring a picnic lunch along with your costumes, musical instruments, poetry and protest signs. At 2 pm, the D.Q.U. representative will speak with us and hold a ceremony.

Carpooling available. For more information call: Erica or Susan at 707/462-6310; Caroline at 408/426-9905; or Eldrid at 415/841-7994.





# ELECTRONIC WARFARE EXHIBITION



While the fantasy worlds of video war games teach children that nuclear holocaust can be fun, their adult counterparts converged on the S.F. Hilton from Oct. 12-16. The "Association of Old Crows" held a conference and trade show, laying out the latest in "electronic warfare" for the 1980's.

Warned by a "Star Wars is Here" propaganda piece in the Chronicle, a dozen LAG members picketed the conference for several hours on Tuesday evening. The sight of demonstrators in skeleton masks, their signs and banners reading "White Collar Killers", "Nuclear War Designed at Livermore" and "Stop Corporate War from Livermore to El Salvador", brought unexpected attention to the activities in the Hilton.

Electronic warfare covers the wholesale incorporation of computer, laser and integrated circuit technology into all aspects of U.S. war making capability. The AOC, founded in 1964, takes its name from the earliest practitioners, W.W.II airmen who dropped metal foil to confuse radar. Electronic warfare came into prominence during the Vietnam War. Mounting U.S. casualties were spreading anti-war sentiment among wider segments of the people, so suggestions of substituting U.S. technology for American bodies met with favor. The results included the use of laser guided smart bombs to destroy the irrigation and dam systems of North Vietnam, and millions of miniaturized heat sensors to call out air strikes- which did not distinguish between the soldier and the peasant.

Today, electronic warfare is vital to U.S. war preparations. Over \$150 mil-

lion this year is budgeted for the development of space based laser systems, \$33 million for particle beam weapons. A single contract with Texas Instruments for laser guided bombs is for \$115 million, including sales to third world military dictatorships in Pakistan and Thailand. Hundreds of millions of dollars are spent for laser and electronic guidance systems for tank and helicopter launched weapons.

U.S. count-insurgency technology is sent to suppress dissident movements from Central America to the Western Sahara. Laser guidance is a part of almost all new weapons. Without computerized ground following devices the cruise missile would be impossible. "C" - command, control, and communications represents the pinnacle of electronic warfare- the ability to control nuclear weapons in a prolonged nuclear war.

The events at the Hilton were not open to the public. Attempts by LAG members to enter were refused on the grounds of "No Need to Know". This resistance to public scrutiny is perfectly logical, given that 60% of the "Old Crows" are military, and that most of their conferences are jointly sponsored by the military. The other 40% comes from engineers and designers based in the laser, electronics and aerospace industries.

The term military/industrial complex" may be shopworn, but nothing so exactly fits the AOC. Along with the next hundred ads you see for video war games this season, remember the AOC. For them, these games are only convenient training models for the real thing. Only when we've lost the last city to the invaders from space, there'll be no slot left for the next quarter.

## PUBLIC ACCESS TO LLL

On July 26, a group of about fifteen people met at the East Gate of the Labs to decide how we would go about liberating the public access area of the Labs.

We decided to concentrate on four areas: the Visitors' Center, the East Gate, the South (Main) Gate, and the West Gate. We decided that, if arrested, we would plead not guilty and go for the whole ball of wax--a jury trial.

While we were in the process, two of our number proceeded to leaflet at the East Gate, and were asked to go out past the outer fence. The two demurred, and surprisingly were permitted to continue. When Detective Dahl approached and asked what the rest of us intended, we explained that we hoped to leaflet at the other gates as our friends were doing at the East Gate. Dahl said that he could not interfere with the leafletting at the East Gate since it was controlled by UC Davis, which had its own officer there.

When Alan Hessleman and I showed up at the South Gate and proceeded to leaflet in the area inside the outer fence to which the public has access (except on blockade days), we were arrested, and when John Kyper and Jonathon Rossman did likewise at the West Gate, they too were arrested. We were arraigned that day, pleaded not guilty, and were released on our own recognizance. At the pretrial hearing, Alan changed his plea to guilty, agreed to pay a fine of \$350, and was placed on six months' probation.

In a later hearing where attorneys (P.D. Leonard Uhlfelder, Marvin Rous, David Millstein) asked for dismissal, arguing 1st Amendment rights, the prosecutor decided to drop charges against me only, on the basis that the main gate is, in fact, an area where the public enters to apply for employment and to obtain permits to visit the labs. A further hearing on the charges against Kyper and Rossman is to be held on November 10.

The liberation of the other gates awaits the outcome of further legal strategies. Persons interested in leafletting at the labs should feel free to call me at (415)841-7994.

--by Eldrid

## EL SALVADOR DAY OF PROTEST

Oct. 16 brought 3500 people marching through the streets of San Francisco as part of the International Day of Protest to Stop U.S. Intervention in El Salvador. The day originated in a call issued last March 27 by the International Front in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador. The Livermore Action Group, along with over 50 Bay area peace, labor, church, anti-interventionist and community groups organized the S.F. march and rally.

The day began with 200 people attending the ecumenical service at St. Boniface Church. These people then joined the marchers at the Federal Building staging area. At noon the marchers set off in a march stretching out over several blocks for the Dolores Park rally.

The theme of the day was the danger of a regionalized war in Central America. The Rev. Philip Wheaton (the Director of the Ecumenical Program for Inter American Communication and Action) spoke of the threat of war spreading throughout Central America. U.S. aid to Honduras and Guatemala is preparing these military governments to intervene in El Salvador and Nicaragua in defense of U.S. government and corporate interests. Honduran troops have already joined combat actions in El Salvador to suppress the popular movements, especially in peasant areas. The demonstrators called for a complete cut of all aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, and an end to the \$20 million CIA destabilization campaign against Nicaragua.

The Livermore Action Group, beyond endorsing the action, participated in the coalition's steering committee. A LAG contingent marched under the banner "Stop Corporate War - From Livermore to El Salvador". The coalition will continue to meet, to plan further activities opposing the U.S. war plans for Central America. Individuals or affinity groups interested in further information, or LAG networking with anti-interventionist coalitions should contact the Community Outreach and Alliance Building working group.

## Consulate Sit-In Report:

By Paul Desfor

Paul, along with other LAG members Osha Newman, Linda Hirshorn, and David Simon, were arrested in a non-violent blockade of the Israeli Consulate in San Francisco Sept. 29.

"/They/ treat the Arabs with hostility and cruelty, deprive them of their rights, offend them without cause and even boast of these deeds, and nobody among us opposes this despicable inclination."

I first heard of the massacre at the Sabre and Chatila Palestinian refugee camps from a Lebanese woman who had family in Beirut. Sympathizing with her, a grieving numbness settled over me as summer's accumulated events finally overwhelmed me. This fog, a partial suppression of my feelings, gradually thinned and vaporized during the discussions and solitary moments of the next few days. Piercing my veil of tears and shock was an insistent desire to act, to protest this extreme violation, and to be with others to grieve and organize.

The discussions of the next few days were intense for us. We were each able to explore our emotional ties to Judaism, Zionism, and Israel.

Always a very delicate subject for progressive Jews, Israel's behavior brought to the surface bonds and conflicts that feel so old and ingrained they seem collective archetypes.

Intertwined in the acute personal group exploration in our unfacilitated meetings were politics--individual politics, group politics, and Mideast politics. These turned out to have more variance than our childhood Zionist histories (3 of us went to 2 of the summer camps sponsored by

a Labor Zionist organization!)

Despite difficult political differences we were able to move on and carry out the blockade/sit-in of the Israeli Consulate. Our insights into our own and each other's personal history were the glue that kept us together; that and the insistence for public action. For us, personal and political concerns merged and were often expressed as one.

My motivation to "publicly disassociate myself from Zionism" (from my blockade statement) came from the rage, grief and horror accumulated through the long course of the Israeli invasion. It was not based on extensive study of the Mideast. The process of personal/political growth continues as I move to educate myself on the personal/political histories of the peoples and the land.

