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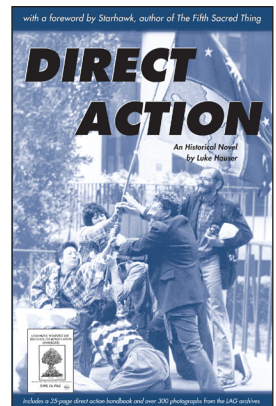


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by Luke Hauser

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THE RIGHT ACTION AT THE RIGHT TIME

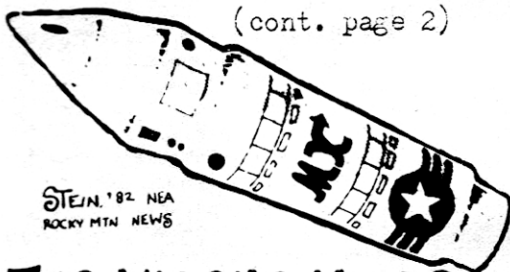
At its two most recent spokescouncils, the Vandenberg Action Coalition reaffirmed its commitment to a combined legal action and civil disobedience January 23-24 against the MX and first strike weapons. At the same time the decision was made to postpone the major action at Vandenberg until March, when Congress will be debating the latest Reagan Administration proposal for an MX basing mode. In addition, an "alert system" will be set up to make possible further civil disobedience whenever the MX test launch finally does take place.

In light of these changes in Vandenberg Coalition plans, the status of the January action has become murky: What was once planned as the culmination of many months preparation is now itself seen as preparatory for a still larger, more significant action. It may be tempting, under these circumstances, to withhold full support and participation from the January event, to focus energy and resources mostly on the March action. To do so would be an enormous mistake. The January action at Vandenberg deserves our wholehearted participation and support.

For one thing, there is, as a result of our outreach and media efforts, a great deal of public and media interest in the January rally and blockade. For example, on the day I am writing this a woman, not part of LAG or C.D. circles, calls to ask about bus transportation to the rally for herself and a dozen friends. During the same day the New York Times and a Los Angeles radio station called the LAG office to find out about our January plans.

We need to use and build the momentum that already exists for the January action. The bigger, more well organized and more spirited the January action is, the greater will be its effect in building energy for March and later actions. On the other hand, a half-assed, poorly supported protest will demoralize the workers who have organized the action and the people who have made sacrifices to participate in it. It will

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**This Missile Needs
a Home.
WON'T YOU HELP?**

The PENTAGON IS HAVING TROUBLE FINDING A SAFE HOME FOR THE MX MISSILE. NOBODY SEEMS TO WANT THIS POOR, DEFENSELESS WEAPON IN HIS BACK YARD. IN THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTEERISM, WON'T YOU SEND YOUR SUGGESTION TO THE PENTAGON?

To: The PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C.
Dear Sirs:
I THINK YOU SHOULD STICK
THE MX MISSILE

VANDENBERG ACTION STILL ON



The January 2nd Vandenberg Action Coalition spokescouncil decided to go ahead with an action in the week of Jan. 23rd even though the funds for the first MX test flight have been frozen by Congress. We decided to plan a number of activities, including a legal march and rally and some form of outreach to the base and surrounding community on Sun. the 23rd to be followed by a civil disobedience action during the following week.

The main reasons for going ahead with the action in January were to emphasize three important points:

1) The MX is not dead yet. Congress appropriated \$2.5 billion for testing, research and development and these funds include money for the production of a number of test missiles, some of which could be deployed if the initial testing is successful. A measure that would have cut out funds for the MX subsidy was voted down by a large majority in the Senate.

Overall Congress is still committed to the development of a first strike capability. The real issues that concern us were never even raised in Congress. We are not just opposed to the dense pack basing mode for the MX. We are opposed to the entire nuclear arsenal and the very concept of nuclear deterrence as a means of conducting foreign policy.

2) We also decided to go ahead with an action at Vandenberg in January because Vandenberg Air Force Base is the site for numerous ongoing first strike activities. They continually test Minuteman III missiles that are currently being retrofitted with the same warhead as the MX. This would give our present Minuteman III missiles the same kind of first-strike accuracy. The public is largely unaware of these developments.

Vandenberg is also the site of Space Shuttle activities which have an impact on the development of a U.S. first strike capability. The projected military payload of the space shuttle includes satellite communication equipment and laser battle stations designed as an anti-ballistic missile defense system. If the Pentagon has its way the space shuttle will be completely militarized in order to escalate the nuclear arms race in space.

3) The third reason for the action is to maintain solidarity with the Marshallese who are the ongoing target for U.S. missile testing at Vandenberg. The U.S. militarization of the Pacific is destroying the lands and cultures of thousands of people. U.S. intervention in the Pacific must stop.

All of these plans are in various stages of development. Please call the LAG office for ongoing plans, details, and meetings. We need everyone's support. 415/644-3031.

The Vandenberg Action Coalition also decided to extend our plans to include a major action in March. Fixed dates for a number of activities were set for March, including leafletting and outreach in Lompoc in the vicinity of the action, a rally on Sunday, March 20 and an extended action beginning March 21. It was decided that there should also be an action on the day of the launch itself even if the March action and the launch date come close together. If the launch week came before the March action, the fixed date March action would not happen.

An action in March is necessary because that is the time when Congress will most likely be deciding the new basing mode for the MX. By that time we will have heard Reagan's new plans for basing the MX, and we will probably know more about the date of the first MX test flight.

FIRST MX TEST FLIGHT??

QUESTION: When will the first MX test flight take place???

ANSWER: We do not know!!!

FACTS: Until early December, we had every reason to believe that the test would happen on schedule. On September 20, the date of the first MX flight test was classified -- even the reasons for the classification were classified. (It is difficult to tell if this was a response to our announced occupation/protest.)

Then, a failure of the second stage engine of the MX during its fifth test began to slow things down. According to Capitol Hill sources, the initial test flight would have to be delayed at least a month, to early March. (Washington Post)

Later, the Air Force reported that the failure of the second stage engine would not necessarily change the date of the launch.

All of this was upset when Congress approved \$2.5 billion for ongoing testing and research, but froze the funds until both houses approve a basing mode. This would postpone the test till after March first at the earliest.

(Apparently, SALT II allows only one new ICBM testing program, so congressmen are concerned that the US might throw away its one and only ICBM test program on the MX which might not fly through Congress. --BUT the MX dense pack with decoy silos is itself a violation of SALT II.)

MEANWHILE, all the components for the first MX test flight have arrived at Vandenberg, and are ready to assemble.

Before the MX flight test can happen they must run a dummy MX called "The Pathfinder" through a

troubleshooting preliminary countdown. Only after the evaluation of the Pathfinder, all of which takes at least two months, can the first MX flight test count down begin.

As of December 1982 the Pathfinder test had not taken place. This would put the test at the earliest in March.

Recently, the New York Times quoted Secretary Weinberger: "Any program that has \$2.5 billion appropriated for it is not really dead," he said, expressing the hope that the problem of how to base the MX could be settled early in the new Congress. "The need for the new missiles, the need to have that leg of the triad modernized has never been stronger, in my opinion."

Meanwhile, a study group to advise the President on a new basing mode is being stacked with such dignitaries as ex-Secretary Al Haig, former director of Livermore Lab, Harold Brown, and Brent Scowcroft, national security advisor to Ford. --Reagan will do his best to keep the MX on schedule.

With respect to an alert network on the date of the launch: a number of factors make it possible for us to know the date in about two weeks in advance. This would give us sufficient time to alert the network whenever it occurs

With respect to an alert network regarding the date of the launch: a number of factors make it possible for us to know the date about two weeks in advance. This would give us sufficient time to alert the network and avoid total surprise.

•• Ken Nightingale

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discredit us in the eyes of the public and the media, and make outreach and publicity for future actions harder to get across.

But beyond these considerations is an even more pressing reason for our wholehearted effort on behalf of the January action against MX: widespread public confusion has resulted from the recent Congressional votes on funding for MX. There appears to be among many, including journalists, members of the public, and even peace activists, the belief that "the MX is dead," and that a major turn has taken place, away from militarism, the arms race and first strike policy.

We know that this is not the case. We understand that Congress has in fact allocated 2.5 billion dollars for research and development of MX, pending only approval of an acceptable basing mode.

We understand that Reagan's appointment of a blue-ribbon commission including three former Secretaries of State to come up with such a mode, signals his determination to deploy MX.

We recognize also that the reservations expressed by Congress center entirely on the issue of basing. Congress has not addressed, and shows no interest in addressing, the purpose of the MX: namely as part of a new generation of weapons aimed at making possible the initiation and "winning" of a nuclear war. Yet, if we seem to back off from our plans to challenge the MX and first strike now we give the impression that we too see the situation as having become less urgent, as having changed in some fundamental way for the better.

We need to go to Vandenberg this month, at the fullest strength we can muster, to make the statement that nothing has changed: that the MX and first strike policy are in the process of being developed even though we cannot see the development in the sky. Our presence at Vandenberg in January, even without a test flight, is indeed an "interference" with the confusion and complacency that have been created by Congressional rejection of dense pack basing; confusion that allows

Reagan to continue with his plans to deploy a new generation of first strike weapons. We need to go to Vandenberg now in the spirit of urgency and determination and willingness to put our bodies in the way, to make clear our intention to awaken public opinion against deployment of these weapons. We need to use the January action as the beginning of a grassroots campaign to shift the terms of public debate between now and March from the narrow, technological issue of where to keep the MX, to the broader, political issue of whether to deploy MX and other first strike weapons (Pershing II, cruise, Trident) at all. We need to begin, in January, to challenge Reagan's campaign to legitimize the use of nuclear war as an instrument of foreign policy; his growing cold war fever and its companion red-baiting. We can do that best by acting now with our fullest possible strength and passion.

