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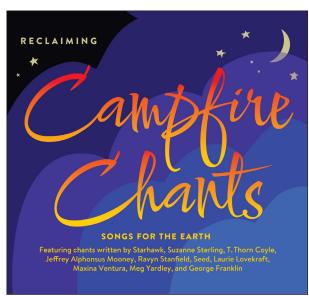
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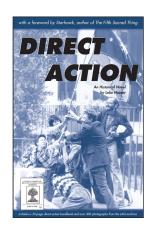
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## This Is Not A Test! It is An Outrage!

Nuclear madness knows no limits. The Missile-X is a naked example. It is not a coincidence that the MX launching pad is on sacred Chumash burial grounds -- the people whose lives are so closely tied to the earth must be violated and repressed in order that the plans for the death of the earth can continue. It is not a coincidence that the target for the MX test is the Kwajalein atoll of the Marshall Islands. The Pacific Island peoples who were exploited and radiated by the first thermonuclear tests are now being evacuated for the final test. The peoples who live on the corners of the globe must be driven from their home in order to prepare for the collapse of the earth into the flames of hell. It is also not a coincidence that the Utah, Nevada and Arizona people who survived the fallout from the limited nuclear war at the Nevada nuclear test site are being called upon to host the MX "dense-pack". They have a saying that expresses their fears: "From Guinea Pigs to Sitting Ducks." The American atomic veterans who are now testifying against the US government for damages must be silenced and humiliated if nuclear testing is to continue.

The economy of death has no boundaries. Estimates for the MX program range higher than \$100 billion. Poor and non-white peoples pay for the MX. The poor from whom the resources and land are stolen must be repressed in order that the corporations in their endless search for capital can continue their rampage. Repression stalks the land as the New Right holds onto a way of life they can only maintain with nuclear threats. They cling to the remaining vestiges of patriarchy in order to legitimate their nuclear terrorism. It is not a coincidence that women are being threatened with the loss of reporductive rights

while the patriarchy is preparing for the final rape of the earth. Men cannot continue to exploit and dominate the earth without repressing the dreams of women.

However, these peoples will not be dehumanized in silence. The American Indians are promising to hold their ground, the Pacific Islanders are re-occupying their homelands, the atomic victims are testifying, women are fighting back, and men are resisting the draft. The MX is a test of our courage. Opposition to the MX is a struggle for our very survival. In order to stop this nuclear madness we must link arms with American Indians, Pacific Islanders, Blacks and the poor. Women and men must work together to survive this test. But above all, the American people must learn to see the nuclear issue as a matter of their own selfdetermination. The American peace movement can no longer dream, and fight other peoples' causes. Nuclearism persists only in direct conflict with democracy and freedom. Freedom cannot co-exist with nuclear terrorism. We must hold it a basic human right to live without the fear of nuclear annihilation, to live in peace, and to die a natural death. If we wait too long to resist, our souls will die.

When our freedom of speech falls only on ears deafened by the sound of the war machine, our actions must do what our words cannot. We must begin by claiming back the earth, by occupying the land, bit by bit. The government is explaining, as it has for over a generation: "This is only a test." We must stand together and exclaim: "This is not a test! It is an outrage against humanity!" If we can help it, it will not happen. Nuclear madness can be stopped, because it must be stopped.

--by Ken Nightingale



ISLANDERS RELUCTANTLY LEAVE HOMES

The women and children cried as they left their camps on Kwajalein and Roi Namur Islands during the second week of October as part of a temporary move back to Ebeye Island while negotiations between Kwajalein landowners and the US Defense Department continued in Washington DC. After four months of living on their home islands -- the first time in almost twenty years since the military evicted them in the 1960's -- a move back to crowded Ebeye did not come easily.

But the move became permanent, as the Kwajalein Atoll Corporation approved a new three-year lease on October 19. The new lease requires that all Kwajalein people return to Ebeye within 15 days of the signing.

The agreement falls short of their demands, which included: permanent access to the Mid-Atoll Corridor Islands, extensive capital improvements, increased compensation, and a limit of 15 years on any future agree-

The new three-year agreement does call for a series of capital im-

provements worth about \$12 million, but limits the people's access to their Mid-Corrider islands to three six-week periods a year. Compensation will stay the same at approximately \$9 million annually.

The new agreement does not in any way address the continuous violations of Marshallese basic human rights by the military command. And no provisions are included for greater access to the hospital at Kwajalein. The problem of being treated as second-class citizens in their own islands has been a major concern of the people. This situation is not dealt with, although a "community relations council" is being created. As this body will be totally advisory, in view of the numerous government studies, reports, committees, and survey missions that have made recommendations about improving Ebeye--with little result -- it is unlikely that this council will be any more ef-

> --excerpted from The Pacific Bulletin, October, 1982

# The Occupation of Vandenberg AFB

At the heart of this action is the commitment to care for and defend living beings, earth's living community, the natural harmony of creation. Protection of this life means we must non-violently dismantle this machinary of death and destruction.

Because of our commitment to Mother Earth we plan non-violently to occupy and blockade the MX test area of Vandenberg Air Force Base. The most direct way to do this is to occupy the actual launch pad. Short of this, we can also disrupt the test with the co-ordinated and extended occupation of the surrounding countryside, and with blockades of base traffic. To occupy the surrounding area creates safety and security risks. The military does not want unauthorized people observing the missile and launch at close range. And if they have a misfire or crash they don't want people hurt.

Within the non-violence guidelines agreed upon for this action, each affinity group or cluster will decide what to do and how best to aid the action's success. The nature of the occupation and blockade strategies positions, and establish campsites. will be left up the the creativity of individual AGs and clusters.

Surrounding the base there are wide areas to the north and the northeast where AGs can be dropped off by support people to begin their hike into the MX test area, located in the northwest part of the base. The hikes in are from 4-8 miles, generally through grass-covered hills and easyto-walk-through sage brush, with some areas of thick brush and trees. The gently rolling hills of sagebrush and sand dunes around the test area as well as surrounding hills and streams provide a large area for us to camp and move around in.

Most of the base, including areas quite close the to launch pad and buildings are not currently fenced. In fact it will be quite difficult for security forces to patrol an area of this size. Reaching occupiers in these areas will present major problems for security forces, not to mention how difficult it may be to remove arrested protesters. After all, how many people can you fit into a jeep? Many occupiers will be hard to find, let alone reach and arrest. Protesters will be able to rest, meet, shift

Thus, occupying the base for an extended period of time is actually

quite possible.

It is important to realize that even if the test date is postponed, a complex sequence of preparations is required for a launch. If at any point we interfere with that smooth business as usual", we are obstructing the launch, whether they reschedule it in two hours or two months.

We are also drawing public attention to the MX and first-strike development program (of which the MX is part), to how deeply many people are opposed to this, and to the oppression of Pacific Islanders and all of the earth's people by worldwide militarism.

By working through autonomous affinity groups, by being respectful of the consensus process, and by taking direct action in defense of life and humanity, we can attain a harmo-nious balance between humans and the natural ecosystem.

> --Andrew Burke Aptos, CA (Thanks to "Roots thru the Pavement")

# DEADLINE FOR **NEXT ISSUE**

Deadline for copy and letters for the next issue is Monday, December 20. Bring or mail copy to the LAG office, 3126 Shattuck, Berkeley, 94705, or bring it to the co-ordinating council meeting that evening(call 644-3031 for place).

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## Responses to Anna Kissed's Letter on Feminism

Dear LAG RAG,

I would like to address Anna Kissed...I am a feminist woman who feels that my voice has been usurped by Anna Kissed in a way distressingly similar to the way in which patriarchy has usurped all our voices. To paraphrase the reaction of many progressive Jews to Menachim Begin's recent actions, "Anna Kissed does not speak for me." I affirm her statement, her experience, and her struggle, but I am just as much "everywoman" as she is, and I resent being ranked as ideologically inferior. To define oneself as a missionary working to convert "happy native" heterosexual feminist women is intellectual imperialism.

I do not ask Anna to share my views, but I feel compelled to present an alternative to the analysis she has offered. As a feminist, I am committed to the eradication of patriarchy by feminist process. This means redefining power in our own terms, in a way which does not repeat hierarchical patterns of coercion. Our strength and wisdom cannot be achieved by degrading half of the human race: denying dignity to men ("boys") will not impart dignity to women. Writing men off is letting them off too easily--transforming patriarchy is as much their responsibility as ours.

Women have been defined as the Other: Our concerns and experiences have been trivialized and denied general validity. The military and corporate patriarchs would like nothing better than for us to fracture the strength of our vision by asserting that oppression is a "women's issue". The capitalist war-machine promotes domination of women to distract men from their own economic oppression and powerlessness. Young boys are sent off as cannon fodder with the implied promise of rape as a reward...

Anna states that it will take much more than "shutting down" (I thought it was "converting") Livermore to make the world safe for women. I couldn't agree more. But if we don't get our act together and quit jerking off our factional egos, the world isn't going to be safe for anyone. Working in coalition means that we must all "suppress" some of our goals and preferred tactics to those acceptable to the larger group. I feel that LAG is making a serious attempt to accomodate the needs of everyone in the group, and this is one of the bases of my participation. I take solidarity serfously: although my sexual interaction is with men, as long as dykes are persecuted, I am a dyke. But I feel that my support is abused when members of the Feminist Cluster use my presence as a shield for actions on which I have not been informed or consulted ... for the sake of mother earth and all she nourishes, can't we celebrate our diversity and focus our energy on the real enemy?

