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The tabloid-sized paper was produced by volunteers working with typewriters, xerox machines, and gluesticks. Every scrap of print and every graphic were (lovingly) pasted down by hand. Sometimes we didn't get them exactly straight...

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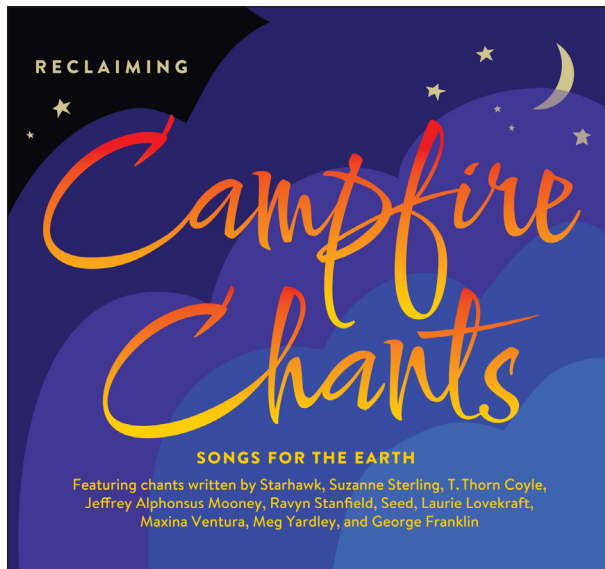
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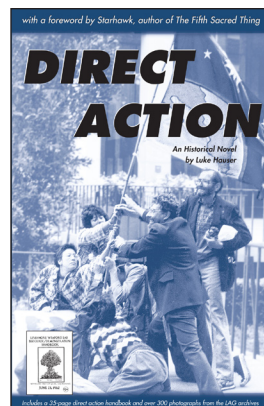
DIRECT ACTION

An Historical Novel

by Luke Hauser

More than 7000 people were arrested in nonviolent protests in California in the 1980s, developing the art of direct action to a height not reached again until Seattle in 1999.

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A WAVE OF PROTESTS RESULTING IN OVER 500 ARRESTS SWEEPED CALIFORNIA IN LATE JANUARY. FOCUSING ATTENTION IN QUICK SUCCESSION ON UC WEAPONS LABS MANAGEMENT, VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, AND THE PORT CHICAGO WEAPONS SHIPPING FACILITY, THE CO-ORDINATED ACTIONS UNDERLINED THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED FIRST STRIKE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT, MILITARY TESTING, AND SHIPMENT OF ARMS TO REPRESSIVE DICTATORSHIPS.

Within the space of ten days, beginning January 24, several thousand people demonstrated and over 500 people were arrested at four different sites in California. More than 150 people were arrested at UC Berkeley and UC Santa Barbara on January 20, protesting the University's ties with the nuclear weapons labs and military research. On January 24 over 200 people were arrested at Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc protesting the MX missile, first-strike weaponry, and US colonialism in the Pacific. And on January 29 about 170 people were arrested at Concord Naval Weapons Station protesting US arms shipments to El Salvador through Port Chicago.

Many people attended all three demonstrations. Many were arrested at more than one, and several were arrested at all three. (1) How are these three actions related? (2) What is the impact of all three actions combined? (3) Where do we go from here?

Sometimes I'm afraid that the nuclear establishment understands us better than we understand ourselves. There were Livermore Lab security photographers at all three demonstrations. One can only speculate on their reasons for collecting dossiers. But one thing is certain: all three actions are perceived by the nuclear establishment at Livermore as relevant to the security of the nuclear weapons labs. If the CIA, FBI, and nuclear security forces are successful at understanding the links between movements and find our "leaders", they will try to select, infiltrate, divide and destroy the movement. On the other hand, if we understand ourselves better, learn what best builds connections and links, watch our process and realize the real threat we pose for "nuclear security" we will one day upset the nuclear establishment, and the international grip of the multi-national corporations.

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ON TO LIVERMORE!

In its 30 years, the Lab has lobbied consistently for increased funding for weapons programs, promoted its new weapon designs to an often resistant DOD, and intervened in arms control and a comprehensive test ban.

LLL most certainly gets what it lobbies for: In 1981, Lab director, Roger Batzel, requested Congress to step up weapons testing. This year his request was accepted. The Lab has also obtained funds for a 30% increase in its weapons staff and facilities. To fulfill the objectives of fiscal year 1983, Batzel is seeking a 40% funding increase.

Although weapons work is on the increase, the funding for fossil energy research is down 42%; other non-nuclear programs are being cut by 36%.

The FY 82 budget was \$480 million, increased this year to \$515 million.

The challenges that LLL presents to global peace can be seen by reviewing some of their "accomplishments" over the past year. Your half billion dollars have brought about some of these LLL achievements this year:

- Full scale development of the MX warhead
- Completion of testing on W82 warhead for 155mm artillery shell
- Testing of the W84 warhead for the Cruise missile
- The W-70-4 warhead (neutron bomb) for the Lance missile was placed in production
- The "waxwing" design making missiles unverifiable by satellites

was developed

--Studies were done of various nuclear war scenarios. They concluded that: "small yield weapons have a negligible impact on ozone concentrations. But a maximum exchange of both super-power arsenals could deplete the ozone by 62% with a gradual recovery over 10 years".

--The environmental program found no evidence of area wide contamination at the Farallon Is. dump site.

--Competed with Los Alamos and TRW and was granted the contract for their Atomic Vapor Laser Isotope Separation process for uranium. They began construction on a special building for this research which is directed toward the creation of a pilot plant in Oak Ridge in 1988.

--Computer tests of ABM systems for the MX

--Worked locally to defeat the Freeze initiative

--UC and Livermore have worked against employees rights for collective bargaining.

Livermore Lab has not hesitated to fire employees who do not tow the party line. This year they fired a lesbian but denied that this was the reason for her dismissal. She is counted among a list of people who have been asked to leave for various political reasons, from union organizing to arriving at unacceptable research conclusions.

This year LLL worked with government, private industry and other universities including: FEMA, EPA, Army, Air Force, Navy,

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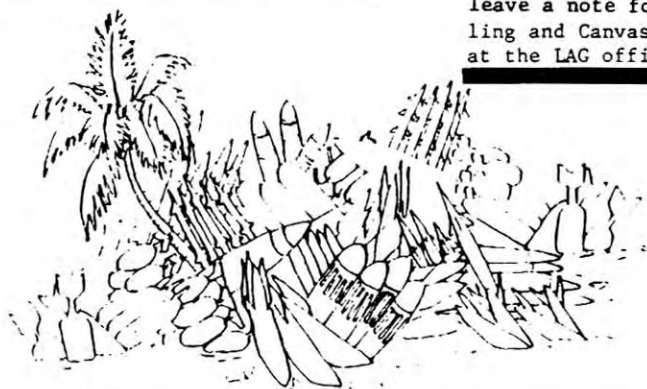
Pamela Osgood and Patrick Diehl left for Europe Feb. 14 to begin a 3-month networking tour. They will visit peace groups in Germany, Holland, England, France, Belgium, Scandinavia, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Sicily. The purpose of their trip is to disseminate information about the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, about Lawrence Livermore Lab, Vandenberg Air Force Base, the Marshall Islands, and U.S. experiences with non-violent civil disobedience.

The first stop of the tour will be the International Tribunal on First Strike and Mass Destructive Weapons in the East and the West to be held in Nuremberg, West Germany, from Feb. 18-20. The Green Party called this tribunal and sent an invitation to participate in it to Livermore Action Group. LAG's delegates will present testimony on Livermore Lab's and Vandenberg AFB's roles in nuclear weapons development.

1983 is a crucial year for the European peace community with the cruise and Pershing II missiles scheduled for deployment at the end of the year. The International Day Working Collective felt it was important to let our European friends, who suffer from the same poor media coverage of resistance efforts that we do, know of our efforts to stop the nuclear arms race.

Pamela and Patrick plan to send tape recordings of their experiences to Direct Action, and will be available upon their return the end of April to give talks and a slide show about their tour.

The International Day Working Collective is responsible for raising the money to pay for this important outreach effort to Europe. Anyone who would like to help fund the tour may make a tax-deductible contribution for that purpose by sending a check made out to Capp Street Foundation/Livermore Action Group, earmarked "International Day", to the LAG office.



Andrew Thomas

Here we are, with a 12-page paper—we must really be rolling in the money now.

WRONG—we brought out a larger paper because there was no way we could do justice to the past month in 8 pages. We are committed to producing a quality paper. But we need your HELP, NOW.

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FINANCES LOOK UP

Good News on the LAG financial front! After being as much as \$7000 in debt from advance financing of the Vandenberg action, we are within shouting distance of the break-even point.

What we need right now is a steady flow of fresh fundraising ideas, and new people to help with ongoing projects. Our worst mistake would be to lull ourselves into complacency over what is still a shaky financial situation. Hard work now will make the difference when the costs of co-ordinating the June 20 Livermore Blockade start mounting.

There are lots of ways to help: tabling, flea marketing, grant proposal writing, helping in the LAG office, hosting a benefit dinner or party, showing the LAG slide show to community groups—or dream up your own fundraiser.

To help with fundraising, call Virginia at the LAG office, 644-3031.

CAMP KITCHEN

Turning Tide AG of Marin were the folks behind the tables and stoves at the Vandenberg camp kitchen. Building on experience gained serving food at the October 9 Livermore protest, Turning Tide served up great vegetarian fare under the worst of conditions.

And—by requesting a \$1 donation for the meals, Turning Tide raised \$800 for LAG and the Vandenberg Action. Thanks to everyone who donated, and thanks to Turning Tide for the great work.

TABLING AND CANVASSING

The Tabling & Canvassing Collective is actively seeking more women members. We are putting a temporary freeze on bringing more men into the collective until we achieve a more balanced gender ratio. If you are female and would enjoy talking to complete strangers about potential nuclear holocaust and about LAG's program of direct action, this may be the job for you. Workers keep 40% of the money they bring in, and are expected to volunteer time in the office and attend collective meetings. If interested, leave a note for Erica on the Tabling and Canvassing bulletin board at the LAG office.

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DIABLO

HEARING

A hearing on Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant is scheduled for March 10, 1983, in Washington DC. We must insist that the hearing be moved to San Luis Obispo!

A Congressional hearing in 1981 resulted in the suspension of Diablo Canyon's license. That hearing occurred only because several thousand of us demanded that it be held. We can persuade Congress to act again, but only with another outpouring of concern, too large to be ignored!

The two scientifically valid polls in Diablo Canyon show a clear majority

of local residents oppose plant operation. (No polls on Diablo have been done outside the area.)

The hearing must take place in San Luis Obispo so that the Congressmen can experience local opinion in a way they cannot in Washington DC. The NRC has for 15 years ignored and belittled the concerns of local residents. It's time for Congress to meet the people being asked to live with Diablo Canyon!

To change the meeting place, write or phone today:

Rep. Morris Udall
235 Cannon Bldg.
Washington DC 20515
(202)225-4065

--by Mothers for Peace

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The newspaper collective is always open for new volunteers—phone the LAG office, 644-3031.

Letters, photos, graphics, and copy can be dropped off or mailed to LAG at the above address, or brought to co-ordinating council meetings on Monday nights.

In addition to the writers whose names have appeared in the past few editions, the following people have helped with the paper:

Bobbi Sloan, Al Bettles, Susan Honey, and Steve Nadel have helped with production;

Darren Ching, Osha Neumann, and Virginia Frantz have helped with graphics;

Ron Andrews has co-ordinated the programming of the mailing list;

Countless nameless volunteers have helped with the mailing;

Tamara at the LAG office has given us ongoing support;

and last but by no means least—Lana Fisher has spent hours doing production and typesetting not only for the paper, but for other LAG posters and publications as well, and also hosts our monthly paste-up party.

