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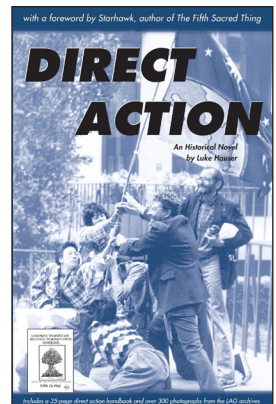


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by Luke Hauser

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JUNE 20 LIVERMORE BLOCKADE SCENARIO

A June 19th legal rally, affinity group autonomy, occupation and an extended blockaded were all topics discussed at the April 24th Spokescouncil meeting.

At the last Spokesmeeting there was a proposal for a legal rally on June 19th. This was proposed to organize the people who wish to protest against the Livermore Lab but do not wish to commit civil disobedience. The primary concern with the rally was that it would dissipate energy and most people felt that their time would be going into the action on the 20th. However, there was agreement that specific proposals would be brought by the Legal Rally Collective to the next Spokescouncil. (This rally is not to be confused with the rally that is to support the civil disobedience action on June 11th in Mosswood Park in Oakland.)

Affinity group (AG) autonomy was the next major scenario question. From the beginning there was a general feeling of support for AG autonomy. AG autonomy means that each group designs their individual action as long as it is within the non-violence guidelines. (Every participant agrees to this code when taking non-violence training.) Some of the concerns were over the jail solidarity question and

how it would be resolved with AG's doing different levels of protest. Even with these concerns the majority of people felt autonomy allows groups to express their creativity and serves to escalate pressure against the Lab. Agreement was reached to support AG autonomy with the understanding that groups would report back to the Spokescouncil with their specific plans to facilitate the coordination of the action.

The issue of occupation was harder to resolve. Some felt it would put more pressure on the Lab while others questioned its general purpose. There were also concerns that occupation would escalate overall police violence thus alienating many blockaders. Consensus was reached around AG's having total freedom to decide their own action (including occupation) as long as it was within the non-violence code. And those AG's interested in occupying were asked to bring their plans to the next Spokesmeeting.

The question of an extended blockade was the last topic. The central issue was whether we had the capability to bring enough people out each day. Other concerns were that it would dilute energy; take the focus off the International Day; cause problems

with encampment logistics; create difficulties coordinating the various days; and complicate jail solidarity. However, there was still a general sense of support. The positive side was that greater numbers disturb the Lab more; news coverage would be longer; and immediate jail release would be discouraged if police knew blockaders would be coming back. One person mentioned that blockading alternate days (i.e. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) would keep the police offguard. Also, the possibility of jail solidarity around each day, rather than maintaining solidarity with everyone, was discussed. In order to resolve this, it was agreed that AG's who planned to be arrested after Monday report back to the Spokescouncil. Even with the difficulties, there was general agreement to emphasize the first day and publicize, "Civil Disobedience at the Lab beginning on June 20th". The scenario collective agreed to begin planning for the extended action with the knowledge that plans may change.

The next Spokesmeeting will be on Saturday, May 7, at the Unitarian Fellowship, in Berkeley on 1924 Cedar St. See you there.

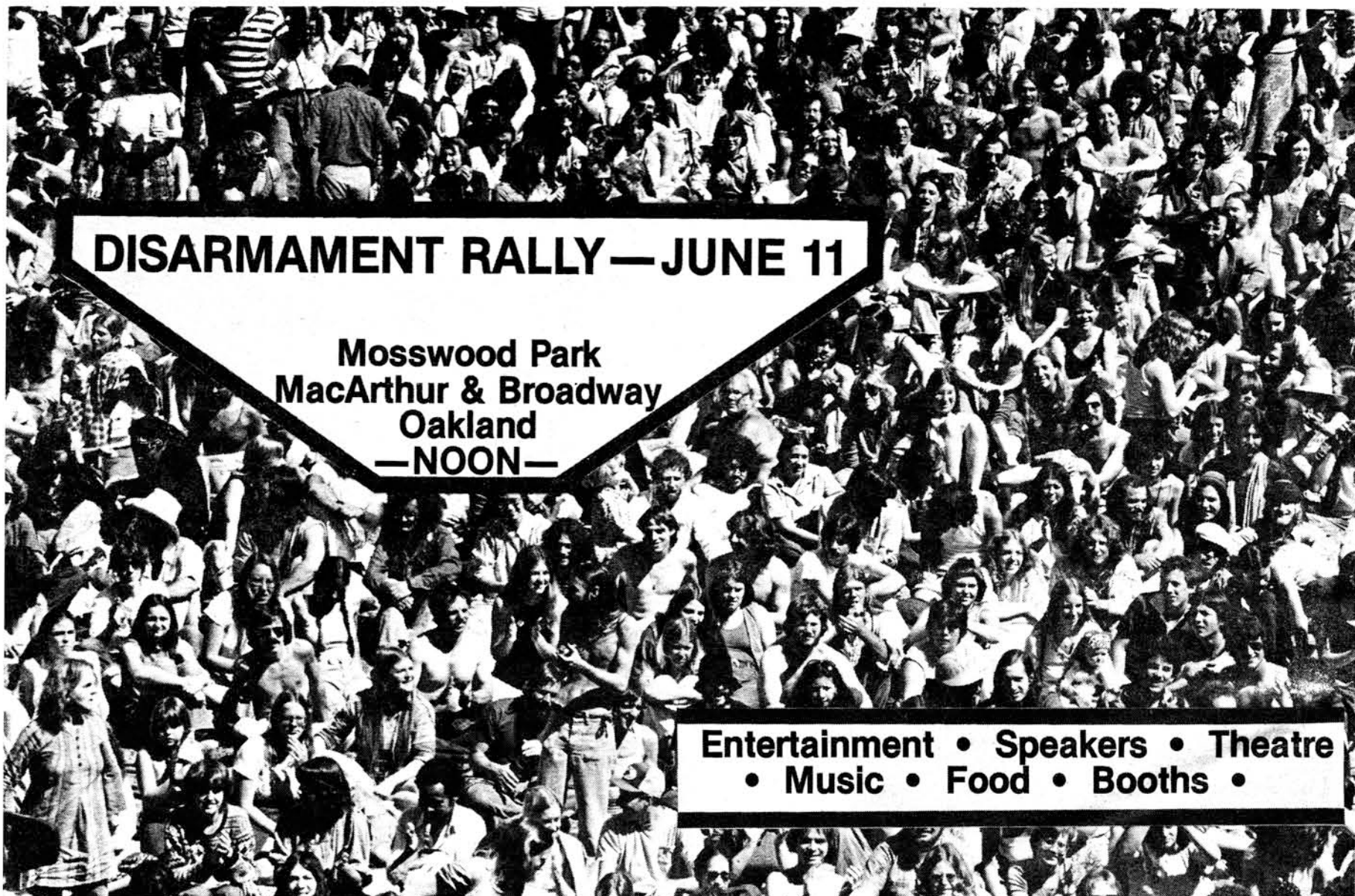
-by Beth Benson

LAG Rally —June 11

Our June 11 Rally in Mosswood Park, Oakland, will be an important community event for the Livermore Action Group.

It is the one legal, public event in which we have the opportunity to share our objectives, hopes, and dreams and our political diversity with each other and the public in an environment we create.

Invite your friends. Come and enjoy music, speakers, theater, food and many wonderful people. The rally will help build toward the blockade by encouraging people to take non-violence training on June 12 and to participate in the blockade on June 20. It will also be a place for us to become more familiar with other issues and organizations in the bay area political community. Come and mix and mingle with others who are working toward a better world.



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WG CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROPOSALS

LAG's working groups are supposed to be open to anyone, and to operate by consensus. For the most part, this process has worked well.

But what do we do when interpersonal frictions seriously impair the functioning of vital WGs during an action?

Two LAG WGs have grappled with this problem this spring; in one case, the communications collective was rendered inoperative for a month before the January action at Vandenberg when most of the collective found it could not work with one member.

Traditional political groups deal with these problems by hierarchical dictates, or by subtle interpersonal "games" which often only exacerbate the problems. LAG has made a firm commitment to avoid either approach.

In an attempt to be as fair as possible to all parties, and to ensure that such problems are resolved in the best interests of the individuals and the group as a whole, the following guidelines have been proposed by the Media collective after discussions with other working groups and interested people. The guidelines, which are also being considered by several other WGs, are to be proposed to the bay area LAG Regional Council on May 15. Empowered spokes will be asked to consider adopting

the guidelines for LAG's WGs, and other LAG members are welcome to comment on the proposals at the meeting.

The May 15 Regional Council will be at the Urban School, 1563 Page near Masonic, S.F., 11 a.m.

PROPOSAL

Should problems arise within our group between members we plan on using the following procedure:

1. We will try to work it out among ourselves.
2. If we fail, we will seek mediation from a mutually acceptable person(s).
3. If we ask a person to leave the group, that person is entitled to mediation.
4. If mediation fails (whether about an issue or a person), the group or individuals within the group may appeal to the C.C. (The C.C. may appoint a sub-committee to deal with the problem.)
5. Should a person in conflict with the group refuse to participate in mediation she/he may be suspended from the group until she/he agrees to mediation.

LIVERMORE MONITOR

The nuclear weapons design labs, according to the Washington Post, are studying the possibility of a new electromagnetic pulse--EMP bomb. The special effects of the EMP bomb would blackout communications systems without killing people. This new bomb is a variation of the neutron bomb. When a nuclear weapon explodes it produces an extremely powerful electrical charge. This charge, called an electromagnetic pulse, has the effect of overloading and thus breaking electrical circuits. Theoretically, if this bomb was exploded over the Soviet Union it would destroy their communications systems. This new bomb enhances the EMP output and reduces the blast, heat, and fallout of a regular H-bomb.

Some of the research for the EMP bomb can be conducted inside the Livermore lab. The inertial confinement fusion program, which was supposed to eventually bring us cheap, clean energy, is helping the scientists simulate thermonuclear explosions. These laboratory H-bombs will help test the effects of EMP on strategic systems. Other experiments are conducted at the Nevada Test Site. Some experts say that the EMP bomb will take more underground testing than is permitted under the limited test ban treaty. The labs are limited to the equivalent of ten Hiroshima bombs underground.

An ideal EMP-bomb experiment would exceed 150 kilotons and would include atmospheric testing. Is it possible that the laboratories and the Reagan administration are considering breaking the treaty to test US vulnerability to the EMP effect? President Reagan is the first president since Truman to flatly refuse to negotiate an end to nuclear testing. The US leads the Soviets 740 to 480 in nuclear tests, yet the US is holding up CTBT negotiations. Recently Reagan offered to talk to the Soviets about tightening verification procedures for existing treaties. Reagan could be setting the stage to blame the Soviet Union for not being willing to negotiate. Reagan is also making unsubstantiated allegations that the Soviets violated a missile testing agreement. Reagan could be trying to clear the way to legitimate some US violations that would be necessary to test some new weapons concepts like the ABM bomb and an H-bomb fueled laser ABM, and to test the more powerful MX and Trident warheads.

Reagan's push to develop a "defensive" rather than a "deterrent" technology is deceiving in that the first superpower to develop defensive technology would be in a better position to start a nuclear war.

DIRECT ACTION

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

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

All articles are researched and written by individuals and do not necessarily reflect consensed positions of LAG, its working groups, or its affinity groups.

In addition to the writers whose names have appeared in the last several issues, the following people have helped out: Bobbi Sloan, Al Bettles, Ron Andrews, Jim Dyer, Nancy Goetzl, the Sunflower Brigade, Martha Hoffman--and a special thanks to Lana Fisher for production of the Action Bulletins.

FINANCES

As of last week we are two months away from the June 20th action. Between now and then there are many bills and deposits to be paid. Right now we have \$2068.22 in the bank; \$1634.67 of bills for just this month; and \$8250.00 of loans. Thus, after the bills are paid we are \$7616.45 in debt. Yet, if our canvass day and phone bank are successful we should have no problems making it to June 20th.

LAG Regional Council

The Regional Council is an important organizational meeting of both affinity groups and working group spokes to talk about the politics and ongoing strategy of the organization.