Furthermore, although there will

be no MX missile flying overhead to the Kwajalein Islands, at least not this month, we need to use our physical presence at Vandenberg to link the escalation of the arms race and the cold war with rising militarism in support of U.S. attempts at domination in the third world.

On one else is making this kind of political statement within the peace movement. That is why it is up to us to do it.

Of course we can make all these statements in March or even later. But the time is ripe now, first because we ourselves have spent the past four months mobilizing interest for it; and second because MX is a live and confusing issue in the news and in people's minds. We have a great opportunity at Vandenberg this month to begin to clarify and redefine the MX debate, but only if our presence is both articulate and wholehearted.

- by Barbara Haber

JANUARY 2 SPOKES COUNCIL: THREE VANDENBERG ACTIONS

The spokescouncil restated its already agreed-to consensus: there will be a c.d. action on January 24 with a legal support demonstration. There will be a c.d. action to coincide with the actual launch date, with people alerted by an alert network.

The spokescouncil then consented to have a major c.d. action at Vandenberg in March.

Regarding the January action, the spokescouncil consented to have a march on Sunday, January 23 with a legal rally. After the rally some people will do outreach in Lompoc and neighboring areas.

A new proposal, not consented to, but to be taken back to the a.g.s, was for the emphasis in January to be placed on a legal march on Sunday the 23rd to Reagan's ranch, followed by a creative car caravan to Reagan's ranch. This proposal stated that a.g.s wishing to do c.d. must take responsibility for their own support system.

The spokescouncil consented to the following regarding January c.d.: "Groups who wish to do an illegal action in January will meet with each other and decide what they want to do, and then coordinate with working collectives who will give support. The Vandenberg Action Coalition will continue to support with logistics and publicity, and with whatever other ways necessary, the illegal action that is decided on."

A decision on the following proposal will be made at the next spokescouncil (Saturday, January 8, 1983, 10 am, in the S.F. Bay Area - call LAG office for place):

"We will plan for a fixed date action in March as well as an action on the date of the launch to be announced through a call on an alert system to be set up. Both actions should take place even if they are close together."



FEDERATION FOR PROGRESS

The Federation for Progress, a nationwide grass-roots coalition, is calling a conference for February 5, 1983 at UCLA to begin dialogue for actions around the 1984 elections and Olympics. The theme is "Jobs/Peace/Equality."

The 1984 Olympics will afford us the opportunity to make a statement to the world. With all eyes on Los Angeles, we can link arms in a powerful support for Jobs, Peace, and Equality. We can make this an international meeting and rally, inviting groups from all over the world.

1984 will also be a presidential election year. Through a coalition of different issue groups, and through forging a popular consensus for change, we can play an important role in the elections. The outcome should be to build a peoples' platform to take to the convention.

But all this will take time and money. We must begin now. We hope that you will join us at the Conference at UCLA's Moore Hall on Saturday and Sunday, February 5 and 6.

For more information on the Conference, call Linda(213)482-3879, or Bay Area chapter of FFP, (415) 552-5483.

LAG GRAND RAFFLE

If you haven't picked up a few LAG Grande Raffle ticket books to sell, there's still time! Pick them up from the office or call and we'll mail them to you pronto. It only takes a half day with tickets and prize flyers, milling with the crowd at an event or LAG tabling on the street to sell your fair share. A few AGs have white water rafting fever! (The AG selling the most raffle tickets wins a rafting trip by Tributary Whitewater Tours on the South Fork of the American River). AGs are responsible for keeping track

of how many tickets they have sold as a group.

Thanks to all of you who have picked up your raffle tickets, helped distribute in your AG and sold some as well. LAG'ers from Humboldt down to Santa Barbara have taken on almost 8,000 tickets so far. Now we just have to finish selling them and get the money and ticket stubs back into the LAG office before Saturday, January 15th! If all tickets now out are sold we'll reach our goal of \$8,000.

- ★ HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE
- ★ ENTERTAINMENT

- ★ SUBSCRIPTIONS/BOOKS
- ★ ESCAPES

"The schedule for the fixed date event in March should be:

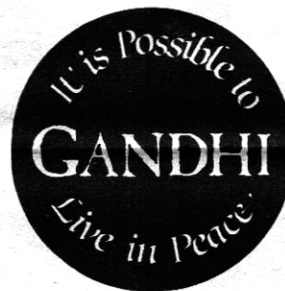
"March 18th, Friday: leafletting and outreach in the vicinity of Lompoc and Vandenberg.

"March 19th, Saturday: Free day for meetings.

"March 20th, Sunday: Rally in vicinity of Vandenberg.

"March 21st, Monday: Large illegal action that could continue for a week. We will not specify if the action is to be a blockade or an occupation. The action should be planned as a sustained action."

A comment on the proposal was to prioritize the goals of the fixed date March action as first: combatting first strike and supporting the Marshallese; second: stopping the MX.



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HELP

MEDIA PARTY

On Sunday Dec 19, a subgroup of the Media Collective held a gathering for the media and local community groups to inform them about the upcoming action at Vandenberg AFB.

A lot of time and hard work went into this event and many people deserve thanks. This letter is to thank our friends in the local business community who helped make this event possible with their generous donations. In economic times such as these it is rare to find businesses still acting responsibly. Let's show our thanks by supporting these businesses:

- Tassajara Bread Bakery
- Nabalom Bakery
- Cheese Coffee Center
- Bread Garden
- Trumpetvine Wines
- The Cheese Board
- Uprisings Bakery
- Poulet
- Noble Pies
- Holey Bagel
- Juice Bar Collective
- Leaven & Earth Bakery
- La Casa De Las Andes

--by Sharon Siskin

L.A.G. BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The following businesses have donated to the raffle, the auction or helped L.A.G. in another fashion. (See also article on Donations for Media Party.) Let's give our business to these supportive places!

- *Cheese Board, Berkeley *
- (They've been GREAT !)
- La Pena Cultural Center
- Adventures Aloft, Yountville
- Chez Panisse Restaurant, Berkeley
- Green Tortoise Bus Co., S.F.
- Orr Hot Springs, Ukiah
- Isis Oasis Retreat, Geyserville
- Renewell Center, Gualala
- Willow Retreat for Women, Napa
- Tributary Whitewater Tours, S.F.
- Surf Theatres, S.F.
- Pete's Coffee, Berkeley
- Jane Fonda Exercise Center, S.F.
- Au Coquelet, Restaurant, Berkeley
- Womens Success Team West, Berkeley
- Mother Jones Magazine
- K.P.F.A. Radio
- Talking Leaves Bookstore, S.F.
- Gersh Photo, Berkeley
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- Ashkenaz Music & Dance Cafe, Berk.
- Ernest Lavorini, Dentistry, Oakland

BENEFIT DANCE

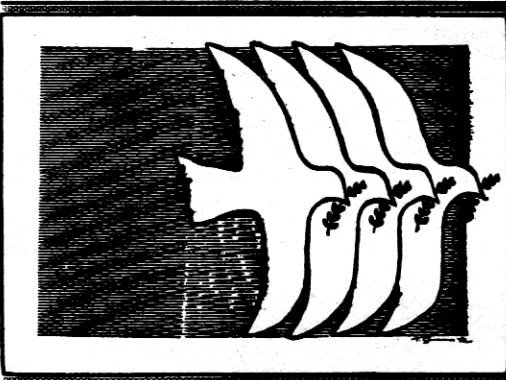
TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE VANDENBERG ACTION AND THE LIVERMORE ACTION GROUP

FEATURING

THE LEMMINGS

JANUARY 15 VETERANS HALL
CENTER & GROVE, BERKELEY, 9:00pm

BEYOND SURVIVAL Mobilization for Survival 6th National Conference



December 10, 11, & 12, 1982
Texas Union, U.T.
Austin, Texas

Three LAG members went to the Mobe conference this December: Victoria ("Tori") Woodard, Rafael Gonzalez, and Patrick Diehl. We were seeking Mobe support for the Vandenberg and International Day actions, and we got it. We also participated in many hours of intensive discussion held in small groups of 15-30 and in full sessions of several hundred people. Some of the matters we discussed concern LAG, not just as a brand-new affiliate of the Mobe, but as a part of the movement for peace and social justice.

The most striking aspect of the conference was the strong case made throughout for linking the issues of nuclear weapons, nuclear power, militarism, intervention, and human needs. It's true that linkage has always been central to the Mobe's program, but the degree of commitment to linking issues on the part of the delegates (many of them from unaffiliated groups) suggested a major change is taking place. The peace and disarmament community and the social justice and anti-intervention community have been talking for some time about the inseparability of their respective major is-

ues. This climate of opinion is now turning into a conviction. Linking issues is not only a good tactic for building a mass popular movement; it is not only a moral obligation; it is a direct reflection of reality, and without it, there can be no hope of final success on any of the issues.

In a fine speech Saturday night, David Dellinger put this matter into historical perspective. The Ban the Bomb movement of the '50s and early '60s refused to "blur its focus" by letting the growing war in Vietnam onto its platform in 1963. As a result, when the superpowers threw the world the crust of the Partial Test Ban Treaty, most of the world, and most of the anti-nuclear movement, went back to sleep. The bomb was not banned, the war went on for a decade and more, and here we are now, struggling not to make the same mistake again. For, as Dellinger said, the pressure is on in the peace movement to focus narrowly on nuclear weapons and to sweep the gays, lesbians, feminists, and radicals of all sorts, along with their upsetting issues and impolite tactics, under the rug for the duration. But if the movement is to create the energy, the values, the structure for real change, it must broaden and deepen. There is no way to know the future, no way to play safe, only a vast potential for change and a public at long last ready to listen to us.