THANKS to everyone who has helped with writing or producing the paper!

Articles in Direct Action are researched and written by individuals and do not necessarily reflect positions consensed to by LAG, its working groups, or its affinity groups. The newspaper collective reserves the right to edit all copy submitted unless it is CLEARLY marked "do not edit"; copy so marked must include a telephone reference number.

SEND YOUR TAX \$\$ TO LAG

"If a thousand men and women were not to pay their tax bills this year, that would not be as violent and bloody a measure as to pay them, and enable the state to commit violence and shed innocent blood."

--Henry David Thoreau

An in-depth look at conscientious refusal to pay military taxes will be held in February and March. Northern California War Tax Resistance is sponsoring workshops to include 1) Why resist? 2) How to resist, 3) Consequences and 4) Redirection of refused taxes.

The Workshop Schedule:

Sat. 19 FEB. 10-2 Berkeley Friends, Sacramento & Cedar// "The Grail" 2035 E. San Antonio, San Jose.

Sat. 5 MARCH 2-5 Ukiah Methodist, 270 N. Pine, Ukiah.//1-5 Santa Rosa Main Library, Santa Rosa.

Thurs. 17 MARCH 7:30P Berkeley Senior Center, Hearst & Grove.

Sat. 19 MARCH 10-2 Austin-McCormick Bldg., 1251 2nd Ave, San Francisco.

Sun. 20 MARCH 1-5 Resource Center for Non-violence, Santa Cruz.

Sat. 26 MARCH 10-2 North Oakland, 849-2360 for details.

Participants are asked to bring ideas, questions, and a sack lunch if desirable. A \$2-5 donation is requested, but no one will be turned away. For more information contact: Northern California War Tax Resistance, 2118 8th, Berkeley, CA 94710. 415-849-2360.

Dear LAG,
The enclosed check is being sent to you through the People's Life Fund. We distribute and re-channel income tax monies withheld from the US government by individuals objecting to the use of their taxes for military purposes. This represents an act of conscience and recycles the money for worthwhile, life-enhancing projects, such as yours. The donor has chosen the "Category A option", in which s/he earmarks their contributions for a group of their choice.

Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions,

George Rodkey for the People's Life Fund

Information on the People's Life Fund is available from the Northern California War Tax Resistance, 2118 8th St, Berkeley 94710, (415) 849-2360.

APRIL 15 PROTEST

APRIL 15 ACTION AT FEDERAL BUILDING

Northern California War Tax Resistance League is co-ordinating a direct action at the SF Federal Building to join in the festivities of tax day. PLEASE JOIN US! Call Jonika (415)893-5784 or 834-2172; or Barry (707)887-2918.

EVALUATION OF PORT CHICAGO ACTION

On January 29 approximately 2,000 people converged in Clyde Park near Concord to protest Reagan's certification that human rights conditions are being met in El Salvador, and the shipment of arms from the nearby Concord Naval Weapons Station (CNWS). Many of us arrived in car caravans decorated to show both the death and torture brought about by the US government in El Salvador, and the strength and commitment of the Salvadorean people. One hundred sixty-nine of us blocked the front gates of CNWS and were arrested. Seventy-six remained in jail over the weekend. This evaluation is based on our own personal experiences as two CISPES and LAG members who chose to stay in jail.

OVERALL

The rally prior to the blockade had potential for bringing people together to focus on our reasons for being there. The speakers were good but, due to a weak sound system a limited number of people were able to hear. The rally happened in the same time and place that blockaders were using to organize AGs. This made it difficult for people to focus their attention in one direction. This problem with the rally stemmed from a problem of the action as a whole. Some AGs were formed at the last moment and did not have enough time to meet and organize before the blockade. Some people ended up in AGs whose philosophy they did not agree with and a few people who participated in the CD were truly unprepared.

To a certain extent problems like this are unavoidable, but we feel that certain steps can be taken to avoid them, including:

- 1) getting the word out earlier so people can plan ahead more and encouraging people to form long-term AGs.
- 2) requiring all blockaders to go through non-violence training.
- 3) offering a training the night before the action for last minute blockaders. This would facilitate the formation of AGs the night before.
- 4) holding the organizing meeting the day of the blockade in a separate space from the rally to prevent confusion.
- 5) stop accepting new blockaders several hours before the blockade.

SUPPORTERS

As blockaders we felt encouraged and inspired by the enthusiasm of our supporters across the road. They gave us energy and also provided mass witness to any brutality by the police. It was reassuring to hear them chant, "the whole world is watching," when the police became violent. Some support demonstrators

felt that they would like a more active role (e.g. picketing). The security was heavy-handed at times and limited communication between supporters and blockaders. An example: some blockaders feared that unnecessary police brutality would be provoked by taunting anti-cop chants from demonstrators during the arrest process; yet we could do little or nothing to convey this. It is important for there to be ongoing communication between supporters and blockaders.

JAIL

Our staying in jail effected many people: the judge, who was impressed by our commitment; our jailers, who saw that they could not push us around; the regular inmates, who we were able to communicate with; and the deputies who are still talking about El Salvador, according to one lawyer who works in the jail. We were also effected and educated by each other and were able to build new ties between AGs and organizations, and particularly between LAG and CISPES. Our numbers gave us the leverage needed to win a guarantee of mass arraignment for everyone, including those who non-cooperated or would have been charged with resisting arrest. The only negative news that we heard was that the lobby was left in a mess after our release (one woman had to spend several hours cleaning it up) and that some visitors who had come to see the regular inmates were not allowed to because the guards said they were too busy with us.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES

There are several issues on which we would like to see ongoing discussion before the July blockade. These issues include: the effectiveness of blockading in waves vs. the unity of everyone blockading at once; blockading on federal land vs. blockading on state or county land; blockading on a week day when we could better disrupt the work of the weapons station, vs. blockading on a Saturday when more people would participate; the creativity and spontaneity of ag autonomy vs. the secure feeling of knowing what your fellow blockaders will do.

THE FUTURE

The January 29 action was a great way to start a long-term campaign at Port Chicago. There will definitely be another large blockade in late July. Other possible plans include: a sea blockade, a slide-show about CNWS, outreach to workers at the base, and presentations at schools in Contra Costa County. To get involved in organizing these or other activities call CISPES at 644-3636 or 861-0425. Thanks to everyone for your participation and support.



Bette Lee

STATEWIDE U.C. PROTESTS

UCB

UCSB

(On Thursday Jan 20, several hundred protesters staged a demonstration outside UC Berkeley's University Hall, headquarters of the UC management of Livermore Labs. 95 persons were arrested for obstructing a sidewalk, and spent a night at Santa Rita jail.)

Dawn. The rain had stopped. The morning's first rays were brilliant and pregnant with promise. The air cold, clean and crisp. The crowd, perhaps 300 strong, assembled with signs and banners on the west lawn of the U.C. campus, was colorful and buoyant with enthusiasm. We were confident. We were ready.

The U.C. Cluster-organized and sponsored blockade of University Hall had 6 objectives:

1. To call attention to the upcoming Vandenberg action.
2. To cut the University's ties to the Livermore Lab.
3. To protest the on-campus recruitment of engineers by the arms industry.
4. To call for jobs with peace.
5. To call for a campus peace institute.
6. To close the on campus Etcheverry reactor.

The blockade was an unqualified and, in some respects, an unexpected success. It was spirited, colorful, creative. The excessive and unprovoked force of the U.C. police made for great media and cast the administration in a terrible light. In that sense, the U.C. police insured our success.

For all of that, however, for many of the older veterans of such actions, the most impressive aspect of this action was the high level of political acumen and solidarity of the blockaders, especially among the younger people. Strong! And beautiful in our strength.

Right on, U.C. Cluster! Let's do it again soon!

- Michael Poulin

On the same day as the UC Berkeley blockade (January 20, 1983), protesters at UC Santa Barbara staged a rally and sit-in to protest University management of weapons research and ties to the nuclear and military industry. The action was initiated by the Radical Education Action Project, Students for Economic Democracy, and the Isla Vista Community Council.

After the noon rally, demonstrators occupied UCSB's Cheadle Hall. About 100 people were involved in the action. UC police warned the occupiers to vacate the building by 5:30 or face arrest, but 56 refused to leave and were issued citations for trespassing and ordered to appear in court at a later date.

UCSB administrators reacted calmly to the sit-in, instructing police to leave occupiers alone until the building was to close. One administrator, Vice Chancellor Ed Birch, went so far as to express appreciation of the non-violent character of the protest and to comment, "I think the message has been heard...I'm proud of the student for their efforts."

The groups sponsoring the action published a 16-page handbook financed partly by a \$250 loan from bay area LAG, granted at a December co-ordinating council meeting.



IN CASE OF NUCLEAR ATTACK



1. REMAIN CALM



5. RESERVE MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR HIGH PRIORITY EVACUEES



2. AVERT EYES FROM FLASH



6. HAVE FOOD AND WATER FOR SEVERAL WEEKS OF ISOLATION



3. BRACE FOR BLAST



7. COMFORT THE DYING



4. DUCK AND COVER/ PLACE NEWSPAPER OVER HEAD



8. ISOLATE CORPSES TO PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASE

IN CASE YOU'RE ON BART DURING WW III

At 6am on the morning of February 1, thirty people entered the BART system. About 2½ hours later, between 200 and 300 BART cars were posted with signs informing riders of action to take "In Case of Nuclear Attack."

The signs were printed in black ink on yellow railroad board. They measured 22 inches on a side and were posted in frames usually filled with commercial advertising. The signs listed eight steps to take in case of nuclear attack (see accompanying illustration).

Twelve of the group were stopped by BART police, but there were no arrests. The nature of the action made interaction with police non-confrontational. One pair of posters was allowed to keep its remaining posters--except one, which is now allegedly hanging in the BART Police locker room.

The idea was conceived by the Signs-of-the-Times affinity group. The illustrations were drawn by a friend who pictorially translated the ironic humor of the instructions. At a meeting before the action, members of several

bay area affinity groups were given information about BART and strategy tips and did some role-playing. They divided into pairs and the rest is well-documented history. (Reports on the action were carried by local papers and California Public Radio).

Signs-of-the-Times AG, excited as we were by the coverage in the standard news media, is more gratified by the stories that keep filtering back about BART riders' interactions with the signs--a true people's medium. Some riders were enraged and others were more complacent (some very complacent). Most were convinced of its authenticity to the extent that some of the posters were defaced with anti-nuclear graffiti. Signs-of-the-Times wishes to encourage other affinity groups to brainstorm other such small actions. We found small actions (such as this one and human billboarding) to be extremely empowering and lots of fun to boot. And costs are not prohibitive. Au contraire, all expenses are being recovered from excited donors and from sales of the now-famous sign.

IT CAN'T HAPPEN HERE...

On the night of October 14, the Litton factory was bombed by person unknown. 550 pounds of dynamite exploded from a van which had been driven up to one of the factory buildings. Seven persons were injured, several of them seriously. Some days later a communique was made public which claimed responsibility. It was a statement similar to one which laid claim to a British Columbia bombing of a hydro sub-station in the spring. The statement purported to say that no injuries were intended, listing the various precautions that the bombers had taken.

The Cruise Missile Conversion Project (CMCP) of Toronto, in conjunction with other members groups in the Alliance for Non-Violent Action continued to plan its Remembrance Day protest at Litton Systems Canada.