--by Alison Brysk

### A Plan to End War

I have a fool-proof method of ending wars once and for all. It's far-fetched, and would have to rely on public impact since time is so short, but it seems very practical to me. Women should simply stop having babies...literally and publically, and refuse to till this insanity stops. No more babies, no more fighters, no more wars. Women should take an oath to cease their legacy until they know their children will be safe. It's disgusting to experience motherhood in its full sense and cherish children just so a huge military machine can gobble them up. It's degrading, besides.

I believe this species is on the verge of extinction or of great and real advancement, and it seems foolish to me to keep feeding our children into a death machine; they might as well be dumped into a volcano. I think it's time for women to fall back on their natural, primary power as life-givers and refuse to propagate the species. It's a low-blow political tactic, but if it were taken and carried out seriously, I bet it would be very effective.

--by Suzanne Gegna Napa, CA Dear LAG RAG,

I just cried! After receiving a copy of the LAG Rag, I read the letter on feminism and LAG. I'm not sure why I cried, maybe the insinuations that all men and heterosexuality are evil and bad, or maybe just the simple fact of prejudice against the human being and even reverse sexism...

I am sad that people fighting for their and others' total freedom choose to hold every oppressive and degrading act by men against every man...

Please understand that I am desperately fighting 18 or more years of conditioning to be the type of male that society wants me to be. And if you only knew how intense the battle is, not only from outside but from inside(genetics, etc) you might even respect me for my progress.

As a fellow revolutionary, all that I ask is that instead of advocating the turning away of all men, which would not only end the human race but also divide the coming revolution, you keep up your fight against that sexist/racist/oppressive element in our world that would harm us all, as I plan to do.

Also, please take this letter in the way in which it is written, with love, understanding, and support.

Anarchistically yours,

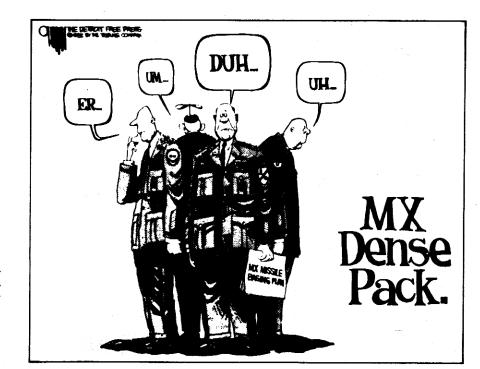
Jay(a house husband)

Dear LAG RAG,

Anna Kissed should think more carefully about where she points her righteous anger. She lists Christianity first among the structures which "all have to come down." While the feminist critique of Judeo-Christianity (its male god, for example) is valid, attacking it wholesale, as some do within our movement, can only limit the number of people we are able to link arms with (and make it harder for religious activists to continue working in LAG). For millions of our potential allies, including blacks, Latinos, and working class people, Christianity provides meaning in their lives.

Insensitivity toward religion by the left has long kept people distrustful of radical solutions. Does Kissed propose suppressing Christianity after the revolution? perhaps replaced by a state Paganism? The growing anti-nuclear and social awareness in our country's churches, and the liberation theology lighting rebellious fire across Latin America, point to a progressive potential in Christianity which deserves our support and nurturance.

--by Howard Ryan Overthrow Cluster



TO: Livermore Action Group

Dear Sir

As a student at Livermore High School, many of my peers and I are appalled at the protesting done at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

Your policy of blocking(sic) is very disturbing. Your group disrupts people not involved in the laboratory at all. An example of this harrassment occurred as I was going to work at a location near the laboratory. I had to dodge people on my bike. Some people even joined arms and tried to stop me. That is breaking the law! You are not proving anything by harrassing people.

Your stand against nuclear weapons is pure emotion. Unilateral disarmament will not work. The United States and the Soviets had an agreement not to test warheads. This agreement was honored for a time, but the Soviets had been secretly lining up the weapons, and one day they tested all of them. The United States was caught with its pants down. This proves that the Soviet Union cannot honor any treaty, especially one as important as nuclear disarmament. We cannot stop developing new nuclear weapons.

The Livermore Action Group is a bad idea. It is for the wrong thing in the wrong manner. No self-interest group should undermine the defense of this nation. I would be interested in learning your position.

Sincerely,

James Hamera

(LAGers can write to James Hamera c/o the LAG office, 3126 Shattuck, Berkeley.)

Dear LAG RAG,

Bob Rivera's essay prompts me to say that if we are going in the way of violence, let me off the bus. Responding to violence with violence is a losing battle not merely because we are up against superior might, but because it fails to recognize that the power of non-violence has no parallel.

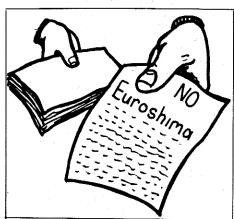
I think the letter on feminism and LAG is disgusting. If I wanted to devise a system for the CIA to disorganize LAG, I would certainly use the type of factionalism that is expressed therein.

With regards to the complaints contained in the October 9 analysis, my feeling is that the demonstration was "sold" to the membership. I stood aside in my response to the promotion of it, feeling as I do that it would lead to no interference with what goes on at Livermore and that a lot of energy would go into doing it. So the lesson is, make sure that people participate by more than simply voting in planning for events.

I intend to participate in the Vandenberg action but I believe that LAG should put its central focus on Livermore. We should have frequent and continuing blockades and leafletting there. A dozen people on October 4 closed the main gate for about an hour, and it constituted another reminder to the workers there—all of whom were undoubtedly aware of it—that they cannot continue business as usual without arresting people.

Congratulations on putting out an interesting issue, well layed out also.

--by Eldrid Schneider



"NO to NATO" events are also being planned in England. Peace activis in Worchester County will hold a march and rally in opposition to the Cruise & Pershing II, and in support of a proposed county-wide nuclearfree zone. A two-day action is also planned by the Greenham Common Women's peace camp, the oldest (established November, '81) and bestknown peace camp in Europe. On Sunday, Dec.12, women will "embrace the base" by surrounding the 9-mile perimeter of Greenham Common US Air Force Base, one of England's two sites for Cruise deployment. Thousands of women are then expected for a blockade of the base Monday, and nonviolence trainings are on-going.

TO GET INVOLVED, CONTACT:

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(415)964-3066, Lee or Mark
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Stop the Cruise & Pershing II Collective of EBANG 1600 Woolsey St. Berkeley, CA 94703 (415)841-4564, Ellen (415)658-2482, Tanis

# STOP THE CRUISE & PERSHING II

With little fanfare or publicity, NATO members met in December, 1979, and decided to place two new weapons systems in Europe: ground-launched Cruise missiles and Pershing II missiles. NATO plans to deploy these weapons in December, 1983.

The European disarmament movement of the 1980's took to the streets when NATO signed its plan for Cruise & Pershing II's. "Peace Camps" have sprung up all over Europe in protest. Over 50 peace groups in the US have joined the international movement to stop the Cruise & Pershing II, including CANE in the Midpeninsula and EBANG in Berkeley.

As of this writing, we are looking forward to nationwide, decentralized actions on "NO to NATO" Days, Dec. 8 - 12, when NATO next meets in Brussels. US Stop the Cruise & Pershing II Campaigns plan to send a strong message of protest to that NATO meeting.

On Friday, Dec. 10, CANE and EBANG will send delegations to meet with San Francisco consulates of the five countries which have agreed to base these missiles: West Germany, England, Italy, Belgium, and the Netherlands. During the lunch-hour,

a small crowd will assemble near California & Grant, to hand out leaflets and gather signatures of protest. We will then march to four of the consulates to deliver the signatures (excluding the Italian consulate, which is too far from the others). The march will end at the consulate of West Germany, the nation which plans to base the Pershing II. Our demonstration will conclude with a surprise, 6-minute event which will dramatize the swift, 6-minute flight of the Pershing II from West Germany to Moscow and will point out how impossible it is to make an intelligent decision in that short time.

The Stop the Cruise & Pershing II Clearinghouse in Philadelphia reports several other "NO to NATO" demonstrations in the works: A protest rally will be held at the McDonnell Douglas plant (Cruise guidance contractor) in St. Louis. In an "arms race" in Philadelphia, model Cruise and Pershing II missiles will compete in a relay. "NO to NATO" candlelight vigils will be held in Baltimore. And a Seattle group plans to run 15 miles from the Kent Boeing plant (Cruise contractor) to the Seattle unemployment office.

## INTERNATIONAL DAY UPDATE

By Victoria Woodard

Livermore Action Group has sent out a Call world-wide for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, 1983. L.A.G. proposes a week of nonviolent direct actions in locations all over the earth, leading up to the Summer Solstice in the Northern Hemisphere and Winter Solstice in the Southern Hemisphere.

Organizational response to the Call has been very good in the U.S., and several groups from other countries as well have indicated interest in coordinated actions.

