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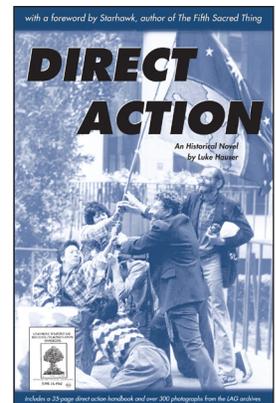


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by Luke Hauser

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LIVERMORE!

WE ARE PLANNING ANOTHER MASSIVE BLOCKADE AT THE LIVERMORE NUCLEAR WEAPONS DESIGN LAB, AND ARE NETWORKING ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND AROUND THE WORLD FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. We see that the ongoing research at Livermore, combined with the interventionist foreign policy of the Reagan administration and the military utopian visions of the Pentagon, make a nuclear war ever more likely. We demand an end to this intervention and nuclear escalation.

What follows are four reasons why we are closer to a nuclear war...four reasons why we should be protesting for all we are worth:

(1) The promise of the Reagan administration to deploy in Europe the non-verifiable cruise missile, and the Pershing II missile (which is only six minutes from Moscow), will force the Soviet Union to put their nuclear arsenal on a "launch on warning" alert. It has also led to a threat from the Soviet Union that they will respond to this American escalation by deploying nuclear missiles in Cuba. If neither superpower gives in, we are well on our way to a second "Cuban missile crisis" -- one that could easily lead to a nuclear exchange.

(2) Tensions in the Middle East are far from being resolved. The U.S. is committed to protecting its interest in the Middle East with the nuclear threat. Both Carter and Reagan have given the nuclear ultimatum over tensions in the Middle East. The pressure of the Rapid Deployment Force with integrated conventional and nuclear capabilities makes this region even more volatile. Deployment of the cruise and Pershing II would be used to intimidate the Soviet Union from intervening against the Rapid Deployment Force, and could lead to an all-out exchange.

(3) Intervention in Central America is surging. Increased aid and advisors to El Salvador is followed by the CIA backed invasion of Nicaragua which is reminiscent of Kennedy's "Bay of Pigs". The confrontational anti-Soviet rhetoric of the Reagan administration promises more suffer-

ing for Central American people and deeper U.S. involvement that could lead to a nuclear confrontation.

(4) At home, Reagan's recent push for the development of a laser space-based Anti-Ballistic Missile System, leaks that the Commission on Strategic Forces will recommend MX deployment in Minuteman silos, deployment of Trident submarines, and deployment of air launched cruise missiles on B52 bombers, promises to further destabilize the balance of nuclear terror, as the U.S. seeks first strike superiority. The more than 2000 that have been arrested at Livermore, and the more than 1000 that have been arrested at Vandenberg Air Force Base is a warning to the current administration that persistence in the current direction will not go unprotested.

Reagan's recent call for a mobilization of America's scientists into a research effort to develop a laser space-based, anti-ballistic missile system only makes public research that has been going on in secret for many years. A secret project known only by its code initial "R program" has been in a "conceptual study phase" for some time at the Livermore nuclear weapons design lab. Last year this project had a staff of 70 and a budget of \$15 million for particle beam weapon research. More than \$200 million is spent annually and a total of more than \$2 billion has been spent nation-wide on particle beam weapon research and development. Edward Teller, a close associate of Reagan's chief science advisor, championed this technology in a visit he had with Reagan in October of 1982.

Intelligence leaks that the Soviet Union is far ahead of us in this technology were carefully timed to influence the last congressional vote to increase funding of the laser research community. The Livermore Lab stands behind this new research effort. In response to Reagan's speech, Roy D. Woodruff, Associate Director for Nuclear Design at Livermore, said on March 24, "I strongly support the President's concept of developing a defensive nuclear capability, if that

On March 21 the Vandenberg Action Coalition (VAC) launched its second successful demonstration at Vandenberg Air Force Base near Lompoc, Ca., part of the Strategic Air Command and proposed site of the first Missile Experimental (MX) test. Kicking off Sunday with a colorful and well-organized rally in Santa Maria, affinity groups began penetrating the base boundaries in the wee hours of Monday morning. At dawn there was a hearty presence at the main gate which was maintained during the days until Thursday the 24th. At that time at least 771 protesters had been taken into custody. The detained were protesting the testing of first-strike weapons and the taking of indigenous people's lands in the Pacific by the U.S. government for the test. Also decried was the Pentagon's manipulation of the Space Shuttle Program at Vandenberg for military purposes.

In contrast to the first Vandenberg action on Jan. 24, the sheer increase in number of arrests illustrated the greater confidence and sense of purpose permeating this hastily organized action under almost as miserable weather conditions. Knowing that the

basic concept of the action was workable, the coalition took the time and energy needed to focus on details and the results were clearly visible. The camp dotted a soggy but green pasture with a colorful tent-city where participants were greeted by hot water (showers) and better sanitation practices. Turning Tide Affinity Group once again performed amazing feats of foodware for a greater than capacity crowd. The vibe of the camp and the many meetings therein was patiently positive and everywhere the spirit of cooperation was seen. Behind a grim sense of purpose was a strong desire to make the best of it.

At this second demonstration much more creative energy was employed. Balloons, songs, chants, signs, costumes, and theatre were colorful everywhere in ways that forced sunlight from uncertain skies and re-enforced a positive nonviolent atmosphere affecting all (including the military). Time after time the cops were forced to display their humanity with smiles in response to the many acts of love. Acts of hatred and violence were unwatched by this non-arrested writer. Except for the

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is technically feasible."

This is an outrage. The President's and the Livermore Lab's notion that it is possible to develop a defense against a nuclear attack will only encourage the arms race and invite a nuclear attack.

We are encouraging actions against nuclear and military facilities everywhere. It is especially timely that we support the European disarmament movement in protest against local cruise and Pershing production sites and contractors. ICBM flight testing at Vandenberg, nuclear testing in Nevada, nuclear warhead design at Livermore and Los Alamos, and points of shipment of arms for U.S. intervention abroad are several possible foci for protest.

In the Bay Area, Livermore is a prominent place for us to register our protest to Reagan's foreign policy and nuclear escalation. The research and development at Livermore of the cruise, Pershing, Trident, MX, neutron and conventional warheads, and anti-ballistic missile technology makes the nuclear threat a reality. The nuclear war that could kill us all is now being designed at Livermore.

- by Ken Nightingale & Steve Nadel

AT WHAT COST A BLOCKADE?

Here I am, the organizer for a coordinate the fund-raising for an organization that's involving thousands of people and in so doing, is spending anywhere from \$6,000 to \$14,000 a month. I need more help, folks! Fundraising, including coordinated efforts organization-wide, should be done collectively, enthusiastically, and unendingly. When one person is titled with it, people think it's being taken care of. Even describing it as being under the auspices of a collective lets people ignore that we're all responsible for the costs incurred in collective action.

People organizing the action see that a handbook (\$7,000) needs to be produced to reach people statewide with word of activities, a site deposit (\$1,000) needs to hold down a

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location for a rally, a telephone bill (\$225) is overdue, a mailing (\$300) of Direct Action is going to the post office, or a letter (40c) is to be posted to Germany to answer requests for information about International Day June 20. They then take what is on hand (from sales and donations and benefits) to do these things and they borrow the rest. The money is loaned by fellow activists who are not rich but can part with \$100 to \$1,000 for a given period of time. It's all an act of faith—faith on the part of the loaners that the people who make up the organization will pay them back. Then there's the faith on the part of the borrowers that the people who support the work will send in enough donations and do enough fundraising to enable the visionary but anxious borrowers to repay—in the time period agreed upon—the supportive but less-than-wealthy loaners.

If more people do not do more fundraising, we're going to have to cut costs. How? The less outreach and materials producing we do, the smaller our base of support, and the fewer the donations.

We're ahead in action commitments and behind in work. The jumping from action to action to pay the bills via the flood of checks during the heat of the blockade—well, we're not making the hurdles any longer. By the end of April, we'll have \$15,000 or more to pay back!



Part of this repellant of fundraising stems from asking for or being asked for money for a cause that has limited impact or appeal, like a high school band fund. But raising money for the largest and most directly active disarmament group this side of the Rockies should not be lumped into the same category as raising money for the Boy Scouts, for example. There are hordes familiar with LAG and anxious to give money to make it go. If people aren't familiar with the organization or excited about it, how will they become so? By outreach that is fundraising.

Which brings up how we can pay the debt and do this and future actions, and keep the office open. A very simple scheme—call it "KNOCK". Knock on a door, tell someone about LAG and the Lab, ask them to pitch in. There will be a VOLUNTEER LAG CANVASS DAY SUNDAY MAY 29, 2 to 6 PM. The turf will be S.F. and possibly Marin and/or Berkeley. 250 of us can raise \$8000 in one day (a comparable group of volunteers raised as much for medical aid to El Salvador last year). If you're able to come out that day with us, please call in now or send your name, phone # and address to Virginia at the LAG office. We need to know how many people will go out and we can send you the info on canvass briefings etc.

Scheme #2: "BLOCK" Even simpler. Ask some 10 people to sponsor your June 20 blockade at the Lab. Ask people who believe in the effort but aren't in a position to participate directly. Suggest \$5. If 100 people rounded up 10 such sponsors, we could pay \$5,000 in Livermore Action bills.

Scheme #3: "HAWK": Around April 1, the all-new and improved handbook will be out. It's prime springtime opportunity for tabling—at a supermarket, a rally, Telegraph Ave etc. It doesn't take much hawking to get folks interested in LAG items and literature. Affinity groups or pairs of people tabling usually bring in \$50 to \$100 in an afternoon. The office has the tables and materials. Call to sign up on the tabling calendar or drop by

3126 Shattuck.

SAN FRANCISCANS! We need someone in S.F. who is willing to coordinate S.F. tabling. We'll get the people to table; we need someone who'll keep track of materials, stock the volunteers and restock when necessary. This service could greatly increase tabling income. If you can do this, please call the office.

So—knock, block and hawk. If you've wanted to help but haven't known how, now you do. No time to canvass or table? Maybe you have other fundraising ideas. Come in and talk about it. We can get in the black and stay in the black if we all do these outreach/fundraising activities consistently. But we need every one of us. There's nobody here but us chickens!

— by Virginia Frantz



research pot-luck

If you are interested in discussing issues of female/male participation in LAG activities, or in joining a recently formed LAG research group, please come to a pot-luck dinner on Thursday, April 27, 7:00 pm at 2017 Stuart St. (Berkeley). What do these two issues have in common you ask? Well, since February a number of us have been meeting in an effort to establish a research group of LAG members and others interested in providing information, analysis and research for the movement. Our original goals were to set up a research collective that would be closely integrated with the movement, and involve both experienced researchers and others with little previous research background in a process of sharing skills and information. We hoped that the group would also be balanced in terms of relatively equal participation by men and women. However, as of our third meeting the group has come to be composed largely of white males. This is a problem that needs to be addressed. Most members of the group feel that this reflects a more widespread problem in LAG: that there are important differences, based on gender, in terms of the division of labor and participation of people in different activities (e.g. office work, organizing, intellectual work, etc.). Before we can deal with this problem in forming a research group, it is appropriate to raise this question in terms of the organization as a whole. So bring food, friends, and ideas for discussion. For more information contact Tamara or Ken at the office.

a glossary of terms...

AFFINITY GROUP: people who hold long meetings.
CLUSTER: people who hold longer meetings.
SPOKESCOUNCIL: people who see meetings as a lifestyle.
FACILITATOR: person who makes sure meetings aren't too short.
CONSENSUS: state reached when an issue has become so boring that everyone is willing to wave bye-bye to it.
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE: polite form of naughtiness.
ROLE PLAYING: exercise for savoring unpleasant situations in advance.
NON-CO-OPERATION: sheer laziness.
SUPPORTERS: people who do all the work.
BLOCKADERS: people who get to go to camp while supporters are doing all the work.
POLICE: people who don't seem to know the songs.
JAYWALKING: sport in which many teams can compete at once; teams may or may not be uniformed.
HANDCUFFS: see nail clippers
BOOKING: chance to use a stage-name.
ARRAIGNMENT: like filing income taxes, a target for procrastination.
NOLO: first word of a long speech.
NOT GUILTY: opportunity for a return engagement.
JUDGE: captive audience
NEWSPAPER: document similar to a high school yearbook, in which one searches very hard for pictures of oneself and friends, then throws the rest away.
NUKES: see No.

—by Nell Clipper & Jay Walker (Katya & Harold)



BelSmith

Berkeley police demonstrate a chokehold for the city's Police Review Commission, which must decide whether such a tactic, similar to that used in several police murders of black suspects in Richmond CA, is to be allowed in Berkeley. The Review Commission postponed a decision; for more information, contact the LAG office, 644-3031.