When we arrived at the site on November 11, we were met by 400 police, a squad of them on horseback. They had shut off the roads leading to Litton, allowing only persons with letters of authorization to go through. It was decided to block the road in front of police lines.

The police pulled us off the road way, arresting "repeated offenders". It was rough scene with numerous instances of hair-pulling, kicking, and punching.

50-60 were arrested. Another dozen were arrested later in the day when they jumped a fence in an attempt to get closer to the factory. A number of us were roughed up by police at that time as well.

Charges against us are obstructing and resisting the police in the execution of their duty. The focus of our defense is and will be that the police did not have a lawful duty to block the road and were hindering our rights of free expression and

assembly. A few of us have been tried already; the majority will be tried in February and March.

On December 7, a young man from Peterborough was arrested and charged with the bombing. The day before, during speaking to sentence, the crown prosecutor had claimed to have uncovered the Russian connection to the CMCP. It was in the form of a diary that the cops had found on the man when he was earlier arrested on November 11 (those charges were dropped). The diary mentioned his trip to a youth conference in Prague and travel through the USSR.

The next week the police searched three of our (CMCP's) offices and two residences claiming to be investigating the bombing. Their sole evidence (as stated in the information that they swore to in order to obtain warrants) was that the CMCP had a direct action collective, and that the bombers' communique was allegedly by a group called "Direct Action". They carted off numerous files and anything with the name "direct action" on it. (Similar raids occurred in British Columbia after the bombing there.)

It is clearly an attempt to smear our names in the public eye. They know that we're not involved in the bombing.

We have begun a fight-back campaign that is beginning to turn the tide. A series of press conferences have been organized and an onslaught of protest has been directed toward the police from the community. (Police raids are not uncommon in Toronto, especially against the gay community.) We hope that the raids have been stopped.

We will continue to protest against militarism in all of its manifestations.

--Cruise Missile Conversion Project
730 Bathurst St.
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GERMANY

Dear LAG,
I've been intending to write for a long time; I wanted to send you an article from "TAZ", an alternative left political daily in Germany, about the Vandenberg action.

Through friends I have been keeping up with LAG activities. Strategies for blockades are really different here, so we've been sharing a lot (the stack of Livermore handbooks I brought with me is almost gone).

The groups I am working with are a women's group (Women for Peace groups are very active in Germany) that is working with groups from all over the country to plan a women's camp and blockade this summer at a Cruise missile deployment site. Hopefully it could coincide with the women's camp being planned at Seneca Falls, NY, where the Pershing II will be housed before being sent to Europe. We're also planning, on March 6 (election day here) to circle the Department of Defense in Bonn, and we'll be in Berlin on the 8th (International Women's Day) to form a human chain between the US and Russian consulates there.

The other group is a mixed group (here that means men and women) which was involved in the blockade at Grossengstingen in Southern Germany last summer. This group, the Gewaltfreier Aktionskreis, also uses affinity groups, non-violence training, handbooks, etc. Both groups did actions on December 12, the third anniversary of the NATO decision to deploy Euromissiles.

I can't wait to hear from you all. Articles or photos would be great--some kind of "documentation". My address is:

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WHAT DO YOU DO
IN CASE OF A NUCLEAR WAR?



KISS THE CHILDREN GOODBYE

FINLAND SENDS GREETINGS

Dear Fellow Citizens of LAG,
I have been authorized from the members of our organization to express in the name of EVY our deepest concern about the testing of MX missiles and other nuclear weapons. We share totally your opinion that these disgusting weapons are a tremendous threat for the whole of life on this planet.

From all over Finland our members are giving you strong support in your fight against the immoral nuclear arms race and for a life friendship, mutual understanding, and peace on our earth.

Your for a better tomorrow,
Energypolitical Association (EVY)
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SF-00150 Helsinki 15, Finland

126 ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON, DC

On Monday January 24, the same day as the Vandenberg action, 126 demonstrators blockaded the main entrance to the State Department in Washington DC to protest the Reagan administration's re-certification that human rights in El Salvador are improving.

Chanting "The People United Will Never Be Defeated"--the cry heard up and down California during last month's protests--the blockaders sat in rows in front of the main entrance at about 10am EST. About 250 demonstrators gathered across the street. Arrests were made by DC police. Most of those arrested paid a \$50 fine for blocking an entrance and were ordered to appear in court on March 24. Seventeen who refused to pay the fine were to be arraigned earlier.

The protest, organized by the Washington chapter of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (whose bay area branches helped organize the January 29 Port Chicago action), was largely symbolic, in that other entrances to the building were not blockaded.



A WALK TO MOSCOW

On March 1, 1981, a group of about 30 anti-nukers started walking from Ground Zero Center for Non-Violence outside the Trident nuclear submarine base in Bangor, Washington, and headed eastward across the US. This began the 6500-mile odyssey of "A Walk to Moscow". After joining this walk in the Black Hills of South Dakota, I walked most of the way from there to Washington DC. We arrived there in November 1981.

The European leg of the walk began at Holy Loch, Scotland in March of 1982. The group traversed all of western Europe by foot, arriving at the West German-Czech border in late September of last year.

This year we hope actually to walk from the group's winter quarters to Moscow. Our purpose in walking through Russia is to build ties of human contact and reduce fear and distrust. Most likely we will receive permission to walk through Czechoslovakia, but it is possible that the Soviet government will not permit us to walk the entire way through the western USSR; they have indicated that they would at least allow us to take a bus trip through Russia and have peace marches in the major cities and towns along the way. I plan to act as the Russian translator/interpreter for this peace walk upon my arrival in Europe on February 24, 1983 at the present headquarters of:

"A Walk to Moscow"
Schwesendorfer Strasse 4
8671 Regnitzlosau,
West Germany (BRD)

--by Steve Tustin

FROM AROUND AMERICA

SOUTH CAROLINA CHECKS IN

Dear friends,

We received your letter announcing the MX blockade and wanted to send you a message of solidarity and support from those of us engaged in the struggle for environmental justice in South Carolina.

We wish we could send some people out there to actively resist, but are unfortunately not in a position to travel such a distance, as I am sure you understand. The Natural Guard and Palmetto Alliance are currently engaged in a legal and extra-legal battle to prevent the startup of the L-Reactor at the Savannah River Nuclear Weapons Plant here in the state, where they will produce the fissionable material for use in the MX. Hopefully with all the forces for a non-nuclear world fighting in all the different arenas, we can eventually triumph.

Let us know if there is anything we can do in this end of the country such as publicity or whatever.

Good Luck.

Yours for a continuing future,
Michael Gooding
Natural Guard
18 Bluff Rd
Columbia SC 29201



NEW MEXICO PLANS FOR INT'L DAY

Friends,

We have decided to organize a week of events during June 11-20. We hope to include poster displays, workshops, forums, spiritual service, vigils, march and rally with a multi-issue emphasis including human needs, Central America, disarmament, and land rights.

We plan to use Kirtland Air Force Base/Sandia Labs as the focus and do C.D. at the base the morning of the 20th to shut down the base for one day. The base is in Albuquerque.

We'll supply more info as work transpires.



Peace & Solidarity,
Kent Zook
Citizens Against Nuclear
Threats, Albuquerque, N.M.

RESIST AT ROCKY FLATS

The Resolution to Resist at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant near Denver is being circulated in an attempt to get 1000 people to pledge to do civil disobedience at the Plant. The Rocky Flats facility produces the plutonium "triggers" for nuclear bombs. A trigger is a small nuclear bomb which can be used to detonate larger hydrogen explosions.

The Resolution to Resist is asking people to come to Rocky Flats and risk arrest. The date of the action is undetermined, and will be set only after 1000 people have pledged to participate. The action is not planned en masse, but in small groups walking onto the base each day for several months.

The initial planning group for the Resolution garnered 35 signatures. Calls for participation are being circulated nationwide via concerned groups and churches.

For more information, contact the Resolution to Resist in Arvada Colorado, (303)420-0439 or 422-6870, or call Tori at the LAG office, (415)644-3031.

SEACOAST CLAMSHELL SUPPORTS VANDENBERG

Dear brothers and sisters,

We wholly support your non-violent demonstration/blockade on January 24 at Vandenberg AFB.

We are with you in spirit on this day and will remain in solidarity with all who go and actively confront, non-violently, the military build-up and nuclear expansion now happening in this country and world-wide.

In solidarity,

Robin Cromwell for the
Seacoast Clamshell
PO Box 1415
Portsmouth NH 03801



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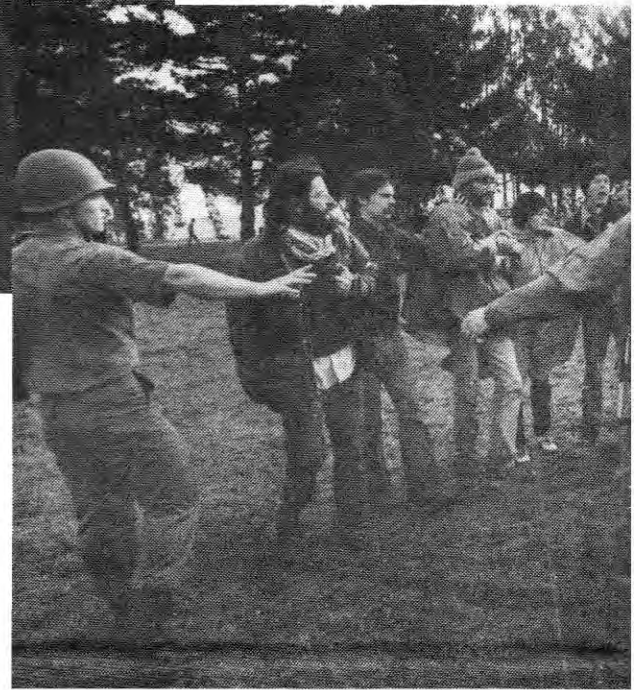
For more information, leave a message for Trish at 540-0671, extension 367.



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SINGING AT THE GATE
CAMPING IN THE MUD
ONE LAST MEETING...

ACTION!



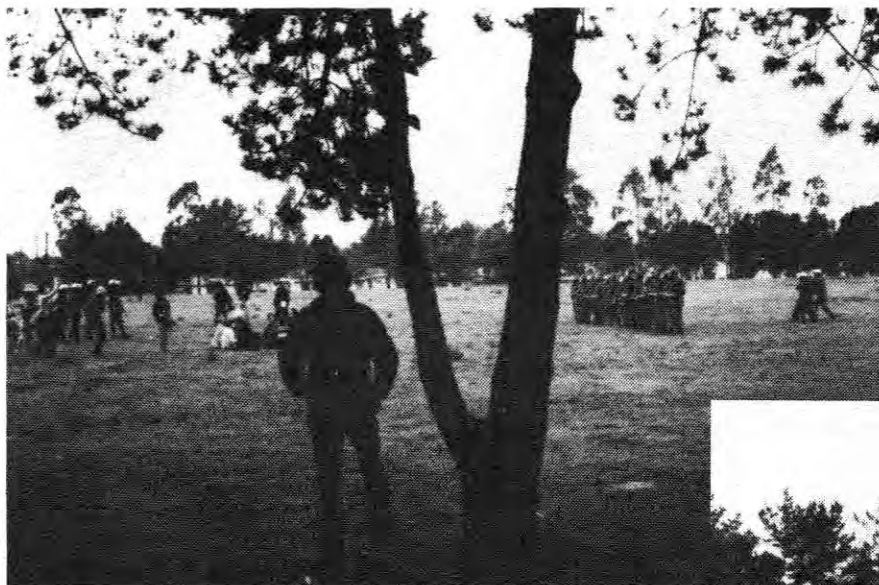
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As we clustered around to plan our strategy, air force spies with cameras filtered through the crowd trying to take pictures. The hundreds of military police at the gate and their reinforcements across the street were very clear with their message: This base is OFF LIMITS and if you dare to enter it, you will be in serious trouble.