#### CURRENT PLANS

The Trident Non-Support Committee in Connecticut plans an action on June 20 at Electric Boat, a division of General Electric which manufactures Trident submarines. The Catholic Worker House and Omaha Pax Christi plan an action at the Strategic Air Command (SAC) Base in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign in Salt Lake City, Ground Zero (Canada), Nuclear Resistance Coalition in Los Angeles, Disarm Now Action Group in Chicago, the AFSC Cruise Missile Project in Syracuse, New York, the Knolls Action Project in Albany, New York, the National Campaign to Stop MX in Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Nuclear Free Pacific Network and N. California Ecumenical Peace Institute in San Francisco have also said they will participate in the International Day.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, several activities for the week leading up to June 20 are already being organized. Bay Area Artists for Nuclear Disarmament plan an arts festival to make people more aware of nuclear issues and disarmament through visual and performing arts. The San Francisco Women's Party for Survival will coordinate a public educational forum and peace fair on the weekend before Monday, June 20.

A peace camp at a corporation under contract with the U.S. Department of Defense will be established June 20 by the Stop the Cruise and Pershing II Campaign of the Citizens Against Nuclear Extinction in Palo Alto, California.

Livermore Action Group itself will undertake a massive blockade of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories in Livermore, California, where nuclear weapons have been designed for thirty years. Other groups who will participate in that action include the Mt. Diablo Peace Center in Walnut Creek, Calif., and the Bohemian Grove Action Network.

Other San Francisco Bay Area groups who will participate in the International Day are the Acorn Alliance, the World Citizens, East Bay Women for Peace, and East Bay Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Interested groups in the U.S. include the Coalition for a New Foreign and Military Policy and the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C.; the June 12 Disarmament Campaign and the Mobilization for Survival in New York City; the Abalone Alliance and Greenpeace Pacific Southwest in San Francisco; the New Mexico Peace Conversion Project; the Northwest Texas Clergy and Laity Concerned; the U.S. Peace Council; Stop the Cruise and Pershing II Clearinghouse in Philadelphia; and Campaign to Stop Cruise and Pershing II in Seattle, Washington.

The International Day of Nuclear Disarmament has been endorsed at the Womens Strike for Peace national conference in Philadelphia; the War Resisters League National conference: and the Nuclear Weapons Facilities Task Force Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. It will be discussed for inclusion in the national program for coordinated action in 1983 at the Mobilization for Survival conference in Austin, Texas, December 10-12.



#### RESPONSE FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S.

In addition to Ground Zero (Canana) mentioned above, interested groups responding from countries outside of the United States are the Cruise Missile Conversion Project in Toronto, Canada; Students League for Disarmament in Japan, and People for Nuclear Disarmament in Melbourne. Australia. Organizations who indicated interest, but want to have a coordinated action on August 6, are IKV (Dutch Inter-Church Peace Council); and CND (Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament), East-West Peace People, and the National Peace Council, all in England.

#### L.A.G.'S ROLE

Livermore Action Group's role in the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament will be that of a clearinghouse for the network of groups organizing actions in their own areas. L.A.G. will publish a handbook in March 1983 for distribution throughout the United States, and a series of action bulletins which will carry news of activities planned around the world. Participating groups are being asked to subscribe to the action bulletin, and to send copies of their press releases to L.A.G. for inclusion in it.

L.A.G. encourages participating groups to put on joint regional press conferences with other participating organizations in their locale to emphasize the coordinated aspect of their actions. The Vernal Equinox (around March 20, 1983) is tentatively set as the date for an announcement of the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament to U.S. media at a coordinated national press conference.

L.A.G. strongly urges that all press releases refer to the goals and objectives of the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament as printed in the Call. These are:

"To further the cause of 1) global nuclear disarmament, 2) de-militarization 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."

Livermore Action Group is offering a common graphic for the International Day which incorporates 3 elements: the sun, the earth superimposed upon the sun, and the dove (universal symbol of peace) whose wings span the earth.

Any individual or group who wishes to participate in the International Day is encouraged to write or call the Livermore Action Group at 3126 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley CA 94705; phone -- 415/644-3031. Your plans will be included in the action bulletin news, to which you may subscribe.

#### HELP ORGANIZE THE INTERNATIONAL DAY

The working collective planning the International Day could use help at this time in some specific areas:

People are needed to begin working with unions who may be interested in participating in the Day.

Media coverage for the Day needs to be planned. Present work includes compiling a good national and international press list and building a relationship with sympathetic reporters. Articles about the Day need to be written and submitted to peace publications.

Members are needed in a study group which is reading publications from peace groups all over the world. We intend to educate ourselves about the world-wide peace movement, and disseminate the information through the LAG RAG and evening lectures next

The final deadline for submission of articles for the International Day handbook is Dec. 7. After that date, the original copy of each article will be available in the LAG office for reading and comments by interested people. During the month of December the Handbook Collective will edit the articles and prepare them for publication.

The response to our Call has been so good that working on this action is a very pleasant experience! Anyone is welcome to join us.

ALONG

## Finance Report:

LAG's fund drive is underway! We all need to pitch in on moneyraising efforts if we're going to fulfill our plans for actions at Vandenberg and the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. A successful LAG raffle, benefits, tabling, flea markets, and other fundraisers can and will finance out printing, publicity, office rent. staff expenses, etc.

RAFFLE: Our Grand Raffle Tickets are printed up and ready for everyone to sell between now and January 15, to friends, family, coworkers, or at any public or private affair! Our main prizes are a Hot-Air Balloon Ride for two over the Napa Valley Wine Country, a trip to Baja on the Green Tortoise, and a weekend for two at Tassajara Hot Springs Retreat in Big Sur! With more than 20 other prizes, we're raffling off over \$1500 in prizes. We need to sell more than 8000 \$1 tickets to reach our goal, so come by the office now for your ticket books. We have only a month before the drawing, to be held at the benefit dance planned for January 15 at Veteran's Hall in Berkeley.

Attention AGs: The affinity group selling the most raffle tickets wins a white-water rafting trip this spring!

NOTICE: At its Jan. 29 meeting, LAG's Coordinating Council consensed to the following proposal: requests for money to organize LAG-endorsed actions must be presented in writing to the Finance Working Collective. The Finance Collective will review all requests each week and suggest priorities for funding to the Coordinating Council. All Working Collectives are asked to submit their requests for funding to the Finance Collective, c/o the LAG office.

IDEA: A money-making proposal has been suggested, which affinity groups can act on starting NOW. This is a blockade-athon and occupy-thon. Ask your friends and neighbors to sponsor you at Vandenberg: so much money per day spent away from home at the action. We need to raise money to pay for the organizing and publicity of this historic event. Here is a way affinity groups can personally help.

### Canvassing and Tabling

Since October 20 the Canvassing and Tabling (C&T) Collective has provided more than \$1400 to help keep LAG operating. Even this amount is not enough for LAG to do the job you want. There is rent to pay and staff to feed (We give them bread and a little water, posters and info to print, etc.

Last week C&T had a lower bottom line than for any of the past four weeks. Two members have stumbled into employment and a third is on the verge of doing so.

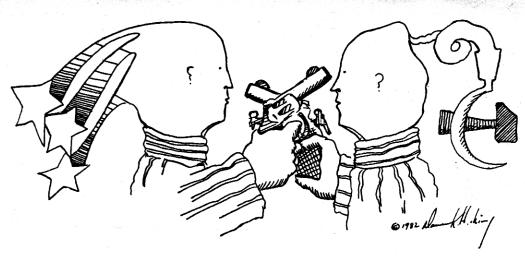
That's why we need you to volunteer. Get up now and go to the phone. Spend three hours this week at a LAG table. Only you can prevent thermal

Call 644-3031 and help LAG happen. Ask for someone in C&T or leave a message with your name and phone

## FLEA MARKET

The LAG Anti-Nuclear Flea Market had two successful outings during November, raising \$200 in two days at the Ashby BART Flea Market. We are in need of donations of salable items -- nice clothes, dishes, electric appliances, golf clubs, records--you name it, we need it. We also need volunteer workers--it's been a great time out there. If you can help, please call George, 845-7248, or the LAG office.

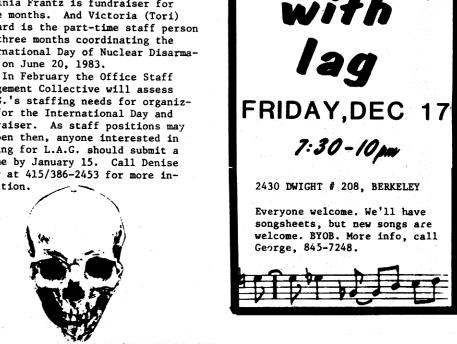
> The office needs assistance with several ongoing projects: typing additions to the mailing list, creating files for our ever increasing newspaper clippings and other office details. The one hour you may have to give would help. Contact Tamara, LAG office.



STAFF POSITIONS AT LAG --PRESENT AND FUTURE

Effective November 1, L.A.G. put three full-time and one parttime staff members on its erratic payroll. Tamara Thompson was hired for a one-year period as general office staff person. Ken Nightingale is the organizer through February of the Vandenberg Air Force Base action to stop testing of the MX missile. Virginia Frantz is fundraiser for three months. And Victoria (Tori) Woodard is the part-time staff person for three months coordinating the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, 1983.