Zionism, Israel and the Mideast are areas where many who normally agree, or at least agree to disagree, part ways in unresolved anger and hostility (often misdirected). LAG is hardly the only organization that has had great difficulty with these issues. Unyielding partisan positions obscure real life situations that give issues their substance. As understanding is lost to partisan rhetoric, the issue appears complex and confusing. We can make things so convoluted we can't move. We become paralyzed. When we turn the Middle East into a confusing morass, it stems from our lack of information, and our confusion is projected onto the issues.

Middle East issues of present concern can be reduced to two either/or issues:

1. Adherence to international and national law, or
  2. The threat of nuclear war.
- In an unpublished paper, a group of international law professors write:

"The massive scale of death, destruction, dislocations and suffering inflicted by the Israeli army in Lebanon is egregiously disproportionate to any harm that has been perpetrated upon Israel or to any serious threat to its legitimate national security interests posed by the presence of the P.L.O. in Lebanon."

Knowing that Israel is capable and willing to implement militaristic policies that violate international law rather than seek peaceful political solutions; and knowing that Israel does possess nuclear weapons (and was the first to bomb a nuclear plant), issue #2 becomes a frightening possibility and one that must be struggled against!

Lawyers in the National Lawyers Guild (Guild lawyers comprise LAG's unsung Legal Collective, as well as defending members of other progressive groups, and investigating and acting on issues) have struggled over Mideast issues for many years. At present, the Middle East Committee of the International Committee of the Guild has formulated a program of education and action. I am attending these meetings, as an individual, to learn about the issues and to facilitate educating my community. As I demonstrated above, these issues are relevant, in a very concrete way, to our anti-nuclear work. We do need to be concerned, to educate and involve ourselves: decisions in the Mideast affect us; the Mideast struggle is also our struggle!

In conclusion, I want you to refer back to the quote that leads this article. It could have been written in 1982 about the terrible bombing of Beirut, or about the treatment of the civilian populations. Perhaps, after the 1967 war, when Israel tri-

ples its size. Or 1948, when the small Arab village of Deirassin, which was cooperating with the government and housed no Arab troops, was attacked by Begin's Irgun. Total murdered was 254. The few survivors were paraded through Jerusalem while the crowds spit on them. Though appropriate, those lines were not written for any of these "events." They were written by Ahad Ha'am, a famous Jewish writer, about the European Jewish settlers in Palestine in 1891.

If I can help you, or you can help me, let me know! Leave a message at the LAG office (644-3031) or at 848-3949.





# STOP the MX at VANDENBERG

Next January, the testing phase of the MX missile begins. If the MX is completed it will spell the end of arms negotiations. The MX fulfills the dreams of the coldest Cold Warriors, dream before the first mark was etched on the drawing board. The MX is now ready for flight testing. Its flight path: Vandenberg to Kwajalein.

Vandenberg Air Force Base: rough, semi-arid desert country, thistles, poison oak, ICBM silos. Why would anyone want to go there next January? The Livermore Action Group is calling for legal demonstrations and an illegal blockade and occupation of the Air Force base in Santa Barbara County, California, in order to disrupt the MX flight testing.

Kwajalein Missile Range, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands in the South Pacific --the site of the Marshallese people's re-occupation of their own land. They call it "operation homecoming". This C-shaped coral atoll, once fishing waters, now serves as a 1000-square-mile target for incoming missiles. Why would 1500 people occupy this land in violation of a US Navy blockade.

When Operation Homecoming began last June, the US military tried to dissuade the people first with ice cream and cake, then with military force. The Navy imposed a blockade, a news blackout, and cut off food and water until two children contracted typhoid. Legally and morally the US military's position is, by its own admission, "embarrassing". Any court in America would find such a party guilty of trespassing, criminal negligence, blackmail and fraud. A bit of history illuminates this point.

In 1947, the UN designated Micronesia as the world's only "strategic" Trust Territory, granting the US power to use the islands for military activities. At the same time, the Trusteeship Agreement obliges the US to "promote the development of the inhabitants of the trust territory toward self-government...to promote the economic advancement and self-sufficiency of the inhabitants, and...encourage the development of fisheries, protect against the loss of land and resources...(and)protect (their) health..."

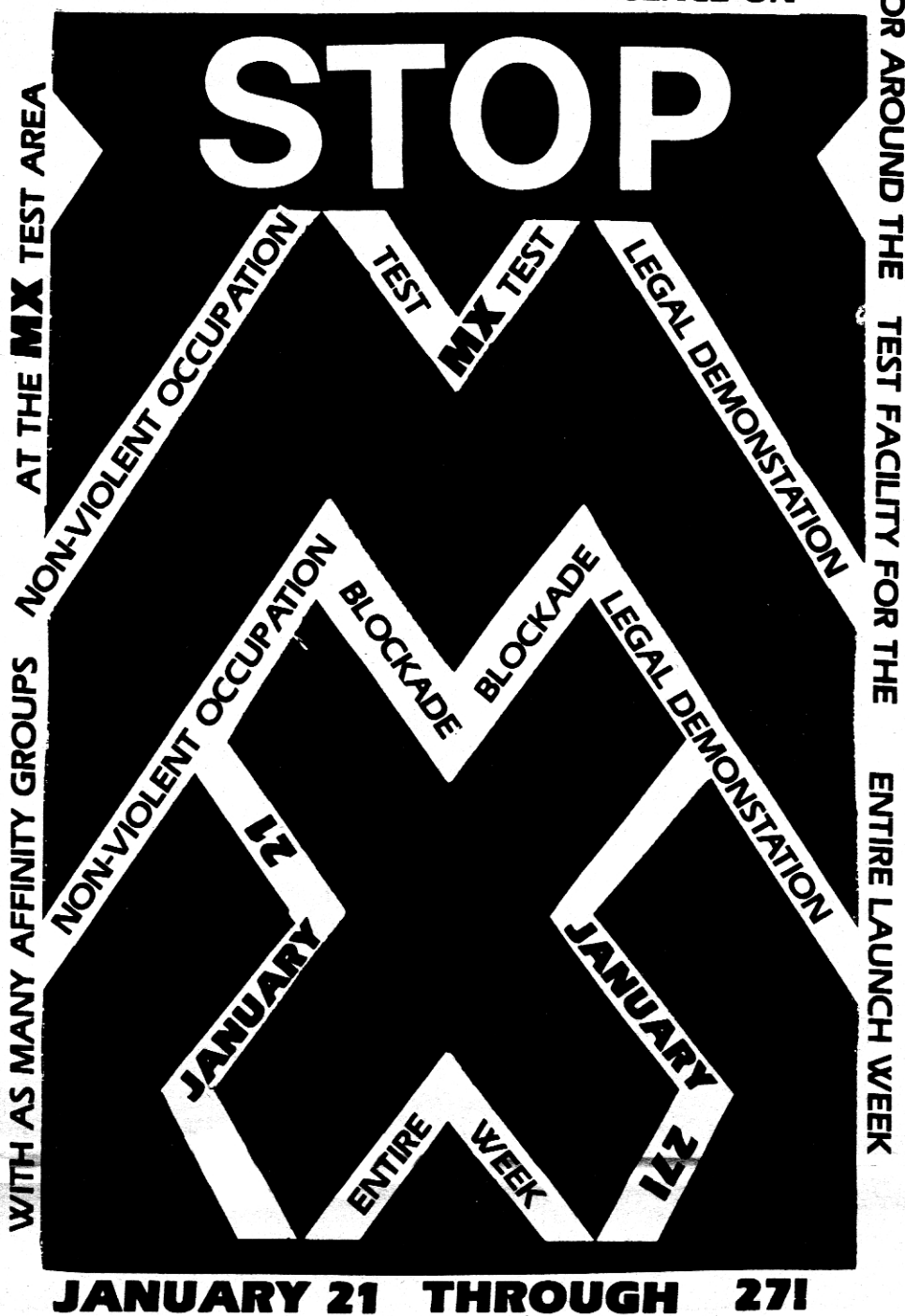
"For the first fifteen years of the Trusteeship Micronesia was largely ignored by the US except for the Defense Department which was conducting 66 atomic and hydrogen bomb tests. Six islands were completely vaporized and hundreds of Marshallese were seriously contaminated with fallout. Told that the bomb blasts were 'for the good of mankind and to end all world wars', the Bikini and Enewetak people had little choice but to leave their homes, which had been selected by the military for the test." The nuclear testing ended in 1958, but the weapons testing continued. In 1959, Kwajalein became a target for intercontinental missiles, and for every delivery system to date. Marshallese living on the islands were evicted from their homes and moved to Ebeye, now an island ghetto. To this day, 5000 landowners, plus thousands of other Marshallese who have come looking for jobs, live on the 66-acre island in conditions "bordering on a patent violation of basic human rights," according to a US Congressional Report. Put simply, it is apartheid in the Pacific.