Some of us decided not to blockade at the gate, since the MPs were already blocking it themselves. Things were going too smoothly for them; we wanted to catch them off-guard and get onto the base. Together we ducked under the wire fence and got about half-way across the large meadow. The air force was clearly not prepared for this. Soldiers started rushing onto the field, but they had problems figuring out how to stop the people already on the field, and the others still entering it.

It was a great scene. Hundreds of supporters were cheering on the other side of the fence; spirits were very high, because in the face of all their threats, their show of armed force, and all the other obstacles, we had done it! We were occupying Vandenberg.

--by Gayle



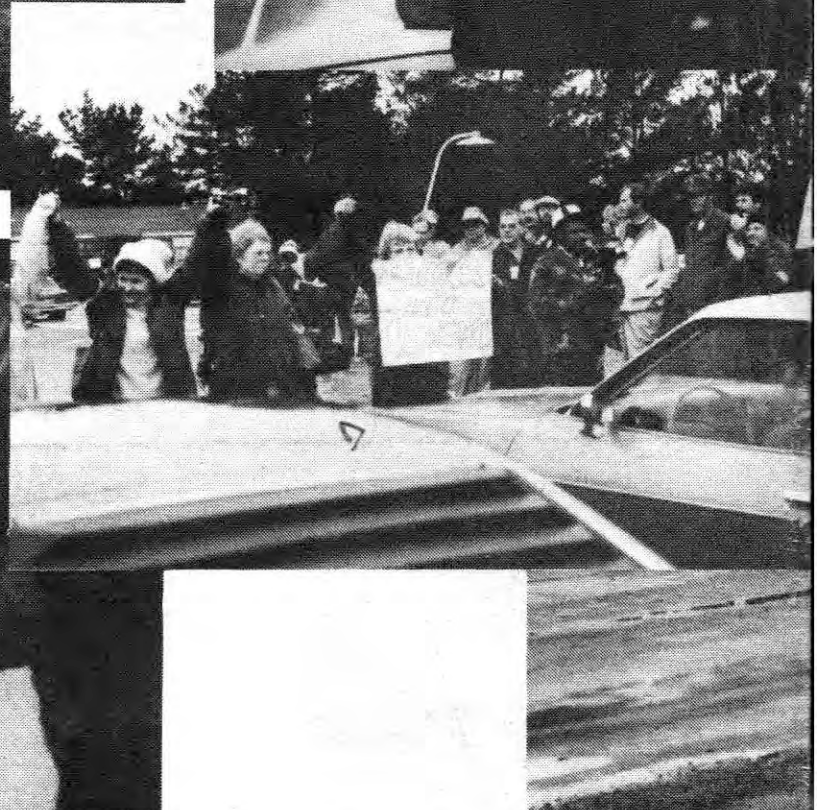
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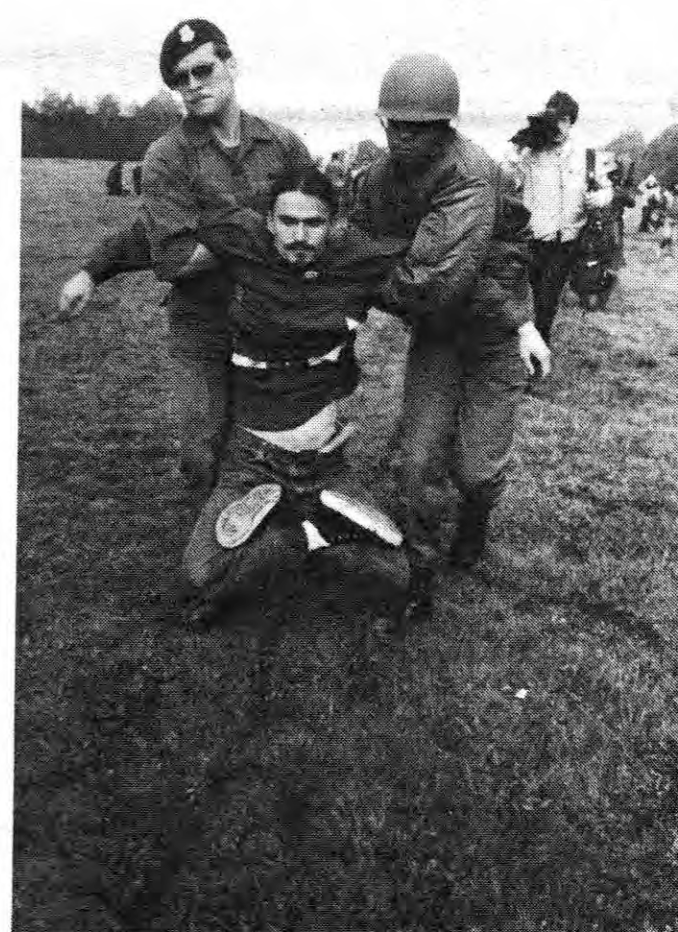
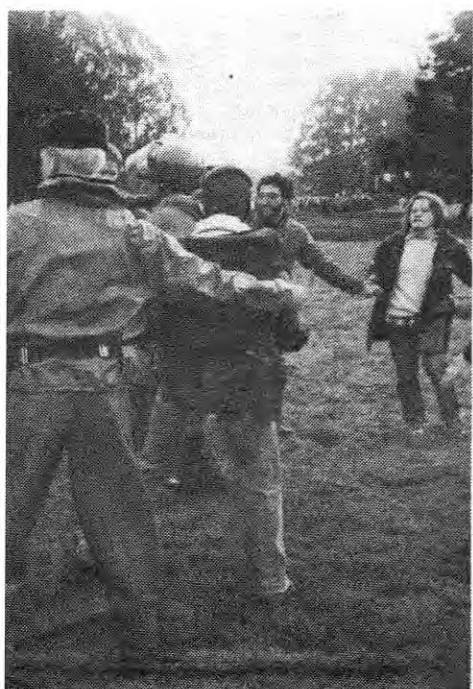
Upper left cluster, three on right side by Bette Lee.

Lower left cluster by Tamara Thompson.

Warning sign by Ken Nightingale

photo layout by Susan Honey





MINIMUM DEGREE OF SOCIAL CHANGE

(The following is a verbatim transcription of a talk given by Tom Athenasiou at the January 15-16 LAG Teach-In.)

If you're trying to evaluate the capacity of the peace movement to achieve its short term stated goal, you have to ask yourself: what is the minimal degree of social change in the world that will give us any possibility of avoiding a war?

What seems to me to be happening in the US right now is the peace movement has taken off with an ethos of a mass movement at any cost. I think this is what characterizes the peace movement. A lot of the Freeze organizers are justifiably frightened at the ghettoization and marginalization that the Left has dug for itself in the last thirty years, and they really want to avoid that.

If you ask the question, what would it really take to avoid a war, you see that just a mass movement that doesn't have any real knowledge about the structural causes of war is going to fail. A lot of my friends criticize the Freeze because it is not radical enough. My criticism of the Freeze is that it is going to fail. It is written in stone that the Freeze is going to fail. Because an electoral approach to politics simply cannot achieve the kind of social change that is the absolute minimal precondition for avoiding war. This absolute precondition would involve winning enough social control to choke off N-technology both in the east and in the west, and to start to deploy the literally thousands of alternative technologies that have been languishing in neglect and openly suppressed in the last 20 years. We should not forget that about 60% of the topsoil on the planet at the turn of the century is gone; we should not for-

get that the population crisis in the third world, although it is politically unwise to speak of it, is reaching catastrophic proportions; we should not forget that the economy of the world is falling apart. This is real serious stuff that is going on.

I would say that the absolute precondition for avoiding war is that there be a fundamental shift in the relations between the first world and the third world. That involves a fundamental transformation in the nature of the technological-industrial infrastructure in the first world.

Given the international competition that is heating up, there are a lot of people who believe that the enemy is Japan and not the Soviet Union. I don't think that the peace movement should try to build coalitions with labor on the basis of making arguments about how reducing the military budget can increase our ability to compete with other foreign capital--in a period when international markets are declining and the economic balkanization of the prewar period is becoming more and more obvious.

I think that if these two conditions were met--some kind of real social control over production in the US, Europe, and the Soviet bloc; and a fundamental transformation in the relations between the first world and the third world; and if it were possible to achieve those without a revolution, then it would be possible to imagine avoiding war without a revolution. I think it's an open question whether or not it is possible.

(Tom Athenasiou went on to discuss the possibilities of success and failure for social movements. A full transcription of his talk is available from Tamara at the LAG office, 644-3031).

Ken Nightingale



January 28, 1983

Dear LAG/VAC and all those who helped create last weekend's Vandenberg action:

I picture a "circus tent" in a field of mud with rain pelting down in torrents, a warm, steamy kitchen tent, dark bodies moving in the night, a campfire. It was a wild toad's ride to find the encampment but the line of motley vans, campers and cars told us we had arrived.

This is a note of love and gratitude to all those who created and participated in last weekend's action. (The first civil disobedience mass action at a California military facility??) Endless weeks and weeks of preparation; meetings, meetings, meetings; a monkey wrench when the launch date changed and Alliance for Survival pulled out.

I know the incredible tension and

pressure everyone at the office was under the week before the action. Thank you for hanging in there and pulling a rally out of a hat, putting all the details together, making it happen.

What a sight to arrive at Lompoc and see the throngs, the banners, and know we had done it. Rough edges, yes; flaws, yes, but a powerful showing of numbers and commitment, and an important first step.

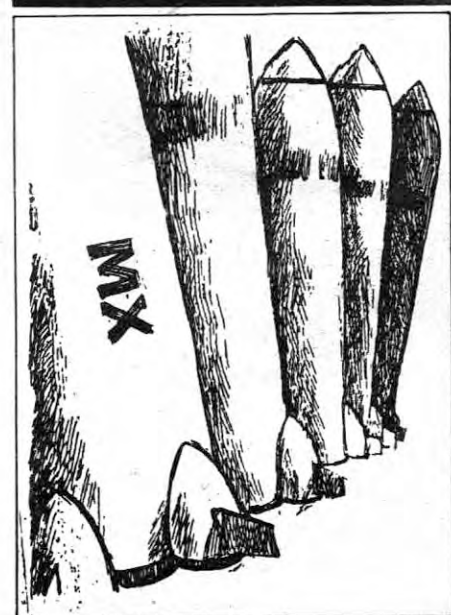
To everyone who disrupted their lives, plunged ahead when the odds were against us, THANK YOU.

The whole world WAS watching, and all of us who participated are energized and inspired by what we created together. As we look to what comes next, let us take a moment to celebrate the statement we made at Vandenberg January 23 and 24.

Joan Lohman
THE LORAX

BACK-COUNTRY AT VANDENBERG

On Monday, January 24, as part of the larger action at Vandenberg Air Force Base, 27 people walked into the back-country of the base to the Minuteman missile silos. We were moved to enter this military installation because it symbolizes the U.S. government's headlong race into planetary nuclear holocaust. As individuals who recognize how dangerously near to disaster we are, we feel we have to do everything within our power to call attention to the day-to-day growth of militarism in this country. We feel that people no longer want our earth to be used to hold death machines and went there to reclaim the land and to reinstitute life-giving forces. When we reached the Minuteman silos, we stood at the fence and wove a web of life, made of yarn and cloth streamers, flowers and sacred objects. The military watched and filmed our actions. We walked to another Minuteman launch site and wove the gate shut. We were within 15 feet of one silo, and within 50 feet of the other silo. By disregarding military boundaries and weaving the gates to the missile shut, we withdrew our consent from the weapons testing and development that is occurring on the base.