Management Collective will assess L.A.G.'s staffing needs for organizers for the International Day and fundraiser. As staff positions may be open then, anyone interested in working for L.A.G. should submit a resume by January 15. Call Denise Ferry at 415/386-2453 for more information.



## **BLOCKADE AT VANDENBERG GATE**

The following article by Bill Simpich is reprinted from the handbook prepared for the Vandenberg action. 10,000 handbooks are now available for distribution in the Livermore Action Group office. Call at 415/644-3031 to place an order, or stop by at 3126 Shattuck, Berkeley. Postage will be added to the \$1.00 price of the handbook for those mailed out. Groups can order handbooks in bulk for 50f each.

The scenario at Vandenberg includes a blockade of the main gate and possibly other access gates at Vandenberg Air Force Base on or about the time of the launch. Affinity groups will coordinate the details of the blockade (and the occupation) at the Affinity Group Spokescouncil. Have representatives of your affinity group attend, or contact the LAG office for further information. If you're not in an affinity group, join one or start one!

It can be a hard decision on whether to be a blockader, an occupier, or a supporter. Participants in the action should evaluate their physical and emotional well-being. All three of these roles are equally valuable and essential to the success of the action.

Blockaders should be aware that they will be in the media spotlight, as any reporters that enter the base will risk arrest. The presence of the press decreases the potential of physical injury, but increases the potential of distractions that could hamper the tone of the action.

People arrested for blockading or occupying Vandenberg Air Force Base will receive federal or state charges. (For further information, see the Legal section of the handbook.) There is a possibility that the blockaders will face state charges and the occupiers will face federal charges. If this should occur, blockaders may be placed in separate detention facilities from the occupiers. Before the action, blockaders should consider their strategy for jail/bail solidarity.

The objective of a blockade may be to prevent an action that endangers the lives of others—such as the attempt to open Diablo Canyon, the on-going work at Livermore Labs, and the MX tests at Avndenberg and Kwajalein. Or a blockade may be waged to prevent a more serious confrontation, such as the planned "nonviolent buffer zones" protecting the land reclaimed by Native Americans at Yellow Thunder Camp in South Dakota and D.Q. University in California. In either context, "waves" of blockades can be set up to provide support for one another.

Blockades are among the most effective tools of nonviolent direct action. There has been considerable

discussion in the past about whether a planned blockade is "actual" or "symbolic". Generally speaking, an actual blockade is specifically intended to halt a dangerous activity. A symbolic blockade provides an opportunity for participants to make an unequivocal political stand, to be a "moral witness," or to call public attention to the issue. Without getting drawn into a debate on the nature of the Vandenberg blockade, it seems fair to say that either type of action has the potential to empower the participants and illustrate our purpose.

The next Vandenderg Action Affinity Group Spokescouncil will be on December 19 from 11-6. Call the LAG office for place and agenda.

# STOP-MX RALLY

"Freeze First-Strike Nuclear Weapons: U.S./U.S.S.R." is the theme of a protest rally scheduled to coincide with the first test launch of the MX missile from California's Vandenberg Air Force Base. The Southern California Alliance for Survival and the Lompoc Safe Energy Coalition, sponsors of the event, have scheduled prominent speakers and acoustic music in Lompoc, California (120 miles north of Los Angeles) on Sunday, January 23, 1983, from noon until 3 pm at Ryon Park.

Highlighting a major educational effort in Southern California focusing on the dangers of first-strike nuclear weapons systems, "the rally will carry on the momentum of the recent nationwide nuclear weapons freeze victory," explained Alliance Director Ellie Cohen. "We will gather together to send a clear message to Washington that the American public will no longer tolerate preparations for nuclear war. The production, testing and deployment of the MX and other destabilizing firststrike nuclear weapons systems must stop and those funds redirected towards meeting sorely unmet human needs."

The MX missile will be test launched from Vandenberg Air Force Base to the Kwajalein Atoll, a U.S. military installation amidst the Marshall Islands in the South Pacific and site of a recent protest occupation by 1,000 displaced Marshallese. This and other firststrike weapons are being tested to improve their "silo-busting" capabilities—to destroy enemy missiles while still in their silos.

"Production and testing of such systems can only lead to pressuring the Soviets into their own first-strike stance and launch-on-warning preparations. The result—a dangerous and destabilizing escallation of the already precarious nuclear arms race," said Cohen.

Press contacts for the rally are Ellie Cohen or Barbara Wyler at the Alliance for Survival 213/462-6243, and Joyce Howerton, Lompoc Safe Energy Coalition 805/736-1897.

Livermore Action Group will organize buses to transport people from the San Francisco Bay Area to this legal rally. Affinity groups--all your members can show their support by attending this one-day action. Let's help make it a huge success!

## VANDENBERG SPEAKERS BUREAU

The Vandenberg Speakers Bureau is available for slide show presentations, speeches and discussions about the Vandenberg action. People are very much needed to speak on Vandenberg to the press, schools, and organizations. If you would like to be a speaker, or if you want a speaker to talk to your group, call Maria at 415/841-8259.



# FRIENDS AND ENEMIES

Writing a piece about why the MX must be stopped is like writing about why people should not drink cyanide kool-aid, or eat extrastrength Tylenol. If we don't stop it, we might all die.

A state-wide coalition of groups and individuals, growing now to national and international dimensions from all walks of life and a broad spectrum of political beliefs, are coming to realize something. The United States of America is run by a group of ultra-right wing civilian bureaucrats who are seriously planning to fight a "protracted" nuclear war. They want to stretch it out so that on CBS's Nightline, Ted Koppel can guide a national TV public through an analysis about what we've learned about "the war-fighting issue", interviews with guests from "both sides" of the nuclear war-fighting, who will then turn his Howdy-Doodie/ Alfred E. Newman pug to the camera and say, "...that's the story and we'll be right back after this word from Exxon..."

It'll never happen that way.
Colin S. Gray, a 35-year old
member of the draconian "Committee
on the Present Danger", wrote an
article in the May 1980 issue of
Foreign Policy entitled Victory Is
Possible. In this article he wades
the reader through a series of justifications which lead up to why it
is necessary now to begin thinking
about...then planning to fight...
and then win a nuclear war at any
level necessary to maintain Western

civilization. He finds it necessary to recall the six guidelines for the use of force from the "Just War" doctrine of the Catholic Church to prove that using nukes is not immoral. In all seriousness he suggests that the deaths of 30 million of one's own peole is not too high a price to pay for the 'survival" of civilization. This does not include the number of "enemy" deaths. An acceptable kill ratio of 3-1 is called for in order to claim victory. Thus "Victory is Possible." Is the reader getting sufficiently numbed?

Hitler got 6 million Jews. He wanted 10million--all of them. It is almost unimaginable that there is a man, a policy planner who is held in highest regard at the highest level of this government, who is calling for the patriotic sacrifice of 30 million of HIS OWN PEOPLE, up to 100 million of HIS OWN SPECIES. This is a matter of policy, entitled "National Security Decision Document", and the 125-page "Defense Guidance, FY-84-88" which call for developing and expanding the US's ability to defeat the Soviet state at "...every level of the conflict..." including the use of press and labor infilitration, intimidation, and "decapitating the Soviet leadership."

The Reagan administration has also decided as of 1981 to expand domestic spying operations against citizens of the US. The war has come home. Is it perhaps becoming clear that the entire world has a

common enemy? The US government is so corrupt that so-called "liberals" have at least an even chance to grant the necessary funding for the MX missile. The Freeze has bombed, all through the efforts of a lameduck Congress which is truly lame.

It can be said with some certainty that various "unofficial" officials from our "hidden government" will be reading this newspaper as part of their information gathering. That's great. They're only 50¢. So look, you mugs, this is as good an opportunity as we're likely to get to mutually review some of the thinking of the top brass and civilian power brokers, and some of its awful implications. Certainly nothing is completely determined, not even the arrogant and ridiculous thoughts, plans, and worldviews of President Reagan and other "Committee" types. How many of our human plans and projections come out as we first intended, unchanged by forces beyond our control? Nonetheless for men to utter the unutterable and turn it into policy reveals them as either criminally insane or evil. Certainly, such men who claim such power as that of the gods they believe themselves to be are in fact very powerless and afraid. They are afraid that their political enemies such as us will wrestle the course of history away from them. They've got good reason to bear such fear, because that is precisely what we are doing, and, short of a nuclear

holocaust which—as a threat—constitutes their only real power, there is little in the long run which they can do to stop this process.

Does the corrupt US government really think that American citizens in significant numbers will remain motionless while a tiny fringe of T.K. Jones types carry such plans of "protracted nuclear war"? Do they believe that there is no dissension, even in the inner circles of government? Watergate had one, perhaps a few "Deep Throats". In this era, everyone becomes one, everyone becomes a national security threat. Just because you're paranoid, boys, doesn't mean that the American people aren't out to get you!

Robert Scheer wrote the book "With Enough Shovels : Reagan, Bush, and Nuclear War", which is now available. In it he mentioned that even many of the top brass of the US military are beginning to back away from this civilian fringe of crazies--lawyers, historians, campaign fundraisers, dentists, and other first-generation millionaires. Scheer interviewed most of the top Reagan administration officials, gathering quotes that raise the hairs on the back of your neck. Read this book, then pass it on to a friend. Hell, give it to an "enemy".