The next Regional Council is on May 15, from 11-5, at 1563 Page, in S.F.

PROPOSALS:

(1) That LAG focus on the Cruise and Pershing in solidarity with Europe on our June 20 Action.

(2) That LAG participate in coalition in a campaign against the Cruise and Pershing, with an action in October.

(3) That LAG take on more of a campaign focus on the Livermore Lab, rather than being action oriented.

(4) That only truly empowered spokes participate in the Coordinating Council, and rotate spokes. That Working Groups with less than 5 members be called a "sub-collective." (see Direct Action, May p.17)

(5) That Working Groups have the power to "suspend" a member in an unworkable situation until mediation is possible. (see Direct Action, May p. 2)

(6) That LAG become a part of the Bohemian Grove Action Network.

(7) That LAG take steps toward building a broader coalition in the Bay Area against militarism.

LAG Regional Council

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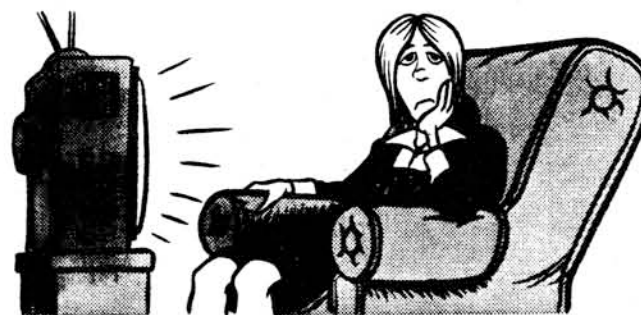
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Dear folks,

I outlined three ways--"Knock, block, hawk" in the last Direct Action and got several very gratifying responses. Each person expressing interest in fundraising really builds the morale of all, especially the people working virtually around the clock to organize an action this summer that will make a difference. If you want to work on any of these plans or have other ideas, please call me, Virginia, at the LAG office 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Thanks!!

KNOCK---on ASPHALT SUNDAY. One day canvass in San Francisco.
WHEN: May 22 2:00 p.m. training; 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 canvass.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM LAST DIRECT ACTION CALENDAR

WHERE: Holy Redeemer School Cafeteria, 117 Desmond Street by 18th, S.F. (by Castro Street Muni Station)

Rouse the people, raise the money on this outreach effort. Afterwards we'll share munchies and swap stories. Sign up now at spokescouncils or call the office so we can organize canvass crews and trainings. 100 or more of us will be a fund-filled canvass!

TALK---in the PHONE OUTREACH (alias Dialing for Disarmament)

WHEN: Through June on Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. and Sundays 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

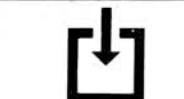
WHERE: LAG office, 3126 Shattuck Ave. by Woolsey, Berkeley.

Parties of people will be busy at the dozen collective phones in the office calling all Bay Area folk in the LAG mailing list of 2,500. We'll talk about our upcoming plans and action, find out people's interests, and ask for contributions of money and time. A lot of people want to help but haven't yet found a way. We need to be up on LAG activities; we'll coach each other as we go. Call Virginia at the office to take part in PHONE OUTREACH.

HAWK---while TABLING AND DISTRIBUTING LAG LITERATURE/SALEABLES.

WHEN: Any weekday or weekend, hopefully soon!

WHERE: Your local supermarket, festival, school campus, well-traf-



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-TALK-



-HAWK-



-TRUCK-

ficked neighborhood, special event, church group, political meeting.

Pick up literature, T-shirts and other items, plus a card table, from the LAG office or our two drop-off points in Berkeley and San Francisco. Set up a display with a friend or fellow A.G. in the gathering of your choice. Talk about the issues and sell items to those who approach, and -- for advanced tablers -- hail those who don't. A table can usually bring in \$25 to \$100 in one afternoon.

LAG is not represented at many film showings, rallies, etc.) Contact the office to sign up for such events.

PICK-UP SITES (after you contact the office)

BERKELEY: Judy's - 2925 Ashby by Claremont, phone: 843-0722

SAN FRANCISCO: Bob and Gail's, phone 673-7526 for directions.

BLOCK---SPONSORSHIP OF THE BLOCKADE

JUNE 20.

WHEN: Now till June 20

WHERE: Any place you go - home, work, school, etc.

Ask 10 people to sponsor your June 20 blockade at Livermore Lab. Ask people who believe in the effort but can't participate directly. Suggest \$5. If 100 people rounded up 10 such sponsors, we could pay \$5,000 in Livermore Action bills. Remember the only way to raise money is to ask for it! Sponsorships forms will be available soon. Contact George at 845-7248 for more information.

TRUCK---OUR DONATIONS TO THE ASHBY FLEA MARKET

WHEN: Any fair-weather weekend beginning in May

WHERE: East Bay

We have lots of donated items and several people willing to sell them, but we are stuck in need of a truck to get items from homes and rented storage space to the Ashby BART station where they're marketed. Use of your pick-up

van or truck for just one day would be extremely helpful! Past marketing has brought in up to several hundred dollars in one day!! To help, call the office and leave a message for Erica. - by Virginia Frantz

A.G.FUNDRAISING

One month prior to the March Vandenberg action, the Vandenberg Action Coalition (VAC) had absolutely no money.

The proposal that each AG be responsible for raising \$100 was the primary fundraising scheme. It worked, along with money raised at the rally. Over \$8000 was raised in a short period of time.

Fundraising provided a focus for quite a few AGs in the weeks leading up to the action. There were as many different creative ideas for generating money as there were AGs.

Our group put on a dinner-dance benefit. Peace-loving musicians provided the sound system and the music. Local farmers donated food. A printer provided tickets and fliers for free. Our members donated all the labor, along with help from quite a few other volunteers, people who don't go to actions, but are sympathetic.

We made \$450 profit and had a great time. We also spread the message of Vandenberg and what we are trying to accomplish.

This form of fundraising is truly non-hierarchical. We all share the

responsibility for this necessary task, instead of leaving it up to a few people.

This would also utilize the natural grass-roots strength of our affinity group structure. If 200 AGs each contribute \$100, that means \$20,000 for International Day.

--by Tom Tiller,
Turning Tide AG,
Bolinas

PROPOSAL

While heartily endorsing everyone's participation in any major fundraising efforts organized by the fundraising collective, we propose an additional plan. Recognizing that needs can most easily be met when they are specific, we propose that each affinity group raise \$100 for the International Day Action.

As an ongoing fundraising plan we also propose that each member of LAG pledge \$1 per month to LAG.

--Turning Tide A. G.

BECOMING INVOLVED



HELP WANTED!

Peace activist internship positions are available with the Livermore Action Group staff. LAG is doing some very exciting peace work in its roles as organizer of a mass civil disobedience at Livermore Laboratory and as clearinghouse for the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. Incredible amounts of interesting information from all over the world come through our office, and we need help processing it.

As an intern on our staff, you would have an opportunity to learn a great deal. Coordinators do not need to do all the work outlined in the position descriptions below; rather, they are responsible for coordinating as many people as needed to complete the work. If you are interested in one of the positions, please call Tori at the LAG office, or stop in to see us.

Speakers bureau coordinator, 15 hours per week. Contact Bay Area groups to set up slide show presentations and talks by LAG members. Match the talk requests with available speakers. Keep a calendar of speaking and slide-show requests and ascertain that LAG is represented at each occasion. You will learn the scope of the Bay Area peace community.

Clearinghouse coordinator, 25 hours per week. Telephone peace groups around the US to encourage them to hold actions on June 20, and to learn the progress of the action they are planning. Keep an up-to-date map of these actions, as well as those overseas, and a chart showing for each participating group the kind of action, geographic location, type of facility being protested, and (in June) the number of protesters who attend the action. The coordinator will help organize a phone bank in June to receive calls about actions around the world and to relay that information to inquirers.

Graphics coordinator, 5-10 hours per week. Call graphic artists to follow-up on production timetables. Call printers to arrange production of flyers, posters, buttons, T-shirts. Coordinate transport of designs to printers and pickup of finished materials.

Publicity coordinator, 20 hours per week. Help the organizers of LAG benefits, film festivals, etc., write and submit Public Service Announcements to radio and TV stations. Arrange for LAG speakers to get on talk shows to publicize our activities. Organize volunteers and/or poster services to post fliers for LAG activities. Collect, organize, and submit calendar items about LAG events to Bay Area publications. A collective of several people could divide up these tasks rather than have one coordinator oversee them, if several people are interested in helping with the work.

Volunteers coordinator(s), a total of 35 hours per week during office hours. Call volunteers to be sure that there are office volunteers scheduled for each day. Inquire about tasks from other staff members and train the volunteers to do them. Learn the interests and goals of each volunteer so we can find fulfilling work for them. More than one coordinator could share this position.

Meetings coordinator, 10 hours per week. Call working collective members to solicit coordinating council meeting agenda items and encourage attendance. For spokescouncils and regional councils, coordinate mailing of the minutes, be sure there are agenda and facilitators for upcoming meetings, and arrange transportation for the childcare worker. Line up someone to open up the meeting space, and take LAG materials and a donation can.

Materials distribution coordinator, 15 hours per week. Keep inventory of LAG's handbooks, T-shirts, buttons, posters, and flyers, ordering more when supplies get low. Be sure orders for materials are filled by volunteers, and monies collected for items out on consignment. Distributing our materials is one of the best public outreach methods, as well as being a significant fundraiser for LAG. With orders coming in from all over the world for International Day materials, we need help filling them promptly.

Child care coordinator. Take responsibility for coordinating child care for the week of June 17-26. LAG has a policy of providing child care for all its actions so that parents can participate fully. Find child care volunteers or raise money to hire child care workers. Find suitable locations for child care. Please call Paul at 848-3949.

Housing coordinator. Take responsibility for coordinating housing for out-of-town folks who come to the Livermore action in June. EBANG put together an excellent list last year, which can be a good beginning. If you can help, call John at 540-5409.

Tablers. Affinity groups and individuals are needed to table at their local supermarkets and at showings of anti-nuclear and non-violence films in the San Francisco and East Bay areas. Let's be sure everyone knows what we are doing June 20 at Livermore Lab. Call Virginia at 644-3031 to arrange to pick up materials.

Transportation. Drivers with six passenger or greater vehicles are needed to sign up for driving shifts in Livermore and between there and Berkeley/Oakland/San Francisco for the week of June 17-26. Call Mike at 843-7493 if you can offer your services.

Typists, reporters, lay-out and graphic artists, and a calendar coordinator are needed for the Direct Action newspaper. Call George at 845-7248.

Community organizers. Outreach to your neighborhood, friends, and relatives. Show a LAG slide show in your home. Adopt an organization and keep them informed about the June Livermore Lab blockade. Spread the good news!

Core support is essential to any mass civil disobedience action. The primary role of core support is to disseminate information into the community during and after the action. This information is received by constant updates from the legal collective and from communications with blockaders in jail. It is given out to the media, to affinity group contacts and to anyone else who needs information. Beyond this, there is a whole range of roles which core support can play. It all depends on people making it happen! Please phone Amy at 524-5615 to get involved.

CANVASS DOOR-TO-DOOR with LAG. The Tabling and Canvassing Collective is looking for people seriously interested in raising money for LAG. We canvass all income levels and provide outreach. We are actively seeking women and third-world people. Canvassers may volunteer or be paid 40% of the funds they collect. People have been responsive to our call. Come, give us a hand. Ask for Erica, Klatu, or Jim at the LAG office, 644-3031.

The Canvassing & Tabling Collective needs AUTOMOBILES. Donate your old wreck or loan us your current piece for one or more evenings a week. We are clean, have excellent references. Leave message at the LAG office.

We need CARD TABLES for L.A.G. literature peddling. Please contact the L.A.G. office.

76 ARRESTED AT LLL

On April 1, seventy-six women and men blockaded the intersection of Vasco and East Avenues, tying up rush-hour traffic headed for nearby Livermore Laboratories for over an hour. The Monthly Actions Collective organized an April Fool's Day action, while Spirit affinity group organized a Good Friday rite and blockade.