HUMAN NEEDS

Dellinger also touched on the daily deprivation and death the poor suffer here and abroad as a consequence of militarism, military spending, and the permanent war economy on which western corporations are dependent. Tens of millions have already perished, and continue to perish, because of the world order which nuclear weapons protect and propagate. This point was brought home most vividly by Teresa Funicello and other representatives of the "Redistribute America Movement" of New York State (RAM). They spoke for the welfare class (which is mostly composed of single

women with dependent children), and they awakened the conference to the fact that better-paying jobs, more jobs, union jobs, even conversion from military to peaceful jobs will do nothing for the prisoners of welfare poverty.

The response to RAM's argument was quick and positive. The conference decided to maintain Mobe support for the jobs-oriented work of the Jobs with Peace campaign, but also to start pressing for the guarantee of a minimum adequate income level for all as the ultimate goal and for a redefinition of work (to include activities like raising children) as a necessary step toward that goal. A Human Needs Task Force is being set up and a Human Needs proposal drafted. All affiliates should consider this issue and participate in creating the Mobe program.

RACISM

The heightened awareness of the close ties among movement issues and the radical revision of the human needs program should ease the formation of lasting multi-issue coalitions. Working out the exact relationship between the different movement constituencies and their concerns is still going to be very difficult. On the special point of the lily-white make-up of most peace groups and their desire for multi-ethnicity, Anne Braden, a (white) member of the Southern Organizing Committee whose movement experience goes back 40 years, had some pertinent advice. First, groups with white leadership who expect to attract non-white members are guilty of white arrogance--it won't work. Second, whites who want an interracial peace movement had best start taking a leaf from white civil rights activists of the '60s and volunteer to work in organizations with non-white leadership. Third, in the short run, the best course is for existing organizations to recognize social reality and try to join forces as separate but mutually supportive organizations. After all, "their" issues are "our" issues.

THE MID-EAST

In addition to racial differences about priorities, we also have to deal with differences about the position to take on specific issues. The thorniest case of this sort of disagreement just now seems to arise around Israel and Lebanon. The Mobe is working out a position paper with a statement from the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom as its basis. It is likely that the following points will be included:

- a) MFS opposes US military aid and arms sales to Israel and all other mid-East nations;
- b) MFS opposes Israel and other mid-East nations becoming nuclear weapons states;
- c) MFS opposes Israeli settlements in the Occupied Territories and US economic aid that supports the settlements policy;
- d) MFS supports internal Israeli peace groups;
- e) MFS supports the rights and independence of the Palestinian people;
- f) MFS supports mutual recognition of Israel and a Palestinian state.

A long discussion of the Israel/Lebanon situation at the post-conference Co-ordinating Committee meeting on Monday revealed general unhappiness at the fact that extremist groups presently take the lead in this area. There seemed to be agreement that peace groups ought to begin initiating actions of their own which they could support wholeheartedly. As with the Human Needs program, the Mobe staff is seeking input from its affiliates on this matter. LAG members who feel a special concern should consider forming a working group and writing a proposal to the Mobe. At the very least, such a group might provide a forum for talking through the sharp existing differences among LAG members on the Israel question, which continues to fester unresolved.

---Patrick Diehl

LAG Affiliates With Mobilization For Survival

At its December 20 meeting, LAG's Coordinating Council consented to affiliate with the Mobilization for Survival, on the recommendation of the three representatives from the International Day Working Collective who attended the MFS conference in Austin, Texas, that month.

Affiliation means Livermore Action Group shares the Mobilization's commitment to free the world of nuclear weapons and power and programs of foreign military intervention, while promoting human needs. Affiliates attempt to highlight the connections among the MFS' four basic goals: Zero Nuclear Weapons, Reverse the Arms Race, Ban Nuclear Power, and Meet Human Needs.

As a coalition, Mobilization networks existing grassroots local organizations, rather than forming "chapters": Groups maintain their local identity and autonomy while participating in the formation and implementation of Mobilization's program.

The Mobilization for Survival is six years old, with a national office and four full-time staff in New York City, and a field staffer in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The emphasis in the coalition has changed from national to grassroots organizations over the years.

The annual National Conference is the main decision-making body of the MFS. Affiliates from across the U.S. come together for one weekend a year to set policy and direction for the coalition. Interim and Coordinating Committee meetings over the intervening months insure that conference decisions are implemented.

At its 1982 annual conference, the Mobilization incorporated the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament into its 1983 timeline. The June 20th coordinated local actions on the International Day were given priority because of their usefulness in promoting an on-going campaign to stop deployment of the cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe this year. In fact, steps are being taken by LAG and MFS toward co-sponsorship of International Day.

In an effort to broaden its primarily East Coast perspective, the Mobilization adopted at the conference a proposal to have facilitators not only in New York, but also in the Northeast, Midwest, Southwest, and West Coast regions. Facilitators advise the national staff and serve as spokespeople to the press.

LAG has agreed to initiate a process to choose a West Coast facilitator, who will keep national staff informed of West Coast developments and perspective. The facilitator will represent groups ranging in geographic location from Seattle, Washington, to Southern California.

- by Tori

FUTURE ACTIONS GROUP NEEDED!

The Co-ordinating Council decided to affiliate LAG with the Mobilization for Survival on Dec. 20th. Now we need to review the Mobe timeline of actions and activities for the coming year and write a proposal specifying the kind and degree of commitment LAG should give to the many different items on the timeline. The Vandenberg and International Day actions have already been adopted by the Mobe as major elements in the First-Strike Weapons campaign, but we still need to discuss our relationship to other parts of that campaign, in particular the October Euromissiles actions. In addition, we have to consider our role in the Human Needs and the Anti-Intervention campaigns and possible participation in or support for the various educational efforts, emergency response networks, and tours which the Mobe conference adopted for future work. A proposal should go out to AGs in preparation for a spokescouncil as soon as possible--1983 has already begun.

For further information, call Tori at 644-3031 or Patrick at 763-4388.

MOBILIZATION FOR SURVIVAL TIMELINE:

January

- Campaign for Peace with Justice in Central America:
- 3-14 delegations to Congresspeople in home districts
- (17) date for calling Sec. of State Schultz at 202-655-4000
- (27) date before certification
- (29) Port Chicago blockade
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr birthday celebration (events in local churches & synagogues, as interfaith & interracial as possible, linking the arms race & social/economic injustice) (Mobe Religious Task Force proposal)

- 21-27 Vandenberg action

February

- 18-19 EUROMISSILES TEACH-INS for
- 25-26 organizers of Euromissiles campaign

March

- beginning of SPRING EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN ON EUROMISSILES
- 8 International Women's Day (local actions); Freeze lobbying blitz (7-8 March)
- 18-27 Campaign for Peace with Justice in Central America Week
- 28 Three Mile Island Anniversary

April

- Euromissiles educ. campaign cont.
- 1-15 War Tax Resistance weeks
- 10-17 JOBS WITH PEACE WEEK (supported with stipulations!) (separate days for Mobe-backed actions against war-corporations?)



May

- Euromissiles educ. campaign cont.
- 29 Peace Sabbath (co-ordinated efforts in religious institutions, led up to by Peace with Justice Week 22-29 May, and continuing through 30 May)

June

- 20 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT/PROTEST, led up to by actions of all kinds during the previous week(end)

July

- 4 Women's Peace Encampment at Seneca, N.Y. (transshipment point for nuclear arms going overseas) begins and continues thru summer

August

- 6 & 9 Hiroshima & Nagasaki Day commemorations (encourage & support local actions world-wide; attempt to fund a delegate or delegation to the A & H Bomb World Congress in Japan; send delegate/s to the national commemoration in Wash., D.C.)

- 27 MARCH ON WASHINGTON (anniversary of "I Have A Dream" speech) (still tentative!!)

October

- 22-23 EUROMISSILES ACTIONS in co-ordination with European actions (NB! 24 Oct. must be added for c.d. actions)

LOCAL RESISTANCE ACTIONS

Protest at UC Berkeley

On Thursday, January 20, 1983, the UC Cluster is planning a non-violent blockade of University Hall at UC Berkeley. University Hall is home base for the UC systemwide administration and for the management of the Livermore and Los Alamos weapons labs. A legal support demonstration will be held simultaneously on the west lawn of the campus, at Oxford and University streets opposite University Hall.

The action is sponsored by the UC Cluster, which includes members of Berkeley Students for Peace, Progressive Student Organization, REAP, the Education and Action Project, UC Faculty and Friends, and the Labs Conversion Project. It has been endorsed by the Overthrow Cluster.

The blockade was originally conceived as support for the Vandenberg Occupation, but has since grown into an action of its own. We are networking with other campuses to co-ordinate a statewide week of student protest for disarmament and social justice. The action is also in solidarity with other Reagan-resistance actions throughout the nation, including CISPES actions protesting the recertification of human rights in El Salvador.