Friends and Enemies. It'll sure be good for us to recognize who we

--by Pat Fahey

# Welcome to Space and Missile Country

WELCOME GEN & MRS SMYTHE, CINCMAC. Thus spoke the sign over the Visitors Control Center, introducing us to four acronym-filled hours of MX-seeking espionage.

A woman wearing white gloves and khaki bloomers waved the three of us, and our military pass, through the arched gates. A quick check of license plate and driver's license, and we ran smack into our next sign: PEACE IS OUR PROFESSION. The visitor's map showed us how to find the BX (base exchange), the Run-in Chief, and various civilian corps. such as Federal Electric Corporation, McDonnell Douglas, Sandia, Space Date Corporation, and our personal favorite, Martin Marietta. But no MX.

WARNING US AIR FORCE INSTALLATION IT IS UNLAWFUL TO ENTER THIS AREA WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE IN-STALLATION COMMANDER. AFTEC MX TEST TEAM: HUMAN FACTORS ANALYSIS was right next to "Family Services Building. UT...THOR...CDT, and at the intersection of Talo and Tonto streets, BPR Ballistic Payload Research). Getting closer. NAVSTAR GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM, PAB 1, PAB 2, MILITARY WORKING DOG CENTER, AVCO SYSTEMS DIVISION. GENETIC RESEARCH, ITT AIR TEST, WEST-ERN TEST RANGE DIVISION, FLIGHT LINE, NO ENTRANCE, DEAD END. I wish they'd just use acronyms.

On to open missile country. A few open missile silos. There's Minuteman IIs and IIIs in those hills and fields. Somewhere. But at least they're inactive—no warheads.

ICBM CONVENTIONAL MUNITIONS STOR-AGE, RE-ENTRY VEHICLE BRANCH, TRW. "Let's try the beach." Next, a visit with the US Rod and Gun Club, whose members were sending their dogs out after mock rabbits. It's Saturday and no one pays much attention to us. We ask a young air force couple to guide us to the Space Shuttle. Not too interesting, except for NAVAL RESEARCH LAB, ATLAS SPACE LAUNCH SLC-4...and a lot less-officially scrawled F--K VANDENBERG, painted in red, on a wall near an empty beach. Time to head north.

In fact, we were escorted north-back to Visitors Control--by an MP who had been following us through a prohibited area. We said that we were looking for a hamburger, flashed our badge, and ran into the Run-In Chef to have one. Lunch Over. "I'm beginning to think this is a big base." We resort to begging kids skateboarding on back roads: "Hey, do you know where the MX is?" "No." "Well, does your dad work here?" "I don't know." Finally, a civilian bike rider says, "The MX? Right down there--you can't miss it."

Miles later, and we could almost smell it. MMF (Mechanical Maintenance Facility), RAIL TRANSFER FACILITY...DIS-ASTER CONTROL(small concrete bunkers surrounded b barbed wire)...THOR again ...and behold, a monolithic windowless building rose whitely out of the bushes. The MAB (Missile Assembly Building). Finally, a half-finished railroad platform. leading to nowhere.

On the way out we passed WELCOME TO SPACE AND MISSILE COUNTRY again. PEACE IS OUR PROFESSION. But not even the guard at the gate knew what CINCMAC meant.

## THE MX MISSILE

MX is a first-strike weapon.
The "Missile Experimental" is
the Penatgon's ultimate long-range
weapon. It uses the latest in solidfuel propulsion, remote guidance,
and nuclear wizardry. With our atomic arsenal already bulging, we now
face deployment of a missile which
has been designed to hit the "enemy"
first: a pre-emptive strike.

MX is to form one leg of the Triad defense, replacing Titan and Minuteman Missiles. The other two legs are Submarine Launched Ballistic Missiles and land-based aircraft carrying bombs and cruise missiles.

MX will be the largest, most accurate, and most lethal weapon in the US arsenal. It is a fourstage, 71-foot-long, 95-ton projectile. The first three stages will run on solid fuel, far less volatile than the liquid fuel which blew a Titan warhead out of its silo in September 1980. The fourth stage is the liquid-fueled bus which will drop off each of its warheads individually after making final adjustments in their trajectories.

The first version of MX will have an accuracy of 600 feet at 6000 miles. The system will be capable of destroying or disabling 75% of the Soviet ground-based missiles. Each of its multiple-entry warheads will have an explosive force of 335 kilotons, twenty-five times that of Little Boy, destroyer of Hiroshima. Early versions of MX will have a warhead capacity of 12 and later 17, although the unsigned SALT II limit

of 10 is the current deployment figure.

Former President Carter's original deployment plans called for an elaborate and complex scheme for basing the system in the Nevada-Utah Great Basin. It called for each of the 200 missiles to be shuttled regularly among a group of 23 shelters built into the desert floor. They were to ride on enormous transporter launchers which could be remotely controlled in case of an attack. Every six months, each missile would move to a new home, a variation on the street-corner flim-flam shell game. The rationale behind it was that with so many shelters, the Soviets would never know just where the missiles were, and would have to fire an inordinately large number of warheads to be sure of disabling

the system.

Carter's plan was to have been the largest construction project in history. It would have consumed 2.7 million tons of concrete, enough electricity for a city of 180,000, and a total of 90 billion gallons of water, There would have been 15,000 miles of roads sprawling over 40,000 square miles.

The Reagan administration early on dismissed this plan for its complexities, cost, and also out of a reduced need to comply with the agreements of SALT II. Instead, officials have been favoring a scheme to deploy MX in "dense-pack" clusters in hardened capsules.

Dense-pack basing would deploy 100 missiles in super-hardened silos so close together that incoming missiles would blow each other up, leaving many MX missiles safely underground for counter-attack.

The Reagan administration has stated its belief that nuclear war is survivable, but this apparently applies to weapons, not people. One thing seems clear: the Pentagon is intent on having its precious MX system (estimates run as high as \$100 billion) survive a thermonuclear attack. When the smoke clears, there will be lots of them left to launch. But who will be left to push the button?

--by Dik

# MARSHALL ISLANDERS TO TOUR COAST

Two activists from the Marshall Islands will tour the West Coast of the U.S. from January 7-23 to help publicize the upcoming occupation of Vandenberg Air Force Base, where the launching of an MX missile at their islands is planned.

Darlene Kaju, born on an outer island in the Marshalls and raised in Ebeye, is a graduate student in health care at the University of Hawaii.

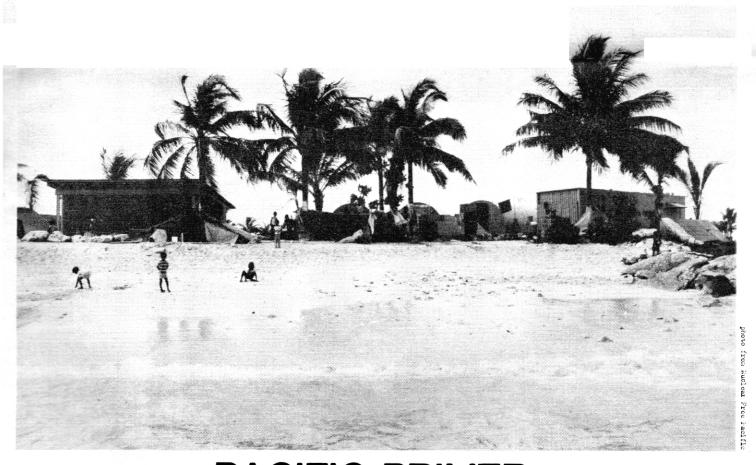
Giff Johnson, her husband, is a free-lance journalist writing on nuclear issues, Micronesia and Pacific issues, and is the resource development staff person for the Pacific Concerns Resource Center in Hawaii.

The two will begin their speaking tour in Seattle, Washington, and travel south through Oregon and Northern California. They will be in the San Francisco Bay Area to participate in the workshops and conference planned for January 15-16 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Berkeley. From there they will fly to San Diego and work their way north to speak at the legal rally in Lompoc near the Vandenberg base on Jan. 23.

Both speakers have traveled widely through Micronesia and the Pacific and have lived there. Both are founders of the Micronesia Support Committee. They were on Kwajalein during Operation Homecoming this past summer, when 1000 Marshall Islanders reoccupied their home islands on June 20. Thousands of Marshallese have been evacuated from their home islands so that missile testing by the U.S. government can take place.

Livermore Action Group agreed to pay for airfare for the speakers. A benefit December 12 (see calendar) is planned to raise the money for them. Nuclear Free Pacific Network in San Francisco is arranging their itinerary; you may call them at 434-2988 to schedule a speaking engagement.

# FIRST STRIKE, YOU'RE OUT!



# PACIFIC PRIMER

Where is Kwajalein?

To answer, let's go back to the beginning. The Pacific Ocean covers one-third of the earth's surface. It touches the shores of the Pacific Rim Countries, including Japan, Australia, the US, Canada, etc, and contains thousands of islands and atolls (made entirely of coral) which are divided into three geographical areas: Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia. Voyagers from Asia, Africa, Europe, and North America discovered and rediscovered, influenced and conquered many of these islands over several thousand years, leading to a seemingly almost infinite variety of overlapping

Micronesia, on which we are focusing, contains 2141 islands in three million square miles of ocean—an area the size of the continental US. The population of about 115,000 is of Malaysian-Polynesian descent. The area is administered by the US as a Strategic Trust Territory for the United Nations and is divided into several regions: The Marianas, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshalls.