The action began at 6:30am with a religious ceremony in which three members of Spirit--Darla Rucker, Terry Messman-Rucker, and Pat Runo--entered the Catholic Church. Over 500 people participated in the celebration, in which the three dedicated themselves to resisting the creation, deployment, and threatened use of nuclear weapons. Mary Doyle, Michael Park and Richard Chilson of Newman Hall and Bill O'Donnell (pastor of Berkeley's St. Joseph the Workman Church and a member of Imagine a.g.) facilitated this rite of initiation. "They will be confirmed and commissioned to go forth and do justice, to protest against nuclear weapons and get arrested," said O'Donnell during the service.

After the ceremony, eight blockaders slowly carried a twenty-three foot replica of an MX missile--marked in bold letters "The Nuclear Cross" and "Mass eXtermination"--into the intersection of Vasco and East. They lay the missile directly in the path of the labs' morning traffic and quickly chained themselves to it. The blockaders then enacted a die-in, sprawling in every direction over the missile. Within minutes the first waves of blockaders began to sit in front of traffic at each end of the intersection, preventing hundreds of cars from entering Livermore. Police began arresting protesters immediately as supporters stood on the shoulders of the road chanting and showing solidarity with those being taken.

From the first moments of the blockade, baton wielding officers aggressively shoved supporters and media persons away from the action. Two blockaders suffered concussions after being thrown to the pavement during their arrests. Two others were hit by a car as they lay in the street; instead of checking their condition, police applied painful hand and arm holds and dragged them to the arrest bus. It was reported that a number of arresting officers used violent language when speaking to blockaders during the arrest process. Though a number of arrests were more peaceful than these, it was apparent to many that had been involved in past actions at Livermore that the use of gratuitous violence by the police has increased.

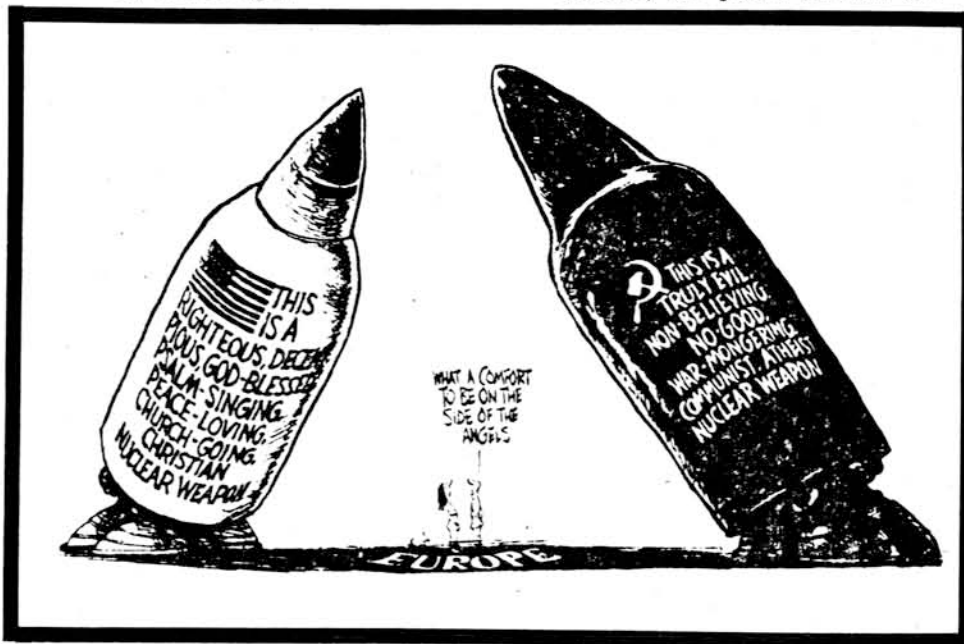
After the blockaders who had been chained to the missile were cut loose, the rocket was chained to the back of a Department of Energy truck and dragged to a local junkyard where, reportedly, it was dismantled immediately. (This "symbolic" act was not lost on spectators, many of whom cheered as the weapon was being taken away to be "disarmed".)

Once processed and taken to Santa Rita, the blockaders learned that the authorities planned to cite them out against their will, thus depriving them of group solidarity and immediate mass arraignment. Both women and men resisted the cite-out process by going limp as they were forcibly removed from holding cells to county vans. Arm and choke holds were applied by sheriff's deputies to those who chose to remain where they were. Protesters were then driven to

the road adjacent to the jail and similarly released. Four of those arrested were kept in maximum security at Santa Rita over the weekend for withholding information.

75% of those arrested were first-time civil disobedients. They have announced, as those who have blockaded before them, that they cannot allow business as usual to go on in a design facility which is engineering the annihilation of planet earth.

--by Ken Butigan



FRESNO TAXDAY ARRESTS

Sixty people gathered in a tax day protest outside the gates of the IRS Regional Service Center. The Fresno center processes income-tax returns for all of California and Hawaii. Eight people were arrested after they sat in a roadway blocking traffic into the IRS. The blockade at the 4:30pm shift change brought together inward and outward bound employees, media, protesters, rodeo riders from across the street, and finally, the Fresno Police. This was not shift change as usual!

Preceding the blockade was a legal rally outside the gates of the facility. Heard by the crowd were statements of opposition to the escalating military budget. (In 1983, 60% of income-tax revenues will be turned over to the military.) Particular emphasis was given to the loss in funding for local social services--this a casualty to the military buildup and intervention campaigns abroad.

As a participant in the action and former Fresno resident, I was excited by what I saw happening in the planning and staging of the action. The civil disobedience was the first ever at the gates of the IRS. The action as a whole reflected movement towards coalition organizing. Among the groups represented in the effort were, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Latin America Support Committee, People for Safe Energy, Fresno Freeze, Women's Int'l League for Peace and Freedom, and National Lawyer's Guild.

The police and security maintained a very congenial manner--reminiscent of police action at the early Livermore blockades. The eight of us arrested were charged with blocking traffic and creating a public nuisance. Legal strategy is under discussion as we await a May 27 arraignment in Fresno Municipal Court.

- Gene Wiens

LIVERMORE BLOCKADERS FOOLED

Yes, we were fooled on April first at Santa Rita. They managed to destroy our solidarity and we are still in disarray as I write this at 4:30 a.m. on April 21.

Ten of the 73 arrested at Livermore on Good Friday signed citation release but the rest of us decided to hold out for mass arraignment. There were indications that Judge Hyde was open to a two-day sentence with credit for time served and that we would be brought to court before him that day.

Instead, the guards entered the

holding cell and utilizing pain-inflicting techniques managed to forcefully load us on busses and dump us out on Santa Rita Road.

But, instead of taking our time and using all of the available consensus techniques, we panicked. We split up into at least two groups -- some went to the courthouse in Livermore, others adjourned to McDonald's and possibly some went home. Many of us were under the illusion that it was all over -- that, since we had not signed a citation release form, the authorities might not want to follow through on the matter.

We could not agree on how to meet the problem of supporting the three men whom the deputies were holding--those who had used John Does.

We should have stayed together until we decided what to do together, even if it meant camping out on Santa Rita Road all night. After all, we had decided that we were going to leave to wait until Monday to be arraigned so our time was already committed. (I am personally as much at fault on this as anyone--I rushed off to the courthouse in order to get there before it closed. There were not enough available vehicles to get us all over there in time).

We did try to regroup the following week but only about 1/3 of us were able to meet and the consensus that was arrived at did not make provision for a resumption of physical solidarity -- that is, a regrouping of people together in actual presence together. The only way that this would have been possible was to ignore the summons that were issued to us, and after the last date of arraignment when all of us would have been subject to warrant, then to have submitted ourselves for arrest together. What a thrill it would have been, 50 or 60 people submitting themselves to arrest in Judge Lewis' courtroom!!!

But this idea was not presented effectively enough and was rejected at the meeting. Instead, we straggled off to the courtroom to be arraigned before different judges who dealt out different sentences. Some of us will be going for a trial by jury, some are already in jail (one of our number has begun serving a 30-day sentence at Santa Rita, the penalty for refusing probation imposed by a visiting judge from Shasta County. The 1 year probation was in addition to five days in jail for first time offenders, or 7 days for second timers, or \$150 fine for first timers and \$210 fine for second timers at that particular arraignment. None of us know what the rest will do. We are not together.

The lesson is clear: physical solidarity is the key.

We can assume that in future actions where sizeable numbers are involved, the authorities will resort to this method of avoiding housing us as prisoners. We will be dumped out forcefully and be issued summons to appear at varying dates. Our possible response is to return the next day to resume the blockade and to continue to do so as long as the authorities use the technique of divide and rule. Eventually they will have to incarcerate.

But whatever happens, physical regrouping is vital. And the sooner the better.

- by Eldred

COMMUNITY DEFENSE

Community Defense, Inc. is a non-profit corporation being formed to fund legal defense and education for civil disobedience. We (Community Defense staff attorneys Margaret Mossman and Jonathan Sofer) hope that C.D. Inc. will provide the means to place us on call for the nearly constant torrent of civil disobedience actions. Since the Diablo Canyon blockade in 1981, we have participated in legal defense work for 18 actions and demonstrations. As the resistance movement grows, we expect even more action-related legal work.

While continuing as members of the LAG Legal Collective, we hope Community Defense, Inc. will supplement the collective's work. We expect to do legal defense on the numerous smaller c.d. actions which the whole collective can't cover. In larger (and longer) actions we hope to provide continuity by remaining available after the main action to "clean up" post-action legal details.

This is possible only if we do not work in a traditional law office. We have provided legal services for thousands of blockaders up to now, but our personal savings are literally gone.

You can help by joining the C.D., Inc. sustainer program. Sustainers can commit to sending a fixed amount per month, for example, \$10 or \$25. Or you can help by coming to the Community Defense, Inc. Beginning Bash, Saturday night, May 21, 8pm. Call 621-3233 for location or more information. Admission is \$2.50.



CISPES SPRING CAMPAIGN

Can a few canoes help end the war in El Salvador, or bring about a reduction in the nuclear threat? A continuing non-violent protest directed at the Concord Naval Weapons Station (Port Chicago) is being organized to do so. Located three miles north of Concord, this facility is one of the largest weapons stations in the country. 80% of all munitions sent to Vietnam were shipped from Port Chicago. Now, most of the armaments that we send to El Salvador are shipped from this same facility.

In the last three years one billion dollars of our tax money have gone to military aid in Central America. Reagan is escalating the

war in El Salvador by demanding an additional \$110 million in aid. We are involved not only in escalating the war in El Salvador but in all the countries of that region. Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala are becoming the military base of operations for our government. Military aid to Honduras alone has jumped 700% in the last two years!

CNWS is also a maintenance and storage zone for nuclear weapons (Alpha Area). The US military believes it can win a nuclear war and is preparing more weapons to do so, as witnessed by the scheduled deployment of cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe. The money for a

monumental military buildup of both conventional and nuclear arms is being taken from the American people by increasing the amount of tax money devoted to the military and reducing our social services, draining resources from housing, education, and non-military employment. As a local threat, Alpha Area is located 1 1/2 miles from an active earthquake fault. Aqueducts which carry the water supply for 1 million local residents run by the bunkers that store nuclear weapons.

The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador is organizing a two-day legal encampment, May 22 and 23, which will be a teach-in

and an opportunity to leaflet the surrounding communities. We are also planning a sea blockade of munitions ships, possibly May 28, or sooner if we can get accurate information about departure dates for El Salvador. We will be following these two actions with a June march from Port Chicago to Livermore labs to expose the links between these two facilities, plus more encampments, sea blockades, and a mass demonstration in July.

We need your support--energy--boat--voice--endorsement--money--and time! Please, if you are interested in helping us speak out, call CISPES, 2103 Woolsey St, Berkeley, 94705, (415)644-3636.



Several hundred protesters gathered to show support for fourteen students occupying the chancellor's office at UC Berkeley. (See story below.)

14 Arrested at U.C. Chicano Protest

Fourteen students were arrested after a six-hour sit-in in the UC Berkeley chancellor's office April 7. The 14, who were supported by several hundred demonstrators, were protesting the University's slowness in dealing with the beating of four Chicanos by Beta Theta Pi fraternity boys earlier this spring. UC Berkeley chancellor Michael Heyman was reportedly "deeply disturbed" about the matter, but sat still while the matter was referred to, or all places, interfraternity council, which decided that both groups were at fault.