We are blockading University Hall:

****To demand the UC convert the weapons labs to peaceful purposes, and sever its ties to the arms race;**

****To denounce UC's role in the production of the MX and other first-strike weapons;**

****To demand that UC focus its education and research toward a peaceful economy and society rather than supporting military and corporate defense research;**

****To demand that UC halt recruitment by weapons industries on campus, and promote viable alternatives for science and engineering students in peaceful**

and socially beneficial careers;

****To demand that the Peace Institute include a statewide program for undergraduates and have a broad focus on the roots of war and conflict;**

****To demand that UC close the Etcheverry Reactor;**

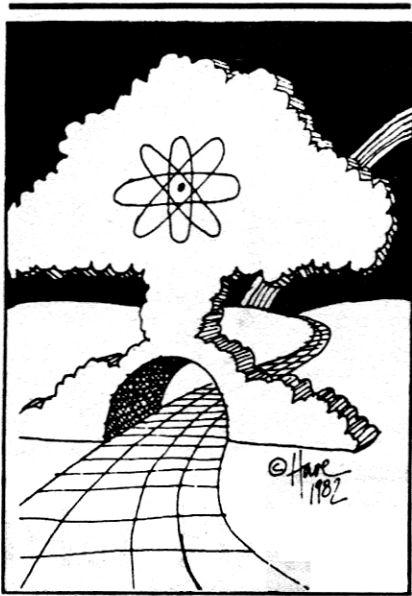
****To support the Vandenberg Action.**

While the focus of the protest leans towards the University of California, this is not merely a student action. The University is a public institution, funded by everyone's tax dollars. We encourage participation by community members. The UC ties to the arms race affect us all; we need a broad-based support to make this action successful.

Assembly for the blockade will begin at 7am on the west lawn at Oxford and University. Non-violence training is required of all blockaders. A legal support rally will commence at 7:30am.

For more info:

Blockaders--Steve 849-1670
Monitors--Viv 848-4171



CISPES PLANS CONCORD BLOCKADE

The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador urgently needs your help. The US is shipping arms and ammunition to the government of El Salvador through Port Chicago, a Bay Area port which is part of the Concord Naval Weapons Station. CISPES is organizing a protest at Port Chicago which is to take place on January 29, 1983, and which will kick off an ongoing campaign at this facility. The purposes of this action are:

****To protest arms shipments to El Salvador, and US intervention in Central America;**

****To protest nuclear weapons proliferation and their storage at Concord Naval Weapons Station;**

****To protest the tremendous drain on our national resources caused by Reagan's enormous defense budget, while unemployment soars and basic social services are cut back or eliminated.**

Concord Naval Weapons Station is the major weapons storage and shipping facility on the West Coast. Eighty percent of the weapons sent to Vietnam passed through this location. Nuclear weapons are currently stored there as well.

The government of El Salvador has been ruled by a military dictatorship for 50 years. In the past three years the murders and repression have intensified, causing 40,000 deaths and 800,000 people to flee the country.

The vast majority of the people are struggling for their rights to land and to a representative government. A privileged minority has used force to repress these rights, making the Salvadorean people resort to military means of political struggle.

Reagan's policy in El Salvador involves escalating war, not only in El Salvador, but in all the countries in the region. Honduras, sharing borders with El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Guatemala, is becoming the military base of operations for the US. Military aid to Honduras has jumped 700% in the past two years.

The action of January 29 will coincide with President Reagan's certification that the Salvadorean government is improving its human rights record. He must do this every six months to legally justify continued military aid. This certification, like the preceding two, will be a complete sham. Murders, tortures, and disappearances carried out by the Salvadorean armed forces continue unabated. The government is still run by a far-right coalition of the military and the oligarchy which is opposed to all reforms that would change the country's appalling social and economic inequalities. CISPES is outraged at Reagan's continued certification.

A caravan will leave from the MacArthur BART station at 10am January 29, and proceed to Clyde Park outside the gates of Port Chicago. Shuttles will also be available from the Concord BART station.

A scenario meeting is scheduled for January 9, 3pm, at the Uitas House, 2700 Bancroft, Berkeley. Non-violence training is required for blockaders.

Other demonstrations will be taking place in Washington, Paris, London, and Mexico City to protest the certification and to coincide with an International Day of Solidarity with El Salvador.

The Port Chicago action offers a unique opportunity for us to join together in expressing our opposition to all aspects of Reagan's military and foreign policies.

In the coming months, we will begin coalition-building among labor, church, anti-nuclear, anti-military, anti-intervention, and other groups to create a network and build toward a large action next summer. Please join us by participating in the Port Chicago action.

For more information on this and other CISPES actions, phone the CISPES office at (415)644-3636.

--by Hope McDonnell

Seven Arrested Leafletting at LLL

On Dec 22, seven of us leafletted at the Main and Mesquite Way gates of LLL, where lab officials have been prohibiting leafletting lately. The Choose Life activities at the labs during the holidays have brought out a lot of new people, many of whom feel that the message of Christmas is peace on earth. Lab officials apparently don't want this idea communicated to lab employees.

Our refusal to stop leafletting brought immediate arrests. At the main gate four of us received charges of failure to obey a law officer. At Mesquite Way the charge was trespass. Our supporters, who stood in the same area but did not attempt to distribute leaflets, were not bothered by the police. We believe that our first amendment rights have been violated, and that each day the religious groups who are participating in the demonstrations at the labs are prohibited from leafletting in areas which are otherwise open to the public, they too are having their rights violated.

Direct, personal communication with people who work at the labs is one of our most important functions at LLL. We feel that it is important to put lab officials on notice that we insist upon our right to leaflet at public areas of the labs. The next step is our arraignment on January 4, where we will plead not-guilty.

I have leafletted before at the gate in the areas where we are now prohibited from leafletting. Usually about half of the employees stop their cars and take leaflets. THEY WANT TO KNOW WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY. This is the only area where cars are going slowly enough for effective leafletting. We need to be able to leaflet in this area in order to be heard.

If you want to keep the leafletting going and protect our first-amendment rights, call Eldrid, 841-7994.

--by Connie Hight

It was the morning of the great storm. Seven intrepid Imagineers (of the Imagine AG, of course) set out from once-balmy Berkeley square-jawed into the teeth of the law as well as the storm. On only the second day in history that neither man nor beast (nor Bertone coupe) could traverse the Golden Gate Bridge, this Gang of Seven (not to be confused with the Maleficent Seven), armed only with fifty leaflets between them, strode fearlessly into the visitors' sections of the Livermore Lab.

The "enemy" was ready.

"You're not planning to get arrested again today, are you Eldred?"

"No, just came to pass out a few leaflets as is our right under the Constitution."

"You got a permit to do that?"

"Sure have."

"Let's see it then."

"It's called the United States Constitution, First Amendment."

"Ain't good enough. If you pass out any leaflets we'll arrest you for trespassing."

"Would you like a leaflet?"

"You're under arrest."

It was wet and cold out there anyway, much drier and warmer in jail. And what neat things we got to learn about each other! One person said he viewed the action as a Christmas present to the world. It will be fun to get together again on our arraignment January 4th.

The point of all this is to assert our right to access and leaflet that same public access area we are nominally free to traverse for virtually everything but leafletting.

--by Michael Poulin

21 ARRESTED AT LABS IN DEC

"I offer you the choice of life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life." -- Deuteronomy 30:19.

Three weeks of daily vigils and three separate civil disobedience actions greeted employees of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) Dec. 10-Jan 1.

The "Choose Life" witness emphasized a spiritual approach, with 45 Catholic, Buddhist, "mainline Protestant" (Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, etc.), "historic peace church" (Brethren, Quakers, etc.), Jewish, Unitarian, Bahai, and earth worship traditions represented, as well as secular and humanist groups.

The first arrests occurred Dec. 21 when 7 men from Turlock, Modesto, Livingston and Waterford blockaded the South Gate in standing water and pouring rain. Two of the men have already served 10 days county time. The others cited out or bailed out after one day and await arraignment.

The following day, Dec. 22, seven leafletters were arrested, cited out, and plan to plead not guilty. There is a separate article on their action on this page. Protesters on Dec. 22 also encountered heavy rain and 60 mile-per-hour winds. Nonetheless, leafletting took place, Presbyterians sang from hymnals, Zen Buddhists meditated, and Contra Costans for a Nuclear Free Future kept at least one candle burning at all times.

On Dec. 28 seven people were arrested from Catholic Workers at Shepranch and Sacramento, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, and Santa Rosa. Following an hour-long mass, the 7 walked inside the South Gate of Livermore Lab and knelt. They carried with them banners made from quilted blocks inscribed with children's names from all over California. Over 600 kids' names from Modesto alone

were brought to the Lab on banners; 300 of these were quilted into a 380 foot long banner. The quilters hope to eventually surround the Lab with a single banner.

Of the 3 women and 4 men arrested Dec. 28, one woman cited out on her own recognizance. The other 6 people were initially handed two charges -- trespassing and obstructing traffic. Four people took one year's probation in exchange for removal of the second charge. Two of them then took ten days county time for the trespass charge, and two took community service. Two people refused probation, plan to plead not guilty to obstructing traffic, and are currently serving 30 days at Santa Rita for the trespass charge.

You may write to our friends in jail at the following address:

Thea Baker-Flagg #UCE 739 or
John Charles Whatford #UCE 734
(Chuck)

Alameda Co. Sheriff's Dept.
P.O. Box 87
Pleasanton CA 94566

Indira Clark, an organizer of the Choose Life witness from Modesto Peace/Life Center, reports that workers waved more and more each day and increasingly held up two fingers for peace.

Eric Moon of the N. California Ecumenical Peace Institute in San Francisco reports that there was good interaction with the employees in the cafeteria, where groups handed out leaflets, holly sprigs, oranges and cookies.

The primary organizers of the Choose Life actions were the Modesto Peace/Life Center, the Catholic Workers in Shepranch, the N. California Ecumenical Peace Institute, the Bartemeus Community in Berkeley, and the Resource Center for Non-violence in Santa Cruz.

"We feel we are all responsible for the work that goes on at the Lab since we allow it to go on and pay taxes," commented Clark of the Peace/Life Institute. "We feel employees shouldn't work there, but that we are also responsible."