The Marshall Islands contain 34 atolls, some of which are Kwajalein, Bikini, Rongelap, Utirik, and the late, atomic-vaporized Igulebab.

Spain "owned" Micronesia from about 1520-1898, during which time the native Chamorro people of the Marianas were reduced from 100,000 to 10,000. The US won Guam in 1898 during the Spanish-American War; Germany bought the rest of Micronesia from Spain, but lost control to Japan in during World War I. During World War II, many of the islands became battlegrounds, and the Enola Gay bomber flew from Tinian in the Marianas to Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

The Movement for a Nuclear-Free

and Independant Pacific: how do you organize across thousands of miles, international boundaries, and barriers of language and culture? (Not to mention the lack of staff and funds.) Delegates from 17 nations have met yearly since 1975 to ask and at least partially answer these questions. They drafted the Peoples' Charter for a Nuclear Free Pacific Zone and successfully united against further waste dumping by Japan and the US. In 1980 the Pacific Concerns Resource Center was founded, with offices in Honolulu. Vanuata, Palau, and in Aotearoa/New Zealand to act as an international network. The US Nuclear-Free Pacific Network co-ordinates work in the continental US and hopes to connect domestic issues, such as nuclear dumping off the California coast, with issues in the rest of the Pacific.

--by Lani Fantz

# AMERICAN INDIAN UPDATE

Since LAG issued its statement of solidarity with Native Americans at D.Q. University in Davis, Calif., Big Mountain in Arizona, and Yellow Thunder Camp in South Dakota, we have been kept informed of changes in the situations at those three lo-

In California, Governor-elect George Deukmejian has stated that he will extradite Dennis Banks, Chancellor of D.Q.U., to S. Dakota where he faces a possible 15 year prison term, racial violence and the personal vengeance of Governor William Janklow. Janklow in sworn affidavits has said that the way to solve the American Indian Movement problem is to "shoot the A.I.M. leaders. Put a bullet in a guy's head, and he won't bother you anymore.'

A Farewell to Dennis Banks benefit will be held December 17 when the following people will speak on his behalf: Abby Mann, Max Gail, Tony Bennet, Jesse Colin Young, Cesar Chaves, Will Sampson, Floyd Westerman, Angela Davis and Rick Nelson. Come to the benefit at 7 pm at California Hall, 625 Polk (at Turk), San Francisco. Admission is by reservation only; call 641-9010 for the \$5.00 tickets.

Your letters to Governor-elect Deukmejian between now and Jan. 2 to show your support for Banks, and fundraising for D.Q. University, an accredited Native American Community College which is facing a shutdown by the Reagan administration, will make a significant difference at this crucial time. You can contact Denise Ferry (415/386-2453) for more information about these efforts.

#### BIG MOUNTAIN

While the people of Big Mountain and the Joint Use Area are still scheduled for forcible removal by July of 1986, recent events on the Navajo reservation have encouraged the hopes for victory of the traditional people in their resistance to removal.



In November, Peterson Zah, former head of DNA Legal Services, was elected Tribal Chairman, ousting Peter MacDonald, and there are several indications that this will result in better consideration of the demands of the traditional people. Meanwhile, grassroot support for the resistance is growing, and in the US Senate, a bill which repeals at least portions of P.L. 93-531 (which calls for removal of 10,000 Dine) was introduced in October.

A pledge drive to generate continued funding for the Big Mountain Legal Defense/Offense Committee is getting underway in N. California. In return for monthly tax deductible donations of \$3 or more, a monthly newsletter will be sent to all donors.

Contact the Burnham/Big Mountain Suppore Group, 1412 Cypress, Berkeley CA 94703, (415)525-9218 to participate in this fundraising effort or to obtain more information about Big Mountain support activities. They need food, clothing, tools, etc.

#### YELLOW THUNDER CAMP

Yellow Thunder Camp is an AIMled effort to establish a spiritual, self-sufficient community in South Dakota's Black Hills. The camp is located on land claimed by the U.S. Forest Service, which is favorable

to mineral and uranium development.

Since the camp's establishment on April 4, 1981, the Forest Service has sought an eviction order. A trial on the order was finally scheduled for Nov. 22, 1982, and is currently in progress. For information on the outcome of the trial, call the International Indian Treaty Council at 415/441-7841.

Camp leaders have urged supporters to be prepared to come to South Dakota to form a buffer zone if assault seems imminent. They have also joined with the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee in calling on people to help collect a million signatures on a petition urging that Peltier be granted a new trial.

Copies of petitions, pledge forms, and background information relating to Native American Indian struggles are available in the LAG office, 3126 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley California, for interested prople to

## **Contra Costans For Nuclear Free Future**

The Contra Costans for a Nuclear-Free Future will sponsor a silent vigil for peace at the Walnut Creek City Hall on Saturday, December 4, from noon to 1pm. We hope to sponsor similar vigils on January 8, February 5, and March 5. All are welcome to come out and participate in our silent witness, but come prepared for an hour outdoors.

CCNFF will also hold two letter-writing parties on December 7 and 9. We will have information on topics needing letters. All are invited to bring papers and pens, and any information on topics of personal interest that may need letters.

The Walnettos affinity group will sponsor a small demonstration and candle-light vigil on the afternoon of December 22, as part of the month-long "Choose Life" actions at the Livermore Lab.

Finally, the non-violence preparers in Contra Costa county hope to give a non-violence preparation in their local area on Saturday, December 8.

For more information on any of these actions, call Patty at 838-7624.



#### Halloween Action

Halloween -- a day to mourn our dead; a time to cast out evil spirits; a high holy day for witches(the New Year); a time for beginnings and endings; a full moon this year.

The Children of Mothers affinity group proposed an all-women's non-violent action at Livermore Labs on October 31 and Monday morning

Women responded by meeting for nearly two months to plan it. The focus was healing and transformation. Consensus was easily reached not to blockade, leaving room for other civil disobedience, which no one ultimately chose. It was an allwomyn's ritual/action(costume encouraged) in two stages: The first, a ritual held in a safe place (not at the Lab), and second, an action at the lab.

The action took place under the non-violent guidelines drawn up by the Feminist Cluster for the June 21 blockade.

ground (Del Valle Regional Park, about 5 miles from the labs) beginning Sunday afternoon. By midnight the campground was full. We brought food and instruments for the ritual, our children, donations for the alter, bedding and firewood, all carried down a steep, narrow, windy path. More importantly we brought the strong intent of bonding our energies against nuclear weapons. The windless night so bright with moonshine allowed candles everywhere producing a village beautiful to

Throughout the night, monitor/ caretakers protected us well from harrassment by boys on the road above. At one point they escorted two policewomen onto the grounds. When they found all in order after their guided tour, they left. During the week, police had visited the park rangers with a copy of the poster announcing the ritual/action. They interpreted "drug & alcohol free space" to mean that there would be free drugs and alcohol. Even with

this warning, the park staff were co-operative all in all, though this incident did force us to pay an additional fee and limited our permit to 100.

Around the campfire our ritual moved through stages of mourning, rage, defiance, empowerment, and transformation. Some structure had been worked out in advance, but left room for individual expression.

By 5am when the moon was at her fullest we reassembled to carpool to the Livermore Labs gates.

effects of fatigue and cold(it fros-

November 1.

Women trickled into the campbehold in the clearing.

Most of us were experiencing the

ted!) We arrived at East and Vasco roads to be harrassed by media we had expressly not invited. Mostly they were CHP and lab people accompanied by at least as many visible police as there were of us(about 120). There were also a number of PG&E vehicles and workmen not actively engaged in any work! We set up our roadsigns right behind theirs. "Women working", ours stated, and further along, "LLNL Conversion Tunnel". We processed with candles and banners up both sides of Vasco toward the SW gate. "Enough", "The Earth is our Mother We must take care of her". We stood in a silent vigil for about three hours while the police blocked and redirected traffic. But many motorists did pass through our conversion tunnel and some showed visible effects -- some cars bucked and screeched to a stalling halt. We stood along with the spirits of the dead who came with us from the ritual--plant, animal, and human. We held small pieces of white cloth and together turned and briefly faced the labs, pointing our fingers at it while maintaining our focus to transform the place.

At the south gate women passed out handouts to communicate our purpose to lab employees. In part it read:

"As women and children we wish to bear witness/ To the sacredness of all life./ Life is our Mother, our Earth./ We protest the arrogance of those who design/ Mass murder machines that drastically alter/ All life forms on this planet as we know it./ This lab will be converted. No worker need lose a job. No worker need lose a life. This lab will be converted.'

The San Francisco State University paper called the action a "Nuclear Hex". The Oakland Tribune headline read: "Bewitched protest strikes bewildered lab". When we filed back to East and Vasco we made one last circle for closure and grounding.

Being prepared with legal observers, medics, and lots of offsite support enabled us to achieve an action without arrest or hurt. Some of us are inspired by this work and are planning some similar action in late January at the Vandenberg AFB to protest the MX missile testing.

She changes everything she touches and everything she touches changes.