A member of the UC Chicano student organization (MECHA), Fernando Garcia, told the Daily Cal: "I'm protesting the inaction by the administration in dealing with the Beta issue, which I feel is an indicator of the institutional racism which permeates the environment at the University. It's an attitude that says (minorities) are not important."

"When (Jeanne) Kirkpatrick was heckled there was an immediate response by the chancellor and the regents, but when four Chicanos are beaten, which is a much more serious matter--they could have been killed--the University does nothing."

Calling the University's disciplinary system a mockery, Garcia said "Forcing the Chicanos to go through the interfraternity council is not due process. Postponing a hearing until late May is not due process. They just want to defuse the issue."

The sit-in was organized by concerned students; a non-violence training was held Sunday, April 3, and extensive meetings went into planning the action, which due to its nature, had to be kept secret from the media and the administration. The occupiers would not disclose how they gained entrance to the office, which due to the planned legal demonstration outside was closely guarded; the tactic may be used again at a later date, protesters said.

--condensed from a Daily Cal article by Jose Novoa & Maxine Wong
LATE EXTRA--following the sit-in at the chancellor's office, the embarrassed University speeded up its disciplinary process and within one week announced that the Beta Theta Pi fraternity had lost its University sponsorship. Although the action doesn't disband the fraternity house, it does bar them from University-sponsored recruiting and activities for at least a year and a half.

We Hunger for Disarmament FAST for LIFE

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 Hainguy. They invite your support. Contact: Fast for Life, 942 Market St., #710, SF, CA 94102. 415/982-4637. The LAG office also has copies of thier newsletter.

WHY THE UCB SIT-IN?

Racist incidents at UC Berkeley, such as the January 8, 1983 incident in which approximately a dozen men from the Beta Theta Pi fraternity beat four Chicanos, are neither new nor isolated. The Chicano co-op Casa Joaquin Murieta has a long history of harassment by fraternity members. Redress has always been sought through the proper channels, but the results, needless to say, have always been dissatisfactory. This attack upon the four Chicanos, however, was such a blatant assault upon the entire Chicano community that while traditional recourse was sought, so was non-traditional.

That is, while we waited patiently for the interfraternity council to hear the case and come to what we knew would be weak discipline, we organized events such as marches, rallies, and vigils that drew from 200-400 people.

Then, because the University's proceedings stalled, fourteen members of the Berkeley Coalition Against Racism, the support group that organized the previous actions, sat in on April 7 in the Chancellor's office, demanding immediate action. It was the BCAR's belief that only because masses had protested had the complaint against the fraternity gone as far as it had. Further, as proceedings were stalled, it was also believed that another action was needed to show the administration that we would not easily be satisfied. As a result of the sit-in, all fourteen were arrested; but less than a week later the University removed its sponsorship of the house, the strongest action taken against a fraternity in more than twenty years.

The BCAR has been successful in mounting and maintaining public support for the Chicanos involved, but equally important it has served as a reminder to the University that Third World people on the campus are organized and will take direct action when needed.

--by Dora de la Rosa

CONFRONTATION IN SAN FRANCISCO

On Saturday, April 16, there was a celebration at the intersection of Mission and 24th Streets in San Francisco.

A demonstration had been planned for that day by a coalition of right-wing groups who support the ruling junta of El Salvador, counter-revolutionary forces in both Nicaragua and El Salvador, and a general policy of U.S. intervention in Central America.

Fliers advertising Saturday's demonstration were posted on Thursday, and groups in support of Central American struggles for freedom immediately alerted their constituents. A counter demonstration was hastily planned, sort of.

Before writing this article, I called Casa El Salvador, Farabundo Marti, and asked if it was they who had organized the counter demonstration. A member of the group told me, "No, we didn't organize anything. People just showed up."

And about 150 people did show up, compared to the perhaps 300 people present who were with the opposition.

According to organizers of the right-wing demo, they had brought people from Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, and Miami.

There was no question whether or not supporters of terror, murder, and American imperialism could demonstrate without opposition.

Arriving at the 24th Street BART station Saturday, I climbed out into frenzied hatred. Stepping onto the sidewalk, I was engulfed by an angry mob carrying signs which read,

*Democratic Nicaraguan Front (FDN); United El Salvadoran Patriotic Front (FUPS); Cuban Independence Sovereign (CIS); Nicaraguan Democratic Union (UDN):

"No More Communism in Central America!"; "Liberals and Commies Go Back to Russia!"; and waving American flags.

One man held a blown-up picture of Jeanne Kirkpatrick, another an effigy of Castro (which they would later set on fire). On a podium a speaker shouted incoherently, his face twisted with rage.

There was no doubt, I was in the wrong crowd! I pushed through and ran across the street to the opposite corner. The difference in atmosphere was striking.

Beautiful flags waved "FMLN", "FSLN" in the breeze, and people joined in hope for the future chanted slogans of that hope. The bond here, powerful and fervent, was a unification of spirit and ideal that joined Nicaraguan, El Salvadoran, and North American people in a solidarity of love. The power of our voice and our philosophy of freedom was never so clear to me as on this bright afternoon.

I wondered how long the confrontation would go on. The police stood in between the two demonstrations, prepared for an incident of violence, but there was none. I should qualify that: there was no physical violence between the two groups of demonstrators, but the group I had stepped into from the BART station had been full of violence.

Suddenly, it seemed to me, the group across the street had thinned dramatically. Soon they were completely gone, except for some stragglers driving away, shaking middle fingers and shouting obscenities.

The intersection had been freed! It was as though our cries of, "No Fascism!" had turned the hatred across the street to dust. Our flags were carried across the street, a declaration of victory, and "planted" on the sidewalk where Kilpatrick's photograph had been paraded.

We were in, as a friend declared, "an inspired leftist frenzy"! We danced, shouted, picketed the sidewalk -- celebrated! We were joyful, and I felt tears and passionate hope, for this moment, and for the future.

Saturday was a victory for Central American people in struggle, and for us, in North America, who are in active solidarity with those struggles. My faith in our ability to successfully oppose and defeat Fascism and U.S. imperialism was reaffirmed.

¡Los Pueblos Vencera!

-- by Elizabeth MacDowell



'Ah, not too many at all! That shows a distinct improvement in human rights, Mr. Shales.'

CONTRA COSTANS

Chicago action on January 29th we were joined by six "friends of Walnettos" in civil disobedience. These "friends" and other supporters were the nucleus of Contra Costa's second affinity group, the "Children of Nokomis". We are now the Contra Costa Cluster, just returned from the March Vandenberg action where nine of us joined in surrounding the replica MX missile and blocking the intersection in front of Vandenberg's main gate.

We are alive, we are active and there will be more of us in June. The Peace Movement is growing in Contra Costa County.

Love and Peace,
Richard M. Ceisler
Member Walnettos A.G.

Friends at LAG,

I am a member of Contra Costans for a Nuclear Free Future and wanted to let you know about a recent activity we organized in Walnut Creek to commemorate Three Mile Island Anniversary on March 28.

We made a huge copy (over 20 feet long) of the "Citizens' Letter of Nu-

clear Concerns" and had it signed by over 300 residents of Contra Costa County. We placed this in a large (3' x 4') envelope and carried it through downtown Walnut Creek to the Western Regional Division office of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. On our way we stopped at the PG&E office and presented them with an oversized check from "I. Ratepayer", made out to PG&E. The amount on the check was "No Dollars and No Sense" for Diablo Canyon.

Thirty to thirty-five people participated in our noon time procession. Upon arrival at the NRC office we showed the giant letter to the NRC officials and presented them with a copy of the letter. We presented the giant letter to Carol Pollack, an aide to Rep. George Miller, who is going to arrange for it to be delivered to the NRC in Washington, D.C.

In the afternoon we held a small vigil (12 people) at a busy intersection half a block away from the NRC office, holding signs commemorating Three Mile Island, and expressing our concerns about Diablo Canyon.

- In peace,
Caroline Draper Swift

(LAGers Patrick Diehl and Pamela Os-
good left in Mid-February for an ex-
tended networking trip through Europe.
Patrick returned to the bay area in
mid-April, while Pamela will stay on
for another month. What follows are
Patrick's initial reflections on his
two-month journey.)

On a Monday before dawn, I said good-bye to Pamela at Comiso, Sicily. The Via Vittorio Emanuele was already noisy with miniature three-wheeler pick-up trucks full of antihokes. The work at the "aeroporto," which is scheduled to receive American cruise missiles, would soon resume. 5am in Sicily.

I spent three days in Palermo, guest of Umberto Santini and his wife. Umberto heads a research center that concentrates on the Mafia, which is working to undermine opposition to the base and the missile deployment. The day I left Sicily, the front pages should have been printed in blood--more than ten men dead or dying in Mafia killings, victims in the drug wars.

Everyone belongs to a party in Italy. The main piazze in the towns of Sicily are ringed with party offices. The Communist party, and the other parties on the left, say "Demonstrate!", and the people turn out. But the party is doing nothing in Rome to stop the Italian military buildup. Ten years, and the fleet will be entirely renewed. Italy is to achieve hegemony over the Mediterranean. In arms exports, it is fourth in the world. The peace movement talks tentatively about non-violence and about a new structure, without leaders and orders from Rome. But the old structures of power, the old methods, talking of change, stand in the way of change. The movement drifts, dependent on politicians, unable to broaden its base.

In France, the victory of the socialists under Mitterand in 1980 caused a disastrous relaxation. When Mitterand's government proceeded to betray the environmental and anti-nuclear movements, continuing the military and energy policies of its conservative predecessors, the movements collapsed. They have not recovered. Many local groups rolled over and died. Never large, the non-violent wing of the movement is now miniscule. In Paris, the word is that perhaps the Amis du Livre de la Paix (Bernard Benson's Peace Book) have enough energy and clear enough goals to get something done. Meanwhile, everyone is worrying about the effects of the "Fast for Life," called by Charles Gray, Dorothy Granada, and Solange Fernex (Femmes pour Paix) for August 6th this year. The fast is to be unlimited. Its goal is an immediate freeze by all nuclear weapons states. If they go through with it, Charles, Dorothy, Solange, and the others who have since joined will doubtless die. Very imprudent of them, as everyone in Europe says, and I have to agree. But what's prudent in a world with 50,000 nuclear warheads? I hope many of us will support the fast, fasting ourselves for a day, a week, so their brave and desperate action will not go for nothing.

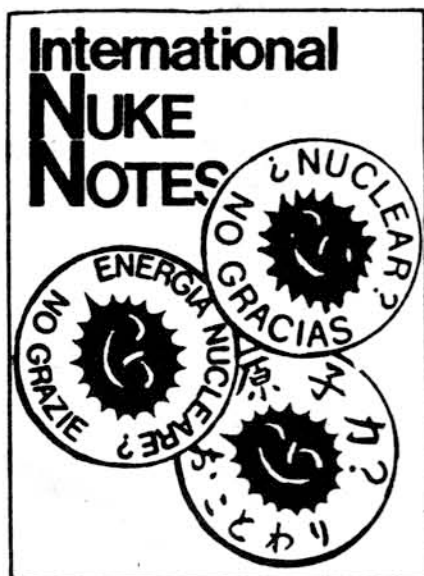
Easter weekend I spent at the Community of the Ark near Millau in the mountains of southern France. The children of the community (there are many of them) publish a magazine called "The Enchanted Valley," which is only a slight exaggeration. A pilgrim to India in the late 30's, a disciple of Gandhi christened "Shantidas" by him, Lanza del Vasto founded the order of the Ark after World War II. Its members, bound by vows, have been central to the non-violent action in France, beginning with protests against the bomb and against the atrocities of the Algerian War in the 50's and continuing with the long and ultimately successful struggle to save the Larzac Plateau from military expansion (1970-1981). A non-violent community as a way of life and a work of art, a celebration of life and an act of worship. There is great strength in the Ark. Like the peace camps, it wields an

influence far greater than its numbers would account for. Peace Camps and Ark, both give nonviolence a local habitation and rooted presence we lack. We meet together. We get arrested. We stay in jail together. Maybe we should think about ways more of us could live together.