Vandenberg and Kwajalein: Why are such actions necessary? Because the war has come home, and is on many fronts. The urgency to engage in a powerful action at Vandenberg is now clear. To the warmakers, our unity here is as much a threat as is that in Kwajalein, El Salvador, Beirut. A great opportunity lies before us to alert the people across America to a dark side of history long ignored, to a place and time which contains all the basic features of the expanding US global war machine, its history, its personalities, its actions, its awful human and ecological costs. Now is the time to carry out our dreams of life and freedom, resistance and continuation. See you at Vandenberg in January!

(Quotations from the Micronesian Bulletin, Pacific Concerns Resource Center, pp. 46-7.)

The first MX test flight at Vandenberg to Kwajalein atoll, a U.S. military installation located amidst the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific, is scheduled for January, 1983 and is critical in the escalation of the nuclear arms race.

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**JANUARY 21 THROUGH 27**

Participate by joining **WORKING GROUPS** and **AFFINITY GROUPS**  
CALL LIVERMORE ACTION GROUP 3126 Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94703 (415)644-2028

**Non-Violence Training for Civil Disobedience Participants.**  
For Place and Time Call PAMELA at (415)861-6838 or LAG Office (415)644-2028.

FIRST SPOKES COUNCIL MEETING  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13TH  
2017 STUART ST. BKLY, 10 AM

## A CALL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Proposal:	A day of international resistance to nuclear arms, militarism, and social injustice. We envision civil disobedience, strikes, marches, vigils, demonstrations, etc. - whatever non-violent means judged appropriate by the people involved.
Objectives:	To further the cause of 1) global nuclear disarmament, 2) demilitarization and non-intervention, and 3) equitable distribution of wealth and resources within and among nations.  To protest and halt the design, production, transport, and deployment of nuclear weapons worldwide for at least one working day.
Date:	We propose June 20, 1983, the Monday closest to the Summer Solstice (Winter for the Southern Hemisphere). Our predilection for this date is that it is far enough ahead in the calendar to give us time to organize; it is a workday appropriate for effective interference with nuclear related work; and it is a day marking a recurring natural phenomenon, universal and therefore free of political, national, cultural bias and ethnocentricity.
We are:	Livermore Action Group, ("LAG"), formed following the failure of conventional appeals, lawsuits, and attempts at dialogue with the aim of converting Lawrence Livermore Laboratories from nuclear weapons development to peaceful research. Our first blockade of the Lab, February 1, 1982, resulted in the arrest of 170. Our last blockade, June 21, 1982, resulted in the arrest of more than 1300. We remain committed to the tactic of non-violent civil disobedience for the purpose of converting or shutting down the Lab.
Our role:	We are prepared to 1) network national and international groups and to coordinate the Day; 2) serve as a resource for U.S. groups interested in civil disobedience and non-violent confrontation; 3) publish a handbook for the U.S. on civil disobedience and non-violence training. This handbook would include lists of major centers of nuclear arms production and nuclear arms supporting industries, and military facilities in the U.S. It would focus on nuclear disarmament and attempt to draw the connections between nuclear arms and the consequences of militarism. 4) We will also undertake another massive blockade of the Livermore Laboratories.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY UPDATE

Reprinted below is the revised Call for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, which expands the focus of objectives to include demilitarization and social justice as well as nuclear disarmament. This Call was mailed in early October to 200 California organizations, 150 groups throughout the United States, and 85 organizations overseas.

Following are some of the groups which have indicated interest in the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament:

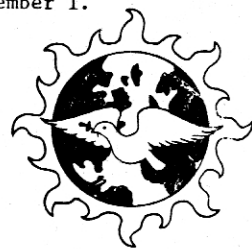
Acorn Alliance, Redway CA  
AFSC (Cruise Missile Project), Syracuse NY  
C.A.N.E. (Community Against Nuclear Extinction), Palo Alto CA  
C.A.N.T. (Citizens Against Nuclear Threats), Albuquerque NM  
E. Bay Women for Peace  
East West Peace People, London  
International Student Peace Network  
Mobilization for Survival national office, New York NY  
Mt. Diablo Peace Center, Walnut Creek  
Non-Violence Project, Albany NY  
N. Calif. Ecumenical Peace Institute  
Omaha Pax Christi  
War Resisters League (discussed at their national conference)  
Women's Strike for Peace (endorsed at their national conference)  
World Citizens Registry

The International Day Working Collective is actively telephoning other key groups around the United States to learn their reactions to our proposal. We have received a mixture of responses about the appropriateness of June 20 as the date for the action.

The Call for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament is on the agenda of two upcoming national conferences: the Nuclear Weapons Facilities Task Force conference in St. Louis Nov. 19-21, and the Mobilization for Survival conference in Austin, Texas, Dec. 8-10. LAG will send a representative to each of these conferences to build a national network for the International Day and to set the final date for the Day.

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY WORKING COLLECTIVE NEEDS HELP!!! Specifically, we need people to raise money to pay for our outreach costs and handbook publication; we need networkers to encourage organizations in California, the rest of the United States, and overseas to participate in this day; and we need volunteers in the LAG office to coordinate responses from national and international groups and organize the mass mailing of the final International Day brochure. This day will not happen on the scale necessary to begin nuclear disarmament unless many people do a lot of work.

If you are interested in helping out either in the San Francisco Bay Area or in your local region, call or write the LAG office. Ask for the part-time LAG staff person who started working on the International Day November 1.



### CHOOSE LIFE

Between Dec. 10 (Human Rights Day) and New Years (World Peace Day) you and your congregation are invited to spend a half or a whole day worshipping in your tradition at the gates of Lawrence Livermore Laboratories. Come prepared to offer something central to your traditional holiday observances, prayer, hymns and carols, chanting, candles, dance, Eucharist, mime or blessed silence. Your participation in an outdoor public worship at the gates of LLL will gently contrast the life-affirming values held by all religions and celebrated during these religious holidays with the counterfeit values of militarism. If you are part of a worshipping community that would like to get your faith out of the pew and into the world this holiday season, please call Eric Moon at the Ecumenical Peace Institute, 415/391-5215.



## Finance Report:

The Livermore Action Group is a growing organization. Currently, we are trying to keep in touch with over 200 affinity groups across the state and over 2000 people on our mailing list. We are also committed to at least two major actions in the next year. We are now \$5000 in the red--and if something is not done soon to correct this we are speeding toward a deadly organizational debt. If we do not make fundraising a part of our collective activity, we will have to cut back on our commitments. We are dedicated to being a volunteer organization as much as is possible. So, we need everyone to help us survive financially.

This is the situation: We spent about 28,000 dollars on the June blockade, and we brought in 30,000 dollars (at least 1/3 of it in the flurry of rallies and meetings from June 12-21). In regathering ourselves to demonstrate on Oct. 9th and in planting the seeds of the Vandenberg and International Day actions we spent 12,000 dollars. During that time only 6,000 dollars in donations, tableing and Oct. 9th income came in. The \$6000 debt, minus leftover money from the June blockade, equals an Oct. 21st debt of \$4,904, with more than \$3000 due in bills and loans by Nov. 9th.