Our group chose to protest at the Minuteman missile silos, because although the MX missile appears to be delayed, the Minuteman missiles are being retrofitted with individually targeted warheads. We protest this escalation of U.S. nuclear weaponry and the apparent goal of first-strike capability.

We brought a coconut onto the base to remind us of our sisters and brothers in the Marshall Islands who have been displaced from their homes because of missile testing from Vandenberg Air Force Base. As the U.S. still needs land in Micronesia for target sites, 8000 Marshallese continue to live on an island of only 66 acres. Not only do these islanders live in forced unsanitary conditions, but they have been guinea pigs for nuclear testing since the mid 1940s.

As we talked to the military personnel at Vandenberg, we heard that they, like many people in our country, want a world safe from nuclear war. We, however, don't see how peace can be achieved through building more effective weaponry. War preparation is a profitable business in the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. and these military interests control the economic lives of the people of both countries. Despite this present day situation, we feel people long to work at meaningful jobs and not be pressed into working in weapons development. As soon as we stop pouring unconscionable amounts of money and energy into weapons, people can begin to realize the fulfillment of their hopes.

This non-violent protest at the base was organized by autonomous groups of people throughout California. In contrast to our present day society, the structure of these groups allows people direct control over the decisions that affect them. We feel there needs to be a similar structure world-wide in order for the citizens of the world to achieve the peace they desire.

The unique, coastal splendor of Vandenberg Air Force Base will someday be of free access to people, as the transformation of the base has begun.

Sincerely,

Truth and Dare Cluster
Michael 826-4290
Robin (408) 476-8215



WHAT? ME CELEBRATE?

I don't know if it's simply bad press, but we peace and anti-nuclear types have gotten the reputation of being a sober and downcast lot. Planning strategy at endless meetings, arguing over leaflet language, eating potluck food, selling raffle tickets--this is how we are seen. Our demonstrations and blockades appear to be serious affairs, full of commitment and last-minute arrangements.

In this portrayal something is missing: the part of us that is silly, quirky, ready for spontaneous fun. Certainly it is not our fault that the lighter, more fun-loving part of our nature is not seen by the media or by the nonactivist "lay" community. Who cares whose fault it is? I've recently been encouraged to give up blaming.

By not blaming, of course, I do not mean to minimize the problem. At a recent anti-draft demonstration on the steps of the Federal Building, I received no less than eight dirty looks from passersby, as I earnestly chanted: "No draft, no way, free Ben Sasway." There were 20-30 of us chanting that, all doing our best to hold up a just cause, to speak truth to power. But I saw in those dirty looks another, silent chant, one that seemed to say: "You're no fun, go away, why are you trying to ruin my day?"

After much review and soul-searching, I have come to the conclusion that at the demonstration, we were a boring, unengaging, and fairly joyless bunch.

How did that happen? How was it that our joie de vivre didn't show through? How did it come to be that we were chanting a righteous slogan in a monotone instead of tap dancing or singing show tunes. If Ben Sasway were alive, wouldn't he want us to have a good time?

Now I'm not knocking the idea of protest. But I'm worried that many people are getting the wrong idea about us. We need to show how much fun we can be. We need to have public ceremonies and celebrations.

We could have a champagne party on those same Federal Building steps when that judge in LA got draft resister David Wayne off the hook.

We could have annual or even quarterly gatherings outside PG&E headquarters to congratulate them for failing to get a license for Diablo Canyon.

We should certainly celebrate the postponement of the MX missile test when we go to Vandenberg AFB.

And how about weekly ceremonies marking the lack of global nuclear holocaust?

I don't mean to suggest that there isn't a great deal to protest. In 1983 we find ourselves in a worldwide pickle. Certainly we are being victimized by a web of interests both military and civilian, intent on despoiling the earth and then wiping us off the face of it. But in the meantime we can experience occasional victories, and we have every right to enjoy them. That's part of being an American.

--by Charlie Varon



GI JOE SAVES AMERICAN WAY

(Late last year, Hasbro Toys, makers of GI Joe death toys, came out with a "Mobile Missile System" which, despite company disclaimers, bears a suspicious resemblance to the MX missile. Outraged parents and activists circulated petitions demanding that Hasbro recall the toy.

(The following letter, mailed to signers of the petition, assures us that far from teaching kids to glorify war, the new toy missile is actually an integral part of our nation's defense, and a cornerstone of the very civil liberties which we as citizens enjoy. This letter is for real--this is NOT a satire.)

TO: Signers of Petition
RE: Hasbro Industries, Inc.

I read with interest your petition regarding GI Joe toys and the Mobile Missile System in particular.

The fact that you can freely voice your opposition to this toy and even organize people to express their dissatisfaction is testimony that our American system of democracy works.

The GI Joe team is an anti-terrorist force dedicated to preserving the American way of life and protecting your right to your own

opinions. GI Joe symbolically represents the American soldier who has bravely defended our right...rights we so often take for granted. GI Joe happens to be the leading boys toy this year--not because it is a military toy, but because it represents things young boys, down through the ages, have looked for in toys: action, adventure, detailed styling, the chance to act like a hero, be it King Arthur, George Washington, or Patton.

GI Joe doesn't teach boys to love war. As a matter of fact, my generation (the generation that played with the original GI Joe) later went on to protest and eventually stop a war in SE Asia. What it does is offer boys a chance to play, and yes, aggression is part of that play; but it is aggression directed at toys, not at another playmate.

I would also like to clear up a misconception regarding the Mobile Missile System about which you petitioned. This toy bears no resemblance to the MX Missile System. It is based on the Army's Hawk System and is designed to defend GI Joe

from tank or plane attack--something we stress in our GI Joe folder. Nowhere do we state or imply that its Patriot Missiles have nuclear warheads.

Hasbro is a toy company with a great sense of commitment to its customers, you, and your children. We work hard on the development of good products, and we annually contribute over half a million dollars to organizations and needy causes serving the growth and development of America's children.

Sincerely,
Stephen Schwartz
Hasbro Industries
1027 Newport Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02861
(401) 726-4100

THIS IS A WAR TOY



ALLIANCE WITH FREEZE NECESSARY

To the newspaper collective:

I strongly disagree with George Franklin's contention that we should make no alliance with the Freeze.

In order to make our planet safe and free from the threat of nuclear holocaust, and to free our society of racism, hunger and despair, we must make many alliances.

We must work politically within the "system" by supporting non-status quo candidates. We must continue the initiative process and we must vote on election day.

We must support women's issues and seniors' issues. We have to align ourselves with racial and ethnic minorities, but also with churches and trade unions in order to achieve a measure of justice in this world.

Sweeping social change will never occur with only one broom being used.

The Freeze Campaign of 1982 involved people who were never involved in the peace movement before. People who had never spoken in pub-

lic spoke out to groups of co-workers and to community organizations. People who had never marched or held lighted candles before did so because of the Freeze.

Here in Contra Costa County, which is sometimes referred to as Orange County North, or as a place with wide boulevards and narrow minds, many Freeze Campaign workers are now blockaders.

The sun does not rise and set on Berkeley only. Out here, and in most of the rest of the world, blockaders are made, not born.

The Freeze drew people into the anti-nuke movement who otherwise would have been non-participants.

Civil disobedience alone will not end the arms race. It will require writers, speakers, petitioners, and financiers. This is what the Freeze Campaign provided.

We must support a bi-lateral nuclear freeze as a first step toward disarmament. It was not, and is not, meaningless.

--by Richard M. Ceisler,
member Walnettos A.G.

LAB VIGILS

To the newspaper collective:

The January Direct Action told part of the story about the "Choose Life" vigils at Livermore Labs last December. The article focused on civil disobedience, which is important, but I'd like to mention another important aspect: the people doing the vigiling.

On December 20, I joined a group of 50--mostly middle-aged, mostly from Hayward--at the South Gate. Suburbanites from Hayward! Many of these folks wouldn't have anything to do with militant radicalism. Yet there they were. At least 500 people, maybe a thousand or more, showed up at some point during the three weeks of vigils. The blockades have been sufficiently gentle not to frighten these people away; rather, non-violent blockades have encouraged them to participate in the vigils.

LAG has done well in being non-violent. I earnestly hope we will continue this way.

Love,
Carl Anderson

VANDENBERG EVALUATION

The Vandenberg action in January was an organizer's nightmare. It was also a very empowering experience. Torrents of rain, confusion and indecision did not prevent about 1,000 people from making their way through a logistical maze to an event that even the organizers were not sure was going to happen. The invasion of a United States Air Force Base by its own citizens is a significant historical event. We are finding ways to express what the 'democratic' channels are designed to silence. Sooner or later, if we learn from these experiences we will find a way to make our voices heard.

The success of the action was due to very hard work in several areas. Hundreds of hours of work on media, fundraising, food, networking, and logistics transformed an idea into reality. The work of the media collective made the action visible to hundreds of thousands of television viewers and newspaper readers up and down the coast. For fundraising we did not depend on large donors. Most of the money came in small amounts from the people who were involved in the action and their friends. The best group effort to date at fundraising in the form of the raffle brought in over \$4,000. The work of Turning Tide affinity group on the food, the large tent and the campsite turned a swamp into an almost habitable rendezvous. Action For Peace and Disarmament in San Luis Obispo did very well, considering the odds, in finding space for the rally at the last minute, and a campsite and check-in. The persistence of the facilitators, with special thanks to Starhawk, helped to make the unintelligible palpable. And hundreds of hours on the phone helped to bring good representation from all over the state and Oregon.

The main weakness in our organizing was accountability between the various organizations and geographical areas. More attention should have been given to financial matters. Much of the confusion resulted from the fact that the Vandenberg Action Coalition did not form a finance collective and depended largely on L.A.G. to raise funds and pay bills. This placed the L.A.G. co-ordinating council in an uncomfortable position.

We also made a mistake in that we did not recognize the potential for conflicting political interests in the rally and the action as a whole. More attention should have been given to the politics of the rally, march and civil-disobedience.

There is no correct way to organize a rally in two weeks, and it is paralyzing to talk about cancelling an action in the middle of planning for it. We owe it to ourselves to plan for an action at least six months in advance (one that cannot be cancelled) with state wide networking in true coalition style. There is enormous potential all around the state and up the coast if we could only imagine an event large enough.

-- Ken Nightingale

FEMINISM & LAG

To the newspaper collective:

Here is another letter in response to the one you published from Anna Kissed in November.

I, too, am a member of the Feminist Cluster. Like Anna, I am a radical lesbian feminist. When I am feeling very defensive, I feel a lot of the same things that Anna does. However, when I feel more centered, I realize that I do not want to agitate among the LAG heterosexual women for them to become dykes (although it's a rejoicing if some of them do); nor do I want to be a threat to men (though I am quick to criticize a man who is sexist). For the last several years I have been engaged in developing lesbian-witches culture. Now I am engaged in coalition politics. I come from the strength of a culture I helped to develop to work with heterosexual women and men, some of whom are very different than I am. To you I say: I struggle to respect who you are and what you are doing. There is a level of trust in me that we are sincere people, all giving a lot of time and energy, thoughts and prayers to unite to change the political and spiritual direction of humanity. In that we are sisters and brothers, and in that we stand together.