In Belgium, I found a nation divided by language: 40% French-speaking, 60% Flemish-speaking. There are two separate peace movements. The Flemish speaking one is reputed to be more radical and better organized. The French-speaking one suffers from the backlash of French nationalism, which demonstrates how you can be insular without living on an island. The French-speaking activists in Belgium are less open to an alliance with the American non-violent peace movement than any other group in Europe. They have yet to organize a single non-violent direct action. Laudably, they tie peace to development in the third world; less laudibly, many of them resist anything that would "distract" from the single goal of keeping the new Euromissiles out of Belgium (only to have them deployed a few miles out to sea?) or incur a risk of getting too radical for their popular base.

By the time Pamela returns in late May, between the two of us we will have toured 10 countries: Germany, Holland, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Italy, and Austria. It is quite clear that the American non-violent peace movement, as a mass movement, is considerably in advance of any European non-violent movement. Despite (or because of?) severe obstacles, both legal and in the dominant mentality, the German non-violent movement seem closest to flowering out as our own is doing. Hopefully, the Germans will be able to break down the age barrier in the near future and broaden the movement out beyond its current student base. In England, there is a great potential but no infrastructure, though the networking of support groups for Greenham Common show an infrastructure rapidly developing. In general, the conservative strategy of most European peace organizations and the presence of a traditional, hierarchical Left still clinging to the rhetoric of violent revolution are going to make the growth of European non-violence difficult. We in the American non-violent peace movement have the double responsibility of disarming the killers in Washington and demonstrating the Europe and the rest of the world that not only does a non-violent mass movement work, it works far better than any other strategy. The best thing us Westerners could do is shut down LLL this June. The most recent Vandenberg action showed us the potential. If this many of us can tackle an air force base in Santa Barbara County, there are good reasons to think that last June was just a warm-up for the return engagement at Livermore. Call your friends. Get them to call their friends. A blockade that is no longer merely symbolic, a blockade that will be heard, and seen, around the world, and show the hesitant and despondent the way, is within our grasp.

--by Patrick Diehl



Wurtsmith Air Force Base near Oscoda, Michigan, presently in the process of arming its B-52's with the air-launch cruise missile, was penetrated Easter Sunday morning by 7 Christian activists from the midwest. The group, celebrating the traditional Easter Vigil, began by cutting open the barbed wire fence at the end of the base's runway. From there, the group traveled up the runway, at one point inscribing "Christ Lives: Disarm" on a utility building. They walked the length of the main runway, approximately 3 miles to the mouth of the maximum security area where 16 B-52's are loaded with nuclear warheads.

The group there celebrated Holy Communion as they were surrounded by bewildered security forces in armored cars, equipped with what appeared to be automatic weapons.

In order to avoid embarrassment for

the breach of security caused by the group, military authorities, after consulting with the FBI and State's Attorney, issued barring letters to the seven, forbidding them to return to the base for seven months. They then released them, despite the fact that most of the group refused to cooperate by failing to give information to the authorities.

The group's bold and undetected entrance onto the SAC base underscores the vulnerability of U.S. nuclear forces to terrorist attacks.

The group said their action was an act of faith and an act of solidarity with thousands of Europeans who are opposing the installation of U.S. cruise missiles in their own countries by similar acts of resistance.

For more information, phone (313) 255-2699 or (313) 577-3451.



If Diablo Canyon is to be stopped, it is the people who must do it. The NRC has never refused an operating license for a nuclear power plant. Despite major design problems and the existence of the Hosgri fault just 2.5 miles offshore, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) remains committed to licensing the plant.

The licensing of Diablo Canyon is

A History of Successful Resistance

For the past 10 years, people have been working to prevent the operation of Diablo Canyon. The plant is still not operating, and is in fact 9 years behind schedule. The resistance has incorporated many different tactics, including legal intervention, letter writing, lobbying, educational forums, marches, rallies and

another example of the federal government and private industry promoting nuclear technology without regard for the people who will be affected by it. If we fail to respond strongly to this emergency, we will be telling the nuclear industry that it can build and operate a plant like Diablo anywhere. We must continue to oppose this threat to our health and environment.

WE CAN STOP DIABLO CANYON

The People's Emergency Response Plan

The People's Emergency Response Plan will be an extended action and provide a vehicle for everyone who is against Diablo to express their opposition. This creative nonviolent action will encompass civil disobedience, marches, vigils, etc. A date for the ac-

tion will be set after the NRC authorizes fuel loading and will commence before the plant can become radioactive.

Affinity groups willing to risk arrest will decide whether to go on to the plant site, blockade roads, occupy PG&E land, or any number

of creative actions that are consistent with the Abalone Alliance non-violence agreement.

The Abalone Alliance requires that all participants in its actions accept and adhere to the Non-violence Agreement so that people know what to expect of each other.

Cut Along This Line

Join the PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

Name _____

Address

Phone

Please Return to:

Abalone Alliance Diablo Project Office
452 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

For More Information: (805) 543-6614 or (805) 543-7518

Send This COUPON in Today!

BRITISH GROUP

PROPOSES "TWINNING"

I am writing as promised when we met shortly before I left for home to ask whether your group would "twin" with our group to promote our joint efforts to achieve a nuclear-free and peaceful world.

"Fakenham for Nuclear Disarmament" is a member of our national organization, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and is situated in the heartland of nuclear bases of both the USA and the British air force. We are surrounded and constantly made aware of the dangers of nuclear war by the daily appearance in our skies of machines of death. The bombing ranges are situated out at sea, which is at the bottom of my garden; we daily hear the sound of practice bombs falling.

Our group is also active in supporting the three peace camps, Greenham, Molesworth, and Lakenheath. The former two are the proposed bases for the cruise missiles, and the latter is the largest of the USAF nuclear-armed bases in Britain. So you can see from this that we are more than aware of the dangers involved in this madness.

On April 1st we are taking down to Greenham Common a large group of members to link arms from that base to Aldermaston (our Livermore). A further group are supporting the direct action which is to take place on the previous day by placing ourselves in front of the gates to prevent work from taking place.

We are an active and radical group; each year we have a summer camp to commemorate the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings by camping outside the NATO base at Sculthorpe which is situated two miles from Fakenham. It is worth noting that this base will be used while the runways at Lakenheath are repaired during the summer. We will be taking direct action here to make our protest known.

Our members are anxious to make contact with groups in America; we feel that after I had talked with a number of groups, your group corresponds more nearly with the work in which we are engaged, and that it would be so good to have you with us. We publish a monthly letter which is delivered to households in the area and from this we gain many new members. We have had a sponsored bike race and sponsored walk to raise money to place books on nuclear dangers in local libraries.

We hold theatre shows depicting the farce of the government's directives on civil defense. This keeps us busy.

We are an enthusiastic group with a strong membership. We would wish to exchange news with you as to what we are doing and general news of our national campaigns, and would hope to hear the same from you. It is important that we have contact with the USA and inform our members of what is going on in the USA.

I do hope you will consider our request for "twinning" favorably; we look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. We shall announce this to the press with information on Livermore to be distributed at the time of the twinning.

Yours in Peace,

Kathy Rudolph
Fakenham for Nuclear Disarmament

(An early April co-ordinating council heard this letter and agreed to seek more information on what "twinning" with the Fakenham group would mean to both groups; a proposal for twinning may be made to a future regional council. If you have comments or questions about this, contact the LAG office, (405)644-3031.)

Tax season is upon us and people of conscience are faced with a choice again. Shall they become conscientious military objectors, refusing to pay part or all of their federal income tax, or not? For many, the choice has already been made in favor of active war tax resistance.

The draft may yet be revived, following the resurrection of draft registration. While we may all admire and support draft resistance, the draft is only currently of young men. Yet all taxpayers have their money drafted for war all the time. Taxpayers are the employers of the weapons designers and the war planners. In the 1983 US budget 61% of the federal funds money goes for past, present, and future wars. This includes 43% for current military expenses, and 18% for past wars (which covers 5% for veterans benefits and

13% for interest on the national debt, two-thirds of which can be reasonably estimated as war-incurred). This does not include NASA (the space agency, half of whose missions are military related), the Coast Guard, naval petroleum reserves, subsidies to ships for the National Defense Fleet, the Department of Energy (which produces all the bomb materials for nuclear weapons), grants or credits for military assistance to other countries, "non-military" aid of cash, credits, or equipment to countries (like Israel or Guatemala) which enable those countries to engage in wars, buyouts of broken treaties with Native Americans (for stealing their lands), "interfund transfers", the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or others which could arguably be viewed as military related, as are these. So 61% is certainly a low estimate.

Administration and congressional people may claim that the military percentage of the budget is smaller. However, they are including trust funds in the same expenditure budget. If you buy gasoline, or have a paycheck, you will notice that you pay separate taxes which are legally bound to be used for providing only specific benefits. Your federal gas tax goes directly into the Highway Trust Fund. Your Social Security tax or your Railroad Retirement tax goes directly into a fund to be used solely for that purpose. But the government lumps all these funds together in its budget presentation, to make the war related expenditures appear smaller. This trickery was instituted by Lyndon Johnson and the Congress in 1964 to mislead us about the money going to finance the Indochina war. Don't be fooled. Those funds are not receiving any of your Federal Income tax or excise or inheritance taxes. Separate them in your mind.

So, what can a person do? First, recognize that your federal taxes contribute to the war machine and mania. All the above figures and statements can be checked out for a more detailed understanding of the connection. Second, decide to take a new course of action. This involves examining and questioning all you have learned and been socialized to believe. Third, act. You can protest with your body or voice, vote with your feet, write to congressional and governmental people, or take direct action. You can avoid tax by lowering your income or using legal methods to reduce your taxes. Or, you can refuse to pay part or all of your federal income tax, your federal telephone tax, or pay your tax money to other funds or agencies. You can redirect your taxes to peaceful purposes. Currently, there are about 20,000 active war tax resisters in the US. You, too, could withdraw your consent to taxation. Paying taxes is purely a personal voluntary action. War tax refusal has a long history—at least back to the 1600's on this continent and the 1500's in Norway. Check with the local War Tax Resistance group to find out how best for you to resist. Fourth, publicly declare yourself as a war tax resister. Become an example for others.

You can become a war tax resister anytime. There will be a War Tax Resistance Workshop Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the S.F. Women's Building, 3543 18th Street, S.F. For more information call War Tax Resistance at 849-2360. —Jam Sylvan



PALAU REJECTS NUKES

Voters of the Pacific Island of Palau, ignoring United States military and diplomatic attempts to subvert their nuclear-free constitution, voted in February to reject a US-imposed proposal to allow storage or dumping of nuclear materials on their island.

In an apparently deliberate attempt to mislead voters, the US state department devised and instructed the Palau government to place on the ballot a measure which would "place restrictions" on radioactive materials—a proposal clearly intended to subvert Palau's constitutional ban on ANY nuclear materials.

However, the Palau Supreme Court ruled that the misleading language be replaced. The pro-US Palauan government then engaged in further questionable tactics, including massive "absentee ballot" counts in favor of removing the nuclear ban.

A bare majority of voters actually did vote, knowingly or otherwise, to lift the nuclear ban; however, the Palau constitution requires a 3/4 vote to amend. In three previous plebiscites in 1979 and 1980, Paluans voted by margins of 92%, 70%, and 78% in favor of their nuclear-free constitution.

In demanding the "nuclear referendum", the US state department has implicitly acknowledged the legitimacy of the Palauan constitution. Any further meddling with the nuclear-free status of Palau would clearly betray America's disregard for democracy.

--article condensed from the Pacific Bulletin, PO Box 27692, Honolulu, Hawaii 96827

HUGE BRITISH & GERMAN EUROMISSILES PROTESTS

Thousands of Britains and Germans protested over Easter weekend against NATO plans to deploy cruise and Pershing II missiles.

In Britain, the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament sponsored a human chain, in which some 80,000 people linked arms to connect three key defense installations: Greenham Common, site of a US air force base; Aldermaston, Britain's Livermore; and Burghfield, site of the manufacture of British nuclear warheads.