In order to get the word out about the government plans to test the MX, and our plans to interrupt their test, we need to spend at least \$8000 in Nov. and Dec. in printing (handbooks, fliers, posters, T-shirts, buttons). We also have a \$16,000 bare bones cost to organize the occupation. Minimum Vandenberg budget is \$29,000.

## FUND DRIVE !

Our commitment to spend this money must include a commitment to raise it if we are an action, not a theory, group. In order to organize a fund-raising effort we are calling for a FUND DRIVE for LAG to raise \$20,000 by New Years Eve. We are organizing a raffle with exciting prizes. The drawing will be at a fundraising New Year's Eve Party. On Saturday December 11th, we will have a tableing, garage sale, flea market etc. group effort. In the mean time we will need all the help we can get: prizes, tablers, volunteers, organizers, etc. Call the Office: 644-3031 sign up, organize your affinity group, have a house party, brainstorm. Help! We will have plenty of materials at the office to help you raise money. Contact your friends. Try to get your friends to donate money. Give us names and addresses for a direct fund mail appeal. If everyone helps we can raise \$20,000 by New Years Eve.

**TABLING:** Four LAGers brought in \$540 in late October tabling at the Berkeley Co-ops on a few afternoons. We have lots of new literature, bumper stickers, button, T-shirts, and other good stuff to be sold. A Tabling collective has formed, contact co-ordinator Max at the office for more information, 644-3031.

**BENEFITS:** We need a lot more people organizing a lot more benefits. Our better benefits have brought in \$800 apiece, and we can think bigger. Things to do: Ask your talented friends to do benefits, print flyers, or help by placing notices in calendars. Contact Paul of the Benefits Collective at 848-3949.

**FLEA MARKET:** The LAG flea market, scheduled for as-yet undisclosed dates and locations, though rumor has it that the Ashby BART flea market of November 6 is under serious consideration, needs your assistance. We need all sorts of donated items, transportation, sales volunteers, and storage. Contact George, 845-7248, or the LAG office, 644-3031.

**RAFFLE:** As soon as we can get some good prizes donated, we'll have a LAG Raffle. Raffles are quick, lucrative money-makers. If you can offer a service (expert hair-styling, for example), or know businesses willing to donate products (say, a dinner for two) or can spend a few hours soliciting prizes, contact Virginia at the office, 644-3031.

**AND:** To all those with more and better ideas, come to the Finance and Fundraising Collective meetings and make your fundraising dream come true! Or stir up ideas in your affinity group and have your AG pull off a fundraiser start to finish--it's been done before!

# SING ALONG with lag

FRIDAY, NOV 12  
7:30-10pm

at the UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP  
1924 Cedar St, Berkeley

ALL THE GOOD OLD SONGS:  
Down By the Riverside  
We Shall Not Be Moved  
Bright Morning Star  
You Can't Stop the Spirit  
--and many more

We'll have songsheets, but new songs are welcome. Bring your voices--"non-singers" are welcome--and musical instruments. \$1 donation for space requested. More info, call George, 845-7248

## Spokes Council:

THERE WILL BE A LAG REGIONAL BAY AREA COUNCIL (empowered spokes from AGs and Working Groups) on Nov. 21st to discuss the following proposals. Call office for time and place.

I. Modification of consensus to 80 percent vote.  
--Overthrow Cluster

### PROPOSAL II.

The purpose of this proposal is to make our consensus process less biased against change. As things stand, if a proposal is blocked things remain as they were, even though perhaps a majority in LAG favor the proposal, which is to say: even though there is no longer consensus, things remain the same. This proposal would, then, make our consensus process more truly consensus process, while modifying it to 80% (or 90% or 70%) consensus makes it not consensus at all, but a form of voting. The proposal is:

1. If there is considerable support for a proposal which is blocked by one or more groups, mediation meetings must begin between those blocking and those supporting the proposal.

2. The last consensus on the subject of the proposal will remain in effect until the original proposal is accepted by those blocking or a synthesis proposal is consensated to by the entire decision-making body, or for three months.

3. If the original proposal or a new proposal is not consensated to within three months, the original proposal will go into effect for the next three months while the mediation process continues.

4. Specifically excluded from #3 (new proposal taking effect without consensus), would be proposals changing consensus process in favor of any kind of numbers count, either of groups or of individuals. Other specific concerns, such as blocking civil disobedience in general or authorizing violence could be specifically excluded if people feel there might be sufficient support for them in the first place.

5. The three month "time's up" provision (2 & 3), is an emergency provision, is unsatisfactory, and not a solution. It should never be allowed to go into effect; rather, each side has valid concerns and ideas and that a synthesis will be a better proposal if only because the feelings of everyone in the group will be represented by it.

6. If a proposal is blocked and there is no previous consensus on the subject of the proposal, mediation meeting still take place but the proposal will not go into effect after any time lapse until consensus is reached.

-- Anne Moore, Spiderwomen A.G.

### ALSO:

Discussion of the relationship between the Feminist process and consensus.

### LAG STRUCTURE??

A full description of the structure of LAG that was adopted at the Oct. 24th spokes meeting will appear in the next LAG newsletter.

## Camp Parks

A seemingly dormant but actually still-functioning group of concerned individuals have formed a network whose purpose is to find out whether the rights of over 1300 June blockaders were violated by interment in unsafe facilities. The individuals are representatives of legal, investigative, and administrative factions of LAG. There still remain serious questions that need to be answered regarding the right of the County to house prisoners in what could have been one of the government's prime sites for radiation-related experiments.

Unfortunately, facilities for unravelling the mystery of the Camp Parks issue are expensive and scarce and the question of "safe" or tolerable levels of radioactive toxins is itself controversial. To date, fifteen women and three men have registered copies of claims against the County of Alameda. We are requesting any person who has filed and not sent a copy of the claim to the LAG office to do so. The legal team is investigating the possibility of extending the claim period so as to include those who missed the last-minute mailing to Affinity Groups. Anyone is welcome to lend aid to this investigation. Contact Mark McDonald at 658-7263, or call the LAG office.

## LAG awards

The 1982 Summer Meetings season ended with a flourish at the Spokes Council of September 18 as the contest for most process points went right down to the last proposal.

Paul Leemickle and Rhett Oracle had gone into the final day in a deadlock, and Leemickle actually pulled ahead at the outset with five quick process points during the posting of the agenda. But Oracle closed the gap during the Structure discussions, outscoring Leemickle 16-13, and a brilliant double-process point during a five-minute break knotted the race with only two proposals left. Then, to Leemickle's dismay, the Alliances proposal was withdrawn for more work, leaving only the Computers proposal, on which Oracle was clearly better prepared. Before the proposal had even been read, Oracle had made four points, and Leemickle was never close after that.

Neither of those two, however, could match the one-day mark set in early July by Moe Termouth, who attended only one meeting and has never been heard from since. On that now-legendary afternoon, Termouth, who most observers agree had a hesitant start, managed to rack up 37 process points, a figure all the more incredible in that 13 other alleged process points were rejected as disguised points of substance.

In other fields of endeavor, R. McGeddon captured the award for longest irrelevant speech for her 17-minute tirade on the dependency of political awareness on infant feeding patterns, delivered at a logistics meeting for the LAG picnic.

Burr Nout mounted a serious challenge to his own record of 64 consecutive days of one or more meetings, reaching 46 days by early September. But on September 9, he mis-copied the address of the Stamp Collectors' Collective meeting, and being somewhat drowsy, failed to notice that no one else ever showed up at the vacant lot. Nout has vowed to shatter his record of 64 days during the winter season, and has requested reimbursement from LAG for a traveling secretary, a trainer, and a kilo of speed.

The award for Most Meetings with One or More Negative Remarks went as expected to Rhet Chedly, while Stu Pidly nailed down the trophy for Most Blocked Proposals By Someone Who Has NO Idea What Is Going On.

Award recipients will be presented with a beautiful trophy shaped like a mushroom cloud, engraved with the winner's name, achievement, and FBI file number.