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handbook

A local supplement to the International Day Handbook is needed to aid in organizing the June 20 Livermore blockade. The supplement will cover local logistics, special circumstances, California legal precedents, and other matters pertaining to the action. Writers, researchers, organizers, and producers are needed right away. Put the knowledge you gained last summer, or elsewhere, to good use. Call the office, 644-3031, for info.

childcare

Childcare is available for LAG meetings by advance request. Please phone the office, 644-3031, for information. Childcare volunteers are needed for many of this spring's actions, and a childcare collective is forming. If you would rather play with kids than consense, please leave your name and phone number at the office. Whenever possible, LAG meetings are held in wheelchair-accessible locations. All major meetings are in accessible buildings.



PUBLIC WITNESS AT THE FEDERAL BUILDING

APRIL 15

War Tax Day is Non-Collaboration Day!

Join us at noon on April 15th for a ceremonial gathering in front of the Federal building in San Francisco. There will be a memorial service for the millions of people who have died as a result of American militarism since the inception of the nuclear age—followed by the ritual burning of their tax forms by war-tax resisters and people who intend to become war-tax resisters during the coming year. We hope that representatives from all the local religious, peace and social justice organizations will come to this event and incorporate some of their rituals and perspectives into the ceremony. We also welcome the participation of unaffiliated war-tax resisters; of people who have lost loved ones because of United States militarism, and of people who have killed others in the service of the United States military. It isn't necessary to be a tax resister in order to take part in the memorial service. Please join us in planning for Non-Collaboration Day. We need organizational help, and help in creating the ceremony itself. There will be a meeting at Bartimaeus House (2118 8th St., Berkeley) on Saturday, April 2nd, at 2 PM. This witness is being sponsored by the Northern California War Tax Resistance League (W.T.R. for short), and by the Death and Taxes Affinity Group. About twenty thousand Americans are refusing to pay all or part of their Federal taxes this year for reasons of conscience—choosing, instead, to support organizations which work for peace and social justice. We are doing this because we object to the fact that sixty-one percent of our Federal income-tax dollars are used for war: to pay for past wars, to help present-day military dictatorships in wars against their own people, and to prepare for future interventionary and nuclear wars. We are doing this because we know that our military-industrial complex is entirely dependent on the financial support of American taxpayers—and that if everyone who objected to nuclear war and military intervention were to stop paying war taxes, the whole thing would grind to a screeching halt. Redirect your tax dollars to organizations which enhance life! Contact W.T.R. at (415)849-2360 for tax resistance counseling. Contact Jam Sylvan at (415)861-8522 or Jonika Mountainfire at (415)834-2172 for more information about Non-Collaboration Day. This will be a legal demonstration.

BLOCKADE LIVERMORE

On Monday, June 20, 1983--the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament--the Livermore Action Group will mount a blockade of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories.

Like the massive blockade of June 21, 1982, in which over 1300 were arrested and over 5000 demonstrated, the June 20 action will involve a decentralized network of affinity groups and clusters from hundreds of miles around the bay area.

Several other major civil disobedience actions may occur this summer: at Vandenberg if the MX test is attempted; at Diablo if testing is attempted; and at Port Chicago if Reagan recertifies human rights improvement by the puppet dictatorship of El Salvador.

Why, amidst this seemingly full calendar, is LAG sponsoring an action at Livermore?

There are two broad reasons, the first moral, the second "historical".

For moral reasons we must mount a massive civil disobedience action at Livermore on June 20.

We must return to Livermore. Despite over a year of protests, there is no evidence that labs management or the government have taken the first step towards so much as a discussion of our demands that the labs be converted to peaceful work. As was outlined in last month's Direct Action, the labs in fact had a most "successful" year, landing several new projects for nuclear weapons design and research, and will doubtless play a large role in campaigning for Reagan's new "Space Wars" technology. We must deliver a firm message that we will not passively acquiesce in this outrage. We must expose the academic and corporate ties to the labs; we must stop the bomb where it starts.

We must return en masse. A small but determined group of activists

have maintained an ongoing presence at the labs--several dozen arrests have occurred since October, and more will be happening in April and May (see local actions page). But it is necessary at this time to mount another all-out effort, to serve notice to the labs and to the whole military/corporate establishment that the ongoing protests of the few are backed up by the periodical massive actions of the larger group. We must show that the June 1982 blockade, far from being a one-time outburst, was the first in a rising tide of large-scale actions at the labs.

We must make non-violent civil disobedience a major focus of our protest. CD is the only non-violent strategy that can capture the attention of the establishment and its media. Legal protests go virtually unnoticed, while even a moderate-sized CD action focuses national attention on our cause and our demands. In addition, CD is the only non-violent strategy which can significantly empower the individual participant, which can dramatically increase our abilities to defy and ultimately to change the system.

We must return on June 20. Partly because our winter-long involvement in the Vandenberg actions has made an earlier date for an all-out effort unrealistic; but also because we made a commitment to do so last summer, which brings us to the second broad reason for a June blockade: the "historical" rationale.

At its 2-day Congress last August, LAG, represented by almost 200 spokes and participants, consented to call an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament for summer 1983 and to mount a blockade of Livermore on that Day. At the Congress, a working group was formed which after much ordeal drafted a Call for the Day, circulated it to hundreds of peace groups in America and abroad, and finally

settled on June 20--the Monday nearest the solstice--as the best day for co-ordinated actions.

LAG representatives attended two national conferences of peace groups this winter, the second trip resulting in LAG's affiliation with the Mobilization for Survival, a coalition of grass-roots organizations which endorsed the International Day; and two LAG representatives left in mid-February for an extensive tour through Europe to discuss the International Day and LAG's goals and plans.

Following the January Vandenberg action, LAG's working groups reaffirmed that major emphasis this spring should go into Livermore rather than other possible summer actions; a

statement from co-ordinating council to this effect was presented to a February spokes meeting and met with little resistance aside from requests that LAG continue to encourage and support other actions, particularly at Vandenberg.

Subsequent meetings have resulted in the formation of a variety of working groups to tackle the incredible amount of organizational work necessary for a successful action. At present, an all-out effort is underway to involve as many AGs and individuals as possible in the planning for the June 20 action. To volunteer or to get more information, phone 644-2028.

--by George Franklin



Bob Van Scoy

We Need A Few Good People — Lag Working Groups

LAG's working collectives can always use more help in organizing the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. If you find one which interests you, please contact the convenor and attend a meeting.

Community Outreach and Alliance Building (COAB). Present slide shows, talks, and LAG orientations to build participation in International Day activities. Coordinate speaking tours. Contact organizations and constituencies of the Bay Area community for mutual support of shared goals. COAB needs many new people. Contact Tori at 644-2028 or Howard at 524-4752.

Publications. Produce LAG's *Direct Action* newspaper; the International Day action bulletin describing actions planned around the world on June 20; and the local supplement to the International Day handbook. Keep mailing list up-to-date on a computer. Contact George 845-7248.

Media. Send out press releases and Public Service Announcements; organize press conferences and talk shows; write and submit articles. Contact Tamara at 644-3031.

Materials Production. Design and produce posters, flyers, leaflets, buttons, T-shirts, etc. Contact Ken at 644-3031.

Nonviolence Preparers. Give workshops in civil disobedience, consensus and facilitation. Train new people to give these workshops. Contact Anne at 282-2843.

Fundraising. Coordinate organization of raffles, walk-a-thons, phone-a-thons, direct mail fund appeals, special canvasses, benefits, concerts, application for grants and other fundraising activities. Make budget projections for LAG. Contact Virginia at 644-3031 to help form this collective.

Scenario. Organize the logistics for the June 20 blockade of Livermore Lab and facilitate strategy formation for it. New people very much needed. Contact Anna Graves at 655-5675.

Office Management. Explore how office can best be incorporated into LAG structure, recommend number of paid staff, recommend criterion and take application for staff positions. Review job loads. Contact Denise at 386-2453.

Livermore Outreach. Educate workers at Livermore Lab and citizens of Livermore of the implications of the work being done there so they will support our efforts to convert the Lab. Contact Laura at 540-7830.

International Day. Assess the progress of non-local outreach and planned actions on International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. Plan tours, mailings, action bulletin; write letters and articles to overseas correspondents. Contact Jim 821-7398.

Research. See Research Potluck article on p. 2.

Child Care. Organize child care for LAG meetings and events. Includes either getting volunteers or fundraising to hire child care workers. This collective needs a great deal of help. Contact Anne 282-2843.

Structure. Formulate agenda for large meetings to see that they function with maximum efficiency and personal satisfaction possible. Evaluate the overall structure of LAG to see that it functions well. This collective definitely needs help! Contact Tori 644-3031.

Theater. Organize greater participation in theatrical presentation of our politics at the Livermore blockade. Design costumes, signs, billboards, and props like the Grim Reaper and MX missile. Contact Mark at 658-7263.

Office. Maintain daily phone contact in LAG office between working collectives, affinity groups, and general public. Handle mail inquiries. Volunteers are needed for many special projects. Call LAG at 644-3031.

Legal. Provide legal support for LAG action participants who commit civil disobedience. Both lawyers and non-lawyers are welcome and needed. Contact Allison 540-6923 or Susan 849-3143.

Rally. Organize the LAG rally planned for June 11. Contact Denise 386-2453.

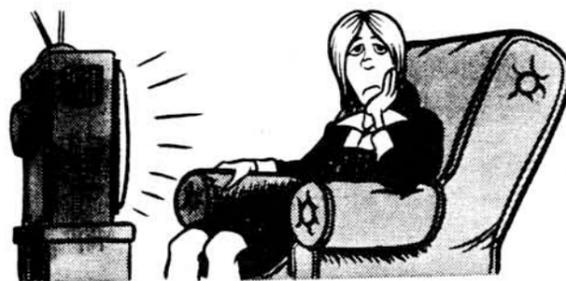
Monthly Actions. Explore ways of maintaining constant pressure on Livermore Lab in between larger LAG actions. Autonomous C.D. actions, vigils, fasts, leafletting. Contact Eldrid 841-7994.

Consulates. Take disarmament appeals to consulates of other nuclear powers and forwards responses to our own elected officials and to the media. Contact Billy 441-6904.

Table and Canvass. Educate the Oakland and Berkeley communities while fundraising for LAG by maintaining tables at public places and canvassing. New women members are needed in the collective. Some members are volunteers; others receive 40% of the funds they raise. Contact Erica at 655-4263.

Jail Planning. Develop processes to reduce or resolve conflict among protesters in jail around solidarity and other issues. May include organizing pre-jail workshops and dialogues. New people needed. Contact Robbie 547-6696.

In Reach. We are concerned about internal problems in LAG such as sexism, racism, homophobia, classism, ageism, fat phobia, as well as less easily labeled conflicts among group members. So far we have conducted workshops on the issues and we hope to make ourselves available to working groups and affinity groups for dispute mediation. But to join, you don't need to be interested in either of these two activities because we welcome new ideas. Contact Anne 282-2843 or Penn 552-1499.



WHY SIT HOME WATCHING TV WHEN YOU COULD BE GOING TO A L.A.G.

ORIENTATION

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Find out what's happening with International Day, the Livermore June 20 blockade, and much more! Plug into working groups and help organize the action! Sign up for non-violence training, LAG workshops, or affinity groups! Orientations are on weeknights from 7:30-10:00, in East Bay and San Francisco!

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LAG POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS

The following political topics will be on the agenda of LAG's Regional Councils on April 2 and May 15. We hope that through participation of affinity group and working group spokes in these meetings, the purpose and goals of Livermore Action Group will be more clearly defined.

Introduction:

This is a summary of small group discussions from two LAG meetings. It was prepared from notes and collective discussion by a small working group. The working group felt that while it did not want to inject its own prejudices into the summary, it had a commitment to prepare a document which helped to clarify the areas for further discussion and proposals in LAG. Hence the document does also reflect the questions and comments gathered from discussions outside of these small groups. The summary is organized into three parts--internal organization, short term goals, and long term strategies.

A. Internal Organization

The various discussions were centered on a similar concern. LAG seems to be developing two parallel organizations, each with its own decision-making process, lines of communication and delegation of responsibilities. One is centered on the working groups which do long term organizing and preparation for a particular action. The other is centered on the affinity groups which mobilize people for C.D. and do most of the necessary support work immediately prior, during and after an action.

A split is growing between the W.G.'s and A.G.'s. The W.G.'s perceive A.G.'s as doing insufficient organizing between actions. W.G.'s are hesitant to take direction from A.G.'s they perceive to be inactive. A.G.'s see the combination of working groups, weekly Coordinating Councils and office staff as too autonomous from the A.G.'s. Neither half perceives the other as sufficiently appreciative of the amount of work it is doing.

To heal these divisions, and better integrate the various parts of LAG we must address the following issues:

--How do we increase communications between W.G.'s and A.G.'s, and among A.G.'s?

--What role should the A.G.'s take on in ongoing organizing and preparation for actions?

--How can A.G.'s and W.G.'s be changed so that they function more closely together?

--How do we make the A.G.'s and W.G.'s more accessible to newcomers to LAG?

--Who are the W.G.'s accountable to and through what process?

B. Short Term Goals

In the short term we need to consider the political focus of International Day, the fall Euromissile demonstrations and our continued emphasis on LLNL. The questions of how to build and link these actions, so as to build the Bay Area anti-militarist movement are key. These questions include:

--What is the focus of International Day?

--To Stop Euromissiles?