At Greenham Common, about 200 people climbed a 12-foot barbed wire fence to occupy the base before being arrested by military police.

In Germany, hundreds of thousands demonstrated and vigiled at a dozen military sites. In one of the largest actions, protesters encircled the US base at Heilsbronn.

130 BUSTED IN

MINNEAPOLIS

About 130 demonstrators were arrested on Monday April 18 while protesting at the Minneapolis-based Honeywell, Inc., an important defense contractor.

Among those arrested was the wife of the Minneapolis chief of police, who said that given a choice between nuclear holocaust and embarrassing her husband, she preferred the latter.

COMISO, SICILY

On March 11, twelve women from Denmark, Netherlands, Great Britain, West Germany, Ireland, and Italy were arrested by police in Comiso, Sicily, and charged with obstructing the road in front of a construction site for the scheduled cruise and Pershing II missiles this fall.

On the same day, police evicted a peace camp near the site which had been vigiling since Christmas.

Following the arrests and eviction, support groups of women vigiled in Comiso, Rome, and Milan.

The local prosecutor had planned to release the twelve women without conditions, but the Italian government intervened and demanded the immediate deportation of the non-Italian women.

For information on ongoing support for the Comiso protests, contact CUDIP, via della Resistenza 13, 97013 Comiso (RG) Italy.

**HISTORY WILL BE LITTERED
WITH THE BONES OF THOSE
WHO SAW THE DANGER,
BUT DID NOTHING...**

PUGET SOUND WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP



We women from the northwest are planning a peace encampment at the Boeing cruise missile plant in Kent, Washington. This camp will be a powerful force to halt production of cruise missiles and to encourage conversion to peaceful production in the Puget Sound region. We are ordinary women, mothers, daughters, sisters, and workers, and we feel that time is running out for life on earth.

Another important focus of our peace camp is to bring our the connection between the rise of U.S. militarism and the violence that women are experiencing on the street, in our jobs, and in our homes, and the violence building on the home front against all oppressed groups including poor people, people of color, Native Americans, mentally and physically disabled people, elderly, lesbians, and gay men. We object to the transfer of our tax money from human services to human destruction which is increasing unemployment.

We feel that workers at Boeing have a right to work and also to have a voice in what their work produces. We see violence increasing around the world as the U.S. and other countries arm themselves to the teeth. Half the world starves. We remember the racism of America's not-so-distant past, the killing in Vietnam and the nuclear bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

While we are all equally threatened by the possibility of nuclear holocaust, women did not engineer the policies that now hold our planet hos-

tage. We are organizing as women to create awareness of the connection between feminism, nonviolence and peace. We feel as Virginia Wolf felt, "As a woman I have no country. As a woman my country is the whole world."

This women's encampment at a major cruise missile production site links us with the sister camps at Seneca, a storage trans-shipment site, and at Greenham Common, a deployment site, completing a chain of women acting in opposition to all phases of cruise development. Women are joining together all over the world to work toward a peaceful and just future.

Half the cruise missiles produced at Boeing are transported to Griffiss Air Force Base one hour from Seneca. The other half go to Fairchild Air Force Base in Spokane Washington, to which two women are walking and where they plan to start a peace camp. Sixty women are involved in planning the Puget Sound Women's Peace Camp, which will start this summer.

(Direct Action note: actions will take place at both the Boeing plant in Kent, Washington, and the Griffiss Air Force Base in response to LAG's call for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament.)

For information, and to give financial and other support to the Puget Sound Women's Peace Camp, contact:

313 18th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98122
(206)523-2101



WOMEN'S PEACE CAMP-- SENECA, NEW YORK



Acts of resistance are not new to women. The world's history is filled with women using their intelligence, experience, spirit and their great organizing abilities, to gain justice and do away with war.

Now women are organizing into peace camps. They are bringing their struggle up to date. Women are continuously gaining a deepening understanding of what power based on the military tradition of thinking and acting portends for the world. Women have come to see that the priorities of women, and indeed of most of humankind, for a just, creative and therefore peaceful society, are not the principles of men who control a large part of the world's resources. The exploitation of Third World people is one unfortunate example. Women are continuing to develop a strong stand against the arrogance and misplaced priorities of those in power. Women everywhere have an overwhelming commitment to taking full part in the great cooperative venture of life and history even at cost to their own safety or comfort.

The first women's peace encampment in the U.S. will open on Independence Day, July Fourth, 1983, at the Seneca Army Depot in New York State. The encampment, formally called Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice, will display the unified spirit of women from around the world who are determined to stop the escalating arms race.

This encampment has been inspired by and will be a sister encampment to, the women's peace camp at the Royal Air Force Base in Greenham Common, England. Like the Greenham Common encampment, this U.S. encampment will protest the deployment of the Pershing II and cruise missiles. There is evidence that the Seneca Army Depot houses the neutron bomb and is scheduled to be a departure point for Pershing II missiles to be deployed in West Germany in late 1983. The Pershing II missiles along with the cruise mis-

siles, are critically important because they are a new generation of weapons that will inevitably escalate the arms race beyond its present murderous pace. The range, speed, size and accuracy of these weapons make them essentially unverifiable, thus making a nuclear weapons freeze impossible.

Despite its present militaristic status, Seneca has quite a rich history of women's struggle. In 1590, Indian women from the Iroquois nation met in Seneca to demand an end to war among the tribes. In the early - mid 1800s, Seneca was an underground railroad site and in nearby Auburn, New York stands the home of legendary Harriet Tubman. In 1848, the first women's rights convention was held in Seneca, giving root to the 19th century feminist movement. This summer, women will be honoring and building on this proud history.

The Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice will not only make a statement against the Pershing II missiles and other nuclear arms, but will also make a statement against the military build-up in general, which deprives our communities and impoverishes women. There will be workshops on rechanneling the military budget from destructive products of war, to goods and services that support life. Women will study the ways in which the oppression of women and Third World peoples is part and parcel of a society based on military ideals. Special activities highlighting the particular struggles of Native American, Black, and lesbian women will be integrated throughout the encampment.

Women are invited to participate for one day, one week, or the whole summer. The living conditions are very simple and women are urged to come as self-sufficient as possible. For further information on how to support this encampment, contact Donna Cooper, WILPF, 1213 Race Street, Philadelphia, Penn. 19107. (215) 563-7110.

WOMEN'S PEACE MESSAGE

On March 8, 1983, a WOMEN'S PEACE CHAIN was formed in West Berlin, Germany. 5000 women of all ages joined their hands to create a 1½ miles long connection between the Soviet and the American Consulates in West Berlin. A delegation of three women took BREAD AND ROSES and the following "PEACE MESSAGE TO THE WOMEN OF THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" to the respective consulate officials. They want to carry the WOMEN'S PEACE CHAIN to different cities and countries on August 6.



Gudy Friedland/L.N.S.

March 8, International Women's Day, is held in commemoration of the 1858 women garment worker strike in New York. BREAD AND ROSES was their slogan. BREAD AND ROSES - that is, LIFE and not just SURVIVAL - is just as significant to us today. We need the money, spent for killing worldwide, for living. We take this day as an occasion to get in touch with you women without going the indirect path of official appeals to governments and to form a living chain with you across all borders.

We share your fear of the imminent war.

We share your pain over the killed and dying from wars fought in this very moment.

We share the courage with which you are beginning to resist the impudence of being included in these crimes.

We share neither the enemy stereotypes nor the hatred of the men.

We did not authorize them to "defend" us.

We do not want them to destroy our life - all life - with their murderous struggle for power.

THEY ARE NOT KILLING ON BEHALF OF US!

Among us, American and Soviet women, hostility should be invalid. We know that we are all filled with the same sorrows. Without reservations we want to join hands and give you and ourselves the courage to break our silence. Our security is the irrevocable solidarity of all women, in which we trust more than in any so-called "security" by deterrence.

Where women deny their support of men's persecution mania, their distrust and hostility -

Where women withhold their sons and daughters from the military and refuse their own services -

Where women providently and publicly oppose their being planned for civil defense services and refuse them -

Where women withdraw their cooperation from the defense industry -

Where women in this world practice civil disobedience like in Greenham Common -

Wherever women want to live in self-determination -

WE WILL HELP EACH OTHER AND OURSELVES

We want to encourage all - women, men, and children - who are close and who we love to resist the hostile ones and those prepared for war. When we say "our allies" we mean you, our women friends. We deny the men of the military blocks the right to speak in our name. The risk of waiting is too big!

Women! Sabotage the war preparations!

WE DECLARE PEACE TO YOU!

Women for Peace, West Berlin
c/o Eva Quistorp
Hildegard von Meier
Friedenszentrum
Pacelliallee 61
1000 Berlin 33, Germany

SILICON VALLEY--CAMP BEGINS JULY 4

On July 4, 1983 we will begin the Silicon Valley Peace Camp because many of the world's most advanced weapons systems are developed and produced here. Over 300 companies in the Silicon Valley, located between San Jose and Palo Alto, California, have military contracts.

The peace camp is part of our strategy and vision to stop deployment and production of the cruise, Pershing, and other first strike weapon systems. Our work will not cease until this goal is achieved.

We invite everyone to join us for a few days, weeks, weekends, or the duration at the Silicon Valley Peace Camp. Opportunities abound for ongoing peace work: vigils and leafletting at first strike weapons companies; guerrilla theater; ongoing workshops and discussion groups; nonviolence preps; autonomous affinity group civil disobedience actions at the companies of your choice. Pacific Studies Center

and the Mid-Peninsula Conversion Project provide resources to study various aspects of the arms race and the local connections. Indeed, the scope of actions possible in the Silicon Valley is limited only by our imaginations. Possible companies to target include Rolm, Lockheed, Westinghouse, GTE Sylva, and Ford Aerospace.

We will abide by the nonviolence guidelines. In all our work, we use consensus process and struggle against oppressive behaviors: sexism, racism, ageism, classism, etc.

Won't you join us for a planning meeting on Saturday, May 21, 12-4 pm at the Palo Alto Friends Meeting House, 957 Colorado Ave., Palo Alto. Call Lee or Mark at 415/964-3066 for directions or information.

- Stop the Cruise and Pershing II Collective of C.A.N.E.
227 Mountain View Ave. #15
Mountain View CA 94041





ACTION BULLETIN

ISSUE 2

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT — JUNE 20 —

INTRODUCTION

In the autumn of 1982 Livermore Action Group began circulating a call for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, 1983. In response to the call, groups all around the United States and in several other countries are planning activities on or around that day. This action bulletin is a forum for participating groups to publicize their planned activities, ideas, graphics, and information about the nuclear facilities, military installations, power plants, or other sites at which they will organize protests.

This is the second action bulletin published by Livermore Action Group for the International Day. It includes a summary of Issue No. 1. We intend to publish action bulletins every two weeks if there is sufficient copy from participating groups to print. LAG's May, June, and July Direct Action newspaper will carry the action bulletin so that our readership can learn about activities planned around the world on June 20. For \$5.00 you may subscribe to the action bulletin and receive every copy, including the mid-May and mid-June issues which will not be a part of Direct Action.

Please send us your press releases so that we may in turn inform other International Day participants of your activities. By serving as a clearinghouse for June 20 actions, we hope to provide local groups with the information they need to publicize the coordinated aspect of all the activities planned that day.



NEW MEXICO

The June Disarmament Coalition of Albuquerque, New Mexico is planning a week of disarmament activities from June 11-20. Events include a peace camp, forums, workshops, a film festival, a poster exhibit, a spiritual service, a picnic for peace, and non-violent civil disobedience on the 20th.

The focus will be Kirtland Air Force Base on the southeastern edge of Albuquerque, one of the nerve centers of America's nuclear weapons industry.



The Coalition sent the following list of tenants at the Kirtland base, all of whom are heavily involved in nuclear weapons research, development, and management:

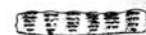
A) Air Force Weapons Lab: the lab is a leader in research on "Star Wars" technology that represents the next escalation in the nuclear arms



race. Research is being done on particle beams and laser weapons that will eventually replace bombs and bullets.