--by J. Walker

## CANVASSING

There's good news and bad news in LAG's financial picture, folks. First, the good news is that the Vandenberg Action and the International Day are both likely to be bigger than anything LAG has tackled in the past. Our second year of existence may see our budget triple to \$150,000. The bad news is that right now we are in debt, and our current fund-raising efforts are just keeping abreast of expenditures.

One high-potential fund-raising idea is the establishment of a door-to-door canvass. Using a paid crew of up to a dozen canvassers, LAG would net about \$1200 per canvasser per month, plus the benefits of constant grassroots outreach.

Establishment of a canvass will require a lot of work. Even a small canvass could have a large impact on the structure, image, and program of LAG. The most important issue to deal with is the goal of the canvass. Fundraising, education, and recruiting are all possible, and we need to prioritize the three. Decisions such as pay structure, the nature and level of the canvass's day-to-day relationship with various working groups, and even which neighborhoods we choose to visit can be made only after the purpose of the program is resolved. Since the bay area already has a dozen active canvasses, co-ordination with other groups will also be necessary.

A final proposal for the canvass will not be presented till early January, but the process of shaping the canvass is already begun, and your comments, concerns, and enthusiasm are needed.

If you are interested, we would like to sit down and listen to your thoughts. Call the LAG office and ask for Fred Miller, Ken Pelter, or Max Newton.

### HOLLY NEAR RAFFLE

PLEASE SEND ME

1 // 2 // 3 // 4 // 5// raffle

tickets to the HOLLY NEAR CONCERT Dec. 18th. Berkeley Comm. Theatre. Drawing Dec. 14th. LAG office will call winner of a pair of tickets.

Enclosed is one dollar per raffle ticket.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

# IMPLEMENT the FREEZE

Many people who attended the October 9 demonstration at the Labs walked off with costumes that had been made available to L.A.G. by the Costume Bank in San Francisco on a loan basis. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN THESE COSTUMES TO THE L.A.G. OFFICE IMMEDIATELY, or the organization will have to part with scanty funds to remedy the situation. People are also invited to donate costumes with an eye to replacing those which are not returned and some which were damaged. Tail coats and tuxedos would be of particular interest, but almost any material of a theatrical nature would help us to maintain what has been a helpful and creative relationship with the Costume Bank.



# SOLIDARITY STATEMENT

The following statement of solidarity was endorsed by the LAG Coordinating Council, sent out to the mentioned Indian camps and issued as a press release in October.

Livermore Action Group (LAG) wishes to express, by word and by deed, its solidarity with the Lakota people at Yellow Thunder Camp in South Dakota, the Dine people at Big Mountain in Arizona, and all indigenous people whose culture is studied at D.Q. University near Davis, California. At each of these three locations, the government of the United States of America presently threatens Indians with eviction.

We in Livermore Action Group are not fooled by the various legalistic means used by the U.S. government in its on-going harassment of native peoples at these three sites. We see the blatant racial oppression. We also know there are rich deposits of uranium, as well as coal and valuable minerals, on the contested land in the Black Hills of South Dakota and the Navajo-Hopi Joint Use Area in Arizona. Once Indian people and their supporters have been evicted from their ancestral land, and once educated and dedicated young activists can no longer be trained at D.Q. University, development of these "resources" can continue apace.

As a group committed to global nuclear disarmament, de-militarization, non-violence, and an equitable distribution of wealth and resources within and among nations, we are compelled to voice our protest against these attacks by the U.S. government on the sovereignty of the Indian people.

Livermore Action Group was formed to protest nuclear weapons design at Lawrence Livermore Laboratories in California. In June 1982 1300 LAG protesters were arrested in a non-violent blockade of the laboratories while an additional 3000 supporters staged a massive demonstration. We know that the mining of uranium is just as critical to nuclear weapons production as is the design and testing of bombs. Therefore we feel a deep sense of solidarity with the people struggling to

save their spiritual homelands from uranium and coal exploitation.

In the past, some LAG members have responded to alerts sent out regarding eviction threats at Yellow Thunder Camp and livestock confiscation at Big Mountain. Interested LAG members are presently organizing with the Abalone Alliance and the American Friends Service Committee to respond to alerts from D.Q. University to prevent eviction there. Livermore Action Group members are committed to non-violence in all our actions, both legal and civil disobedient.

We therefore ask that copies of any future alerts be sent to the LAG office at 3126 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley CA 94703. Or telephone LAG at 415/644-3031.

Finally, we voice our support for:

- 1) The claims of the Lakota Nation to treaty rights as set out in the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty, the last formal and legally binding agreement reached between the sovereign Lakota Nation and the United States government.
- 2) The passage of HR-5664, a House of Representatives Bill which would withdraw 800 acres in the Black Hills National Forest from the public domain, permit Yellow Thunder Camp to use the 800 acres for 10 years as a cultural and religious resource area, and require consultation with the Lakota Nation prior to any resource development in the Black Hills National Forest.
- 3) The repeal of P.L. 93-531, the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Act which orders the removal of 10,000 Dine from their homeland. We further call for a halt to all activities carried out under that act until its repeal.
- 4) All Indian people, wherever the U.S. government is challenging their right to self-determination.

Yours in love of life and justice,

Livermore Action Group



## DQU UNDER SIEGE

The night of Oct. 24th was long, cold and wet; drums beating all night long --TOM...TOM...TOM...Tom...tontomtom-- over and over again. It felt like, if the drums would stop the world would come to an end. The lightning was flashing sheets of light across the sky--the rain coming and going--the smell of tobacco hanging all around. It was four o'clock in the morning, I was tossing and turning on a hard floor, waiting, waiting for the federal marshals to storm into the camp and arrest us.

No, this was not an October in the 1800s, this is not from a Cowboy and Indian movie. This is October 1982. The U.S. Federal officials had threatened on October 11th to forcibly evict Native American Indians from the Deganawidah-Quetzalcoatl University (DQU) if they did not vacate themselves by Oct. 25th. A call went out for American Indians and whites to blockade the Federal Marshals, to occupy the campus and hold it from the federal government.

DQU is the only university of its kind. It is the only place that Native American Indians can go to study their traditions and spiritual heritage in an environment all of their own. DQU has become a sacred place, a cultural center, the place of the annual Sun Dance. It is only because the University promises to be so successful (with a little financial help) that the government has launched a campaign against them. The government has denied them funds rightfully theirs and has continually harassed them, trying to force them to close down.

US Attorney Lewis Demas was quoted in several mainstream newspapers that the Indians would be evicted from their University on Oct. 25th. But when Oct. 25th rolled around, a campaign of letters and telegrams, and a picket at the Department of Education, and a blockade of 200-300 at DQU forced a change of plans. On Oct. 25th Attorney Demas denied that he ever threatened a forcible eviction.

The Oct. 25th eviction was stalled, but the attack on DQU is not over yet. On Nov. 30th there is a court hearing in the Federal district court (9 am) for a request for a court order for eviction. The government will continue their attempts to crush DQU. In the mean time DQU is asking you for help. They need you to write:

Philip Wilkens  
Chief U.S. District Judge  
650 Capitol Mall  
Sacramento CA 95814

and Secretary of Education  
Terrel Bell  
Department of Education  
Washington D.C. 20202

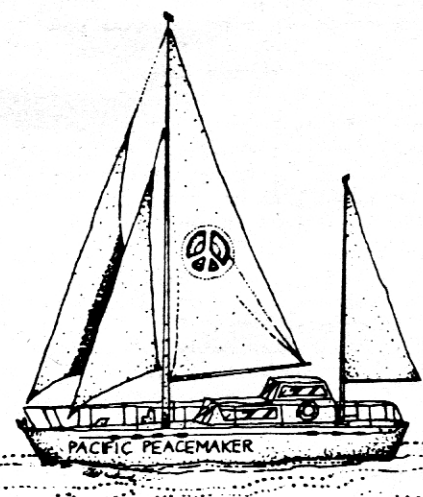
For more information call:

S.F. (415) 641-9010 or  
DQU (916) 758-3238

Working groups are being organized to mobilize resistance to save DQU. The University needs food. If you want to send food to DQU call Bob at 841-3657.