--by Tori



TRIP TO BAJA—TWO WEEKS IN THE SUN
via Green Tortoise!

Just one of the great prizes in LAG's Grand Raffle!



GLOBAL RESISTANCE ACTIONS

EUROPE

A wave of anti-nuke and anti-military protests swept Germany on December 12, while 17 persons were arrested during demonstrations in Great Britain.

In England, 15,000 people, most of them women and children, surrounded Greenham Common Air Force Base in a nine-mile human chain. Over 1000 protesters then blockaded the entrance to the base. Most of the blockaders were physically removed, many being dumped in the mud on the cold, rainy day. Two people were injured by police, and three were finally arrested.

At the British nuclear submarine base at Faslane in Scotland, 14 people were arrested during a demonstration by about 150 anti-nukers.

In the West German actions, thousands of protesters blocked entrances to 50 US, Canadian, and German military bases. At the US Forces European Command Headquarters near Stuttgart, demonstrators sat in the road for twelve minutes every hour. Police removed the blockaders, and there were no reported arrests.

The protests were staged on the third anniversary of the NATO decision to station 572 US-made Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Western Europe.

WYOMING

The Reagan administration wants to put the MX "dense pack" in our front yard. The governor of Wyoming welcomes this move, and our Senators and lone Congressman see the MX as a necessary part of a strong national defense.

There has been active opposition to the MX in Wyoming since 1980. Wyomingites Against MX", composed mainly of farmers and ranchers, is opposed to land deployment of the missile system. The Tri-State MX Coalition, formed in March of 1982, also opposes land basing of the MX, and has members in Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming.

The MX Information and Action Center is being formed by the Wyoming Citizen's Alliance to educate people around the slogan, "No MX, Not Here, Not Anywhere" The WCA is a member of the Mobilization for Survival, supports bio-region self-sufficiency, and non-violent social change.

We are in need of educational materials and literature, fund-raising materials and ideas, and donations to cover office expenses. If you can help, please call Linda or Michael, (307)742-5640 or (307)742-3558.

SOUTHWEST U.S.

En route to and from the Mobilization for Survival conference in Dec. the LAG carpool networked with four peace groups in the Southwest: the Northwest Texas CALC group in Amarillo, Texas, the Citizens Against Nuclear Threats in Albuquerque, N.M., an emerging peace coalition in Santa Fe, N.M., and Nuclear Free State in Tucson, Arizona. In addition, we looked at Pantex near Amarillo, and Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, N.M., two infamous nuclear weapons facilities.

Northwest Texas CALC members have many plans for providing services to the small community near Pantex. In addition, they have called a nationwide blockade at the Pantex facility for July 16, 1984. They envision peace caravans traveling to Amarillo from all over the U.S. along routes used for transporting nuclear materials and weapons. The people in the caravans will blockade in waves after their arrival at Pantex. July 16 is the anniversary of the Trinity Test at Alamogordo in 1945.

Members of C.A.N.T. (Citizens Against Nuclear Threats) have agreed to organize a major action on International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, June 20, 1983.

NEW ZEALAND

I am writing to you on behalf of our local peace group, Peace Action Dunedin (PAD), which is planning an event during the third week of January. I don't know whether the latest good news (US Congress turning down the MX missile basing plans) is going to affect the first test flight or not. We are going ahead with our event anyway.

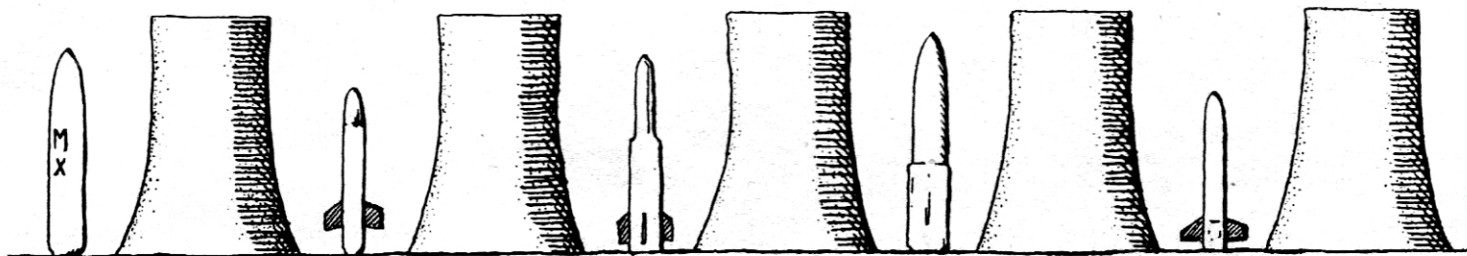
We read in "It's About Times" of your plans to occupy the launch site at Vandenberg. Some of us in New Zealand feel that this is a good action to focus on, as it draws in the struggles of the Marshall Islands peoples for their land, and makes the connection between the military and what is going on in the Pacific.

We thought it would be nice to have a "solidarity action" with you, and with the people of Kwajalein.

During the week of 21-27 January, Dunedin has its "Festival Week". This year, the New Zealand Air Force is having a display, fly-over, and pageant at the Dunedin Airport. PAD is organizing a "Bake a Cake for Peace" campaign, which will culminate in a cake-stall at the Festival, most probably at the air force display. We plan to give away, with each cake sold, a poster which says "It will be a great day when our schools have all the money they need, and the air force has to buy a cake-stall to buy a bomber." We will also have a leaflet with a bread recipe on one side, and a recipe for war on the other.

Good luck with your action; hope to hear from you soon.

Love & Peace,
Sonja Antonsen,
PAD



AMERICAN INDIAN UPDATE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Hello to you from all of us here at Big Mountain. The weather here is getting colder every day. The elders seem to be doing fine, just getting ready for the coming winter. The J.U.A. livestock impoundment seems to be coming up again very soon.

First of all, I want to thank you very much for your support and concern for us all. You are welcome to visit here; bring your tent, camping gear, sleeping bags. The Spiritual Camp is still in occupation. All information can be obtained by writing to Kee Shay or at Kee Shay's * home.

Donations of warm clothing, jackets, coats, shoes, are needed at this time for the upcoming winter. Food is needed for the Camp, such as dry fruit, soap, and other things. You can send these donations to Kee Shay.

We appreciate you and your help very much and thank you again.

Sincerely yours,
Sarah Y. Benally

*Ed. note: Kee Shay's address is P.O. Box 203, Oraibi, via Arizona 86039. He is one of the elders who signed a declaration of independence in 1979 establishing the Independent Big Mountain Diné Nation.

LAG Reps Visit Indian Reservation

On their return trip from the Mobilization for Survival conference in Austin, Texas, LAGers Patrick and Marsha Diehl and Tori Woodard visited with American Indian Movement organizer Larry Anderson on the Navajo Reservation near the Joint Use Area (JUA) mentioned in Sarah Benally's letter above. We learned that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has issued final livestock permits for the whole Navajo-Hopi JUA. The effect of these permits is to leave very few livestock legal.

The premise of the grazing regulations, which stem from the 1934 Taylor Grazing Act, is that livestock are overgrazing. At the same time that the Diné people's livestock is threatened with impoundment, however, Anderson told us that Peabody Coal Company pumps 2000 gallons of water per minute out of the reservation, down a sluice, to carry coal hundreds of miles across the state to the electric power plant at Bull Head, Arizona.

Thousands of head of livestock are now vulnerable for confiscation; only inclement winter weather is discouraging BIA trucks at this time. When and if the trucks begin cruising, Big Mountain supporters will send out an emergency alert for people to go to Arizona to patrol and maintain vigils.

This tactic has proven successful in past years at Big Mountain. However, Big Mountain supporters are trying to prevent the necessity of such a confrontation, and urge people to write letters of concern about livestock confiscation to James Stevens, PO Box 7007, Phoenix AZ 85011.

Burnham/Big Mountain Support Group in Berkeley has a 60-minute video film and a 25-minute slide show which they are interested in taking to group meetings, house meetings, churches, etc. To arrange a showing, or to obtain more information about Big Mountain, call 415/841-6500.

- by Tori

DQ UNIVERSITY

D.Q. University, a two-year Native American college in Davis, Calif., received some money in October to pay its telephone and utilities bills. This money is now almost gone. Funds to help students with board and tuition are still frozen by the Department of Education. As a result, very few students are currently in residence at D.Q., although classes are being given by the volunteer faculty.

The U.S. government charges D.Q. University with mis-representing student registration and mis-managing funds. A court date to hear testimony on these charges was set for January 20, 1983, but has now been postponed indefinitely. D.Q. University supporters say the charges are false, and so the government is delaying presentation of evidence while it tries with economic pressure to force the Indians to vacate the campus.

Indian students and teachers at D.Q. University need donations of warm clothing, bedding, and money so they can freeze the government out. To help out or get more information, contact Kay Cole at 415/641-9010.

Dennis Banks

Sanctuary for Dennis Banks, Chancellor of D.Q. University, is still being sought. LAGers are urged to write "To Whom It May Concern" letters for Banks to send to governors of other U.S. states in the event California's new Governor George Deukmejian follows through on his campaign promise to extradite Banks to South Dakota. These letters may be sent to the Tribal Council, 4335 Army Street, San Francisco CA 94131. Phone: 415/641-9010.

Letters or phone calls to Deukmejian reminding him that he himself was once a poor refugee from Armenia may help to avert Banks' extradition.

- by Tori



YELLOW THUNDER

"The Black Hills did not become sacred to Indian people until the South Dakota Chamber of Commerce labeled them that after World War I." "The FBI no longer investigates AIM, nor has any law enforcement agency conducted surveillance operations of Yellow Thunder Camp." "If Yellow Thunder Camp is allowed to stay in the Black Hills National Forest, Indians may take over the National Forest system."