--To stop U.S. interventionism (Kwajalein, El Salvador)

--What coalition or movement building do we want to do as part of International Day?

--How do we encourage other Bay Area groups to do independent actions as part of Int'l. Day?

--how do we link various anti-militarist actions (U.C., Port Chicago, Livermore) so as to support and build each other?

--How do we use Int'l. Day to build for fall Euromissile demonstrations?

--What demands to we make of the Labs as part of Int'l. Day?

--Long term - what do we mean by conversion?

--Short term demands (ex., public access, safety issues, U.C. severance)

--How do we widen the diversity of types of actions beyond C.D. to involve a broader constituency?

C. Long Term Strategies and Goals

The strong points of LAG are its combination of radicalism, feminism, anti-imperialism. Our politics are expressed in our consensated long term goals for a radical restructuring of society, our incorporation of feminist and radical politics into our internal process, and our emphasis on direct action. We are strengthened by the wide political and cultural diversity within LAG.

What we are missing is the connection between our day-to-day organizing activities and our long term vision of a new society. The lack of clear goals and a strategy to achieve them, leads to individual and group confusion. Individuals have a lack of focus, and no way to judge progress or success. W.G.'s have no overall guidelines or perspectives to guide their work.

The questions can be grouped into three areas:

--Overall strategy

--What is the "movement", who are our constituencies, what political alliances and coalitions do we need to make?

--What is(are) our perspective(s) on the long term causes of war?

--What is the connection between the use of C.D. and achieving our long term goals?

--How does our internal process and structure relate to our long term vision of how society should run?

--How do we use the diversity of backgrounds in LAG to strengthen us?

--Nature of C.D.

--Does C.D. limit our constituency?

--How do we increase the constituency for C.D.? (education, use of nonviolence preparations as outreach, increased support roles, more legal actions as build-ups)

--How do we see C.D. as part of an overall strategy for SOCIAL CHANGE?

--Coalition Building

--What kind of coalitions (if any) should LAG build?

--What can LAG bring to existing coalitions (process, resources, political demands and education)

--What does LAG need or get from working in coalitions?

D. Where Do We Go From Here?

How do we structure further discussion on these and other issues so as to

--Involve the largest portion of LAG possible?

--Have a real impact on what we do and how we organize?

--Create a process of ongoing discussion, evaluation and incorporation of results into our actions?

ALLIANCE BUILDING AND COALITIONS



Over the last month, an expanded Community Outreach & Alliance Building (COAB) group has been reorganizing. The addition of many new members, including a large part of the International Day working group, has brought in new energy. This report summarizes the political discussions during which we developed an overview of the tasks and goals of our group. In these discussions we addressed the questions posed in the last few Regional council meetings, such as:

--what role do coalitions and political alliances play in achieving our goals?

--what is the nature of coalition politics in the bay area?

--what has been LAG's experience in local coalitions?

--what are LAG's needs in relation to coalition building?

What we have achieved is a preliminary consensus as to the medium-term (6 month) goals of coalition building for LAG.

A. In LAG's statement of purpose, we have consensated that our long-range goals are a fundamental restructuring of the social, political, economic, and interpersonal relationships of our society. Specifically, LAG's contribution to this process is working for the end of nuclear weapons through direct action. To achieve both these specific and general goals LAG must help to develop a network of both formal and informal ties with a broad range of organizations, networks and social groups. Such ties include informal participation in the actions of others, formal endorsements, participation in single actions and long term coalitions. Eventually we must progress from challenging single atrocities to building and maintaining our own social structures. Part of posing and creating such alternatives may include alliances for direct action or for alternative participation in the electoral process (such as through coalitions similar to the German "Greens"). We cannot predict the nature of future coalitions, but we must begin to experiment with new ways to build ties between ourselves and other political movements.

B. We must also assess the experiences of LAG's previous efforts at coalition building. The success which stands out is the gradual strengthening of ties between LAG and CISPEs. These ties increased during the participation of many LAGers in the first Port Chicago blockade this January.

However, at the level of formal coalitions, our work has not been as successful. LAG has generally not supported the activists it has "empowered" to represent it in various coalitions. There has been little commitment of resources--financial, organizational, or membership--to building or advancing the goals of these coalitions. As a consequence, LAG has been unable to mobilize or represent the interests of the broader base of the anti-nuclear movement. With the exception of the June 12 coalition from last summer, the goals and demands of the anti-nuclear movement have not been reflected in these coalitions. Our objectives of building alliances between social justice, anti-nuclear, and anti-interventionist movements is not met.

To meet our goals, LAG must determine what role coalition building plays and devote our resources ac-

ordingly. As long as we send a single representative to a coalition, and that is the extent of our involvement, we do ourselves more harm than good.

PROPOSALS

Based on the above discussion, the COAB working group consensated to the following proposal to guide our work for the next six months:

1. LAG needs to rebuild and re-mobilize its own base. Every day the Livermore Labs become a more significant target of the anti-war movement. In order to educate and mobilize people for direct action at the labs, we maintain that LAG's International Day actions at LLNL, both legal and illegal, remain an autonomous action of LAG. While not seeing these actions as a coalition, we will work to strengthen the process of linked actions that led from UC to Vandenberg AFB to Port Chicago last January. To build International Day, we will actively solicit and encourage organizations and individuals to participate in rallies, demonstrations, and direct actions at LLNL. We will encourage independent actions linked to I-Day. We will participate more actively in existing coalitions in order to build such ties.

2. We do not see I-Day as a single-shot action. The short-term strategy of the I-Day protest at LLNL should be to develop an informal network of ties and relationships between Port Chicago, U.C., LAG, and the Vandenberg Action Coalition. We should formally consense to LAG support for the Port Chicago and U.C. campaigns. Mutual support and linkage could include common leaf-letting, joint educational forums, sharing of mailing lists and contacts, and mobilization of support at key actions.

3. The focus of building this network should be to create a basis for LAG's intervention in the politics of any protests against the Euromissiles in October. With the support of this network, we should issue a call for the formation of a coalition to mount legal and direct actions against the Euromissiles. Such a coalition must provide an alternative that is:

--clearly unilateralist in its opposition to any Pershing II or cruise missile siting in Europe;

--unequivocal in its support of the European peace movements;

--clear as to the relationship between US nuclear build-up in Europe and conventional war preparations for US intervention in Central America and the Mid-east.

These discussions are ongoing in the COAB working group. We present these ideas and proposals to the working groups of LAG in the interests of advancing debate on our directions and strategies.



In The King Of Prussia

--BENEFIT FOR LAG AND THE PLOWSHARES EIGHT--

FRIDAY APRIL 22

at St. Joseph's Church, 1640 Addison, Berkeley

8:00 PM \$4

"In the King of Prussia," directed by Emile de Antonio, is a dramatization of the 1981 trial of the Plowshares eight. A part-fictional part-documentary film, it stars Martin Sheen. The Berrigan brothers, who portray themselves, were two of the eight Catholic activists who on September 9 1980 peacefully invaded General Electric's Re-entry Systems Division and hammered dents in the nose-cones of nuclear weapons. They practiced the first actual nuclear disarmament in US history.

"It is the most extraordinary document against the build-up of nuclear arms I have ever seen"

--Martin Sheen



GANDHI

I saw the Gandhi film and as is customary in our culture (LAG's culture) I immediately formed some opinions on it.

The visual artist in me liked the distances and light browns, but was disappointed that there were so few bright colors.

The part of me which studied theater liked Ben Kingsley's job and the work of most of the extras. Too bad about Bergen and Sheen.

The disabling effects of violence and deprivation made me think of my three years in Chile. Even in those "good old days" before the US-CIA sponsored military takeover most of the people lived in poverty. Children who live with malnutrition never catch up.

The history student in me marvelled at how well modern imperialists have

learned from the British mistakes in India. If one calls one's slaves "citizens", then that rabble can use the law against one. On the other hand, if one never formally invades and instead covertly institutes a government made of local butchers, then labor laws can be implemented with machine guns. Under such circumstances, people of conscience in the imperialist nation, who are protected by imperial law, must take non-violent action to protest the murders and repression.

"Gandhi" made me cry with pride, with anger, with terror, and with hope. Being the sort who enjoys crying, I enjoyed the film, and recommend it to others, even (especially) to those who find tears politically unproductive.

The film doesn't give a detailed account of the sins of militarist

imperialism nor a step-by-step program for obliterating such archaic mechanisms. It doesn't explain in words a class analysis of the world. It doesn't probe Gandhi's failings in encyclopedic detail, but it mentions a few, and anyway, you try and condense seventy years into three hours.

What impressed me most about the film was the effect it had on someone close to me who hasn't spent much time with politics. To her politics was always Democrats and Republicans, and she was bright enough to know the scam they run. "Gandhi" opened up something to her which all my prying and preaching had failed to open.

So, to me at least, every inflated penny I spent on the film was justified. Now if I can only get her to the next LAG benefit...

- by Max



AWWWW.....

(The following statement was issued by Vandenberg base commander Jack Watkins on March 22, the day after the beginning of the second Vandenberg action. Due to Watkin's tendency to ramble, we have had to edit the letter, but its authentic tone is unmistakable in Watkin's call for military irresponsibility, and his feeling that the CIA rather than the Air Force should engineer a military coup.)

For several days, more than 18,000 men and women, and their families, of Vandenberg Air Force Base have been forced to withstand the disruptions caused by a few hundred misguided protesters.

Our Security Police, augmented by hundreds of other airmen from throughout the base, have responded to this situation with the utmost discipline and professionalism. They have been taunted and their restraint sorely tested. They have worked longer-than-usual shifts, and they have not been able to take their well-earned regular days off.

Our military personnel are typical Americans from every part of the country. They are as concerned about maintaining peace as these demonstrators claim to be. But they have chosen the responsible method of showing their concern--by serving their nation with distinction.

These are the same people who have, for the second time in as many months, been forced to react to the irresponsible shouts and simplistic chants of a few hundred of their fellow citizens who do not respect the time-honored processes our system of government provides for legitimate protest and disagreement. Far from acting in the nation's best interests, the demonstrators have, instead, attempted to undermine the principles that the great majority of Americans accept as fundamental to the preservation of our republic.

They have again tried to involve the military in a political issue. Our Constitution and decisions by the Supreme Court provide sound reasons why this cannot and should not be tolerated. Once that breach is opened, where might military involvement in politics stop. Should men and women in uniform make our national policies? If we do not oppose their effort, are we not morally, as well as legally, guilty of complicity in their movement?

We are not a part of the political process, and we rightfully should not be. To remain aloof from that realm, we must absolutely maintain the integrity of our installation, and that is what we have done.

We do not quarrel with the demonstrators' right to be heard. To the contrary, we avidly support that right which is steeped in our American heritage. But it must be exercised in the proper place, at the proper time, under the proper circumstances. That time, place, and circumstance are not found at a military base.

--Major General Jack Watkins
Commander, 1st Strategic Aerospace Division

(LAGers can write to Jack at the Public Affairs office, 4392nd Aerospace Support Group(SAC), Vandenberg AFB, CA, 93437, or give him a ring at (805) 866-3891. Say you're from the Pentagon and he'll accept collect calls.)



Solidarity

Any discussion of jail solidarity should at least begin with a look at what brings us to jail in the first place. What are the objectives of our civil disobedience?

Generally, our objectives include stopping or disrupting a specific activity such as the design, manufacture or testing of nuclear weapons. We aim to do this in a principled and non-violent manner; and often we have as a tacit objective the practice, example and encouragement of personal empowerment.

The target of our civil disobedience is either an organ of the state directly or an entity so closely allied as to be practically indistinguishable. The target is very rich and powerful and has at its command considerable police and military force.

This military/police force has an unbroken history of unquestioning service to the state. Rare individuals aside, such forces have no history of mutiny on moral or ethical grounds. This is also true of their support forces, facilities and facades - e.g. jailers and judges. Judges, for example, routinely strive for impartiality in a variety of cases but consistently support the state on issues of authority and sovereignty regardless of the ethics, morality or the law on the subject. So it is rarely a matter of simply "doing my job," as often as we hear the plea, but doing it with dedicated vigor and bias in favor of the state.

In other words, there is no difference in fact or allegiance between the target of our CD and that force which removes and keeps us from our target. Upon arrest, therefore, we are not taken away from our target, we are brought directly into it! CD need not and should not end upon arrest because the legitimate targets of our CD are no less available to us! In fact, they are more available, more vulnerable.

It is precisely in jail, within this inseparable ally of our target, that we have as a united body often the best opportunity to advance our initial objectives to disrupt, for example, the design, etc. of nuclear weapons. Why? Because those targets of our CD are wholly dependent



upon military/police force for their existence. (Try to imagine a Livermore, Vandenberg or Diablo without military/police protection!) And it is squarely in the custody of this force that we have the best opportunity to render it incapable of protecting our targets. We may do this by occupying and overwhelming the whole of this force with the custody of our bodies.

Jails and prisons are not intended to confine a large percentage of the general population. Their function is to intimidate the general population by confining small numbers of people for a long time. The state simply has not the option to confine a large number of people for a long time. In custody, therefore, given unity and within the code of non-violence, we have the majority of options. And among those options, again given sufficient numbers, dedication and solidarity, is the capacity to occupy and overwhelm all the available military/police force the state can muster to protect the targets of our CD.