THERE WILL BE A THANKSGIVING GATHERING AT DQU ... SHOW YOUR SUPPORT ... COME FOR A CULTURAL EVENT. CALL 641-9010 or (415) 386-2453

## PACIFIC PEACEMAKER VISIT



In October, the Pacific Peacemaker came to San Francisco Bay for ten days, and I had the chance to go on board and meet some of the crew.

The Pacific Peacemaker is a 58-foot steel ketch which sailed across the Pacific, stopping at islands and making connections in the struggle for a nuclear-free Pacific, to Seattle, Washington, then south to the Bay Area, and from here to San Diego.

While in Polynesia, the boat was rammed, and then impounded, by French authorities, for sailing into an off-limits nuclear testing area. In Seattle, the boat took part in the attempt to blockade the deployment of the first Trident nuclear submarine.

The crew of 12 on the trans-Pacific voyage included skipper Bill Ethell, his wife, the navigator, and their 4 children, ages 3-9 years, along with several Pacific islanders.

On the morning of October 14, about 15 people from different peace groups and media gathered at Pier 33 in San Francisco, and here we boarded the Stone Witch, to sail out into the Bay and meet the Pacific Peacemaker by the Alameda navy base.

The Stone Witch is a sailor's sailboat, a traditional square-

rigged schooner, 70 feet long, with no engine. A whale is painted on one of the topsails, all the decking is wood, there are even stained glass windows down below, with dolphins in them - there's nothing ugly on the boat. She is a boat that defies my efforts not to call boats "she." The Stone Witch has taken part in a number of Greenpeace actions, and it was from the Stone Witch that the marine contingent of Diablo Canyon demonstrators made their landing.

There wasn't much wind that particular morning, and with two sails set, we were nudged into the Bay by a Greenpeace raft with outboard motor.

We sailed under the Bay Bridge. It was strange to see it from underneath, water lapping at its ankles, traffic humming high overhead.

I talked with some of the people on board. One of them was an atomic veteran who had come all the way from Marysville for the occasion. He was in the Bikini Atoll for a year in 1952, and then on a contaminated ship for 3 years after that. He had radiation sickness all during the time he was in the service, beginning with skin discoloration, rectal bleeding, and joint trouble. He was told it was either a fungus or an allergy. He became totally disabled because of bone trouble in his legs, and was discharged from the navy. He has remained disabled and unable to work all these years, now suffering from frequent bouts of paralysis, and from bone disease, but he receives only 10% disability benefits. And it was only a year and a half ago, through the organization of atomic vets, that he found out he'd been suffering the effects of radiation. I asked how he felt when

he made this discovery and he said, "It scared the hell out of me." But he said he was glad for the support of others in the organization, and that he wants to get the word out.

There were 2 Japanese Buddhists, a monk and a nun, from the lotus sutra sect, with shaved heads and yellow robes. They sat on the fore-deck and chanted a chant to save all beings, and beat on their drums. It sounded nice going out over the water.

We met the Pacific Peacemaker outside the Alameda Estuary, as planned. They had spent the night at Pier 39, having come into the Bay the night before, after saving a fishing boat that began to sink while it was guiding them into the Golden Gate.

The two boats tied up together and we continued to make our slow way into the Alameda Estuary, visiting back and forth between the boats as we proceeded. I was disappointed not to meet the 4 children and their mother, who had gone back to Australia. I talked with Ian Gaillard, one of the original crew from Australia, and he said that the kids liked the voyage, and had some basic understanding of its purpose.

He told me that when the Peacemaker was impounded by French authorities in Tahiti, a French ship was taken hostage in Australia by workers in a shipping union which is one of the sponsors of the Pacific Peacemaker. It was this action of solidarity which brought about the release of the Peacemaker.

At the Alameda navy base we sailed right up beside an airstrip. Fighter planes took off, roaring, at frequent intervals. I was surprised that I'd never been aware of them before, living right next door in Berkeley -

they are so big and loud and fierce-looking. In the middle of the airstrip is an enormous concrete bunker containing nuclear material - waste and/or weapons. Poles stick up around it to keep planes from flying into it.

I rang the big gong I'd brought with me from the Berkeley Zen Center. It sounded like a bell buoy. We released orange helium balloons with messages asking the naval personnel of Alameda to consider their role in the arms race. As the swarm of orange spots rose higher, and out of sight, fighter planes shaped like knives continued to take off - they may have even popped some of the balloons - and I continued to sound the gong, the Nichiren Buddhists chanted to save all beings, and a jogger ran along the inside of the fence at the side of the airstrip.

I was very moved by the dedication of the crew of the Pacific Peacemaker, and by the connections it is making, on the globe and in people's minds.

Presently the Pacific Peacemaker is owned by a coalition of Australian and New Zealand labor unions, churches, peace groups and individuals. A newly formed American/Canadian group intends to buy the boat and continue its voyage of protest with a new multinational crew. Future sites that the Peacemaker may visit include the Marshall Islands, where the MX will be tested, Belau, a possible forward deployment base for the Trident and the only country with a nuclear-free constitution, Japan, and possibly the Soviet Union.

For more information about the Pacific Peacemaker, contact Sunshine Appleby, 431-0573, or Ingrid Kircher, 434-2988.

- Susan Moon





The Disarmament Resource Center publishes a calendar of peace and resistance activities once a month. This is an excellent resource which can supplement the San Francisco Bay Area calendar on this page.

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## NOVEMBER

- 6 Non-violence training/preparation 10-5 at 208 Dolores St. (near 15th), San Francisco. Bring lunch and a small donation. Call 861-0592 (the Abalone Alliance office) to sign up. Non-violence training will be given the first Saturday of every month.
- 8 Coordinating Council 7:30 pm; call office 644-3031 for place.
- 10 International Day Working Collective meeting 7 pm; call Jim at 821-7328 for place.  
Conversion Project meets every Wednesday. Call Amy 524-5615 for time and place.

- 15 Coordinating Council 7:30 pm; call LAG at 644-3031 for place.
- 11 Non-violence Preparers Collective 7:30 pm, 349 Church, San Francisco  
Slideshow on children's blockade by Michael Little 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar and Bonita, Berkeley.
- 12 Sing Along with LAG, all your old favorites plus some great new songs. Bring your instruments and voices. "Non-singers" welcome. \$1 donation. More info: contact George 845-7248. At the Unitarian Center, 1924 Cedar at Bonita, Berkeley.
- 13 Vandenberg Affinity Group Spokes-council 11 am - 5 pm, 2017 Stuart Street, Berkeley. Send empowered spokes!!!

Preparation/Training for Non-violence preparers/trainers. Learn how to prepare people for LAG's upcoming non-violent actions. 11-6 at the Friends Meeting House, 2151 Vine. For info call Eric Bear at 285-8729.

David Lippman & Gunther, Linda Hirschorn & Tay, Plutonium Players, plus a slideshow of the blockade. A fundraiser for the LAG Legal Defense Fund. 8 pm at Ollie's, 4120 Telegraph, Oakland. For more info call 665-2153.

- 14 Speakers training workshop for the Vandenberg action. 11-5 at the Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar and Bonita, Berkeley. Pre-registration required; call Maria 841-8259.
- Vandenberg Non-Violence Preparers gathering. Issues in non-violence and Vandenberg scenario, 11 am - 5 pm, 2017 Stuart St, Berkeley.