These were among the highlights of three weeks testimony by US government witnesses in the Yellow Thunder eviction trial which came to an abrupt halt December 7.

US Regional Forester Craig Rupp admitted that in the five and a half years prior to November 1, the US Forest Service (USFS) had issued 57 Special Use Permits, all to non-Indian groups. In the same period it had denied only three permits--all to Indian groups. "If a Special Use Permit is granted to Yellow Thunder Camp, what justification is there to deny any other Indian groups' claims to other portions of the Black Hills National Forest (BHNFF)?" asked the government's brief of Feb 4, 1982.

Another critical issue in the trial is the Forest Services' apparent disregard for the 1978 Indian Religious Freedom Act. Although high-level Forest Service officials had directed forest supervisors to publicize Indian religious needs to the general public, BHNFF Supervisor James Mather admitted the BHNFF has never done so and did not do so around the Charles Fast Horse and the Yellow Thunder applications.

Questioned whether the Forest Service had ever asked Christian applicants such questions as "What powers do your medicine men claim to have?", a question asked of Yellow Thunder, a Forest Service representative said they had not. Mather, however, insisted such questions were necessary because "We need the information for management at the Forest Service."

Throughout his testimony Mather insisted that Yellow Thunder Camp was not in the public interest because it would "alienate land from public use." He admitted, however, that the Forest Service supports the Reagan administration's proposal to permanently "alienate" tracts of the Black Hills and other National Forests by selling them to private interests. He further admitted that a golf course in the Black Hills does not exclude most of the public.

The court adjourned with no opportunity for Yellow Thunder Camp witnesses to testify. Among those the camp plans to call are archaeologists who will show that the discovery of historic sites in the 800 acres underscores the sacredness of the area to Indian people.

Many observers believe that the US government wanted to delay the trial primarily because its own witnesses proved prejudice and incompetence toward the camp by various government agencies.

More information on developments are available through the International Indian Treaty Council, San Francisco, (415)441-7841.

--by Ray Beaulieu of the International Indian Treaty Council

LETTERS & OPINIONS

ONE STRUGGLE, MANY FRIENDS: TEACH-IN JANUARY 15 & 16

To the newspaper collective,
Carpooling to the blockade, buttons for the tables, next weeks' benefit, putting up the posters, check-ins, process, evaluations. We sure are busy but it seems we never have the time to talk about where we are going or how we can do it better.

Lack of analysis has historically been the biggest shortcoming of the peace movement. Ban-the-Bomb folks set their sights on radioactive fallout and through great effort got the superpowers to stop atmospheric testing. It was a significant health victory but did nothing to halt nuclear development which continued through underground testing. The movement, having never developed a larger project like stopping nuclear weapons themselves, faded away.

A few years later, the anti-war movement got going, put the Nixon administration under considerable pressure, and helped the Vietnamese rebels to victory. But the movement's aim was to end war, not to challenge the military-industrial complex behind the war. The troops were pulled out and the sixties became a fond memory. Today, the Pentagon is armed to the teeth, the draft is being revived, and we're likely to be in action soon in Central America or the Mid-East.

The current peace movement, the largest part of which has focused on nuclear weapons, is digging deeper than its predecessors. The nukes aren't a passing event like the war. It's a multi-billion dollar industry. The weaponry is needed to back up a powerful system called capitalism that exploits working people (when it isn't laying them off) and rips off resources from other countries. A single-issue focus and reliance on moral fervor and direct action spontaneity won't cut it. Our movement needs to theorize.

The LAG Teach-In on January 15-16 (see Calendar for details) will be a good place to develop theory. Emphasis will be strong on making connections between the nuclear issue, the larger questions of militarism, and the general fight for social justice. Meet people from a wide variety of struggles, attend workshops, talk about strategy, coalesce, swap phone numbers. See you there!

--by Howard Ryan

REAGAN VISITS LAG FLEA MARKET

We were setting up the LAG Flea Market at the Ashby BART station when who should show up and set up a card table next to us but the President himself, Ronald Reagan. Somewhat surprised, I asked him what he was doing.

Reagan: Since Congress cut my budget, I'm trying to raise money to produce the MX.

Narrator: Here? What are you planning to sell?

R: I've got a bunch of old Army surplus stuff.

N: That'll sell well in Berkeley.

R: It will if I market it right.

Unemployment's up, and naturally so is crime. I'm thinking of selling a Home Protection Kit, consisting of a bazooka, ten napalm bombs, and a Minuteman missile.

N: A nuclear missile? Surely it's not armed?

R: No, that costs extra.

N: How do you expect working people to pay for this?

R: I'm offering a military assistance plan for low-income families. A family of four, for example, would be eligible for up to \$100,000,000 in low-interest loans for specified home security improvements.

N: But what's the point of this?

R: I'm encouraging every citizen to take responsibility for the security of our nation. Deterrence starts at home. I know it means a few million Americans will go hungry and homeless, but look at it this way--it makes it a lot easier to cut foreign aid if I can point out that our own people are starving.

N: I can't argue with that reasoning.

--by R. McGeddon

To the newspaper collective,

As a political action group, LAG has chosen the nuclear arms race as its arena of struggle. No one contemplating the vast horror of this subject undervalues its significance. It is over this issue, for many, that the system's lethal machinations become intolerable.

Yet for hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, who daily confront the US military power world-wide, war is a physical reality rather than a hypothetical one. From the rubble of West Beirut to the corpse-strewn highways of Central America the US issues its grotesque calling card.

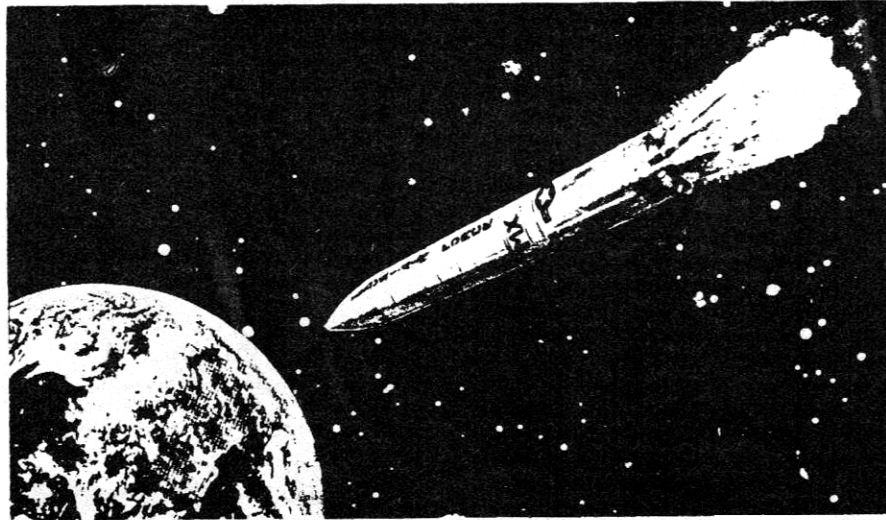
The same individuals who debate basing modes for the MX also improvise, with astonishing impunity, scenarios which are destroying precious human life at this very moment. MX or M-16, the essence is the same. We are not fighting this or that weapons system, we are fighting an oppressive system whose callous disregard of human life and priorities cannot be allowed to persist. The outrageously

increased military budget for conventional arms as well as nuclear weapons coupled with the ominous re-emergence of draft registration suggests that preparations are being made for a substantial escalation. Viewed in this light the prospect of world war looms before us.

When Daniel Berrigan spoke, early in December, at the Coalitions Evening in Solidarity with Palestine, his determination conquering the weariness of a long day and the late hour, he spoke of a broad struggle to end not only the nuclear arms race but all aspects of imperialism.

On January 15-16, LAG's two-day forum will examine the nature of US militarism and intervention. Certain aspects of the current domestic crisis in relation to these will also be addressed. This forum will provide an excellent basis for expanding our knowledge and awareness of a crisis whose dimensions are truly global.

--by David Simon



No Alliance With Freeze

To the newspaper collective,

I am disturbed at hearing that LAG is contemplating some sort of alliance with the Freeze. I'd like to comment on the Freeze, electoral politics, and the broader issue of alliances for social change.

The Freeze was a pseudo-issue. Completely non-binding, it diverted thousands of hours of anti-nuke work down a drain. Hailed as a first step toward disarmament, it will rather serve only as a first step toward lucrative electoral office for the media stars of the movement.

I know that there were and still are a lot of good people working on the Freeze; people in my affinity group campaigned long and hard for it. It was sad to see so many well-meaning people drawn into meaningless work, putting their energies into a futile process.

Am I against electoral politics? Not as such. I participate in local Berkeley elections because there are initiatives with teeth in them, and a truly progressive party committed to implementing these measures. But I am against the electoral legitimizing of the status quo. I am against elections in which I am offered a "choice" of Reagan or Carter, Wilson or Brown, or asked to vote on a powder-puff like the Freeze. I am against rigged elections in which the tax-deductible contributions of the rich count for more than the volunteer work of the rest of us. In short, I regard most state office and initiative campaigns as crude farces.

So much for the Freeze. In general, we should make no alliances with reformist groups of any sort. The problems confronting this society are so intertwined that trying to deal with any one or two of them in abstraction from the underlying system is a waste of time. Nuclear weapons are not an accidental aberration in our world; they are symptomatic of the exploitative policies pursued by the ruling powers in capitalist and imperialist-socialist nations.

Trying to remove nukes from these societies is like trying to remove acne with a razor blade.