Ahhh, the delicious fantasy of picturing the Sheriff on the phone to the Director of the Livermore Lab:

"We can't provide anymore protection because all of our officers are occupied lugging limp bodies around."

It is with acute embarrassment, therefore, that I recall the January 20th University Hall blockaders being guarded by only two deputy sheriffs. We must work on that.

What are the aims of jail solidarity? As a rule, our principal aim is equal treatment, equal protection and especially equal punishment. In the recent past we have used jail solidarity to enforce the release and dismissal of charges against monitors and legal observers, for example, who were arbitrarily or accidentally arrested without cause. On June 21st at Livermore we used it to force the return to the fold two blockaders who were separated from the main body for their non-cooperation. And we attempted to use jail solidarity to insure against the revocation and aggravated punishment of a blockader on probation for previous civil disobedience.

Equal treatment. Equal protection. Equal punishment. What

does it all mean in practice? Should the non-cooperator (the "limpy" as I've heard us called) be afforded the same protection as the cooperator? What about the person with prior offenses (e.g. those "banned and barred" from Vandenberg) which threaten to aggravate punishments? And what about the principle of "equal time for equal crime"? That is to say that if you do exactly as I do then you have earned my solidarity in support, but deviate in any respect . . .

Some reminders are in order. Non-cooperation in jail is no crime. Neither is chanting, refusing to stand for count or otherwise refusing to respond to any other police command. These things may be violations of jail regulations (for which, most often, "good time" is deducted), but they are no crimes.

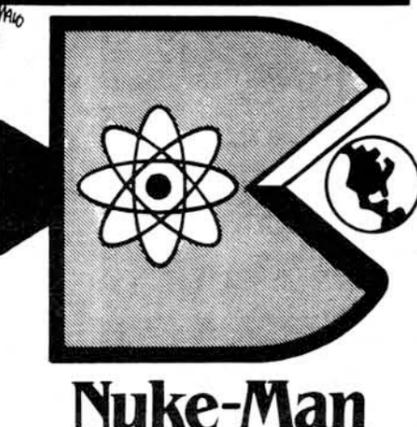
Remember, jail solidarity is our only means of enforcing equal treatment!

Finally, equal treatment must be defended with jail solidarity for every person - blockader, trespasser, occupier, monitor, observer, chanter career criminal (a CD repeater), limpy or "Karen Silkwood" (someone who gives a fictitious name) - involved in an action who adheres to the code of non-violence. The reason is simple. It is the least we can collectively return to the individual who has in good faith given his or her support to the common objective. The abandonment of just one such person amounts to a betrayal jeopardizing the unity and integrity of not only the action in question but all future actions as well.

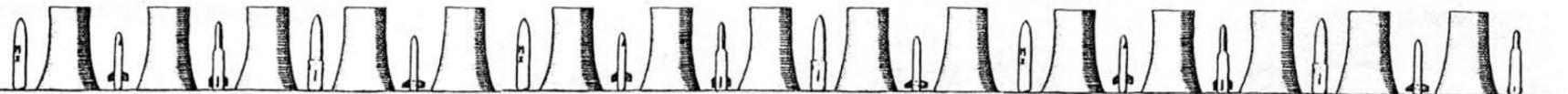
Our organization as well as our actions are based on mutual trust. We trust one another's intentions in what we do. We rely upon one another's support in how we do it. Discard me as a "limpy" (or in whatever manner I have contributed in good faith to the action) and I must necessarily lose my trust in and reliance upon the organization as well as the process.

Jail solidarity is not merely an adjunct to actions. It is or at least can be a way to ensure the objectives of those actions, a way to affirm the principles which brings us to those actions, and a way to affirm our trust in and dependency on our fellow beings.

- Michael Poulin



Nuke-Man



Livermore Action Group has called for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, 1983. The response to our call has been very good, and many actions are planned on or before June 20 all over the world.

LAG will publish periodic action bulletins beginning April 1, to publicize details of the actions that other groups are organizing. The following letters and articles are examples of the material in the first action bulletin.

MIDWEST

On March 19 over 80 activists from six midwestern states gathered in Chicago for the Great Lakes Euro-missiles Workshop. The day-long conference was a chance for local organizers to share information and to plan strategies to prevent the deployment of cruise and PershingII missiles in Europe this fall.

More than half of the participants attended two afternoon workshops to discuss ideas for demonstrations and actions at nuclear weapons production sites. The LAG/Mobilization for Survival call for actions on June 20 was placed in the context of the year-long campaign against the Euro-missiles, which will include actions in October co-ordinated with the European peace movement.

Those at the conference were not empowered to commit their groups to specific courses of action, but agreed to take the information back to their groups for consideration. It was a sense of the meeting that a lot of groundwork must be done with the workers in the facilities which manufacture nuclear weapons, and in the surrounding communities. We must inform the workers and the local people of our motives and intentions before we mount a civil disobedience action, so that they may know that neither they nor their jobs are the targets of our actions. Related to this, it was agreed that non-violence training was an essential component of a successful action, and that the affinity group structure would be a good model to use.

Ideas for specific actions were discussed, although not all of these were finalized commitments. An action at Northrop in Rolling Meadows, Illinois is being planned by the DNA group of Chicago. The Michigan Alliance for Peace may hold an action at the Williams International Plant in Walled Lake, Michigan, where engines for the cruise missiles are manufactured. A legal rally may be held in Minneapolis/St. Paul, and in Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These last two, though, may join in an action at Substrand Inc of Rockford, Illinois.

Members of the Catholic Worker Community in Des Moines, Iowa will expand their traditional focus on the SAC headquarters in Omaha to include the Wellman Dynamics plant in Creston, Iowa, where the aluminum bodies for the cruise missiles are made.

A regional structure of communication is being established from contacts made at the March workshop. This network will be kept informed of the planning for June 20 and other actions, and will attempt to co-ordinate opposition to the Euro-missiles in the Midwest. For more info, contact Rich Hutchinson of the Chicago DNA group, (312)427-2533, or Denis Doyon of the Midwest Field Office of the Mobilization for Survival in Milwaukee, (414)272-7762.

--by Denis Doyon

The money required to provide adequate food, water, education, health and housing for everyone in the world has been estimated at \$17 billion a year. It is a huge sum of money

...about as much as the world spends on arms every two weeks.



Local actions for International Day include a rally on June 11, a Buddhist Circle for Peace Day on June 18, a Silicon Valley Peace Camp beginning June 20, a bicycle ride to the Berkeley marina to announce a proposal to open the full length of Strawberry Creek as an alternative to spending money on nuclear arms, and a massive blockade of Livermore Lab on June 20. You are encouraged to participate in one of these activities, or to initiate one of your own to call for nuclear disarmament.

OREGON

To LAG:

In June, Peace House of Ashland, Oregon will be sponsoring a 2½-day educational/informational walk from Ashland to Litton Industries' Grants Pass Division, which manufactures guidance and control systems (under 100% military contracts) for, among other things, cruise missiles. The intention of the 45-mile walk is to awaken people in this area to the existence of a "death factory" in our backyard, of which most citizens in this area are unaware.

We will disseminate literature about cruise missiles and the deployment of these missiles in Europe, as well as general information on the arms race. There will be meetings in the evenings and along the way. The walk will culminate with a rally near the plant on Monday, June 20, the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament.

Since Litton is one of the largest employers in this economically-depressed region, our approach in this initial focusing on Litton's role in arms-making will be informational and friendly, not threatening.

peace,
Dot Fisher-Smith

ISRAEL

Dear Friends,

Many thanks for your communication relating to the International Day. The letter as it is will be reproduced by us and distributed to all relevant groups in this country, both of Jews and of Arabs, in Israel proper and in other parts of occupied Palestine. We have added a few words for the regional context.

The coalition that we are trying to initiate we will call Human Unity, with the intention of creating an ongoing organization that might become at one time a "Green Party" or "World Citizens Party" under the same name.

Yours in peace and love for world service,

Jesa'ajahu-Toma Sik(Schuck)
Int'l Movement of Conscientious
War Resisters, Tel-Aviv-Jaffa



GERMANY

Dear people at LAG,

We have received your message and are quickly spreading the information that the 20th of June will be a great day. We ourselves are also planning to do something; what exactly it will be, we will inform you later.

There are in the area of Stuttgart approximately 20 non-violent action groups. We have a positive relationship with the other groups to whom you have written. As for us, I am very pleased to have now made contact with non-violent groups in the USA, and we will increasingly continue this contact.

With non-violent greetings,

Michael Schmidt
Gewaltfreie Stuttgarter Gruppe
West Germany

EUROPE

TRIP

REPORT

LAG activists Patrick Diehl and Pamela Osgood left in mid-February for a 10-week tour of European peace groups to discuss the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament and other common interests. The following letter from Patrick gives some idea of the staggering schedule the two have set for themselves, and the response they are getting from European activists.

Dear LAG,

I'm beginning this letter just before 8am on a grey morning in Manchester, England. We go to Capenhurst Peace Camp and Wrexham, Wales, today (3/14). Tomorrow, we go on to Bristol (myself) and Totnes in Devon (Pamela). After that, I proceed to Nottingham for an interview with "Peace News" and to Leicester, while Pamela takes a meeting at Plymouth. Then it's Birmingham. We will go to Cambridge



via Molesworth Peace Camp on 3/18. Pamela leaves that night for the nation-wide trainers conference in Hannover, West Germany. I stay on for a Saturday meeting.

Personal contact, especially with the slide show, will pay off in time, I'm convinced. The problem is that we're organizing for the June 20 International Day of Nuclear Disarmament so late for this year. When people hear that we're building for coming years, they are much more receptive.

For the European peace groups we have met, what we represent above all is hope. We bring news of the "other America", and of the "other" peace movement. It means a lot to people here to have proof that Americans are fighting alongside them against the America of Reagan, Inc.

Our slide shows have been crucial here. They carry conviction. And they stimulate long and often exciting discussions about direct action as a strategy, about the tactics of our actions, and about techniques of process and organizing. We hope it will be possible to have slide shows circulating in Europe after we have left, making our voices heard and our presence felt wherever they go.

We will need to follow up on this tour, through LAGers who will combine peace work with their tourism in Europe.

We feel that we are laying a good foundation for the future here, both for International Day and for trans-Atlantic peace communication. We are meeting committed activists, usually at the heart of local peace groups. We are gathering addresses, building awareness, establishing trust.

European peace agendas are incredibly full for this year; few groups

are going to be able to shoehorn a June 20 action onto their calendars. But if we bring off a large and successful action at Livermore this summer, and continue to work on the International Day initiative for June 1984, we stand to attract far greater participation then.

GERMANY

Our stay in Holland was very brief, though rewarding, so we can only report intelligently on Germany and England. The German non-violent direct action movement faces a much more difficult legal situation than we do, and a much less receptive public. They are involved in an ongoing wrangle between groups committed to total non-violence, and those which want the rights to destruction of property or violent self-defense against police brutality (which has been severe until recently in Germany).

We also learned that the demand for non-violence training in Germany far exceeds the number of trainers available. The situation here may be better than the German activists themselves realize.

The major dates for actions over the next 6 months are Easter, when there will be many blockades; the Kirchstag, when activists in German churches will try to influence the hierarchy to come out against Euro-missiles; Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days (August 6 & 9); and October 8-22, when local and regional actions will lead up to a demonstration projected to attract 1,000,000 people in Bonn.

BRITAIN

In the United Kingdom, the focus seems to be on the choice between an electoral approach via the Labor Party versus a direct action approach. The dominant national organization, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, supports non-violent civil disobedience cautiously, but does not organize it or see it as the primary path to follow.



We're also very impressed with the role of peace camps here. They have focused the attention of the peace movement on themselves. They carry the flag of non-violent direct action. They provide a place for people to visit and meet dedicated activists. We need to seriously consider setting up similar camps in the US, no matter what the obstacles.

We could write a book already about the month we've been here. Pamela will be here two months more, Patrick one more. We're heading for Scandinavia (Pamela) and France and Belgium (Patrick) next, and then we'll reunite in Italy for a couple of weeks. We send all of you our love. We miss you. We especially miss the chance to return to Vandenberg this month, but we also miss the daily experience of working and growing together. It will be good to be back in the midst of the anti-nuclear family. Till then, keep up the struggle,

Patrick

Enclosed is \$5.00 for a subscription to the action bulletin. Send it to:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Return this coupon to Livermore Action Group, 3126 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, California 94705.

19 Arrested At Herrick Hospital

On March 15, nineteen people were arrested for blocking doorways of the Herrick Hospital administrative building in Berkeley, protesting the continuation of shock treatment in the hospital after the Measure T landslide victory, in which a 61% majority voted to ban shock treatment in their city. A support demonstration of about 150 people took place at the same time, with a picket line, anti-psychiatry songs, signs, and chants. The demonstration and direct action were organized by the Coalition to Stop Electroshock, the group that put the anti-shock measure on the ballot in November 1982. At least five of the blockaders were shock treatment survivors or victims of other forms of psychiatric assault such as forced drugging and involuntary commitment.