Side by side with my trust that we stand in unity lies my distrust that we are truly united. There are the anti-gay feelings, the homophobia. Some of you fail to recognize the fragile culture we have been trying to nurture, and don't support it; some of you

feel our anger of oppression and think that we are raving maniacs who will burn your house down, or provoke the cops into clubbing us all, that is to say, you distrust us.

But in the long run, I believe that most of you who are not gay will focus time and consciousness to change your homophobia, and we will all come to a more open place together. We are all committed to coalition work.

But there is another area where I feel distrust: I will not provoke the cops to club me or you, and would work hard to prevent even the angriest of my sisters from doing that, but we may get clubbed together anyway, not because any of us do not respect non-violence, but because the patriarchy does not always respond to non-violence with non-violence; in fact, it does so only when it is politically expedient. Those of us who are oppressed and hated in everyday society receive all the alienated hostility of the guards and police who confront us in these actions. What I mean is: some of us are safer in these actions than others. What I need to know is: do we all stand in solidarity with each other? Do you who are heterosexual understand what it is to be gay and to face those guards and cops? Will those of you who expect to be treated more civilly jeopardize your relative safety by standing firmly with gay activists?

I think this is an important question. I think sometimes we of the Feminist Cluster stick tightly together to protect ourselves with our own numbers, distrusting that others will protect us, or will even understand what we face. I think one of the reasons that people of color seldom join these blockades is because we who are engaged in these actions have not shown clearly that we know what it means to stand in solidarity with those who receive so little protection and civil rights from society.

After the June 21 Livermore blockade, it seemed to me that many people in that action needed to know that we radical feminists would be accountable to the needs of all the people involved in the action. I agree with that necessity, and, from extensive discussions, I think that many of the women in the Feminist Cluster also agree. For me to feel truly comfortable with that commitment, and in order to ask for that responsiveness from my sisters who are angrier than I, I ask from all of the people in these actions that you give your real support, recognition, appreciation, and solidarity with who I am.

Thank You. In struggle,
Fanshen

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ONE STRUGGLE: MANY ACTIONS

The events of two weeks in January, 1983 are a unique and profound moment in history. In that short time there were five large events—a two day teach-in, a march and rally, and three "independently targeted" actions that included demonstrations and civil disobedience. Excepting the march and rally there were about 3,400 people involved (with many people at more than one event). The civil disobedience actions resulted in some 460 arrests. Surely, such a fine example of "dense pack" offers a unique opportunity to learn about ourselves as organizers, activists, demonstrators, and members of groups and coalitions. Moreover, we can experience the building of political consciousness and advancement of our goals (including information and images cast to the public).

In thinking about these actions and the extraordinary situation they present, I realized that we plan and evaluate actions as isolated events—assuming that actions close together will conflict and detract from one another. Along with many others, I knew these actions did not conflict, but supported each other. Our method of evaluation and its supporting assumptions must be suspended allowing us a different perspective. I have chosen an evaluation process familiar to me from my Pre-School teaching. This process requires of the teacher an awareness and sensitivity to the critical moment. Such a moment occurs when in a child's mind different bits of information (some old, some new,) come together to create a totally new piece of information for that child. A new understanding, perspective, or use of the senses, is a sudden leap in learning—beautiful to witness, and of great reward to the child. The teacher's role is to be aware of and encourage the process, stepping back at the critical moment. The January events have all the elements of a critical moment, expanded to an historical event. So, in evaluating the January events, I will use the critical moment theory as a means for assessment. In this process, we are all children as well as our own teachers.

One Struggle—Many Friends, a teach-in on January 15 and 16, was the first of our events. Initiated by the Livermore Action Group, it explored the relationship of the Peace Movement to policies of intervention and domestic exploitation. The groups brought together in the effort were diverse. The teach-in also helped to focus on the upcoming Vandenberg Action.

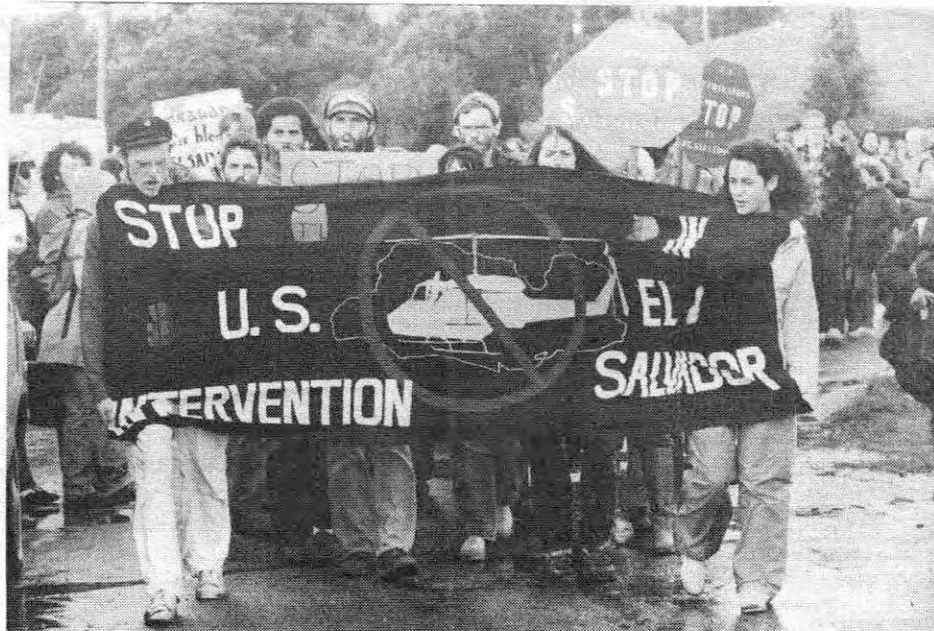
Also on the 15th, there was a large march and rally in Oakland. Called in remembrance of the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr., the King Day Rally placed among its objectives demands for a national holiday in King's memory as well as a shift in national economic priorities. Many of the concerns expressed at the rally were similar to those of the other January events. LAG endorsed and supported the King Day event.

Four days after the teach-in there were a series of actions at several University of California campuses. Coordinated by the U.C. Cluster (a LAG Cluster), people protested—through demonstrations and civil disobedience—the University's role in supporting the Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories. Another goal was to demonstrate intense anger and dissatisfaction with the Reagan Administration and its policies. Revived by the actions were the ever continuing discussions surrounding questions of violence/non-violence, how to legitimately express anger, and the role of the police in such actions.

At the end of the week people were gathering in the rain and mud at a location near to Vandenberg Air Force Base. This action, conceived as an attack direct to the heart of the beast, was supported by an excellent and politically diverse handbook. It also featured Mud City campground where cheap, wonderful food was available. A Sunday rally and march were followed by a prolonged civil disobedience on Monday, January 24.

This action, where one thousand marched and 200 were arrested, was organized by the Vandenberg Action Coalition with much logistical help from the Livermore Action Group. The coalition found itself beset with several problems: the withdrawal of active support on the part of the Alliance for Survival, inexperience with federal law and military procedure, and internal problems of a breach of trust, communications, and accountability. Vandenberg is the "home" of first strike weaponry as well as the launching pad for the military development of space. The action represented people's demands for an end to first strike. It also articulated a statement of unity with the Marshall Islands whose Pacific home is the target range for Vandenberg launched missiles.

On the 29th of January the month of protest was capped by the Port Chicago Action. Organized by the



Bette Lee

Committee in Solidarity with People of El Salvador (CISPES) and the Contra Costa Coalition Against U.S. Intervention in El Salvador, the action protested the shipment of munitions to the government of El Salvador and the continued U.S. intervention in the region. The demonstration, timed to coincide with Reagan's recertification of human rights, also marked the start of a long term educational and organizing campaign in Contra Costa County.

At this point I would like to reflect on the actions paying attention to the manner in which they take on the personality of the group organizing them. It is easiest to make these observations by looking at the differing styles and structures of LAG and CISPES. CISPES is a national organization divided into regions, sub-regions, and local chapters. It has specific principles of unity, and goals which are agreed upon by its membership. Among the local chapters there is political diversity in the implementation of these goals. CISPES does not work by consensus. Within CISPES there is a chain of decision making leadership. Like LAG, the membership has to be mobilized in order for decisions to bear fruit. At the working group level for the Port Chicago Action much effort went into reaching consensus. There were other similarities to LAG working group meetings—with check-ins and go-arounds. The meetings were task oriented, and more efficient. Personal feelings were expressed through this task orientation mode; meetings had no ritual closing. Much as I sometimes feel our closing circles are forced—I never did get used to meetings just ending!

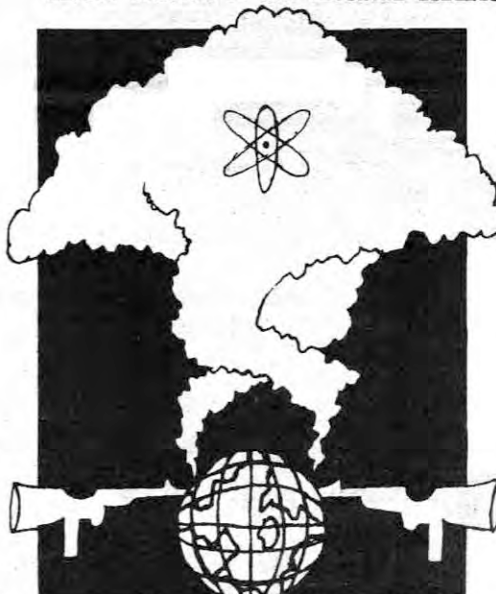
I believe we need to have a non-judgemental understanding of how others get their work done. The process and structures that people work with affect their politics and the nature and tone of their actions. Going to an action, we may be taken back by certain aspects because they are so unlike the way we do things. I would like us to be able to understand these differences in the context of organizational structures, while remembering that we have very similar political goals.

CISPES, like LAG, is issue oriented. Neither group is a party that relates to issues in terms of advancing a party platform. When we do concur on issues, we form a bond that makes differences in process less threatening and compromise more accessible. I think that CISPES's process results in actions that are more focused and have less autonomy. The roles and functions of monitors in such actions differ from ours. One way is not better or more advanced politically. Hopefully we can overlook these differences in favor of the political goals of an action.

There is a thread that is anti-militarist and anti-interventionist as well as anti-nuclear, that runs through all the January events and binds them tightly together. Workshops at the teach-in wound the separate anti-nuclear and anti-interventionist fibers into a strong thread by showing that the danger of nuclear war is greater in the Middle East or the Caribbean, than a direct nuclear confrontation between the Superpowers. The thread was growing and supported those who reminded us that our neighbor, the University, is providing shelter to the agents of destruction. The intransigence of the University was manifest by the police. Many of

those who were arrested at U.C. Berkeley are community activists who work on local electoral issues. That activists who work on electoral issues recognize the importance of civil disobedience as part of their work is very commendable. Likewise, getting arrested at actions loses effectiveness and meaning if it stands alone. If the community and student activists who got arrested together, continue to work together, efforts to make the University more accountable will be greatly strengthened.

At Vandenberg, and Port Chicago, people were bound together in their commitment. Port Chicago and Vandenberg are similar. Nuclear and conventional weapons are kept at both places. The Marshall Islands target range speaks to the primary reason for the existence of such weapons—intervention! Port Chicago has long been a departure point for outgoing shipments of arms and munitions. More than 70% of the weapons used to crush a popular revolution in Vietnam were shipped from Port Chicago. The U.S. maintains direct control of the Marshall Islands,



insuring their use as a testing ground for the development of atomic weapons. U.S. involvement in the Marshalls and throughout the Pacific has long been a quiet, little noticed state of affairs.