Alliances should only be sought with groups committed to sweeping social change, whose critique does not stop with one or two superficial problems, but confronts the fundamental crime of economic, social, personal and political relationships based on exploitation. Our natural allies are the repressed of this society--radical gays and feminists, farm workers and immigrants, American Indians and minorities. Alliances with groups such as churches, electoral campaigns, or trade unions, groups which are explicitly committed to the perpetuation of the status quo, simply don't make sense. Certainly we need to be open to individuals from such groups--most of us have worked with reformist groups. And I am not denouncing the fine intentions of such groups. Nevertheless, they are seriously misdirecting energy. To seek alliance with such groups would be to compromise our basic belief that only fundamental social change can deal with the problems facing us.

Some people may argue that if we are to bring about significant social change, we need the support of the liberals working on reform issues. Yes, we do need their support--but not the sort of support they are presently offering us. We need for them to become so disenchanted with the charade of "electoral democracy" that they realize their only effective protest is direct action.

If in the short run this means that our movement remains small, so be it. Better a thousand committed protesters than a million reformists. Our impact may be small; theirs is non-existent. And in the long run, our integrity will count for more than all of the compromises we can ever make.

--by George Franklin

SOLAR A.G. RESPONDS TO ANNA KISSED

To the newspaper collective:

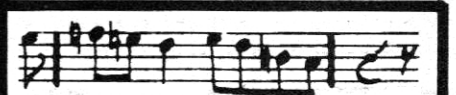
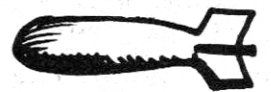
The November issue of LAG Rag printed a letter from Anna Kissed, a former S.O.L.A.R. member who moved out of state right after the June Livermore action. The letter was written in the first person plural. The "We" was not SOLAR (Sisters of Lesbians Against Radiation), since SOLAR was not consulted. We are writing to let readers know some of what SOLAR as a group thinks about the issues raised in Anna's letter.

We see, and encourage other readers to try to see, that Anna's anger is a natural response to real and typical experiences she, her children, and women she knows and knows about have had in this male-dominated and violent society. Although most SOLAR members would not agree in full with Anna's political analysis, as it can be extracted from her letter, we believe it is a more realistic interpretation of our social reality than most Americans make. Anna is trying to find the truth and live in strength.

There is homophobia and heterosexism in the anti-nuke movement. We suffered from them during and after Livermore. Also, though, we and other Feminist Cluster women were supported by some non-F.C. women and men. It is worth noting that, on the whole, other anti-nukers in our Sonoma County with whom we were in touch were particularly calm and rational about the women's jail events. We want readers to know that we in SOLAR do not see ourselves as Amazons in shining armor out to rescue non-lesbian women from heterosexual bondage.

Anna said, "There is no Feminist Cluster line." How true. We want to emphasize that the Feminist Cluster is diverse. It is made up of several women's affinity groups each of which is made up of individuals. Sometimes all of these individuals can come to consensus and sometimes not. Each group and probably most of the individuals gained some political maturity thru the June Livermore blockade. On the whole, SOLAR women have come to believe that there are actions to take in small tightly-bonded groups and actions to take in coalitions. When we do work in coalition we want to do so respectfully and in a spirit of solidarity. We hope that the meetings following Livermore, especially the women's dialogue, will prove to be a beginning for better understanding and higher consciousness for us all.

peace,
SOLAR

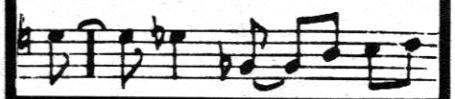


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FRIDAY JAN 7 7:30-10:00PM

2430 DWIGHT # 208, BERKELEY

Everyone welcome. We'll have songsheets, but new songs are welcome. BYOB. More info, call George, 845-7248.



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In Big Sur--Fantastic Food, Meditations, Outdoor Hot Springs!

Just one of the great prizes in LAG's Grand Raffle!

ACTION CALENDAR

JANUARY 1983



11 Port Chicago - Past and Present CISPES presents a forum on the Concord Naval Weapons Station, its involvement in past wars, its current roles as a nuclear arms storage site and depot for arms shipments to El Salvador, and the upcoming protest campaign that begins Jan. 29. 8 pm La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. \$2 donation. For info, call 415/644-3636.

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.

12 Consensus workshop - Part I (basic). What is consensus decision-making? How to make it work in small groups. Offered by a collective of non-violence preparers affiliated with LAG and the Abalone Alliance. 7-10 pm at Haight Senior Center, 1350 Waller St., SF. Call Liz to register 415/285-9685.

Marshall Islanders to speak in Ukiah.

International Day Working Collective meeting. For time and place call Jim 415/821-7398.

Contra Costans for a Nuclear Free Future general meeting. 7:30, Lafayette Federal Savings, 4016 N. Broadway Walnut Creek.

13 Preparing for Vandenberg - the Personal and the Political. 7-10 pm, \$2-5. 2017 Stuart St., Berkeley. Childcare avail., wheelchair accessible.

Future Actions Working Collective meeting to discuss Mobilization for Survival action proposals and others which LAG may wish to adopt after Vandenberg. Call Tori for time and place: 415/845-7248.

14 Marshall Islanders to speak at the Chinese Culture Center, 750 Kearney, third floor of Holiday Inn, San Francisco. 7:30 pm. \$2 donation. Darlene Keju and Giff Johnson were on Kwajalein Atoll during Operation Homecoming last June 20 when 1000 islanders occupied their home islands. Both activists have traveled widely throughout Micronesia and have lived there. Sponsored by Bay Area Asians for Nuclear Disarmament and U.S. Nuclear Free Pacific Network. Airfare for speakers paid by LAG and the Cheeseboard benefit Dec. 12.

15 Teach-in, "One Struggle, Many Friends" to build alliances between disarmament community and other struggles like non-intervention and domestic repression. Marshall Islanders will speak. Veterans Memorial Hall, 10-6 at Center & Grove, Berkeley. Help needed with publicity; call Paul Desfor 415/848-3949.

BENEFIT DANCE FOR LAG. 9 pm 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.

Peacekeeper/caretaker preparation for people risking arrest. 1-6 p.m. Call Eric Bear for place 415/285-8729.

March and Rally for Jobs, Peace, and Equality on the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. March Leaves 14th & Adeline in Oakland at 11am, Rally at City Hall, 1pm with entertainment and speakers including Ron Dellums and Maggie Kuhn.

First Aid Basic Refresher Class with film, 2 1/2 hrs, \$2 includes book. Berkeley Red Cross, 2116 Allston Way, Berkeley, 2-4:30 pm. Contact Dave Norberg at 415/540-7158.

16 Teach-in, "One Struggle, Many Friends", Veterans Memorial Hall, Berkeley 10-6.

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

First Aid for Vandenberg. Full 8 1/2 hr OSHA-approved course with certification & book. \$9. 8 am-5 pm, Palo Alto Red Cross, 400 Mitchell Lane, Palo Alto. Call in advance to register: Chris Moore 415/322-3596 or 494-2611.

First Aid Basic Refresher Class 2 1/2 hrs, \$2. Berkeley Red Cross, 2116 Allston Way, Berkeley. 9 am - 11:30 am; 1-3:30 pm. Contact Dave Norberg 415/540-7158.

17 Jack Forbes (U.C. Davis, Native American Studies) will speak about the issues involved in the Federal Government's attempt to close D.Q. University. 12 noon at the Women's Center, Building T-9, U.C. Berkeley Campus.

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 at Vandenberg is to call attention to the situation on those islands.

18 Alameda Co. Women's Political Network. First meeting 7 pm. YWCA, 1515 Webster, Oakland. If someone could represent LAG there, call the LAG office at 415/644-3031.

19 International Day Working Collective meeting. Call Jim for time & place: 415/821-7398.

LAG on T.V.! A Change of Heart Film of Noah's Ark a.g. at the June 21st blockade on KQED 8 pm. To host a home screening party to raise money for LAG and Adair Films, call 415/621-6500.

Advanced Consensus Workshop Part II. Improving meeting decision-making skills and large group decision-making. 7-10 pm at Friends Meeting House, Vine & Walnut, Berkeley. Call Liz for pre-registration 415/285-9685.

20 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.

Anti-Reagan march in Berkeley. Call Tracy 415/549-3616.

Blockade UC Santa Barbara's Administration Building.

21 Peace walk from Institute of Theoretical Physics UCSB to Anisquito Park, Isla Vista.

Jan 26 - Feb 19 Starz, Stripes... Forever theater production commemorating 10th anniversary of American troop withdrawal from Vietnam. Berkeley Stage Company 111 Addison St., Berkeley. Discount tickets are available to groups to raise money. For info call 415/548-4728.

27 Candlelight Memorial Vigil in memory of all who have died or are suffering from the effects of radiation exposure. 32nd anniversary of nuclear testing in the Continental U.S. Bay Area vigils in coordination with others around the country at: Federal Building, 450 Golden Gate Ave., S.F. 7-7:30 a.m. Department of Energy Office, Oakland City Center Building, 1333 Broadway, Oakland 7-7:30 a.m. Concord Naval Weapons Station, Main Entrance, Port Chicago Hwy north of Hwy 4, Concord 7-7:30 am. For more info contact: Elin Crawford 415/372-8565.

29 Rally and civil disobedience at 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.

Party/celebration/thank you for everyone working for a healthy and peaceful planet. Benefit for organizations doing this work. 7:30 pm, Ft. Mason Center at Pier 3, San Francisco. \$5 advance, \$6 at door. Blocks of tickets avail. to groups at discount for their fundraising. For info call 415/841-6500 x 440. Music by Robbie Gass.