The Measure T election victory received national and international media attention, and was one of the most dramatic media events in the ten year history of the mental patients' liberation movement in the US. However, many people even locally are unaware that shock treatment is being done in Berkeley again. A group of psychiatric organizations, including the powerful American Psychiatric Association, sued the city of Berkeley for its new anti-shock ordinance, shortly after the binding ballot initiative was passed. Although a final court ruling on whether to uphold Measure T will be made later this year, a temporary injunction was granted in January.

On January 20th the Coalition voted unanimously to have a direct action to stop shock after it became apparent that legal channels alone were not enough. Eight weeks of planning, which came to involve about 30 people, went into the action. The action was endorsed by Network

clustosterone

A Men's Cluster Named After a Hormone?

We are two men affiliated with the East Bay Men's Center who are organizing a men's cluster to participate in the June 20 International Day blockade at Livermore Labs. We believe nonviolence performed by men speaks toward learning how to achieve goals in a life-affirming way while shedding traditional male (Reaganite) methods of violence and oppression. We wish to make the connection between patterns of male dominance, competition, and the desire to possess more weapons to which this leads. This does not mean we condemn ourselves as men or feel guilty. Instead, we seek to change current patterns and affirm the viability of a positive role for all men.

Disrupting business as usual at the bomb factory as a group of men is defying traditional male values in an open and assertive way. We are anxious to make a statement that there are men in this society who oppose and feel uncomfortable with the sexist, male oriented culture in which they live. Involvement in a men's cluster will create a supportive atmosphere for concerned men to challenge society's views about homophobia by working with other men noncompetitively and developing close relationships.

In moving from personal interactions with each other in smaller groups to larger groups (men's cluster) we will develop strength as a unified power. This is especially important since we can expect to be separated by sex in jail. Going into jail with a sense of community will make our efforts to achieve jail solidarity more effective and generally give us more strength.

Our goals include: recognizing the need to receive support from men instead of relying solely on women; providing a form of expression for men wanting to deal with male issues; to be responsible for blockading a gate at the Lawrence Livermore Lab; designing cluster meetings to be consciousness-raising events, embracing our hopes to create and live in a non-sexist world. Meetings could include game playing, massage, singing, sharing, etc.

We will facilitate the formation of affinity groups. For more info contact Brock at 540-5428 and Lee at 845-7174.

-by Lee Diamond and Brock Purdy

Against Psychiatric Assault and Livermore Action Group. The blockade was scrupulously planned to avoid any disruption of medical services. What we wanted to disrupt was "business as usual" at the administrative offices of Herrick Hospital, a renowned



Berkeley "shock shop." Herrick performed 485 shock treatments in 1981, an increase of over 30% since 1979.

As a planner and blockader in the action, I was very happy to see more people than I had expected at both the demonstration and the blockade. The ten women and nine men arrested were taken to the Berkeley city jail, and all were released without bail after about six hours. We were arraigned as a group the following day. Our lawyers were surprised at the ease with which our demands were granted, compared with other CD arrests. Judge Julie Conger agreed to our demand to hold the arraignment in a nearby building, since one blockader, CeCe Weeks, is in a wheelchair, and the courtroom is inaccessible.

Two blockaders pleaded not-guilty to the charge of blocking a public entrance. Their jury-trial date is set for March 30. The rest of those arrested pleaded no contest, and received sentences of time served. This included two blockaders who went limp during arrest.

-by Margaret House

April 1st

LLL Protests

Two separate but connected actions are scheduled for April first at Livermore Labs, sponsored by the Monthly Actions collective and by Spirit AG from Graduate Theological Union.

The Spirit AG action will convene at 6:30am at East and Vasco roads near the labs for a sacramental liturgy and a Rite of Confirmation into the Catholic Church for several of the protesters. The planners, who see the direct action as an "extension of their resistance," will then form a procession, carrying a "nuclear cross" to a lab gate and beginning a blockade about 7:30am. The confirmands and the confirming priest are to be the first arrested, followed by other protesters, which will include Buddhists and feminist Catholics.

Anyone with non-violence training is welcome to participate in the action. Monitors and peacekeepers are needed. An organizational meeting is planned for March 30, 7:30pm, at 2017 Stuart, Berkeley. Call 849-1851 for more info.

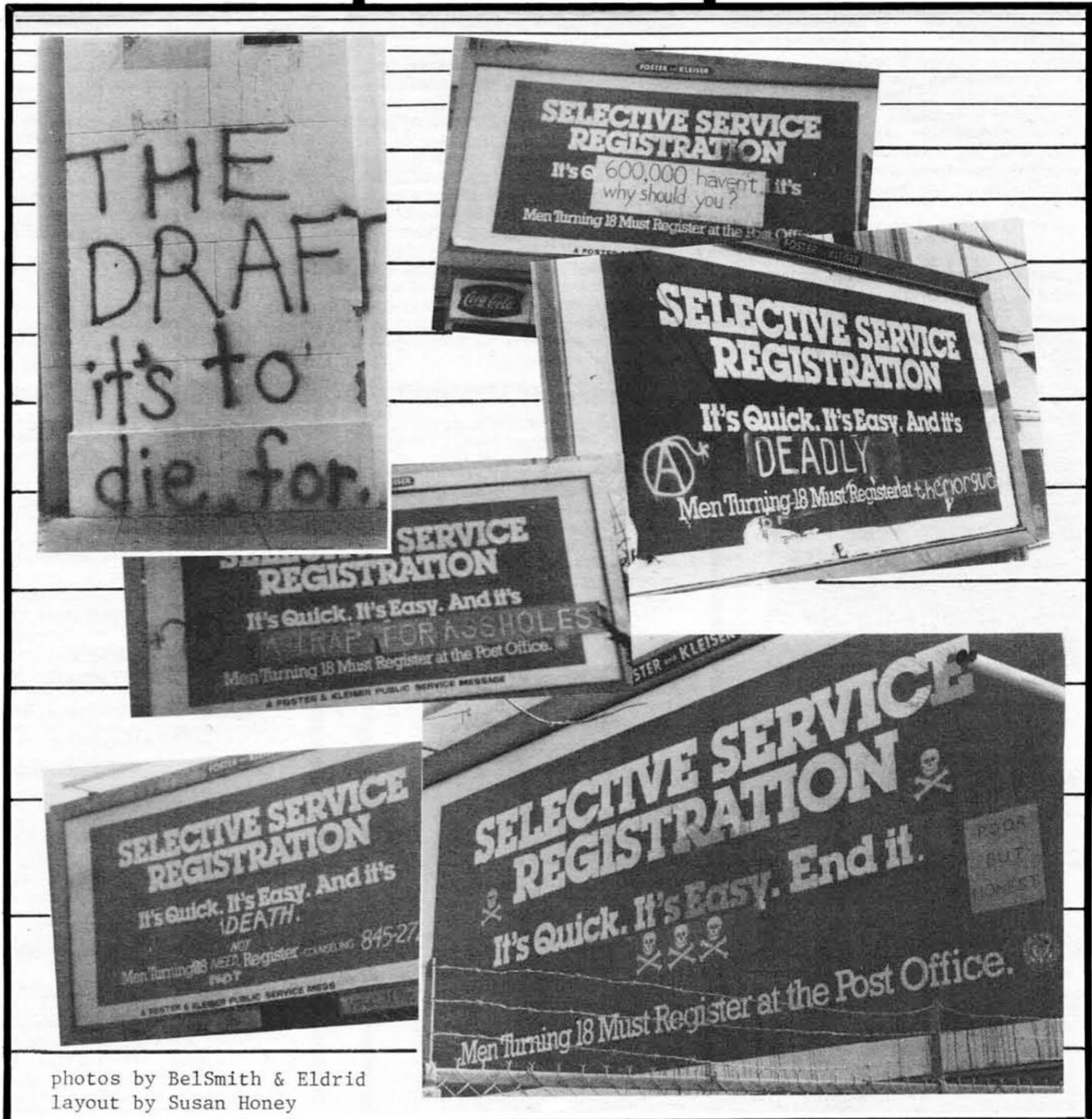
The Monthly Actions collective is planning an April Fool's action, which will probably be held at a different gate than the Catholic action. The action may include leafletting in restricted areas. The planning for this action will also be held at 2017 Stuart, Berkeley, on March 30, to co-ordinate the logistics with the Catholic's protest. For more information, contact Eldrid at 841-7994.

The Federation for Progress is planning an April 15 demonstration at the Federal Building in San Francisco to protest US involvement in South Korea, where 180,000 American troops will be staging maneuvers. For more info, contact Brenda, 552-5483.

Nowhere to Run

The title says it all--the "Nowhere to Run Run." And what better place for a pro-disarmament race than at Livermore? The 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) race will start at Robertson Park, Wente and Livermore Ave., at 10 a.m. Those interested in running should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Nowhere to Run Run, PO Box 9947, Berkeley, CA 94709. The entry fee is just \$6 before April 7, which will entitle finishers to an attractive, two-color T-shirt. If you can volunteer time, money or raffle prizes, contact David Randolph at (415) 549-0361.

The race is being organized by the Mutant Sponges Affinity Group, which will split proceeds among the Livermore Action Group, Abalone Alliance and other anti-nuclear groups. The field will reach 1000 runners if organizers reach their ceiling, and all are promised "a glimpse of the Lab" along the route through Livermore.



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LAG VISITS SALT LAKE

In March two people from LAG's International Day Working Collective flew to Salt Lake City for a conference of peace groups from Salt Lake and from New Mexico. The purpose was to share ideas and common concerns, particularly for International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20.

Two small-plane pilots donated their services to make this conference possible, flying out of Hayward and Santa Fe. Our hosts were Salt Lakers from the MX Information Center and the Nuclear Freeze Coalition. Although 60-70% of Salt Lake's population is Mormon (and the Mormon Church leadership does not support the Freeze), the Coalition organized a June 12th rally last year of 2,000.

The MX Information Center is an excellent resource library which began as a neutral citizens study group when the Reagan administration was considering basing the MX in Utah; the group went on to oppose the production and deployment of the MX anywhere and now publishes an anti-nuclear, anti-militarism newsletter. Some of the Salt Lake contingent were interested in the possibility of doing civil disobedience for International Day.

The Santa Fe/Albuquerque contingent included a woman from Cerrillos who is devoted to fighting for water rights and against mining interests in her community and who also participated in a civil disobedience action to protest the proposed Waste Isolation Pilot Project (WIPP) near Carlsbad, NM. WIPP would be a dumping ground for high grade radioactive waste from nuclear weapons production. Department of Energy is expected to approve the site on June 30 despite the geological instability.

Other members of the New Mexico contingent were involved in issues such as the rights of ranchers whose land was used for atmospheric atomic testing, and the Reagan administration's development of outer-space weapons technology. The group plans to organize civil disobedience at Kirkland Air Force Base/Sandia Labs on June 20, and may plan other actions as well.

We also met Truman Preston from Downwinders, the Utah citizens group which promotes a Comprehensive Test Ban treaty. The US is conducting an average of one "announced" underground nuclear weapons test every three-and-a-half weeks at the Nevada Test site; it is not known how many unannounced tests are made. It is this testing which makes possible the introduction of new nuclear weapons and weapons systems into the US arsenal. Many of these tests have leaked radioactive fallout off the test site into the atmosphere, and there is always the danger of groundwater contamination (the government has done no testing for this).

Among the other unpleasant things we learned: the hills around Salt

Lake City house containers of deadly nerve gas; Exxon wants to tear up southern Utah; a high level nuclear waste dump may soon be built in southern Utah just outside the border of Canyonlands National Park and 11 miles from the Colorado River--salt from the dumping ground would be blown and washed into the river...and of course Utah and Nevada are full of people dying from the effects of the atmospheric testing of the 40's and 50's. Against all this mighty horror there seemed to be only talk among people about shared values, unity through direct action, educational outreach, the joy of one another's company. We talked about forming an alliance of western states and joked that we were a trans-state affinity group. It seemed like a beginning...

If you would like to contact any of these groups or individuals talk to Tori at the LAG office or leave a message there for Erica.

-by Erica Fox

TRIDENT UPDATE



Three more members of the Trident Nein group which committed civil disobedience last July by slipping into the Electric Boat shipyards at New London, Connecticut and damaging Trident submarines have been sent back to jail to serve the remaining 6 months of a one year sentence after refusing to pay court-ordered restitution for the damages. Several other members had already been re-incarcerated.

But Judy Beaumont, also of the Trident Nein, has been released from prison due to overcrowding, and ordered to do community service to fulfill her sentence.

Members of the Plowshares #4 group, also charged with damaging Trident subs, have had their trial date moved back to April. The seven defendants spent five weeks in jail before being released on "Promises to Appear" for trial at a December 22 hearing.

The Trident Nein and the Plowshares protesters share a commitment to personal non-violence, but feel that damaging military property is not a violation of non-violence.

Support work for the protesters is ongoing. Phone (203)848-3607 for more information. Any LAGers planning to travel to Connecticut or nearby please contact the LAG office to help relay messages and information.