## LAG CALENDAR

- 17 International Day Working Collective meeting 7 pm; call Jim at 821-7328 for place.
- 18 Outreach/Alliances Working Collective meeting 7:30 pm at 349 Church St., San Francisco.
- 20 Vandenberg Action Statewide meeting in San Luis Obispo 11 am. Call 805/544-5217 for place.
- 21 Excerpts from A Change of Heart, the documentary about the June 21st blockade, will be presented at a special showing for LAG members. The videotape will be screened at 12:00 sharp at the Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Durant in Berkeley. The purpose is to get feedback from LAG members for final editing of the film by Adair Films.  
Vandenberg Informational Meeting - see the Vandenberg slide show - 7 pm, 1024 Masonic, San Francisco
- 22 Coordinating Council 7:30 pm; call LAG at 644-3031 for place.
- 24 Thanksgiving Action at Livermore Labs. Bring a picnic lunch at 12 noon along with your costumes, musical instruments, poetry and protest signs. At 2 pm a Native American representative from D.Q. University will speak and hold a ceremony. For more info call Erica or Susan 707/462-6310, or Caroline 408/426-9905, or Eldrid 415/841-7994.
- 25 Thanksgiving potluck at Paul and Sunflower's house in the Santa Cruz mountains. RSVP 415/879-0622.
- 29 Coordinating Council 7:30 pm; call LAG at 644-3031 for place.

## DECEMBER

- 1 International Day Working Collective meeting 7 pm. Call Jim at 821-7328 for place.
- 2 Outreach/Alliances Working Collective meeting 7:30 pm; call LAG at 644-3031 for place.
- 4 Non-Violence training/preparation 10-5. Call 861-0592 (Abalone Alliance) to sign up and learn place. Non-violence training will be given the first Saturday of every month.
- 5 Speakers training workshop for Vandenberg action 11 am-5 pm. Pre-registration required; call Maria 415/841-8259 for place and more info.  
Coordinating council meeting to organize a major fundraising run around the grounds of Livermore Laboratories. The date for this first annual "Spongathon" (initiated by the Mutant Sponges) is April 16, 1983. Bring munchies to the planning meeting at 828 Addison St., Berkeley, 2 pm. For info call 527-8256 and leave message.
- 6 Coordinating Council 7:30 pm; call LAG at 644-3031 for place.

Dec. 10-Jan 1. CHOOSE LIFE daily worship observances at Livermore Laboratories. To participate in any of these actions, call Eric Moon at the Ecumenical Peace Institute 415/391-5215.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Anarchists Collective will hold a bake sale to raise money for the proposed Month of Anarchy slated for December. During the Month, participants will be asked to pledge from \$10-\$1000 to Anarchy Central, and to spray paint official Anarchist slogans on designated walls.

URGENT! ADAIR FILMS NEEDS YOU!

We urgently need your help in completing A Change of Heart. We desperately need volunteer typists to finish transcribing audiotapes of interviews (essential for editing). These transcripts are for our internal use only and don't have to be letter-perfect, so....if you can type at all, and can commit a minimum of 10 hours, please call us at 621-6500 as soon as possible.

A Republican Sympathizers Workshop will be held Wednesday night. We will try to create a nurturing environment in which closet Reaganites can share their guilt. Proof of voting is required, but naturally Democrats are welcome too, as we share the same sorts of problems.

The fundraising collective will send a letter asking for contributions from people who may be in a position to help financially, whether in a small or a big way. Please send to the LAG office the names and addresses of any sympathizing people you know who might send a donation. If everyone on LAG's mailing list sent in 2 names, we would have 4600. If everyone sent 6, we'd have 13,800, and LAG's financial situation might start to look up.

The Reverend Kiyoshi Tanimoto, a survivor of Hiroshima, will speak at the Newman Center, Dwight Way and College Avenue, Berkeley (848-7812) on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at 7:30 P.M. The Rev. Tanimoto founded, with Norman Cousins, the Hiroshima Maidens Project; he was also featured in John Hersey's Hiroshima. Admission will be free.

Two LAGers, while canvassing for the Freeze in Pleasanton October 27, met a woman who recognized us from being in jail at Santa Rita after June 21. She was a nurse who had volunteered for serving our medical needs in jail, as she explained had all the other medical support in jail. She said they were all greatly moved by the experience and motivated to continue working for our goals.

WANTED: Conscientious military tax resisters who are members of LAG. Contact J. Mountainfire, 834-2172.

The Nitpickers Collective will be meeting on Saturday nights to tear down the work of all the other working groups. New members are welcome, but it is preferred that you not be doing any work for LAG.

The Ad Hoc Sub-collective on Flea Markets has just received the results of its \$75,000 study on the feasibility of a LAG flea market, and is ready to proceed according to the recommendations of Section XVII, Paragraph 42, clause D.112. For LAG members who have not yet read the report in full, a brief summation follows.

Brief Summation: We need a pick-up truck or van and a couple of cars during November. If you could help out any time this month, we'll try to fit your schedule.

We need short-term storage space in the city and the east bay. Even a corner of a basement or a garage would be great.

We need experienced flea marketers to help with pricing and sales. One affinity group has already signed up for November 6, and our calendar is flexible--if people want to do it, we'll arrange it.

We need your help right away. Contact George, 845-7248, or Tori at the office, 644-3031.

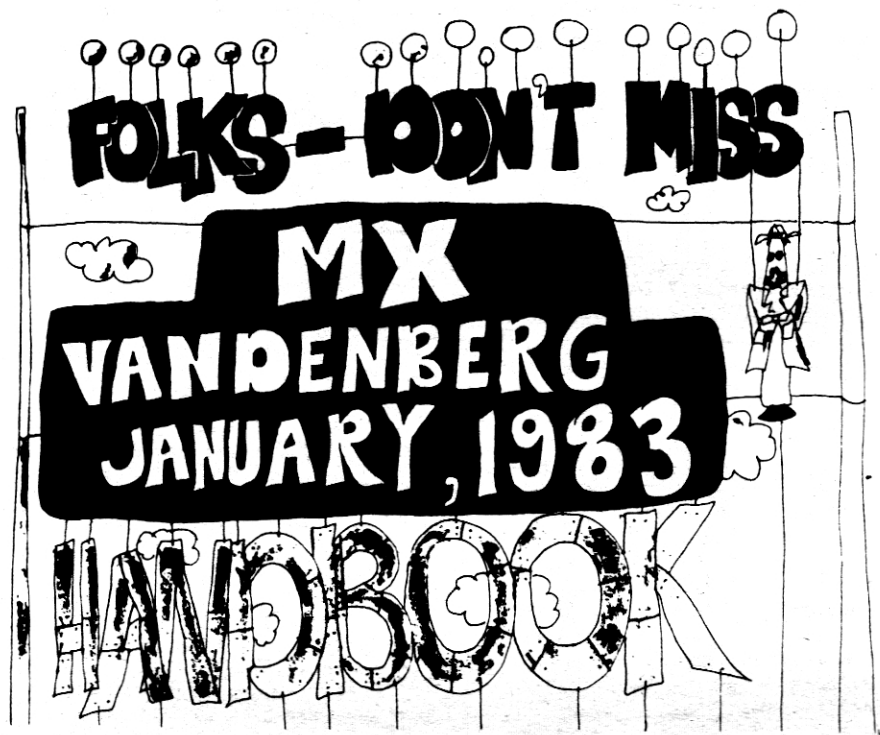


## BAY AREA CALENDAR

- 3 Vigil at the Soviet Consulate, San Francisco 11 am - Golden Gate Alliance.
- 6 Save Neighborhoods Conference for Berkeley residents concerned about Crime. 9 am - 3 pm, S. Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis, Berkeley
- 7 Linda Hirschorn and Tay play at Freight and Salvage, Berkeley 7:30
- 11 Physicians for Social Responsibility - Veterans Day Convocation, St. Mary's Cathedral, Gough and Geary, San Francisco.
- 13 American Friends Service Committee conference on The Trajectories of the Middle East: Where Do We Go From Here? 9 am to 4:45 at the First Unitarian Church, Geary and Franklin, San Francisco. For more info, call 415/752-7766.
- 19-21 Nuclear Weapons Facilities Task Force Conference, St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri. LAG's International Day proposal is on the agenda.
- 20-21 Abalone Alliance Statewide Conference in Ojai. For info, call 415/861-0592.
- 21 Cruise and Pershing II deployment teach-in, 4-8:30 pm (bring bag supper). Presentations by Diane Thomas-Glass and Doug Mattern followed by small group action discussion. First Presbyterian Church 1140 Cowper, Palo Alto - C.A.N.E.
- 23 Japanese Peace Movement leader & atomic bomb survivor, Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, will speak at Newman Center, Dwight Way & College Ave. Berkeley 7:30 pm.
- 8-10 Mobilization for Survival Conference in Austin, Texas. LAG's International Day proposal is on the agenda.
- 18 Holly Near Concert 8 pm, Berkeley Community Theatre. LAG was given 10 free tickets and will have a table there.