## Another View of the Israeli Consulate Sit-In

On September 22, I joined LAG members Paul Desfor, Linda Hirschorn, and Osha Neumann in a protest sit-in at the Israeli Consulate. The sitin expressed our unanimous rejection of the U.S. sponsored Israeli invasion of Lebanon, and for at least two of us, (myself and Paul), a categorical rejection of Zionism as a solution to the problems of any of the peoples of that particular region.

Our action was publicly percieved, with our concious encouragement, as a "Jewish" protest. Though I was quite content to participate on that basis, I should like to make clear that I would have sat in with virtually any group that shared my conviction that the summer's events should not pass in silence.

For many people, our action raised questions concerning the nature of Jewish identity. Without viewing antagonistically this issue, and the many progressive people involved in it, I would like to suggest that in these troubled and critical times this issue has been superseded by the broader question of human identity and the responsibilities contained therein.

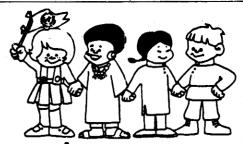
My belief is that in some subtle

way, even the reformation of conventional Jewish thought into a less chauvinistic, more relevant, but ultimatly Jewish world view may still reinforce our sense of separatness from things.

We may thus find ourselves humanely, yet dichotomously, supporting the struggle of oppressed humans, rather than engaging in that struggle wholeheartedly, as full members.

Jewish culture is often described in terms of an almost mystical propensity toward guilt and anguished self-criticism. Let us realize that it is not in our Jewishness wherein the guilt lies, but rather in the systematic ruthlessness of Imperialism, as it attempts to share with the people of the world its own impending demise. Zionism is a child of this unhealthy force.

Reviewing the immense suffering of this past summer and beyond, I am less moved by issues that do not themselves bleed tangibly. It is my hope that we will, with the help of historic necessity, overwhelm the insularity of our lives and take our place alongside the pe struggle and destiny will ultimately be our own. --by David Simon



#### VIGIL FOR PEACE A CHILDREN

Peace and nuclear disarmament are children's issues. Their future is at stake. Please join us on this day to show your commitment to an immediate US/USSR nuclear weapons freeze and peace between all peoples of the world. Children of all ages and their friends and families are

A reception will follow the vigil at Trinity Methodist Church, corner of

Dana and Durant, Berkeley. The program will include Surya the clown, music by Linda Hirschorn and Tim Kearney, special guest Flow the Whale, and others. Please bring signs, banners, and food or drinks to share.

This even is co-sponsored by the UC Circle of Concern and the Planetary Peace Alliance. For more information call Tiferet Dovbish, 237-7645.

Sunday, December 12, 1982 12:00 Noon

UCB Camous. Oxford and University in Berkeley

# **ACTION CALENDAR**

#### December

- 3-16 "Dark Circle", shot on location at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant near Denver, the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, and in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will show at the Surf Theatre, San Francisco. Info: 824-5822.
- "No to NATO Days" demonstration and leafletting at the Consulates of Great Britain, Belgium, West Germany and the Netherlands.
  Gather at St. Mary's Square,
  California & Grant, San Francisco at 11 a.m.
- Dec. 10-Jan. 1 <u>Daily peace vigils</u> and services at the gates of Livermore Labs. Contact the Ecumenical Peace Institute for information: 415/391-5215.
- 11 Vandenberg Working Collectives gathering, 1024 Masonic, San Francisco, 11 a.m.

Benefit for LAC and Action
Community Against Diablo Canyon
at the American Indian Center,
229 Valencia. Dance music by
The Shrewdness of Apes (jazz,
New Wave) and Tao Chemical.
9 p.m. BE THERE TO SUPPORT THE
VANDENBERG ACTION!!!

Tabling Day for the Fund Drive. Everyone's called on to table all over town with our new handbooks, posters, buttons & raffle tickets. Meet at 10 a.m. at LAG office.

12 Peacekeeper Training, 11-4, Glide, 330 Ellis, San Francisco. For info: Eric, 415/285-8729.

> Non-violence training for Vandenberg. 11-6. Zen Center folks, others welcome. Zen Center, 300 Page St., San Francisco

Children's Vigil for Peace, 12 noon on the U.C. Berkeley Campus at Oxford and University. Reception will follow. Program includes SURYA the clown, music by LINDA HIRSHHORN and TIM KEARNEY, special guest FLOW THE WHALE. Co-sponsored by the Planetary Peace Alliance and UC Cricle of Concern. Info: 415/237-7645.

LAG Comedy-auction benefit \$5. 6-11 pm, Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar and Bonita, Berkeley. Music by Dave Lipman. Comedy by Daryl Henriquez & Scoop Nisker. All proceeds to LAG to bring Marshall Islanders to California for a speaking tour.

- Eyewitness Central America:
  Freelance journalist Chris Norton will show slides and discuss his recent trip to El Salvador.
  Manuela Saquic, a Guatemalan
  Ixil Indian, and member in exile of the Committee for Peasant
  Unity, will describe life in
  Guatemala under the Rios Montt dictatorship. 7:30 pm at La
  Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. \$2.50. Benefit for CISPES and Guatemala News and Information Bureau. Info: 644-3636.
- 15 Advanced Consensus Workshop Part
  II. Improving meeting decisionmaking skills and large group
  decision-making. 7-10 pm at
  Friends Meeting House, Vine &
  Walnut, Berkeley. Call Liz for
  pre-registration 415/285-9685.

The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) is calling an action at Port Chicago in response to President Reagan's expected recertification in January that human rights violations have improved in El Salvador. That recertification will mean arms will continue to be shipped to El Salvador from Port Chicago at the Concord Naval Weapons Base, Concord, Calif.

The action, planned for January 29, will include a 1:30 rally at Clyde Park, with a car caravan to the Concord base around 2:00 for a demonstration and a civil-disoebdience blockade. For more information, call CISPES at 415/861-0425.

A seminar on male sexism will be held Saturday, featuring workshops on Subtle Dominance, Paternal Condescension, Effective Aggression, Alibis and Excuses, and more. The keynote address, to be delivered by Joe Vennist, will focus on "Perpetuating the Patriarchy: Liberating Ourselves from Feminist Oppression."

- 15- Children as Teachers of Peace -25 contact Mayor Diane Feinstein,
- 25 contact Mayor Diane Feinstein, San Francisco, for information.
- Dennis Banks Family Farewell 8
  pm, Calif. Hall, 625 Polk St.,
  San Francisco. \$5 reservations
  required. 415/641-9010. See
  article this issue "Indian Update." Dennis and friends will
  be speakers with Indian and
  Reggae music.

Sing-Along with LAG, 7:30pm, 2430 Dwight, #208, Berkeley. Everyone welcome. George, 845-7248 for more info.

- 18 Holly Near Concert, 8 pm, Berkeley Community Theatre, Grove
  and Allston, Berkeley. Free
  admission for those subscribing
  to LAG RAG for \$30 this month,
  and for those winning the LAG
  raffle for Holly Near tickets.
- 19 <u>LAG Orientation</u> All new Vandenberg slide show, handbooks, info on the International Day . 7-10 pm, 2017 Stuart St, Berkeley

Vandenberg Affinity Group

Spokescouncil. 11-6. Call LAG
office 415/6/4-3031 for place
and agenda if your affinity
group has not been receiving
notices of these meetings in
the mail.

How to Talk about the Bomb: Effective Communication with Family, Friends & Strangers. Fort Mason Center Rm B340, 10-5, \$15 sliding. Offered by Waking Up in the Nuclear Age. For info call 415/928-2014.

22 <u>Candlelight vigil</u> at Livermore
Labs in the afternoon as part of
the month-long CHOOSE LIFE action
there. This small demonstration
will be sponsored by the Walnettos Affinity Group. For info
call Patty at 415/838-7624.

International Day Working Collective 7:30 p.m. Analysis of the response to our Call from Mobilization for Survival National Conference and planning the next step. Call Carolyn at 415/924-0374 for directions to location in Marin.

El Salvador Film Festival 6 pm Revolution or Death

- 7:10 Philippe Bourgois video (US student present during government attack on village in El Salvador)
- 7:55 Americas in Transition 8:30 El Salvador, Another Vietnam

9:35 The People Will Win \$3.00 at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Sponsored by CISPES. Info: 415/644-3636.

31 LAC New Year's Eve Party, call Mark McDonald, 658-7263, or the LAC office, 644-3031, for info.

# STOP THE MX

#### JANUARY

- New Affinity Groups for Gay Men and Womyn. Non-Nuclear Family sponsors an informational meeting from noon-2:30. New blockade slideshow from June 21st. New College, San Francisco.
- 6 Nuclear Weapons in the 80's, a student-initiated class from 2-4 every Thursday Winter Quarter. Guest lecturers. For info call Tara 415/843-7301
- 8 Non-violence training, first day of 2-part preparation. 11-6 at First Baptist Church, 208 Dolores, San Francisco. For info call Paul 415/386-5683.

Non-violence preparation in Contra Costa County. For info call Patty 415/838-7624.

Silent Vigil for Peace noon to 1 pm at the Walnut Creek City Hall. Sponsored by the Contra Costans for a Nuclear-Free Future. Info: 415/838-7624.