Being in jail following protest arrests offers an intense, exhilarating experience. Even though we invariably have privileged conditions, we have willfully given up power over our lives. As we discover through jail solidarity, we have gained personal power and freedom. People can become more vulnerable and open. Personal processes sharpen and speed up. In the jail at Martinez, many of us experienced this. An important part of the experience was that LAG people and CISPES people were together on a practical, nitty-gritty level. Often in coalition work, organizational and personal contact is done by a very few individuals. Members do not get to meet, to know, and to work with others. In jail we are in there all together because of shared beliefs and desires. This foundation served as the meeting ground for exploring other differences, such as those real or imagined between LAG and CISPES. People did use the opportunity to make leaps in understanding. As we return to other schedules and routines, the intensity fades. The experience is always ours and can be revived and nurtured. Indeed, it is imperative to our beliefs and integrity to do so.

—Paul Desfor

LIVERMORE ACTION GROUP PRESENTS ANT THEATRE

PRODUCTION OF the BOMBMAKER

...a one-act comedy fantasy with music.

A Livermore Lab scientist dies, meets the gods, and has a change of heart. Will he be able to stop the weapon he created?

The director & co-author of this original play have worked with the S.F. Mime Troupe.



PLUS: DANCE WITH
THE SUBURBAN TROLLS
POLITICAL
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ACTION CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 1983

- 19 "The Bombmaker" - a one-act comedy fantasy with music produced by Ant Theater. A Livermore Lab scientist dies, meets the gods, and has a change of heart. Will he be able to stop the weapon he created? PLUS: Dance with the Suburban Trolls, political rhythm & blues. Theater--8:30 Dance--9:30 Both only \$3. Unitarian Fellowship, 1924 Cedar at Bonita, Berkeley. Benefit for Livermore Action Group.

Some Christians and perhaps people of other religions will hold an organizing/planning meeting at 2118 Eighth St., Berkeley, 9 am - noon. Topic: witness against the bomb at LLL and elsewhere. Contact: Clancy 841-7121.

War Tax Resistance workshop covering fundamentals of conscientious tax refusal. 10 am-2 pm in San Jose and Marin counties. Call N. Calif. War Tax Resistance 415/849-2360.

- 20 LAG Regional Council meeting to consense on LAG's future actions. Send empowered spokes to the Urban School, 1563 Page St., SF. Agenda review at 11 am, meeting at 11:30. Non-spokes are encouraged to come and join LAG working collectives.

Non-violence Preparers Prep, at the Farm, corner of Army and Potrero. For sign-up, contact Eric Bear, (415)285-8729.

- 21 LAG Coordinating Council meeting. Call LAG office 644-3031 for time and place.

- 22 "What Difference Could a Revolution Make?" Slide show on rural change in Nicaragua and in the zones controlled by El Salvador's FMLN. Nick Allen of Casa El Salvador & Salvador Martinez. 7:30 at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley. \$2.50. For info: 644-3636.

- 24 International Day Working Collective meeting. Call Jim Hildreth 821-7398 for time and place.

- 25 LAG Sing-Along, 1636 Walnut, Berkeley. 7:30. For info: 845-7248.

Massage-A-Thon fundraiser for the March Vandenberg action. Sponsored by Cosmic Compost affinity group. Come get a massage \$20-\$50 per. 10 am to 8 pm at the Oceana Center in Berkeley. Call 534-5749 to make your reservation.

- 27 Vandenberg Action Coalition Spokes-council meeting. For time & place call 408/476-8215.

One-day non-violence preparation in San Francisco. 10 am - 6 pm. For place call Marian 641-4095.

- 28 LAG Coordinating Council meeting. 7:30. For place call LAG 644-2028.

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- 2 International Day Working Collective, 7:30 pm. For place call Jim Hildreth 821-7398.

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 Abalone Alliance. 7-10 pm at Haight Senior Center, 1350 Waller St., SF. Call Liz to register 285-9685.

- 3 Protest Reagan and Queen Elizabeth at their official state dinner in San Francisco. For info call the LAG office 644-3031 to join a LAG contingent, or coalition numbers: 821-6545 or 861-0425.

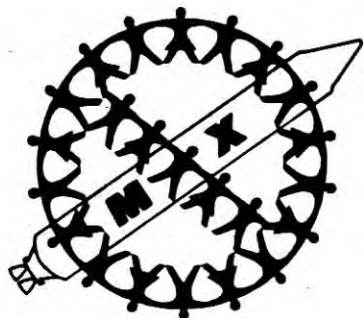
- 5 One-Day Non-violence Preparation in Walnut Creek, 9 - 5. To register call Patty at 838-7624.

Non-Violence training for Vandenberg - first day of two-step preparation. 10-6. For location in the SF Bay Area, call Marian at 641-4095.

Irish music and dance benefit for Livermore Action Group. Rinnce Mor Ceilidhe Dancers at Starry Plough, 3101 Shattuck, Berkeley. Dance to live music after the performance. \$3 at door.

Non-violent communication workshop by Marshall Rosenberg, Director of Center for Nonviolent Communication in Sherman, Texas. 1:30-4:30 at 349 Church St., SF. Tuition is requested at \$10. To pre-register, send name, address, phone number, & tuition to Center for Nonviolent Communication, 3229 Bordeaux, Sherman TX 75090 or call 214/893-3886. Make checks out to Marshall Rosenberg.

- 5 Livermore blockade June 20 planning meeting. 2-5 pm. Everyone invited to begin making this action happen! Call LAG 644-3031 for place



ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you were arrested on state charges at Vandenberg, contact Margaret Mossman, (415)668-8142.

Anyone who experienced illness of the intestinal persuasion at or after Vandenberg please call Dik, 621-2982.

If you live in Alameda County and were ill after Vandenberg, call the Alameda County Health Dept, Dr. Benjamin.

Ron Andrews, whose tireless work co-ordinating the computer-programming of the LAG mailing list has saved the rest of us the day-long task of bulk-mail sorting (far and away the most aggravating task in producing this paper), needs some HELP----with programming and data entry. Flexible hours. Can you help? Phone the LAG office, 644-3031.

The International Day working group is getting ready to paste up its encyclopedic handbook, and has issued an all points alert for graphics and graphic artists. Donations of drawings, or volunteered drawing time, would be greatly appreciated. Phone Tori at the LAG office, 644-3031.

February is KPFA's pledge month--KPFA has been a great supporter of LAG and the entire movement. At many of our less-dramatic actions, KPFA

is the only media present. Show them we appreciate their support of LAG and the whole community by calling 848-KPFA today.

The Freedom Song Network meets monthly. Members share old and new songs. We provide a supportive, non-competitive environment to share feedback, generate ideas for new performing possibilities, and function as a clearinghouse for organizations seeking musicians for benefits, rallies, demonstrations, etc. Our first concert, Saturday March 12 at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, is the first in a series to introduce ourselves to the community and invite others to JOIN US. Contact Linda Hirschhorn, 826-5466 for info.

Want to help work on the April Jobs with Peace activities? Call Rita, 864-3831.

Lost Film at Vandenberg rally, in front of auditorium. Call Paul Courtney, 857-2178.

Mountain People for a Nuclear Free Future is having an art raffle to raise funds for the VAC action in March. Tickets are a \$1 donation. If you can buy or sell tickets write or call: PO Box 19, Friant CA 93626, (209)868-9368 or 264-5803. Drawing will be held March 5, 1983.



Ken Nightingale

MARCH

- 6 Benefit for Vandenberg Action Coalition with True Confessions and the Fur Trappers, 8pm at the Farm, Army & Potrero, SF. Donation \$4-6. For more info, call 826-4290.

Tools for political thinking, workshop by Margo Adair. Continues Sundays thru March. Sliding scale. Information 861-6838.

- 6-8 "The Four Corners: A National Sacrifice Area?" Opening of new film on energy development in the Southwest. March 6, 2pm, New Varsity Theater, 456 Univ., Palo Alto, with Kate Wolf, Hopi spokesperson Thomas Banyacya & filmmakers. \$5. March 7 (tentative) same info, but at York Theater in San Francisco. Benefit for Friends of the Earth. March 8, 7:30 pm, 155 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley campus with Thomas Banyacya and filmmakers. Graduate School of Journalism 415/747-0685.

- 7 LAG Coordinating Council meeting. 7:30 pm. For place call 644-2028.

How and Why to Start a Collective Listen and learn why actors, bakers, & furniture makers decided to collectivize. 7:30-10 pm, 3120 Shattuck, Berkeley. Suggested fee: 1/2 your hourly wage.

- 7-8 National Freeze lobby in Wash, DC. For info call 415/986-7605.

- 8 International Women's Day

- 9 International Day Working Collective meeting. 7:30 pm. For place call Jim at 821-7398.

Nonviolent communication workshop by Marshall Rosenberg. 1:30-4:30 pm at 349 Church St., SF. See March 5 calendar item.

- 10 Fundraising Workshop presented by Dorie Wilsnack of the War Resisters League/West for LAG members and other interested people. 7-10 pm at 1939 Cedar St., Berkeley. For info call Virginia 644-3031. Donation requested.

- 12 Nonviolence preparation. 9am-5pm in the East Bay. For place call Marian 641-4095. This is a 1-day training.

Freedom Song Network Sampler, political music by a group of local musicians. Benefit for Freedom Song Network, La Pena, and Artworks for People. 8pm, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, \$4. Call Linda Hirschhorn 826-5466 for more info.

Role play day for people in affinity groups who have already had nonviolence preparation. For time and place call Marian 641-4095.

Nonviolence preparation. Second day of 2-part training. Legal discussion and jail strategy. 10 am to 6 pm in the SF Bay Area. For place call Marian 641-4095.

- 13 Vandenberg Action Coalition spokescouncil. For time & place call San Luis Obispo 805/543-2106.

- 14 LAG Coordinating Council meeting 7:30. Call 644-2028 for place.

- 14 Collective Movements in the Bay Area in the 1930s. 7:30-10 pm, 3120 Shattuck, Berkeley. Sponsored by the InterCollective. Suggested fee: 1/2 your hourly wage.

- 16 General meeting of the CONTRA COSTANS FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE FUTURE. Program will focus on Diablo Canyon and the protest actions happening there later this spring. Free and open to the public. 7:30 pm at S.F. Federal Savings, 1660 Olympic Blvd, Walnut Creek. For info call Patty at 838-7624.

International Day Working Collective meeting. 7:30 pm. For place call Jim at 821-7398.

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

- 18 Vandenberg Air Force Base Action. Leafletting and outreach in Lompoc and at Vandenberg. 415/641-4095

- 19 Vandenberg Action Coalition spokescouncil, nonviolence preparations, and general preparation for equinox action at Vandenberg. For place call 415/641-4095 noon to 8 pm.

Pacifist Dinner. War Resisters League/West will celebrate WRL's 60-Year Anniversary with a hearty meal, live entertainment, & raffle prizes. Dinner at 7pm; program at 8:30. Trinity Methodist Church, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$7 at door. For info contact WRL/West at 415/731-1220.

- 20 Vandenberg Action Coalition Rally near Vandenberg AFB. For time & place call 415/641-4095 noon-8 pm.

Slides of Nicaragua by returning traveler Dave Hartsough of AFSC. 7:30 at Friends Meeting House, Vine & Walnut, Berkeley.