B) Air Force Test and Evaluation Center: the Center is responsible for providing operational assessments of evolving major systems of various types. AFTEC is presently evaluating more than 90 major weapons systems, including the cruise missile.

C) Defense Nuclear Agency: the Agency plans, coordinates, and supervises the conduct of Dept. of Defense nuclear weapons effects testing as well as provides for the construction and management of nuclear weapon effects simulation facilities and field experiments which simulate nuclear weapon effects. Other responsibilities include working with the Dept. of Energy and the armed services on programs to insure the safety, security, and survivability of nuclear weapons in transit or storage. It also maintains the national nuclear weapons stockpile data base and provides current information on the stockpile to government agencies.



D) Manzano Arsenal: in the Four Hills area of SE Albuquerque exists one of the largest stockpiles of nuclear weapons systems in the western world.

E) Interservice Nuclear Weapons School: the school is responsible for presenting the complete national nuclear weapons program from conception of weapons, design manufacturing and test programs, to employment of weapons and weapon effects.

F) Department of Energy: the Albuquerque Operations Office's primary mission is research, development, production, testing, stockpile surveillance, and transportation of nuclear weapons. The DOE complex includes nine major laboratory, plant and test site facilities in eight states extending from California to Florida. The office manages the entire nuclear weapons production complex.

G) Sandia National Labs: a prime contractor to the Dept. of Energy, Sandia works on nuclear fusing armament and firing systems. Sandia works closely with DOE's other two nuclear weapons labs: Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore.

MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

Mountain People for a Nuclear Free Future, as an International Day activity, plans on declaring their area a Nuclear Free Zone. They also want to initiate local action toward a Nuclear Free California campaign, which would prohibit nuclear power, as well as bomb technology, in California.

The group reports that some of its members are also interested in participating in the Livermore Action Group's June 20 blockade of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California.

For information, write: Lawrence Kay, Mt. People, P.O. Box 19, Friant, CA 93626.

IDAHO

Dear Friends,

The Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) is a Department of Energy facility that occupies 893 square miles of sagebrush-covered high desert in Eastern Idaho. Fifty-two nuclear reactors have been built at INEL; 15 are operating currently. Some of the most advanced nuclear research in the world is carried on here; much of this research is military in nature.

Sailors are trained here for nuclear submarine reactor operation. Fuels and materials for nuclear submarine reactors are tested here. At the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant, spent nuclear submarine fuel is reprocessed, and the recovered uranium is used to make new fuel for the Savannah River materials production reactors. Over 25% of the nation's military nuclear wastes are stored at INEL including over 95% of the transuranic wastes generated at Rocky Flats.

The INEL is located above the Snake River Plain Aquifer, one of the largest underground bodies of water in the world. Liquid low-level radioactive wastes, containing trace amounts of plutonium, are injected directly into the aquifer from the Chem Plant.

Idaho Peace Groups are organizing events to mark the International Day of Disarmament. Their planning is partially dependent on a decision expected by the Department of Energy (DOE) in April concerning the placement of a new tritium production reactor. INEL is one of three sites under consideration. If the DOE chooses INEL there is talk of a blockade or occupation at INEL, the first such action ever taken at the facility.

Carry on,
Liz Paul
Groundwater Alliance
Box 4090
Ketchum, ID 83340

GREENPEACE/SEATTLE

On June 20th, in coordination with the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, there will be a peaceful action at the cruise missile factory in Kent, Washington. The intention of the action is to halt production of the cruise missile, focus people's attention on its local production, and demonstrate to the people of the world that people in Washington State think that nuclear weapons production is a matter of life and death for all.

With leadership provided by such groups as Greenpeace, Northwest, it is hoped that as many people as possible will participate from all over the northwestern U.S. A coalition of peace groups is currently mobilizing to organize the action.

The targeting of the cruise missile for protest came about for a number of reasons. The cruise is designed to carry a nuclear warhead. It poses special problems to world peace because it can be easily hidden and is therefore difficult to monitor under arms control agreements. The planned placement of cruise missiles by the United States in Europe would have gravely destabilizing effects. The continuing manufacture of the cruise missile contradicts the strongly pro-freeze sentiment of the American people.

Civil disobedience has been chosen as a form of protest because it is the strongest possible peaceful statement we can make. It is clear that nuclear weapons should be illegal, yet they are part of the vast system of power that effectively disenfranchises citizens of both the United States and the world. Since legal protests and referendums have not caused fundamental changes and since all life on earth is in great peril, direct actions and strong protests by people are now morally necessary.

We are encouraging all to respond to this call for peace. Those not interested in being a part of the civil disobedience are encouraged to come and be supportive. The numbers

of people who respond will be the message that carries weight.

All participants in the civil disobedience must first receive non-violence training and will be organized into affinity groups. While maintaining a non-violent mode of action, the protestors will not, however, cooperate with the manufacturers, military, or the police. The objective is to slow production for as long as possible, rather than trying to demonstrate moral superiority.

In addition to the June 20 action, planning is underway for a women's peace camp at the Kent, Washington weapons facility, which is run by Boeing.

For more information, contact Sherry Klink of Greenpeace, Seattle, Good Shepherd Center, 4649 Sunnyside Ave. North, Seattle, WA 98103. Telephone: 206/632-4326.



BERLIN

Activist Michael Lucas reports from Berlin, Germany that he has distributed the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament call-to-action brochure to Berlin peace groups and movement publications. Photocopies of the leaflet were distributed at the monthly meeting of 180 groups, at which actions are planned and information exchanged. There is now a commission within this coalition of groups to coordinate the decentralized actions which are planned for June in response to the International Day appeal.



JAPAN

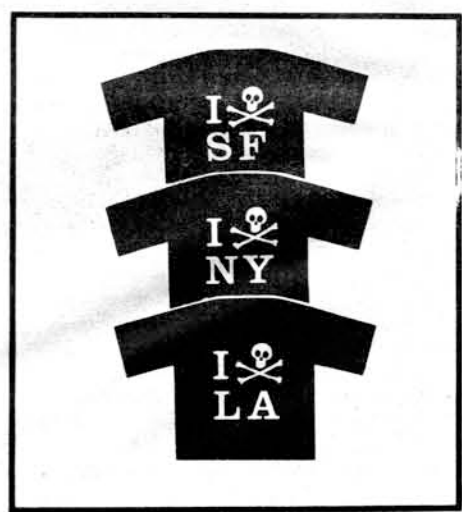
Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for sending us the call for International Disarmament Day. I made copies of this call and gave them to my friends.

I would like to put this call in a small magazine, "New World," which I am in charge of publishing so that more people can receive the message. I was very much moved by this appeal; my friends also were moved by this call. We have not yet planned any action for the day, but probably we can eventually have some good ideas for actions.

I pray for your actions to convert Lawrence Livermore Lab for peaceful uses. We want to celebrate June 20th for Survival of all human beings and all lives on the earth. We have to have international solidarity in order to realize total abolition of military expansion. Let us walk together for the future.

Sincerely yours,
Genzo Kato
Society for World Federation
No. 302, 4-2-4 Hongo
Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113
Japan



FRANCE

Friends!

We inform you about several demonstrations in France planned for the next few months:

- Action (May 22) against a "Pluton" missile base in Alsace.
- Large demonstration and a symbolic, non-violent blockade (June 5) in front of the missile base at Plateau d'Albion in southeastern France.
- Blockade at the Armaments Trade Fair (June 11-12) in Satory, near Versailles.

This resistance against nuclear armament is coordinated by CODENE (Coordination pour le Désarmement Nucleaire de l'Europe), 23 rue N.D. de Lorette 75005 Paris. We support CODENE, but we are more radical...for the total and unilateral disarmament of France; all armies are the biggest plague in the world!

We wish to receive news of your activities.

Faternally yours,
Albert Ratz
Union Pacifiste de France
4, rue Lazare-Hoche
92-Boulogne
C.C.P. 3 964-01 Paris
France

British Columbia

Plans for our participation in the International Day are still tentative. We will be participating in a major WALK FOR PEACE on April 23 in Vancouver, thus we are busy working on street theater as part of our presence. Last year 30,000 walked the 5 miles; this year we are targeting for 70,000. So, we have not focused on June 20th yet.

However, we have distributed your brochure to 18 groups in the Vancouver Island Network for Disarmament.

On March 6th we participated in a phone blitz on Prime Minister Trudeau's office - 60 groups across Canada participated. We called his office once a minute for the entire working day. Our purpose was to protest potential cruise testing in Canada. We are considering doing this again on June 20th. We are also considering picketing and leaf-letting our local airforce base.

We will keep in touch when our plans finalize.

Thank you for your work.



Sincerely,
Patti Willis
Denman Island Peace Group
Denman Island
B.C. VOR 1TO
Canada

CONCURRENT EVENTS

TORONTO

The Planetary Congress and World Assembly described below have not asked to be listed as participants in the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. Yet they too have chosen the summer solstice as either the ending date or beginning date for their conferences. If we are all cognizant of one another's activities at that time, the good news about global resistance to the nuclear threat will spread more quickly.

A Planetary Congress is scheduled for June 17-21 in Toronto, Canada by an organization called Planetary Initiative for the World We Choose.

People representing peace groups from many countries are expected to attend to work on a consensus statement on a preferred world future. Participants will meet in small groups to go over their views and insights and the recommendations they have brought with them from their area, and look at how to practically implement them. It is also hoped that the congress will be a time of consensus-building and networking.

For information, write: Planetary Initiative, 575 - 8th Ave., New York, NY, or call 212/563-1911.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

This June, an international meeting of peace activists will take place in Czechoslovakia. The World Assembly For Peace And Life, Against Nuclear War is scheduled for June 21-26 in Prague.

The Assembly is organized jointly by a large number of international and national organizations and representatives of anti-war movements. It will provide an opportunity for more than 2,000 participants from all over the world to engage in an extensive dialogue and exchange of views on the main issues affecting humanity at the present time.

The conference will include both mass assemblies and small group workshops and discussions. Meetings are planned on such diverse subjects as mass media, conversion of military installations to peacetime use, anti-militaristic poetry, the role of the United Nations, and European security and disarmament.

For more information, write: Secretariat of the Coordinating Group for the World Assembly, Novotneho Iavka 5, 110 00 Praha 1, C.S.S.R. Telephone: 231 89 61, 231 08 78; Cable 123 592.

Green Ribbons in Australia

Wear a green ribbon to show your support for International Day of Nuclear Disarmament on June 20, 1983!

A disarmament group in Australia has already acted on this suggestion, as they describe below:

"Last Sunday we had a fantastic rally here -- 85,000 of us marched through downtown Melbourne led by our Premier. I was in the leading group (the rally was headed by artists, writers, actors, architects and academics). Of course we all wore our green ribbons and on completion of the route the Premier announced that the State of Victoria would henceforth be a nuclear-free State.

"Concurrently with our march another was taking place in Sydney and also one in Adelaide--all in all 180,000 people took part. We have to win! These rallies are the largest that have taken place in Australia since the anti-Vietnam War demos."

- by Leno Morrocco
March 31, 1983



TRIDENT NEIN

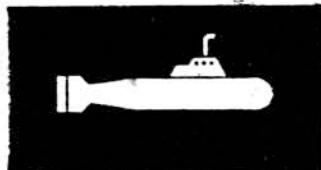
Activists in and around Connecticut are preparing for a three-day International Day protest culminating in civil disobedience at the Electric Boat shipyards, contractors for Trident submarines.

The demonstrations are to begin Saturday, June 18, with a legal protest against the launching of a new Trident sub. Sunday the 19th is a day for prayer, vigils, and non-violence trainings, with c.d. scheduled for Monday.

According to organizers at the Covenant Peace Community, recent c.d. actions in the area have been small. But there has been a lot of interest in the International Day actions, and several groups in the area are networking around the dates.

Many of the people working on the protests have been involved in the Trident Nein and the Plowshares actions, the "covert" forays in which a small band of activists have slipped into Trident assembly plants and taken hammers to various sub and missile components, literally trying to convert swords into plowshares. Covenant Peace Community is part of an ongoing support group for the Plowshares #4 protesters, whose trial for an action last fall is presently underway.