Preparing for Vandenberg - the Personal and the Political. How do we perpetuate, in our everyday lives and political work, the same attitudes that fuel the arms race? 7-10 pm. \$2-5. Call LAG office 415/644-3031 for place in San Francisco.

Women Fighting for Peace. 7 pm. Arlene Stone will read from her new collection of anti-nuke poetry AT THE GATES OF HELL, followed by a book party at A WOMAN'S PLACE BOOKSTORE, 4015 Broadway, Oakland. Wheelchair accessible. Call for childcare info before Jan 9 415/547-9920. Women only is bookstore policy.

- Preparing for Vandenberg the Personal and the Political. 7-10 pm, \$2-5. 2017 Stuart St., Berkeley. Childcare avail., wheelchair accessible.
- Resistance Conference and Workshops, sponsored by LAG. Bay Area peace and anti-intervention groups will give workshops. Last minute information about civil disobedience actions at Vandenberg Air Force Base and Port Chicago. 10-6 at Veterans Memorial Hall, Center & Grove, Berkeley.

Non-violence training for Vandenberg. First day of 2-part preparation. Workshop on defensive physical skills. 11-5 at Veterans Memorial Hall, Center & Grove, Berkeley.

BENEFIT DANCE FOR LAG. 9 pm at Veterans Memorial Hall, Center & Grove, Berkeley.

16 Resistance Conference & Workshops, second day. 10-6 at Veterans Memorial Hall, Center & Grove. Berkeley.

Non-violence training for Vandenberg. Second day of 2-part preparation. Legal discussion and jail strategy. 11-5, Veterans Memorial Hall, Center & Grove, Berkeley.

# 17- Actions at Global Associates, 21 Kaiser Building, Oakland. This corporation is responsible for poor food delivery and media blackout regarding Marshall Islanders. One goal of the action

blackout regarding Marshall Islanders. One goal of the action at Vandenberg is to call attention to the situation on those islands.

- BLOCKADE UNIVERSITY HALL, U.C.
  Berkeley. For information on planning meetings, call the U.C.
  Cluster at 415/642-7783, or
  Tracy at 415/549-3616.
- 21- Occupation and blockade of Van-28 denberg Air Force Base near Santa Barbara, Calif., to disrupt the scheduled first test Taunch of the MX missile. Call LAG office 415/644-3031 for info.
- 23 Legal Rally and Demonstration
  to protest the first test of
  the MX missile. Ryon Park, Lompoc, Calif. noon to 3 pm. Sponsored by the Alliance for Survival and the Lompoc Safe Energy
  Coalition.
- Port Chicago, Concord Naval Weapons Station, to protest the recertification of human rights violations improvement in El Salvador. For info call CISPES at 415/861-0425.

LAG GRAND RAFFLE to raise money for Vandenberg Action--AG prize for selling most tickets is a white-water raft trip. Contact Virginia, 644-3031 for tickets.



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.

Subscription rates for 10 issues per year are:

\$10 regular \$15 organizations \$ 6 low income \$15 foreign

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# ANNUUNCEMENIS

Rental space is available in the L.A.G. office building, possibly 800 square feet. Office space plus meeting area. Call L.A.G. office (415-644-3031) if you have leads on group who would be interested.

KGB timesheets are due every Monday! No timesheets, no rubles!

Fishermen Against Social Responsibility will show their popular slide show, "The Effects of Enhanced Radiation on Striped Bass," in which documentary evidence of 100-pound bass is coupled with a passionate appeal for a first-strike nuclear assault on the Volga River.

JEWISH AFFINITY GROUP. A religious Jewish A.G. is getting together for the Vandenberg blockade. Call Jonika Mountainfire or Rabbi Burt Jacobson at 415/834-2172.

Mahatma Gandhi. Would your group like to learn more about Gandhi's formulation of the moral and spiritual basis for civil disobedience? I have been giving a free, 3-hour introductory class on this subject to small groups in the Bay Area. The presentation includes an outline of Gandhi's main ideas and a survey of the available literature. Jonika Mountainfire, 415/834-2172.

War-Tax Resistance and L.A.G. Publically refusing to pay military taxes can be one of the most effective forms of noncooperation. When you become an active tax-resister, you are "blockading" the war system every day of the year!

If you are doing this now or are thinking about doing it, please contact me. I would like to start a tax-resistance support group, and make this a visible civil-disobedience tactic within L.A.G. Jonika Mountainfire, 415/834-2172.

SUBSCRIBE to the LAG RAG this month at \$30 and receive 2 tickets (center orchestra) to the Holly Near concert Dec. 18. Four pair of tickets will be given out.

Pat Runo is in Santa Rita jail from November 23 - December 22. She was given a 45-day sentence for violating parole when she blockaded June 21, but will probably get out in 30 for good time.

PLEASE WRITE HER!
Alameda County Sheriff's Dept.
c/o Patricia Runo #AMO571
P.O. Box 87
Pleasanton CA 94566

THE LEGAL COLLECTIVE NEEDS PEOFLE for the Vandenberg action. No prior legal or jail experience is necessary. Assist in Santa Barbara office, or as messengers, on jail teams, etc. Please call Lois 415/527-3721 or Leonard 415/832-6900.

# STOP THE MX AT VANDENBERG

The first MX test flight from Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) in Santa Barbara County, California, to the Kwajalein atoll, a Marshall Island military installation in Micronesia, is scheduled for the last week in January 1983. We are planning an occupation and legal demonstration at the Vandenberg Air Force Base because we believe the arms race has gone too far

The design of the MX missile discloses its purpose. The MX is being tested to insure an accuracy of 600 feet at a range of 6,000 miles. This kind of accuracy is unnecessary for targeting population centers, the basis of the doctrine of deterrence. The MX is designed for one purpose: to strike enemy missiles first, while they are still in their silos. The MX is part of a strategy to fight and win a nuclear war. The U.S. is developing a first-strike capability in clirect violation of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution Prohibition of Nuclear Warfare.

## NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION

We are calling for non-violent direct action to disrupt the first MX test, not only because we are opposed to first-strike technology, but because this U.S. initiative is unbearable. We call for the abolition of all nuclear weapons. We repudiate the very concept of nuclear deterrence because it is inherently genocidal. These U.S. agressive nuclear policies must stop. Non-violent direct action is only one of a number of avenues of protest that is necessary if the arms race is to be stopped. Non-violent direct action plays a special role in that it emphasizes the sincerity of our demands and the urgency of the nuclear predicament. It is a direct challenge to the system which has proved to be out of touch with its citizens. It illustrates the length that a few have to go in order to force an entrenched system to respond to our desire for real peace.

## HOW TO GET INVOLVEDI

The Livermore Action Group is a volunteer organization. Decisions are made by consensus by those who do the work. We are committed to the feminist process and non-violent guidelines. In an action such as the Vandenberg demonstration/blockade/occupation decisions are made by the affinity groups participating in the action. Everyone engaging in civil-disobedience is required to take nonviolence and consensus training. Trainings and Affinity Group formations are held throughout the state until the day of the aciton. A great deal of work and money is presently needed to make these demonstrations as safe and effective as possible. Your skills in first-aid, organizing, fundraising, networking, art, graphics, communication, etc., and your time, energy and money are critical in building these demonstrations.

The next empowered Vandenberg spokes council is Dec. 19, at 11 am in the Bay Area. Call the Office 644-3031 for place. The place for the following council on Jan. 2 will be determined at the 19th mtg.

One of the critical decisions is whether to keep the date of the occupation/blockade flexible in order to coincide with the date of the test if it is postponed, or whether to keep a fixed date and encourage another action on the actual date of the test. Send empowered spoke!

## January 21 thru 27, 1983

In order to sign up for any of these activities call (415) 644-3031. All of our meetings are open. For a message on the time and place of our daily activities call (415) 644-2028, or call a local contact in your area.

	I would like to get involved.
	Please send me the Newsletter.
	Please send me a Handbook. (Enclosed is \$1 and 75¢ for postage)
	Sign me up for non-violence training.
Here is a donation to help stop the MX.	
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MID-PENINSULA VANDENBERG ACTION COMMITTEE

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U.S. NUCLEAR-FREE PACIFIC NETWORK

A separate legal rally is being planned by the Alliance for Survival for January 23, noon, Ryan Park, Lompoc, California.

# IMPLEMENT THE FRE

# MG RAG

This is what you may be reading soon. When we consensed to establish this paper, we agreed to fund it by requesting subscription donations so that it would not be a drain on already tight budgets. So far, this is a pipe-dream--only 10% of our mailing list has subscribed.

Perhaps you are waiting a while till your finances look better? But if you wait too long, we won't be here at all. And in any case, with Reagan in the White House, your finances are only going to get worse.

Perhaps you don't consider yourself a"member"of LAG? Why should you support our paper? Because we are covering issues and actions vital to us all. This paper is more than an in-house LAG newsletter. We are providing extensive coverage of the state-wide Vandenberg Action--this issue contains articles written by people from all over California -- as well as continuing reports on the American Indian Movement, other antinuke actions and meetings, international resistence movements, and much

Please--don't assume that because you're receiving this paper now, you are already a subscriber. We have been mailing the early issues to our entire mailing list from the June action in order to get word out on Vandenberg; but present finances make it impossible to continue this for long. Reality dictates that we send the paper only to subscribers.

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