250 ARRESTED PROTESTING IN CHILE

The US-sponsored military dictatorship of Chile arrested 250 people on March 25 during protest demonstrations in four cities.

227 of the arrests occurred in Santiago, where demonstrators shouting "Peace! Work! Liberty!" passed out leaflets during the rush hour. Some of the leaflets carried the name of "Coordinadora de Pobladores," an undercover groups connected with the countries outlawed trade union movement.

About 50 persons were arrested as they left an evening mass in honor of Catholic Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero of San Salvador, El Salvador, who was slain 3 years ago by right-wing terrorists. Among the arrested were two priests.

Other arrests occurred in Valparaiso, Concepcion, and Valdivia. Police in Santiago used tear gas to disperse demonstrators, and were answered with rock-throwing.

GERMANY

Dear friends,

The end of last year we visited the USA and met with different peace groups. A lot of the groups we spoke to were interested in international activities. Fortunately we met a group which is organizing such an international activity, an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, proposed by the Livermore Action Group, California.

In our local peace groups we passed a resolution for supporting the idea and informed about 75 West German organizations of the call for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament and our resolution. We do not know yet the kind of actions that will take place, and we do not know yet if our groups can organize civil disobediences.

We, too, have another idea. What do you think of "twin peace groups" between cities in the USA and in the Federal Republic of Germany? Several groups around Dusseldorf want to build up twin peace groups with groups in San Francisco. What do you think about it?

Two local peace groups of the Dusseldorf area already agreed to support our efforts to organize the International Day. These groups are Bilker gegen Atomraketen in Dusseldorf and Friedensinitiative Neuss in Neuss.

Best wishes,
Monika Gretschmann, Neuss
Klaus Kurtz, Dusseldorf
West Germany

(Anyone wishing to respond may obtain addresses for these correspondents from the LAG office.)

death train protest

Anti-nukers from Colorado to Washington state vigiled and protested in late March as a government train armed with revolving machine guns and believed to be carrying 100 hydrogen bombs made its way from Pantex Corporation in Amarillo Texas to the Trident sub base at Bangor, Washington.

16 persons are known to have been arrested: Eight in Fort Collins, CO; two in Denver; and six in Bangor.

Vigilers met the train at two dozen points along the route. Despite attempts to reroute the train to foil demonstrators in larger cities, but protestors managed to keep track of the train, and vigils met it at every town.

(Information for this story was obtained from Jim Douglas of Ground Zero in Poulsbo, Washington, (206) 692-7053.)

SPAIN

On Sunday, March 20, some 40,000 demonstrators marched 12 miles from Madrid, Spain, to the US Air Force base at Torrejon to protest Spain's entry into NATO.

About 1000 of the marchers broke off from the main body and attempted to enter the base, but were turned back by police. No arrests were reported.

The Torrejon base is one of two Air Force bases in Spain. Spain is officially the newest member of NATO, but its armed forces are not yet integrated into NATO.



Ron and Nancy
Another family for Peace

JAPAN

The American nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Enterprise was greeted by thousands of protesters as it arrived in Sasebo, Japan in late March.

At least six persons were arrested when they hurled smoke canisters onto the carrier from a small boat which was part of flotilla that protesters organized.

Protesters carried signs reading "Get out, Enterprise!" and "Stop the Enterprise port call!"

Ichio Asukata, chairman of the opposition Socialist Party, was scheduled to lead a rally in Sasebo.

THE FAR SIDE/GARY LARSON



Ooooooooooooo!

Pocketbook empty? Don't despair! Try our prize winning recipe for

reagan stew

1. In a large kettle bring three quarts of water to a rolling boil.
2. Add one quart cold water, mix thoroughly.
3. Bring back to boiling, simmer uncovered fifteen minutes or to desired consistency.

SERVING SUGGESTIONS:
For extra zest, add salt!
For variety, serve leftovers chilled!

DIABLO

PG&E has postponed its plans to apply to the Nuclear Regulatory for permission to begin loading fuel. The hearing, scheduled for March 31, has been postponed until around June 30.

Raye Fleming of the Diablo Site Collective, which is monitoring PG&E's activities around the nuclear plant, plans to meet after the NRC hearing to make plans; if permission to load fuel is granted, an action would be called within 30-60 days in order to have initial waves of protesters at the site before it can become operational.

Meanwhile, on March 18 arguments were heard in San Luis Obispo to determine whether persons arrested in the 1981 action should receive jury trials on their charges of trespassing and refusing to disperse. The decision, which is not expected to be handed down for several months, could affect as many as 550 defendants.

The Diablo Site Collective is working on the People's Emergency Response Plan, a network to notify activists of PG&E and NRC plans and to call an action on short notice. For information, call (805)543-6614.

INTERNATIONAL DAY HANDBOOK

LAG's newest sourcebook, the Handbook for the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, was published the last week of March and is now available at all LAG meetings and activities, or through the LAG office. For just \$2, you can find out about the military/corporate manipulation of America and the world; the peace movement here and abroad; direct action; consensus and feminist process; and a host of other topics. Intended for distribution throughout America as part of the LAG-sponsored International Day, the Handbook is the comprehensive source for our movement. Order yours now, and pick up a few for friends!

Send us the following organizing materials:

- 1 handbook @ \$ 2.00 + \$ 1.00 postage = \$ 3.00
- _____ handbooks @ \$ 3.00 each = \$ _____
- 25 handbooks @ \$ 40.00 + \$ 9.00 postage = \$ 49.00
- 150 handbooks @ \$ 200.00 + \$ 23.00 postage (bulk rate) = \$ 223.00
- ordering information for the LAG local supplement
- 1 subscription to the action bulletin @ \$ 5.00
- enclosed is a donation to help promote International Day \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone: _____

CLIP THIS COUPON AND MAIL TO:

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Berkeley, California 94705

STRUCTURE

BAY AREA LAG

Following is a description of Livermore Action Group's various meetings and decision-making processes. Please refer to the calendar on p. 10 to find when various meetings are scheduled, and feel free to attend. All of LAG's meetings are open, and we welcome new participants.

Adopted October 10, 1982 by the Lag Congress Part II.

The Regional Council is the place where final evaluation of the last action, long-term planning and decisions about the policy, politics, and goals of L.A.G. take place. Proposals for new actions are brought here for consensus.

All major policy decisions will be made by the process known as the "Jail Model":

- *proposals are presented and points of clarification are made in one large group.
- *small groups are formed to discuss the proposal. Each group chooses a spoke.
- *These spokes form a circle with their small groups nearby. Spokes report for their group and try to reach a consensus. Spokes break up and return to small groups as often as needed for discussion and re-empowerment.
- *a block to a proposal may be brought to the Council if all members of an A.G. or W.G. agree to the block (group block). A.G.s and W.G.'s have autonomy to decide what constitutes a "block" or "standing aside" position. This means that if a method other than consensus is used to reach a decision, that decision must represent the views of all the members of that A.G. or W.G.
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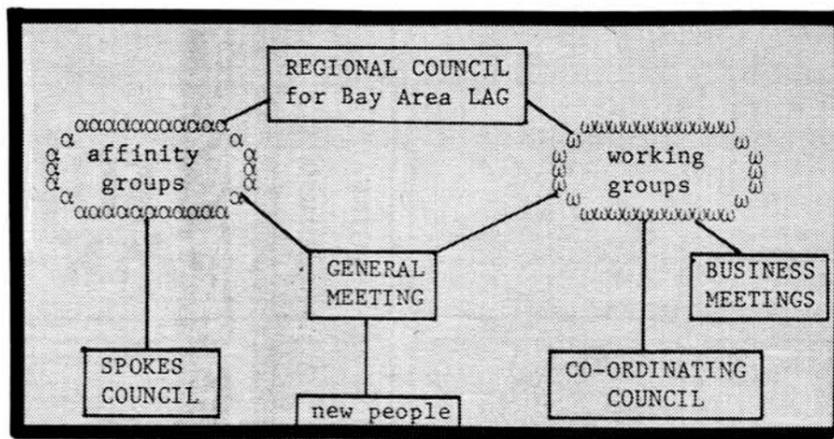
Communication:

- *a new working group will be responsible for sending out a mailer one month before a Regional Council with proposed topics for discussion. The topics can be submitted by W.G.s through the Coordinating Council or from A.G.s directly to the office, or they can include matters held over from a previous Council meeting.
- *the mailer will be sent to each W.G. and each A.G. for discussion. A spokes will then be sent to that meeting empowered to make decisions on those matters.
- *new issues that have arisen since the mailer can also be added to the agenda of the Regional Council. If the empowered spokes feel these matters are within their mandate they can consent to move on them. Otherwise, they will become part of the mailer for consideration of the W.G.s and the A.G.s at the next Regional Council.
- *the Coordinating Council has the responsibility for calling a Regional Council and supervising the W.G. that plans it.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

L.A.G. Working Collectives are required to send representatives so that work related to an action can be coordinated. As with all L.A.G. meetings the Coordinating Council is open to all.

- *during an action when A.G.s are either in jail or involved in support of those in jail, it is imperative for the Coordinating Council to meet frequently to coordinate the activities of ongoing working groups such as office, media, legal, and finance. They must also identify any new working groups that need to be set up immediately in response to the action.
- *they must be available as the responsible body to make decisions that must be dealt with immediately as a result of the



blockade so that this burden does not fall on the office.
 *as soon as possible after the action they set the date and place for the next Regional Council meeting and a proposed agenda for it that will evaluate the action and plan for the future. They are also responsible for calling a Regional Council should a crisis occur that can not be resolved by the ongoing meeting groups of spokes council.
 *they are also responsible for calling both types of Mass (General) Meetings.

- *they are responsible for managing the office, the office staff, and the finances.
- *if advised to do so by the Outreach Collective, the Coordinating Council may endorse or join in coalition with solidarity, peace, and anti-nuclear groups to build an event that falls within the non-violent guidelines and our statement of purpose.
- *the decision to become a member of an ongoing organization must be brought to the Regional Council as well as endorsements or participation in coalitions of a controversial nature.

SPOKES COUNCIL

It is made up of affinity groups participating in a specific action. The spokes council decides on the strategy and tone of that action.

MASS (GENERAL) MEETINGS

There are two types of Mass Meetings with different functions:

I. General Meetings:

- *advertised widely in the Bay Area Community, it is the place for new people to be brought into L.A.G. They can be given information packets, signed up for working groups, C.D. training, find an affinity group, etc.
- *Working groups make lively and interesting reports on their work designed to draw people into their collectives.
- *The overall actions that we are working on are discussed in a way that will attract people to join them and want to work on them.
- *important issues can be discussed here in depth, perhaps one topic per meeting.

- *future actions of other local political action groups can be presented here, discussed and receive endorsement.
- *no decisions on ongoing work are made here but can be referred to the appropriate body for a decision.
- *the date of these meetings are set by the Coordinating Council.

II. Business Meetings:

- *open to all members of working groups.
- *a place to deal with problems growing out of implementation of the policies made by the Regional Council.
- *a place where unresolved differences from a working group or the Coordinating Council can be taken up and their work can be reviewed.
- *the decision-making process will be by small group/large group discussion and then straight consensus.
- *these meetings must be held at least once a month and their date is set by the Coordinating Council.

To help accomplish these goals it is strongly felt that to facilitate a better understanding of sexism and its role in LAG there need to be men's groups. (See the calendar on p. 10 for meeting dates). Formal training in the consensus process must also be made available as well as periodic check-ins during meetings to ensure that everyone feels both valued and empowered at LAG meetings. (Facilitation training dates are on the calendar on p. 11).

We have been working within this structure since October 1982. There is an ongoing Structure Collective that would like to hear any complaints, frustrations or suggestions about meetings, process, facilitation, decision-making, etc. As was said months ago, we are traveling over new ground and must be willing to re-examine our process and structure on an ongoing basis to be sure it continues to serve our needs.

weapons action alliance

In order to promote the growth of effective resistance to the proliferation of nuclear weapons, the following statewide structure was adopted September 18, 1982 by the Lag Congress Part II.

A Statewide Council of a Weapons Action Alliance of representatives of working groups (W.G.s) and affinity groups (A.G.s) from Regional Councils will meet 2 or 3 times a year to discuss joint activities against the nuclear weapons industry.

- *matters pertaining to over all direction of the Alliance such as policies, politics, goals and group actions against the weapons industry will be made by empowered spokes of both A.G.s and W.G.s.
- *W.G.s with similar tasks can hold workshops with each other to share skills they have acquired in putting on benefits, rallies, and marches; doing legal work, alliance building, fund-raising, dealing with the media, etc. As empowered spokes of their W.G.s, they can consent to coordinate their activities in support of a specific action.
- *after the Alliance has consented to an action, those A.G.s wishing to participate actively in that action will form a spokes council to deal with matters pertaining to its tactics, strategy and tone.