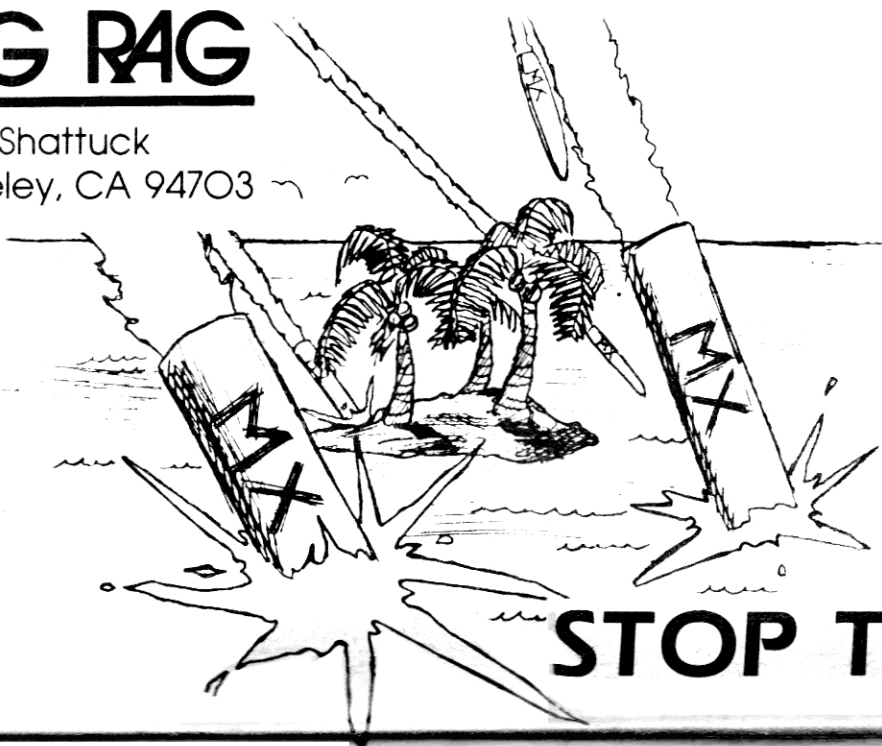
## DECEMBER





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## Non-Violence Code on Property

"WE WILL NOT DAMAGE ANY PROPERTY."

Although there is general accord, on a tactical basis, to abide by this part of the Guidelines for Non-violence many members feel it necessary to examine the question of property and our relationship to it in light of the struggle we wage against corporate and military interests which would destroy the world in order to maintain a particular form of property and an entire system of repressive relations founded on the alienation of people from the goods they create. The following text, product of a small discussion group within the Overthrow Cluster, is meant to provoke discussion. It is neither a definitive statement on the subject by Overthrow nor an official statement of the Livermore Action Group.

"In view of the rising strength of the technological police state, heightened imperialist intervention and domestic political/economic repression we believe that nonviolence is an appropriate tactic among others in a strategy of communication/education and resistance.

"However, when a government or its covert agents, in league with dominant economic interests, engages in overt war against its own people by using terror and murder, the right to bear arms and other means of self-defense\* become appropriate tactics for the preservation of human life and the resources necessary for its development.

"We hold that the respect for life is more important than the desire for profit or the right to property. We recognize that there is a fundamental difference between personal property which is the result of people's labor and capital which is the result of the exploitation of American workers, "Third World" slave-labor and the Earth's resources by multinational corporations.

"We recognize that the accumulation of capital carried out under the guise of the right to personal

property is an act of continual violence against the people. When the accumulation of capital results in extreme deprivation and becomes an immediate threat to existence, i.e. social cut-backs and the nuclear arms race, then the people have the right to expropriate that property by whatever means is most appropriate and effective."

In short we feel that the government is embarked on a campaign of repression and selective terrorism similar to that utilized by the West German state against progressive forces in that country. For an interim period to be determined by the degree of oppression and suffering imposed on us by an anachronistic economic system we are participants in a movement committed to nonviolent tactics. Among us are many who have an all-encompassing commitment to nonviolence as an active spiritual force. But there is not one among us who can predict the actions of other social forces and the responses of dominant interests to them.

Although we neither possess weapons nor desire to use them, we affirm our, and all people's, right to self-defense. Recognizing the State as the source of systematic terror, the police arm of multinational capital, we cannot help but find ourselves among the people it oppresses and identified with their interests. It is important for us to consider how others have dealt with similar conditions, to begin to develop realistic tactics of resistance and survival.

\*(occupation and expropriation of "private" property, voluntary collectivization of personal property, the creation of safe-houses, drops, underground railways, secondary and tertiary rendez-vous as a process of organizing both actions and meetings in order to preserve flexibility and eliminate the effectiveness of police agents, etc.)

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## Letter on Feminism and LAG

I would like to share some of my perceptions of LAG and its attempts to suppress the Feminist Cluster, resistance, and DYKES. I would like to emphasize that this is my analysis; it is not an official Feminist Cluster line. There is no Feminist Cluster line. The Cluster is a group of wombin who have found that we work well together and can support each other. A lot of us are dykes. I am part of SOLAR affinity group. SOLAR stands for Sisters of Lesbos Against Radiation, or Single Organized Lesbians Actively Recruiting, or Some Outspoken Lesbians Advocating Revolution. We are committed to nonviolence. We base our relationships on love, trust, and respect. We recognize our right to live without being violated. Many of us have survived the physical, emotional, and spiritual violence consistently perpetrated on us by heterosexual society. We are not taking it anymore, we are speaking up and out, frequently in an unladylike manner.

Our loose tongues tend to make those whose interest lies in maintaining patriarchal rule uncomfortable. So they try to discredit us by calling us coercive and violent. They accuse us of being a bunch of loud-mouthed dykes trying to start trouble, a threat to the cause and not to be taken seriously. They say we are frightening potential supporters with our notice behavior. That's what they say. I say bullshit. I say they're scared because we are no longer controllable.

Coercion is not our process, we are fighting for everywoman's freedom. But we are subversive. We are going to undermine the structures that enslave us. Christianity, patriarchy, heterosexism, classism and racism all have to come down. We have seen that heterosexual privilege is paid for in wombin's freedom and wombin's lives. And we are agitating. We are sharing our perception of how

wombin are enslaved by heterosexism. And we are dangerous. Our presence is a threat to men and the continuation of their power over wombin. And we are armed with knowledge, strength commitment to and love for ourselves, our sisters, and our mother earth. We support wombin in seeing, acknowledging and extrication ourselves from the chains of heterosexism. We welcome our sisters from the boys lives, chains and beds. We encourage them to try to find a new way of life. We invite them into our lives and our arms and our cunts. We do this with love and nurturance. We do not employ the processes of violence, rape, coercion, or sanctions.

As wombin, we know that our lives are threatened by more than nuclear war, and that we need to rid ourselves of more than military before we can be safe and free. Every minute a wombin is raped. I was raped by a boy in my anti-nuke affinity group, in the days before I realized what was going on and hadn't come out. We know that wombin are imprisoned because they are poor and do not have access to power. We know that wombin are killed and beaten by their husbands, lovers, brothers, fathers, jailers and men that they don't even know. We know the economic sanctions with which the boys keep us in line. So we know that we need to do more than ban the bomb to create a safe space for ourselves and our sisters. And we know that stopping the systematic rape, abuse, and murder of wombin is as vital to survival as shutting down Livermore.

--by Anna Kissed,  
aka Athret Tumen,  
aka Tarah Ryst

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