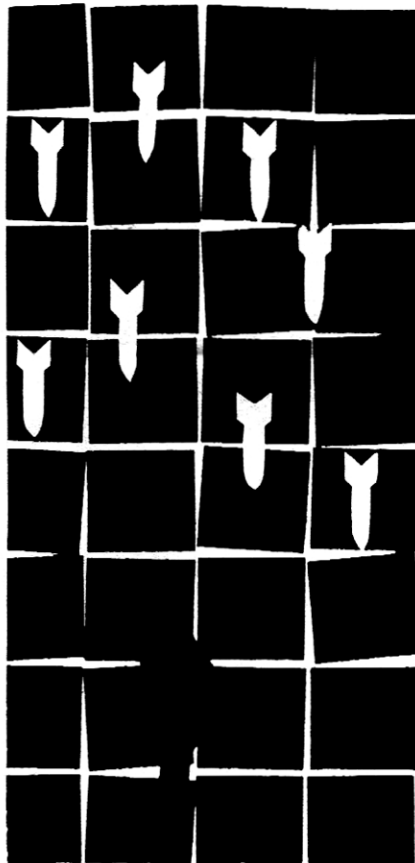
FEBRUARY

4 James Boggs of NOAR will speak on our disappearing economy and the choices before us. Why struggle for a decentralized, self-governing America? 8 pm, Women's Building, 3543 18th St., San Francisco. Donation at door. Childcare. Wheelchair accessible.

5 LAG Spokescouncil meeting 11 a.m. to discuss future actions. Call LAG office for place.

Fundraising workshop offered to all LAG members by Dorie Wilsnack of the War Resisters League. Call LAG office for time and place.

5-6 Federation for Progress conference at UCLA to begin dialogue for the 1980 Olympics and elections. Moore Hall, UCLA, 9:30 am - 9:30 pm Sat. 10-1 Sunday. LAG is a participant. For info call 415/552-5483 or 213/626-2249



A N N O U N C E M E N T S

HELP ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP! We need tents, cooking gear, propane stoves, groundclothes and shelters, folding tables, etc etc for the Vandenberg Occupation. Even if you can't be arrested, you can help out by loaning us crucial supplies. Call the office, 644-3031 today. (Yes, we'll accept Army Surplus...)

A CALL FOR HELP! URGENT!!!
The Vandenberg Action Working Collectives have found a need to form a transportation collective to work out many transportation problems during the Vandenberg action. Volunteers from the a.g.'s call Fred at 415/326-8073.

Job opening--Coalition for the Medical Rights of Women. 3/5 time, \$8500. Phone 621-8030 for info.

LAG will re-assess its office staff needs in February. There may be organizing and fundraising staff positions open. Anyone interested in working for LAG should prepare a resume by February 1, 1983, and contact Denise Ferry at 415/386-2453.

Nukes made war unthinkable, so the Pentagon stopped thinking.

LAG's Coordinating Council has decided to call a S.F. Bay Area affinity group and working group spokesperson to discuss a variety of actions proposed over the next year. Each working group and affinity group is asked to send one empowered spoke to discuss the level of participation of LAG in the March MX action and to prioritize other activities, including the program adopted by the Mobilization for Survival (see page 3).

A Future Actions Collective is forming to outline the agenda for this meeting, and will meet Jan. 13. For more information, call the LAG office at 415/644-3031.

The spokesperson meeting will be Saturday, Feb. 5 at 11 a.m. Call the LAG office for the place.

Theater Janitors Local 9 is striking against area United Artists theaters, and is asking for public support of a boycott of these theaters, of which there are several dozen in the Bay Area.

Citing record box office receipts and exorbitant executive salaries, the union workers left their jobs after UA offered a mere 4.3% pay hike, well below the raise approved by other theaters in interim agreements with Local 9.

For more info, call 775-2677.

New affinity groups and clusters forming--women protest the MX. For more info, call 655-3759.

Looking for an affinity group? We're helping place people in existing groups, or to form new ag's around special concerns or geographical locations. If you're looking for an ag, or if your ag is looking for additional members, call 864-3831.

An organization of ex-nuclear employees who have quit for reasons of conscience is forming in order to provide greater impact to their reasons for quitting.

If you know of a qualified candidate for membership, or if you want simply to help put the organization together, call Michael at 843-7493.

Have a large TV? Want to watch the film "A Change of Heart," the documentary about one affinity group's preparations for the June Livermore blockade, with a bunch of LAGers, and help raise money for the film and for the Vandenberg Action?

HOST A HOUSE PARTY on the evening of January 19, when KQED-TV will show the latest version of the Adair film. Help with arrangements and publicity is available. Contact Virginia at the LAG office, 644-3031.

NON-VIOLENT FUNDRAISING

Want to:

-MAKE NEW FRIENDS?

-LEARN NEW SKILLS?

-ENSURE LAG'S LONG LIFE?

Then sign up for the LAG fundraising workshop - tentatively set for Saturday, February 5th in Berkeley.

The workshop will highlight:

*moving beyond our emotional resistance to asking for \$

*fundraising for groups on the financial edge

*donor appeals, grants, benefits, budgets

*non-competitive, non-manipulative fundraising

*issues of class in fundraising
Dori Wilsnack of the War Resisters League will be workshop facilitator. Dori has conducted fund-raising workshops for grassroots peace activists all over the U.S.

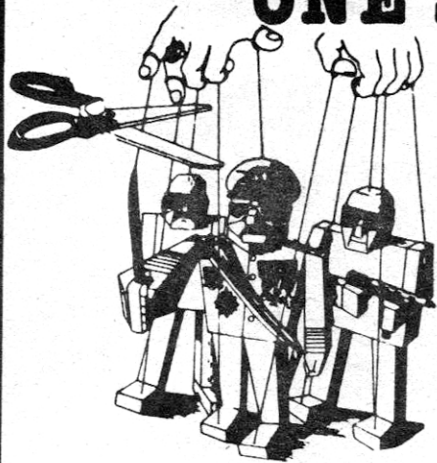
Together we can learn how best to financially nurture our peacework. Call Virginia at the LAG office for sign-up and location and date confirmation. Thanks!

ONE STRUGGLE — MANY FRIENDS

A TEACH-IN

**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JANUARY 15th and 16th!**

**Veterans Memorial Hall
(Center and Grove Streets, Berkeley)**



The Livermore Action Group is initiating a Teach-In on the Issues of our existence. Workshops and meetings will focus on the directions for the anti-nuclear movement in relation to the threat of nuclear war, on-going conventional wars, the economic crisis and the increase in racism, sexism, and political repression all over the world. On the birthday anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr, we seek to find our friends in other struggles, to share their concerns, wisdom, and most of all, the common bond between us. We seek to learn why our work is their work, why their fight is our fight.

At home we see racism, sexism, pollution, poverty, and the economic crisis. Abroad we see the multiplicity of murderous dictatorships. At home and abroad we see people raise their voices against this reality.

In dialogue with our friends in other struggles we see all of these issues as interrelated. How they are related is the focus of this teach-in.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORKSHOPS:

CENTRAL AMERICA --CISPES
AFRICA --African Resource Center
THE MIDDLE EAST--November 29 Coalition; Committee
Against the Israeli Invasion of Lebanon
PACIFIC/MARSHALL ISLANDS--Bay Area Asians for
Nuclear Disarmament; Marshall Islanders

2 to 5 p.m.

VANDENBERG ACTION ORIENTATION /OR
KING DAY RALLY
Bart to 12th Street & March to Rally

9 p.m.

BENEFIT DANCE AND GRAND RAFFLE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORKSHOPS:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND MILITARISM--TBA
LABOR--Plant Closings Project; Mike Berkowitz,
Service Employees International Union
BLACKS AND THE PEACE MOVEMENT--John Allen,
News & Letters

UNLEARNING RACISM --Ricky Marcuse

NATIVE AMERICANS --American Indian Movement

DRAFT RESISTENCE --Berkeley Draft Resistance

2 to 5 p.m.

TRENDS AND DIRECTIONS IN THE GLOBAL ANTI-
NUCLEAR MOVEMENT: ALLIANCE BUILDING, CLASS
VIOLENCE, PROPOSALS FOR ACTION --Marcy
Darnovsky, Adam Hochschild



Childcare available.

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Livermore Action Group, 3126 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, CA 644-3031

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

(ATTEND L.A.G. "ONE STRUGGLE MANY FRIENDS" TEACH-IN --AM
AND BART TO 12th STREET & MARCH TO RALLY--PM) SEE ABOVE!

**11:00 AM: Assemble at Lowell Park, 14th Street and Adeline, Oakland
March along 14th St. to Oakland City Hall.**

1:00 PM: Rally at City Hall, 14th St. and Washington

A March and Rally for Jobs, Peace, and Equality is scheduled for Saturday, Jan 15, the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.

The march will leave 14th and Adeline at 11am and proceed to Oakland City Hall, 14th and Washington, for a 1pm rally, which is to include Ron Dellums and Grey Panther Maggie Kuhn as well as entertainment.

The event, sponsored by The MLK Day Committee chaired by Rev. Will Herzfeld of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, aims at securing legislation to make King's birthday a national holiday.

For more information, contact Naomi(482-4911); Fania(428-2089); or Juan (658-5689).

DIRECT ACTION

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Our last subscription appeal was a qualified success. Over \$400 in new subscriptions were received, including one \$100 contribution. Thanks to everyone who responded.

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every price level. The several larger donations we have received have not only helped with expenses, they have tremendously boosted the morale of the newspaper collective. But even the smaller contributions have helped, and the requests for complimentary subscriptions have been welcome reminders that folks want the paper to continue.

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