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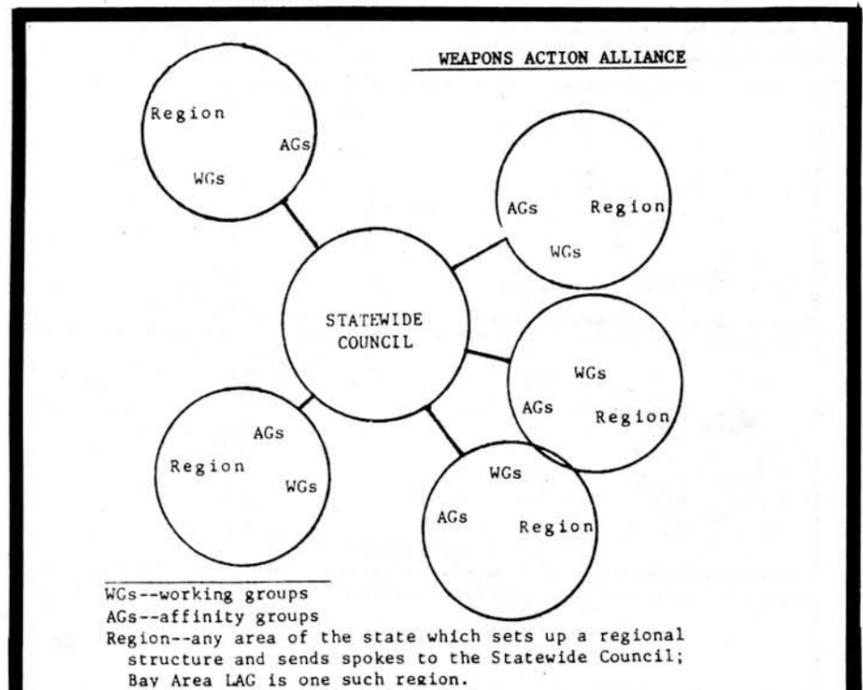
Communication between regional A.G.s and W.G.s and communication between all Regional Councils will be facilitated by newsletters.
 *time lines for making important

decisions and for reaching certain goals must be publicized to all.
 *a region must convince at least one other region of the need for the Alliance to meet for a Statewide Council to be called.

Criteria for regions to join the Weapons Action Alliance:

- *they must agree to operate within the prevailing decision-making process.
- *adhere to the prevailing non-violence guidelines for actions.
- *use the A.G. system for participating in actions.
- *have as their primary reason for joining the Alliance and attending the Council a desire to support activities against the nuclear weapons industry.
- *within the above guidelines each region is free to represent themselves as they choose at the Council.

- *the regional structure they choose for themselves and their project office (if they establish one) is their decision and responsibility.



WGs--working groups
 AGs--affinity groups
 Region--any area of the state which sets up a regional structure and sends spokes to the Statewide Council; Bay Area LAG is one such region.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

APRIL

3 Easter Sunday	4 CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL 7:30pm	5	6	7 GENERAL MEETING FIRST UNITARIAN Franklin/Geary SF 7:30pm	8 I	9 REGIONAL COUNCIL 11-5pm
10 SPOKESCOUNCIL NEW COLLEGE 777 Valencia SF 11-5	11 BUSINESS MEETING Friends Meeting House Vine & Walnut, Berkeley 7:30pm	12 ORIENTATION Unitarian Fellowship 1924 Cedar, Berkeley 7:30pm	13 OUTREACH SCENARIO	14 STOP MX	15 WAR TAX PROTEST P.2	16
17 NOWHERE TO RUN AT LIVERMORE LAB	18 CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL 7:30pm NEWSPAPER DEADLINE	19 STOP THE DRAFT	20 SCENARIO	21 STUDY POT-LUCK 2017 Stuart, Berkeley 7:30pm	22 IN THE KING OF PRUSSIA St. Joseph's 1640 Addison BKLY 8 PM BENEFIT \$4.00	23
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BLOCKADE

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ACTION CALENDAR

SPECIAL EVENTS

APRIL

- Good Friday Blockade of Livermore Lab. Contact Clancy at 415/841-7121 or Eldrid at 415/841-7994.
Good Friday March to Lockheed. For info contact the San Jose Peace Center at 408/297-2299.
- Benefit party for medical aid to El Salvador. Video film on FMLN health clinics 7-9 pm every 30 minutes. Party at 9:30 pm. 2550 Ellsworth, Berkeley. \$2.50 donation.
Freedom Song Network Song Swap at 885 Clayton, SF. Meeting at 6 pm; potluck at 7 pm; singing at 8 pm.
March to Mather Air Force Base from Sacramento. Contact Sacramento Peace Center 916/446-0787.
- Easter Sunday Interfaith Disarmament Service at Palo Alto Civic Center, Hamilton & Bryant, P.A. People will walk from Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and Buddhist churches and worship centers.
- Women and War Tax Resistance by Bev Harms. 7:30 pm, La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley. For info call War Resisters League 415/731-1220.
- Local Disarmament Filmmakers present new films: "Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow" with Vivienne Verdon-Roe and "A Change of Heart" with Cathryn Keller. Educators for Social Responsibility. 415/552-8810.
- "Europe '83 -- Showdown on the Arms Race" talk by Joan Rutig, chair of CND in England and Dorothy Solle, liberation theologian from Germany. 8 pm at Calvary U. Methodist Church, S.F.
- National Lawyers Guild Anti-Nuclear Committee meeting to discuss defense of demonstrators and new uranium mining project. 7:30 pm at 1602 Kains Ave, Berkeley. Info: 415/527-3721.

April 10-16 is Jobs With Peace Week

- Jobs With Peace March 12 noon, San Rafael High School, proceeding up Fourth St. to San Rafael City Hall. Info: 415/459-1530.
- A mock trial at Oakland Technical High School Auditorium, Broadway and 42nd St., Oakland. Info: 415/845-6750. 7:30-10 pm.
- Protest action at S.F. Federal Building. War Tax Resistance League. Noon - 1 pm. 845-6750.
- Public hearings on the impact of the military budget on health, housing, human services, and employment. S.E.I.U. Hall, 240 Golden Gate Ave., S.F. For info 415/558-8615.
- "The Church in El Salvador" forum with 2 sisters and one father. Theology of liberation; the church and solidarity work in the U.S.A. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 8 pm. \$3.00.
- Premier showing of "In the King of Prussia", a film about the Plovers. Story of courtroom trial. Filmmaker will be there. 7 and 9:30 pm, McKenna Theater, SF State U. \$6.00 general; \$5.00 students. Info: 415/469-2444.
- Nowhere to Run Run at Livermore Lab. A 10 kilometer fundraiser "race to continue the human race" starting and finishing at Robertson Park, Livermore. 10 am sharp. Pre-registration deadline is Apr. 7. Adults-\$6.00; 12 & under and over 65-\$4.00. Last day to register is April 14-\$8.00. Gather pledges to benefit peace organizations in Calif. (including LAG) For info call 415/549-0361.
- Massive demonstration at Westinghouse to protest their involvement in cruise, MX and other nuclear technology. 4:30 pm, Murphy Park, Sunnyvale Ave. and Calif. Ave, Sunnyvale. This demonstration will culminate 10 weeks of leafletting by the Stop the Cruise and Pershing II Campaign, C.A.N.E., 415/326-8873.

- "Marx's Relevance to Women's Liberation, the Black Dimension, and the Third World Today" by Raya Dunayevskaya, 4 pm, Tilden Room, fifth floor Student Union, U. of Calif., Berkeley.
- LAG political discussion potluck. See article, and call 644-3031 for time and place.
- Welcome home reception for Vandenberg protesters. 2 pm, New Varsity Theater, 456 University, Palo Alto.
Book and record sale to benefit Oakland/Berkeley CISPES. 11 am to 5 pm. La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley. Call 524-7885 to donate books or records.
- Book and record sale to benefit Oakland/Berkeley CISPES. 11-5 at La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berk.
- Walk for Justice from D.Q. University to Davis to the Federal Courthouse in Sacramento. Sunrise ceremony at D.Q. preceding the walk. Overnight prayer vigil in front of the courthouse to stop James Watt and point out what he's doing to Indian people.
- Gathering to support Indian education and to support and defend D.Q. University. 8 am in front of the Federal Courthouse, Sacramento. Info: 415/834-6034.
- "Nuclear Weapons in the Middle East: Progress or Peril" debate at Berkeley Hillel, 2736 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 7:30 pm. Dr. Shai Feldman from Tel Aviv University and Dr. Gene Rochlin of Institute for Govtl. Studies, UC Berkeley. \$3.50 general, \$2.50 students. Info: 415/845-7793.
- Film benefit for Casa El Salvador Farabundo Marti, Two films by Les Blank and Maureen Gosling. "Always for Pleasure" and "Garlic is as good as Ten Mothers." 7 & 9:30 pm. Roxie Theater, 16th and Valencia, S.F. \$3.50.

- Whole Life Expo World Fair, Moscone Convention Center, SF. \$5 per day. Lectures, workshops, exhibits, films, music on healing, politics, social change, nonviolence, nuclear freeze, personal growth. Noon - 10 pm Apr. 29; 8 am-11 pm Apr. 30; 8 am - 10 pm May 1.
 - Massage-a-thon 10 am - 8 pm. Put your body on the table for peace. Support June 20 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT. \$20 donation (or more if you wish) for a one-hour treatment. Oceana Center, 831 Delaware, Berkeley. Reservations required. Call Treelight 534-5749 to make appointment. Sponsored by Cosmic Compost.
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- Berkeley Anti-Reagan Festival (BARF) all day in Provo Park.
 - Women's Day in Golden Gate Park.
 - Mothers Day Blockade at Livermore Lab. Info: Mica 415/653-0320.



April is Nuclear War Prevention month in Palo Alto. A coalition of local peace groups has planned a wide range of events almost every day. Call the Mid-Peninsula Peace Center at 415/326-8873 for info on activities.

April is Ground Zero Month. To play the Firebreaks War/Peace Game in N. California call 415/524-3200.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

Nonviolence preparation is required before someone can risk arrest at a LAG demonstration. This is not necessary for legal types of participation although the trainings are open to everyone. Nonviolence trainings include: introduction to consensus decision making, function of affinity groups, history of nonviolence, feminism and nonviolence, legal ramifications, and scenario of the action. There are two types of trainings: 1 or 2 day sessions of 6 hours each. The second is more in-depth; both cover the same material.

People must pre-register with Anne Moore at 282-2843 or 221-4444 ex. 605 for messages. Nonviolence trainings in the next month are:

- April 2 -- 2 day training
- April 16-- 1 day training
- May 7 ---- 2 day training

Consensus Workshop, Part I - learn how to make consensus work well in small groups. Free. Register in advance with Liz at 285-9685. Offered by nonviolence preparers collective affiliated with LAG and the Abalone Alliance. April 6 at Haight Senior Center, 1350 Waller St., S.F., 7-10 pm. Childcare available on request.

Consensus/Meeting Facilitation Workshop Part II - Improve your meeting facilitation skills; learn how large groups can make decisions together effectively. Free, but you must register in advance with Liz at 285-9685. April 20 7-10 pm at Friends Meeting House, 2151 Vine St., Berkeley. Childcare available.

Introduction to macro analysis/ How to start your own social change study group. April 27, 7 pm, Peace Center, 555 Waverly, Palo Alto. 326-8837.

Teach-in on cruise and Pershing II. 7 pm at the Peace Center, 555 Waverly, Palo Alto on April 15. Info: 415/ 26-8837.

Conflict resolution workshop by Mid-Peninsula Nonviolence Preparers Collective. April 20, 7:30 at the Peace Center, 555 Waverly, Palo Alto.

Strategy Development. A weekend workshop for nonviolence activists sponsored by the AFSC in Ben Lomond, May 20-21. For more info contact David Hartsough, AFSC, 2160 Lake St., SF, CA 94121.



MEETINGS

Silicon Valley Peace Camp organizing meeting. April 9 noon-5 at Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado, Palo Alto. For info: 415/964-3066.

Bay Area Peace Network meeting - April 13, 7:30-9:30, Dolores Street Baptist Church, 208 Dolores St., SF. For info or agenda, call SF Freeze, 415/621-0858

The following LAG meetings are open; we welcome new participation.

Regional Council -- April 2, 11-5 at First Unitarian Church, Franklin and Geary, S.F. Affinity groups and working collectives send spokes.

Spokesouncil for Livermore blockade -- April 10 and 24, 11 to 5, New College, 777 Valencia, S.F. May 7, 11 to 5, Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar & Bonita, Berkeley.

Coordinating Council -- April 4 and 18, 7:30, call LAG office for place: 415/644-2028. April 25, 7:30, Friends Meeting House, Berkeley. May 2 - call LAG for place. May 9 -- Friends Meeting House, Vine and Walnut, Berkeley. LAG's working collectives send representatives every Monday night.

Business Meeting -- Skill sharing among all members of LAG working collectives. April 11, 7:30, Friends Meeting House, Vine and Walnut, Berkeley.

Scenario planning -- organize the logistics and plan strategy for the June 20 Livermore Blockade. Meets every Wednesday at 7:30. Contact Anna Graves 415/655-5675 for location.

Community Outreach and Alliance Building work group meets every other Wednesday at 7:30. On the alternating Wednesdays, sub-groups of COAB meet to organize a speakers bureau, plan LAG orientations, publicize LAG events, etc. For location call Tori at LAG: 415/644-2028.