- 21 Civil Disobedience Action at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Santa Barbara County, to protest testing of first strike and MX missiles. For more info call 415/641-4095 from noon-8 pm.

Consensus Workshop, Part I (see March 2 description). 7-10 pm at 3120 Shattuck, Berkeley.

LAG Coordinating Council meeting 7:30 pm. Call 644-2028 for place.

- 22 Job with Peace planning meeting, 7:30pm, 272 Divisadero #5, SF. Call Rita 864-3831 for information.

- 27 Report from Central America, slide show and talk by David Hartsough of AFSC concerning his recent visit to Central American refugee camps. 1pm, Friends Center, 2160 Lake, SF.

APRIL 1983

- 1 Good Friday witness at LLL and elsewhere; some will probably disobey earthly laws. Contact: Clancy, 415/841-7121.

April First Blockade of Livermore Lab (at separate gate from the Good Friday witness). Nuclear weapons make fools of us all. For info call Eldrid 841-7994.

BLOCKADE LIVERMORE

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Oak Ridge Enrichment Plant, TRW, University of Wisconsin and General Atomics.

This past year, with the help of the nuclear visionary, Edward Teller, the Lab proudly announced research on a third generation of nuclear weapons. A new building is under construction to house scientists working on the development of space weapons. In addition, 1983 will be a year for the Lab to extend its research on ABM systems. Although the further deployment of ABM sites is prohibited by treaty, the US has spent \$11 billion on research and testing since 1959. The stated aim of the Army is to deploy the ABM system if the MX is deployed.

LLL will engage in more extensive research and testing of conventional weapons in 1983. One LLL scientist has pinpointed conventional weapons as one of the most important research areas for the future.

The seriousness of the challenge that must be mounted against LLL's well funded military indulgences cannot be overstated. The next several years are most critical in opposing the first strike and unverifiable nature of the new weapons systems, which permanently threaten arms negotiations.

Our accomplishments over the past year provide hope for the future.

This month marks the one year anniversary of LAG. In this year we opposed the "upgrading lethality" conference; organized 5 CD actions with 1600 total arrests; did everything from vigils to funeral marches; formulated a bias challenge to Judge Lewis which exposed the Valley Study Group as an advertising network for the Lab; witnessed successful not guilty pleas; prompted the PR Director of LLL to leave his job; and even saw the widow of Ernest Lawrence object to the weapons work of the Lab.

This time last year we had just organized our first action and returned from jail. Similarly, now as then, we are looking forward—building for a major action at LLL.

There are differences in our numbers. We've grown from 6 people sitting in a livingroom to a body of 2500 people involved to varying degrees.

This quick growth and strong base requires certain necessities, for us to continue to move forward together toward concrete social change. We need to initiate individual and collective efforts of political reflection and self-criticism.

How well have our tactical and "life quality" objectives been fulfilled?

For example:

--How/where has jail solidarity worked/broken down?

--When have we succeeded/failed in communicating/working with people different (politically, economically) from ourselves?

--How does strategy at the blockade site further our immediate and global goals?

--What have been significant movement building actions/involvements?

--Who has come into LAG? Who has left?

--What are the unspoken assumptions we hold that may need to be articulated?

--How do I define violence/non-violence/anger/conflict/peace?

These internal questions are some of what needs to be discussed as we move outward from our center to create a network of organizations

and individuals committed to disarmament.

As we strengthen our statements of anti-militarism, anti-racism, feminism and solidarity, we must also make them practical. By this I mean we must put them into practice with the same commitment that leads us to the blockade site.

The June 20 action gives us an opportunity to build an even stronger base, move toward fulfilling our objectives and improving the way we relate to one another in our day to day work. I think we can hold the vision of the long road of social change we're on, and not be temporarily swayed by the possible faddish nature of doing CD. We can also work vigorously to change the destructive external structures as we simultaneously unravel their counterparts within each of us. The manifestation of the political and emotional objectives of the June action will impel us toward our goal of global disarmament. Let's work generously together over these next many months, not just to fulfill our long range desires but for the immediate sense of hope that comes from the enthusiastic involvement of everyone.

** Tamara Thompson



I FEEL SECURE IF YOU FEEL SECURE

A WAVE OF PROTESTS

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There is much to be said about the ways these various actions and different political perspectives are related. Nuclear weapons and US intervention around the world are intricately linked. Wherever there is intervention or conflict where either of the two superpowers is involved, there is a danger of escalation from conventional to nuclear confrontation. The nuclear umbrella makes the world safe for conventional genocide. The cold-war stalemate between the superpowers provides an excuse for them to rape and plunder around the world. The development of a first strike capability by the US is a necessary back-up which gives the US the edge where they are losing a conventional battle. One could also argue that the activities of all these institutions--the University of California, the nuclear weapons design labs, the Air Force base, and the Naval Weapons Station--serve one and the same economic class. The links abound.

However, the most important unifying factors are not how the nuclear and the conventional weapons, the arms race and economic troubles, and super-power competition are all inter-related. We could, and will, argue about these endlessly. The most significant ties are the human bonds we are building by struggling together toward common political goals. The ongoing existence of the international corporations and the nuclear establishment depends on the repression of various human groupings and communities. If we are fractured and divided our voices are faint. United, our cries

will penetrate the most stubborn ears. International ties, and bonds between different races, sexual orientations, religious and political groupings are the very substance of the emerging order.

There was something particularly significant about each demonstration. Students, the larger community, and community organizers were well represented at the UC demonstrations. The Vandenberg action was the product of a combined effort over a broad geographical network. The Port Chicago protest involved many anti-nuclear and non-intervention people and people of color. If we keep this up we are well on our way to breaking the "young, single-issue, radical student" stereotype.

A "single-issue" peace movement is the most vulnerable to co-optation, and the most susceptible to internal division and fluctuation. The only way the peace movement will survive is if we build a broad political base of domestic and international support.

We should not pat ourselves on the back prematurely... we have not yet begun to understand the importance of building common political ties internationally. Many stones are still unturned. We are so introspective that we have not yet begun to imagine the potential for building the kind of resistance that will bring real change.

--by Ken Nightingale

MARCH VANDENBERG UPDATE

Out of the January 30th spokes meeting on the Vandenberg Action Coalition in Berkeley came the following decisions:

1. The blanket empowering of spokes so they can make decisions at spokes council meetings. AGs are responsible for getting the agenda for next spokes council meeting.
2. Working groups and collectives which use consensus may send empowered spokes to spokes council meetings.
3. We are officially self-designated "Vandenberg Action Coalition."
4. We are responsible for sponsoring both the rally and CD in March.
5. The action will be termed "Non-Violent Direct Action at Vandenberg."

Working collective contacts were designated as follows:

1. Rally: Dave (805) 685-7681.
2. Finance: Alan: (707) 937-4929.
3. Communication: Dave (415) 479-7381.
4. Logistics: Tom (415) 868-0188, and Joan (213) 399-1179.
5. Rides & Housing: Michael (415) 843-7493.
6. Media: Dick (415) 621-2982.

7. Networks: Pati (805) 962-0653.

8. Monitors: Eric (415) 285-8729.

9. Legal: Jonathan-621-3233

10. Outreach & Publicity: Urban Stonehenge AG (415) 641-4095.

11. Medical: Siegrid (408) 426-1337.

12 & 13: Office & Guides not yet convened.

Our next spokescouncil meeting is/was February 13th in Santa Barbara. Patti (805) 962-0653 and Dave (805) 685-7681 are/were the facilitators.

Since the January 30th meeting it was learned that Ryan Park in Lompoc is secured for the Rally.

Also it was announced that the Presidential commission working on a basing mode for the MX has been extended another thirty days (apparently to March 18th) to submit its report.

Back at the January 30th meeting, little discussion and no decision was had on the subject of a flexible date for a CD response to the first test launching of the MX.

Finally, a summary of the evaluation meeting.

We were more than seventy strong from as far north as Oregon, as far south as Los Angeles, with an encouragingly generous sprinkling of "in-betweeners" not from the S.F. Bay Area! And we were uniformly excited about what we had accomplished. Given the pouring rain and the Alliance for Survival rally cancellation, according to one report, it is amazing that anything happened, let alone the success we enjoyed.

LAG REGIONAL COUNCIL FEB. 20

A separate announcement has gone to all affinity group and working group spokes to send one person to be an empowered spoke at a Bay Area Regional Council meeting on February 20, to discuss and decide on proposals for LAG's involvement in 1983 actions.

Others need to come to observe and advise their spokes. Additionally, since most day-to-day planning and decisions in LAG now occur at the working collective level, this meeting will also be a time to join a working collective of your choice.

We need to talk about how LAG can best serve the cause of a larger, more effective movement. We have consensed on another action at Livermore June 20(at last summer's Congress) as one of the major actions of 1983. The only

way we know how to make these actions happen is through increased involvement in working and affinity groups.

The February 20th meeting will start with an agenda review at 11am, with business beginning at 11:30. The place is the Urban School, 1563 Page St. at Masonic in San Francisco. Please come and help decide where LAG should put its human and other resources in 1983!

Contact your spoke or the office for more information. The office phone is 644-3031.

ALSO: Livermore June 20 action planning meeting SATURDAY MARCH 5, 2-5pm. Call office for details.

MARCH 3, 1983 TELL REAGAN: Protest Reagan's & Queen Elizabeth's Visit in S.F.—March 3 WE WANT JOBS, FOOD AND HOUSING—NOT RACISM, WAR & CUTBACKS!



On Thursday, March 3rd, President Reagan will be in San Francisco, hosting an official state dinner for Queen Elizabeth at the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. The Reagan administration's anti-people program of drastic cutbacks in social services combined with the biggest military build-up in history has meant great suffering for millions at home and abroad. Support for repressive regimes has inflicted a tremendous toll from El Salvador to Lebanon to South Africa. In this country, the numbers of unemployed, homeless and hungry have multiplied. Reagan's program is racist, sexist, anti-lesbian/gay, anti-labor—anti-human. And Queen Elizabeth, the official head of state of England, is a symbol of the continuing oppression of the Irish people, fighting for their freedom. March 3rd is an opportunity for a mass show of opposition to Reagan and Reaganism. We urge you to contact the numbers below to help organize the March 3rd demonstration against Reagan and Queen Elizabeth. For more information, call 415-821-6545; 861-0425.

MARCH—5:30

assemble at panhandle, march to GG Park

RALLY—6:30PM

at Big Rec Field, Golden Gate Park

LAG has endorsed this action, and members of LAG are helping co-ordinate events. Join us for an evening of action and solidarity with countless other community groups to protest the outrage of Reagan and the Queen trespassing in the bay area.

Initial and partial list of endorsements: Congressman Ron Dellums, Rev. Howard Lloyd, Bethel AME Church, 317; Father Larry Dunphy, Franciscan Social Concern Committee; Oakland's All Peoples Congress; La Raza Legal Alliance; Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador; La Raza; Oakland City Councilman Wilson Riley, Jr.; John George, president, Alameda County Board of Supervisors; William Thompson, division chairman, Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks, local 248; Bernard Smallwood, executive committee, International Association of Machinists, Local 1518; Casa El Salvador Foralunway Mam; Casa Chile, American Indian Movement; Kay Cole, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; Citizens for a Representative Government; Concerned Parents of South Oakland; Trade Unionists in Solidarity with El Salvador; Paul Dettler, Livermore Action Group; Warren Frank, president, Association of Legal Aid Workers; U.A.W. Demo 657; Lesbian and Gay Focus; All Peoples Congress; Martin Golden, Access California; Guatemala News and Information Bureau; Peace & Freedom; San Francisco Central Committee.