Table and Canvass Working Collective meets every week. The collective seeks new women members. Forty per cent of funds raised by this group are distributed among the members, 20% is overhead, and 40% goes to LAG. For location of meeting and dates call Erica at 415/655-4263.

General Meeting -- April 7 at 7:30 at First Unitarian Church, Franklin & Geary in the Chapel., S.F. May 3 at 7:30 at Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar & Bonita, Berkeley.

Men's Meeting -- April 26, 7:30, 2019 Blake, Berkeley.

Orientation -- Interested people can see LAG slide show and learn how to get involved in the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament by helping with the Livermore Blockade on June 20 or creating an action of their own. April 12 at Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar and Bonita, Berkeley, 7:30. April 28 at 7:30 at New College, 777 Valencia, S.F. May 10 at 7:30 at the Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar & Bonita, Berkeley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EL SALVADOR INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN will begin April 1 to collect signatures to place on the November SF municipal ballot a policy statement calling for an immediate end to the sending of military aid to El Salvador and the withdrawal of U.S. military advisors from that country. To help petition or leaflet, or to make a donation, contact SF CISPES at 415/861-0425.

To find out where nuclear missiles are built near you, or anywhere in the US, order the newly released "Missiles Built in Your Backyard" from NARMIC, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia PA 19102.

Jerry Falwell's toll-free telephone number is 800/446-5000. Why not give him a call?

LASERWATCH - A clearinghouse for laser and space weaponry information is being established in New Mexico. They seek newspaper articles, publications, and contributions on this subject. Contributions are gratefully accepted. Laserwatch, c/o John and Rebecca McLeod, P.O. Box 8351, Santa Fe, NM 87504. Sandia Lab in Albuquerque, N.M., conducts high tech laser research.

ARTICLES on either feminism and/or racism are being solicited for the next issue of Direct Action. Send to LAG office, attn: Tamara.

A RAFFLE to benefit medical aid to El Salvador is on-going during the month of April. Tickets are \$1 in books of 10. Contact Joey Wilson, P.O. Box 27233, Oakland CA 94602 to order tickets. First prize is a trip down the American River.

LAG NEEDS FACILITATORS for large and small group meetings. Please see the calendar for times and places for consensus workshops, take the training, and use your new skills to make our meetings more productive.

FAST FOR LIFE - a fast to stop the nuclear arms race. If development, testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons by all powers have not stopped by Hiroshima Day, August 6, 1983, the following people intend to commence an open-ended fast: Solange Fernex, Dorothy Granada, Charles Gray, and Didier Mainguy. They invite your support. Contact Fast for Life, 942 Market Street No. 710, SF, CA 94102. Tel.: 415/982-4637. The LAG office also has copies of their newsletter.

VANDENBERG

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unplanned arrests of a handful of folks by some nit-picking young soldiers and some jay-walking citations by the ever vigilant CHP the action proceeded smoothly as planned.

As of this writing the legal wrangling continues with close to 300 of our folk still in the slammer, but from this latest VAC action it must be clear to all including base commander Gen. Jack Watkins and fearless leader Ronny Reagan that the movement is well organized to deal with the sober issues behind the singing and chanting. A special note of congratulations to all who participated, especially to those incredible hard-working folk who organized the action --- BRAVO!

- by Mark McDonald

stuffed bus cluster

This is the story of two "happenings" -- one at the entrance to the Vandenberg Air Force Base, the other in the yard of the Santa Barbara Jail.

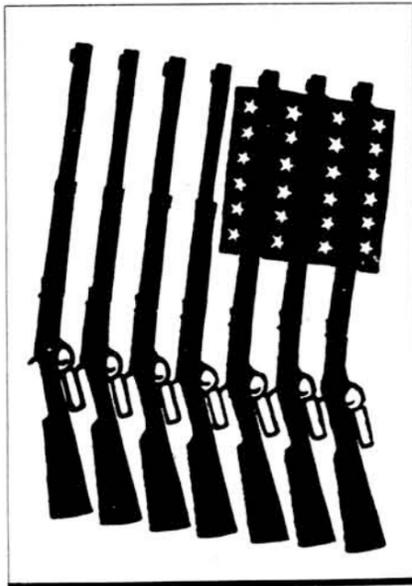
At about 10 am on March 21, on the signal of the launching of two balloons from one of the four corners at the entrance to the base, groups of demonstrators converged from 3 of the corners and headed for the center of the intersection. One of the groups carried upright a 6 foot "MX missile" and when the center was reached lowered the missile on its side. Seven or eight of us smothered it with our bodies and the rest of the 39 encircled and protected the center.

It took the police about 15 minutes to clear the intersection since many of us did go limp. In a reverse way I was reminded of the famous Iwo Jima picture of WW II. If anyone knows of a picture of this event, please let me know.

All 39 were placed on the same bus so we were all together when taken to the Santa Barbara jail. When we arrived there a deputy came into the bus and announced that we shortly would be issued citation releases and escorted out the gate of the jail.

One of our members indicated that she was not satisfied with this arrangement since it would mean that we either would have to return to the area for arraignment or would be subject to a warrant for arrest that would jeopardize further participation in other events or might even cause jail time resulting from a broken tail light, etc.

Accordingly, we consensed not to leave the bus (except for those who had to do so) until we were assured that we would be arraigned before leaving the area. A written statement to this effect was presented to the deputy when he returned. The deputy then escorted the five persons who had to accept the



citation off the bus and then returned to give us one last chance to accept the release. Without avail.

This was followed by a visit by the head of the jail, Lt. Crook (that is his real name, CROOK), who told us that we would be put into the general population which was a very dangerous group of people, and we were going to end up with the same deal as those who went out on citation anyway, so what was the use, etc., etc., etc.

Intermittently during the next five hours we were given at least ten "last chances" to get off the bus and accept release. Then an assistant D.A. came to announce that we were shortly going to be driven downtown for arraignment. This was followed in about a half hour by his return to announce that it was too late for the judge to work after 5 pm, and that we would be booked into the jail.

In the end 25 of us persisted, spent the night in jail under conditions that could be considered cruel and unusual (for example the women slept on concrete -- no mattress -- were not offered food until the following morning, and the blankets we had were really bedspreads with holes throughout.)

In court, in the late afternoon of the following day, the judge at first said he did not believe in plea bargaining and was going to penalize us for remaining on the bus by not giving us credit for time served and by imposing a fine \$44.00 higher than that which will be assessed on those who accepted citation.

In the end, because we were determined to make a plea of not guilty, all charges were dropped and we all left the jail completely free. Another instance of the power of solidarity and mass arraignment.

- by Eldred

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RESISTANCE CONTINUES IN JAIL

(DIRECT ACTION delayed publication eight days in order to cover the March Vandenberg action; with the announcement Monday (3/28) that some protesters had agreed to 14-day sentences, it became clear that we could not wait until everyone was out of jail to report on the action. The following report was written hours before our Tuesday press deadline.)



Who is more determined--the U.S. government or the 250 Vandenberg protesters in jail? Each faction used its full reservoir of tactics in the week-long nonviolent direct action at this S. California SAC base.

The government tests first-strike nuclear weapons at Vandenberg. In protest, 130 people blockaded the roads leading to the base, and between 600-700 people trespassed onto it. Some of the trespassers reached the MX missile assembly building, a serious breach of Air Force security.

The government responded by rounding up the protesters. The blockaders, including 25-30 minors, were all released within 24 hours. Most have citations to appear in court at a later date; 25 succeeded in getting all charges dropped (see "Stuffed Bus Cluster" article this page).

In contrast to the blockaders, who confront the California State government, trespassers at Vandenberg confront the Feds. The difference was immediately felt. People facilitating meetings or leading songs in federal custody were quickly whisked away to solitary confinement as government officials tried to segregate perceived "leaders."

To hold solidarity with these folks getting special treatment, and with any second-time trespassers, at least 250 protesters refused to give their names to the authorities. 250 John and Jane Does demanded a mass and public arraignment and equal sentencing for everyone.

The government threatened that it would take 10-14 days before an arraignment before a federal judge could begin. Instead, protesters were given the chance to agree to let federal magistrates hear their cases. The sentences they were offered by Magistrate Sykes in San Luis Obispo were 10-15 days in jail, no community service, and 2 years probation for first timers. Sykes offered second timers 30 days in jail, credit for time served, plus 25 hours community service, plus 2 years probation.

Not surprisingly, no one of the 12-15 people offered these sentences accepted them. They chose to plead not guilty, get out on their personal recognizance, and appear individually in court starting April 13.

Faced with an overflowing jail, and seeking to break solidarity, the government transferred many protesters out of the Federal prison in Lompoc. Twelve men were taken to Terminal Island and approximately 15 men to the Orange County jail. Nineteen women were incarcerated in Sybil Brand jail in L.A. (Transport entailed 17 hours on a bus in handcuffs, we hear.) Ten women, frightened by a transfer to the maximum security unit in the Orange County jail, protested by re-



moving their clothes and clinging to one another in the middle of the room. They were dragged off.

Thirty men were flown in shackles to a federal prison in Florence, Arizona. Forty men and twenty women began fasting to protest their removal; the number of fasters grew to between 70-90 men, and 90 women, by the time of this writing.

Meanwhile, those trespassers who couldn't commit the time required to stay in solidarity, encountered very random treatment by the authorities. Many were given ban and bar notices (warnings which stipulate penalties for future trespassing) and released without formal charges being filed. Some first timers were given jail sentences of 3 days, or 20 hours community service, or \$100 fine. Some courts gave them credit for time served in jail; others did not. Some magistrates didn't impose probation, while others (like Sykes) imposed up to 2 years.

Many trespassers were thrown off the base against their will with ban and bar notices, written out to various John and Jane Does. Some of these protesters re-entered the base on Wednesday morning March 23, in order to stay in solidarity with

second timers being held.

As we go to press, the women held in Sybil Brand were sentenced to 7 days for first timers and 14 days for second timers. Most agreed to give their names to the magistrate and accept this sentence.

The same sentences were likely to be offered to the larger population of protesters in Lompoc. They would have to decide whether to accept this unequal sentencing. If they did not agree to give their names to the magistrate and accept it on Tuesday, March 29, they were to be brought before a federal judge on Wednesday. L.A. U.S. attorney Bill Landers threatened that if they didn't give their names to that federal judge, they would be held in contempt of court, which means they could be held in jail indefinitely.

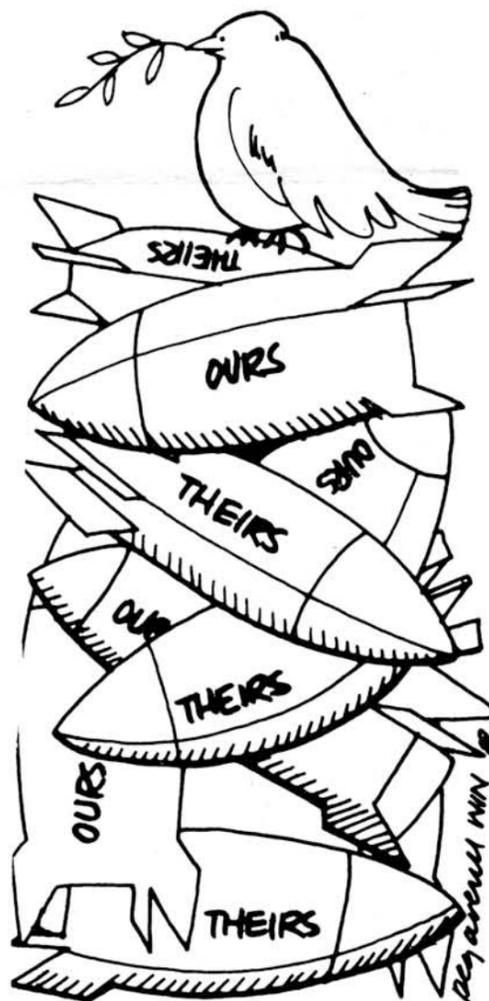
Tough decisions. I honor them for their courage.

And we have only begun our protests at Vandenberg. The Special Commission on Strategic Forces has submitted its report on the MX basing mode to Reagan. It will be forwarded to Congress in early April and indications are that it will be approved.

The Special Commission has "consensed" (sic) to recommend basing the MX in presently-existing Minuteman silos. The only thing they haven't "consensed" on is the number of missiles to build: should it be 100 or 150? Vandenberg could start testing whenever the Congressional decision is made.

An action alert network is in place to notify affinity groups of the actual launch date, which has been classified for several months. To add your affinity group's phone number to the alert network, contact Tracy at 415/549-3616 or Dave at 415/652-4401 #621.

- by Tori Woodard



BRING YOUR OPINIONS TO THE FIRST

LIVERMORE BLOCKADE

SPOKESCOUNCIL

- * Should we blockade for one day or for more than one?
- * Should some affinity groups occupy the Livermore Lab?
- * Should we establish an encampment?

These questions will be discussed at the first spokescouncil on April 10 at New College, 777 Valencia, SF, from 11-5. Affinity groups will discuss them and make decisions at the second spokescouncil at the same place, same time, on April 24.

See you Sunday, April 10!