Information on the June 18-20 Trident actions is available from Covenant Peace Community, (203)562-7935. Women's AGs are being networked by the Feminist Union Anti-Nuclear Task Force, (203)789-2137.



ARIZONA

The Cruise Conversion Alert group in Tucson, Arizona is embarking on a campaign against the training of ground-launched cruise missile operators currently taking place at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson. Included in this campaign will be large demonstrations on June 20 and/or October 22-23.

Cruise Conversion Alert has chosen two themes on which to organize -- the cruise as a first-strike weapon and the planned economic conversion of the cruise missile project to peaceful research. The group hopes to achieve its goals with a seven-point plan which includes: an educational plan, including a speakers bureau; at least bi-monthly presence of demonstrators/leafleters at Davis-Monthan; the major demonstra-

tion(s); house-to-house canvassing of the neighboring community; publication of literature about the cruise; coordinated information dissemination with the local peace center newsletter (representing 29 organizations); and a legislative alert network, including a "phone tree" setup.

Among the group's fundraising efforts to support this ambitious campaign is the sale of an anti-nuclear record entitled "Ominous Clouds". The record is available from the Committee for a Non-Nuclear Future, 5516 E. Rosewood, Tucson, AZ 85711.

Cruise Conversion Alert can be contacted at 1145 E. 6th St., Tucson, AZ 85719, 602/792-3517.

NEW YORK

The following is a letter from Richard M. Bowers, a counselor and lawyer from Delhi, New York. We are printing this letter as an example of how an individual, without membership in a specific group, is planning to observe the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament and his reasoning behind his planned actions.

Bowers also has extended an invitation to "any and all peaceful people" to use the Eugene V. Debs peace Camp in the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. Five acres of fields surrounded by evergreens are available for tenting, along with a small cabin and outhouse. For further information, contact Hank Mayer, Andes, NY 13731; 914/676-3351.

Dear Folks,

You may list my name and address as a person to contact in my upstate New York area who will be engaging in direct actions in support of nuclear disarmament. I had been thinking of doing some sort of direct actions before on my own but have decided to make the date June 20th to be part of the global activities on that date.

Unless there is some irresistible pull outside my own community, I have been thinking of, and will probably engage in, the direct actions right here in my own community in the western foothills of the Catskill Mountains.

I am unaware of any nuclear weapon facility anywhere nearby Delhi so the direct actions will be directed toward those activities which do take place here (as elsewhere) which provide essential support for nuclear weapons. If the three targets of my civil disobedience or what they represent were not present in any community I believe there would not be any nuclear weapons.

The first target or place where I will be engaging in direct actions on

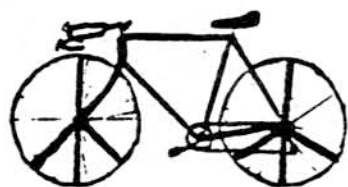
June 20th will be at the local American Legion building. Whether the direct action here will be more than entering upon the land where the American Legion is located I doubt. In fact, entering upon that land is probably not even civil disobedience, as the public is often (all the time, I guess) invited to come and buy beer, etc., at the American Legion Hall. There will be leaflets which I will pass out and I have been thinking of (but probably will not) pouring symbolic blood upon the steps of the building. The symbolic blood will be only water.

On June 20th the second place I plan to go and engage in direct action is our county jail. Just as the American Legion supports nuclear weapons by the support American Legionnaires give for war, so our jails provide very essential support for nuclear weapons by punishing persons who refuse to conform to standards of conduct which are dictated by laws. One of those standards is to pay taxes. Without jails to take person's liberties away, would there be successful tax collections? Not likely at all.

Finally, at our local Village Green, I plan to commit THE major act of civil disobedience of the day. It still will be fairly minor and I probably will not be arrested. I plan to pour some of my own blood, maybe only a drop or two, upon the Civil War monuments on the Village Green. Why the Civil War monuments? If the South had been permitted to secede, we never would have had any United States. We might not have made nuclear weapons even if some other places might have. We the United States would not have done it, for we would not have existed. I strongly support all U.S. states seceding now! Here's for no USA and no nuclear weapons on North America. Why not?

Very truly yours,
Richard M. Bowers
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CYCLING FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Cycling for Nuclear Disarmament is seeking interested individuals for a five week cycling journey this summer from the Livermore Weapons Lab to the Rocky Flats Nuclear Arsenal in Colorado.

At the Livermore Labs, where various missile systems are conceived, we riders will be symbolically "born." Our "Life Cycle" will culminate in a die-in at the Arsenal, where these lethal implements are poised to annihilate the lives of untold millions. We will gain wide-spread media coverage and will meet with local peace, religious and community groups along the way to encourage support for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze and Disarmament.

We will leave June 13. If you're interested in joining us, call 415/643-2778 or 643-1857 or 643-1839. Our address is Cycling for Nuclear Disarmament, International House, #467, Berkeley CA 94720. We are supported by an ASUC Mini-Grant at U.C. Berkeley.



POSTERS AVAILABLE

Posters with the following message are available for the cost of postage for any group which will disseminate them to businesses and agencies:

"Monday, June 20, in honor of the International Day of Nuclear Disarmament, we will be closed between the hours of ____ and ____."

We can suggest that businesses take the day off, the afternoon, or at a minimum, between noon and 1 pm. To obtain posters, send 50¢ per poster for 1-10 or 40¢ per poster for 10-100 copies, to Michael Stewartt, 700 Camino Militar, Santa Fe NM 87501.

Michael also reports that his friend Anthony Brooke, a U.S. citizen traveling in New Zealand and Australia, is actively assisting people who are organizing for June 20 in those countries. Another peace emissary is contacting groups in Japan about June 20 actions.



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Protest actions on June 20, 1983 are called in cooperation with the Mobilization for Survival, a coalition of local and national peace, environmental, anti-nuclear, religious, and community groups dedicated to linking the issues of militarism, intervention, nuclear technology, and human needs.

BUDDHIST CIRCLE FOR PEACE DAY

In this time of danger of nuclear holocaust people from all Buddhist traditions are invited to participate in the first Buddhist Circle for Peace. On June 18th, a day close to the summer solstice, people can practice in their own way, both publically and privately, in a collective effort for peace.

When people practice together there is a communication that is different from communication in thoughts and words. It is a manifestation of the fundamental interconnectedness of all beings. The place where we practice becomes peaceful, and we move together toward a fuller appreciation of the truth that there is no separation between ourselves and our world.

In addition to being a day of extended group practice, we hope that the Circle for Peace will serve as a public demonstration of the need to take responsibility for the safety of all beings. The Circle for Peace is being planned in conjunction with the June 20 International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. We would like the Circle for Peace to contribute its spirit to this worldwide demonstration two days

later.

While for this first year we are focusing our effort on the San Francisco Bay Area, we hope Buddhist Circle for Peace will become an annual event, and that in the future people from all parts of the world will take part.

On the first Buddhist Circle for Peace Day we propose:
Morning--Individual or group meditation or other expressions within our own sanghas or in selected public places.

Afternoon--Beginning at 1 p.m., a silent walk from various parts of San Francisco to Lindley Meadows in Golden Gate Park, which is reserved for our use from noon to 6 p.m.

We warmly invite everyone to participate, not only on June 18, but in organizing and preparing this event. The Bay Area Buddhist Peace Fellowship will hold its next general meeting on Sunday, May 22. For more information, call Nina, 415/848-5215, or write: Buddhist Circle for Peace, 2490 Channing Way #503, Berkeley, CA 94704.



♥ THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Following is an article by Guy Meyer of the New World Society, San Pablo, California, which plans a public celebration, resistance, and demonstration of loyalty to humanity on June 19 or 20.

Despite more than half a century of peace action, building during the past twenty years to marches and demonstrations by hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S., Japan, and Europe--demonstrations that now occur almost weekly in one place or another--despite an outpouring of books, articles, films, and editorials condemning nuclear weapons--despite voices of protest from such respected quarters as the Roman Catholic hierarchy and other religious leaders, former military leaders and strategists--despite the widespread poverty, the deepening world-wide depression resulting from the squandering of resources and manpower on weaponry and wars, both internal and international--despite all this, the arms race is not abating but rather accelerating. The threat of nuclear holocaust looms higher every day.

The majority of citizens in the U.S., the U.S.S.R., and most other countries still support the policies that thrust us to self-destruct.

They support these pro-war policies because of the underlying obsolete values and assumptions which inevitably give rise to such policies, values which have not as yet been challenged by those who cry for peace.

Failure to challenge these values is failure to act effectively to slow the arms race. Demanding disarmament without offering an acceptable alternative source of security has been, is, and will continue to be unacceptable to the majority of people.

When national security is itself seen as irrelevant, then and then only will armaments be recognized as unnecessary and wasteful. National sovereignty must give way to world law.

For humanity to survive global loyalties must replace tribal loyalties. This must be our goal. To evade this responsibility on the grounds that the people "are not ready", "will not listen",

"will not take us seriously" is to admit that the people cannot be brought to take the steps necessary for our survival.

Nothing short of a significant move in the direction of world order can pull us back from the brink.

What strategies can effect these needed value changes?

Values change when--

1. Society becomes sufficiently disordered, when new assumptions, goals, methods, identities, satisfy our needs better than previous assumptions, goals, etc., and

2. are perceived as better satisfying them. Until these are perceived as better, the majority of people will continue to be attached to the old, useless, harmful values. When the new values are accepted as better, the values will have changed. New policies will follow.

What factors bring about awareness of the need to adopt new goals, assumptions, etc.? These include crisis, repetition, controversy, dramatic demonstration, and authority.

When the alcoholic kills someone while driving drunk, or loses his job, or his wife, he becomes aware that he must change, while previously he has been able to get by with half-hearted good intentions.

A nuclear melt-down is worth a thousand arguments against nuclear power. A traffic light is installed after a fatal accident.

Appropriate phrases and slogans, constantly repeated, such as "make the world safe for democracy", "nuclear freeze", "national defense", "Reaganomics", "free enterprise", "Save the whales", etc., are picked up, repeated, accepted by many, and associated with political and economic policies.

Controversy draws attention, not only of the media, but of people who are curious as to what the argument is all about.

Dramatic demonstration, including induced crises, such as civil disobedience, call attention to the breakdown of the old values, not in theory alone, but in direct experience. This also

SPEAKING TOURS

Livermore Action Group is offering speaking tours by two peace emissaries who took the call for an International Day of Nuclear Disarmament to Europe this winter and spring. Patrick Diehl returned April 18 from a two-month visit with peace groups in Germany, England, Holland, France, Belgium, and Italy. He is available to talk about the European peace movement and help organize support for June 20th actions in the state of California. Any California groups who would like to schedule a slide show and/or talk with Patrick should contact the LAG office at 415/644-3031.

Pamela Osgood will return from a three-month tour of peace groups in Germany, Austria, Scandinavia, Switzerland, England, Holland, and Italy on May 23. She will be available to visit International Day participating groups in the United States at the end of May to talk about European organizing against the deployment of the Pershing II and cruise missiles. If requested, she could participate in press conferences organized by local groups around the U.S., and emphasize how important to the survival of Europe are our actions for peace on June 20.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament in New Orleans has pledged \$100 toward the financing of Pamela's U.S. tour, and circulated a letter among other International Day participating groups asking for their support of the idea. International Day has been offered the services of volunteer pilots to fly Pamela on a limited organizing tour of the Western U.S.

Please contact LAG soon if your group is interested in having Pamela stop in your area. After we know where people would like to talk with her, and whether our pooled resources are enough to make the tour happen, we can set up an itinerary for Pamela and you can publicize her visit to your area.

draws media attention and exposure.

When authoritative voices are raised, whether from well-known politicians, writers, religious and educational leaders, musicians, athletes, etc., those who admire them tend to trust (subconsciously, at least) their judgment. Unfortunately such authorities are rarely in the van of any movement, carefully guarding their popularity.

The people of the world are at this moment in one sense "ready" for world order. That is, the old values of nationalism, national defense, etc., are no longer serving human security and well-being. To the contrary, policies based on these threaten our survival.

Readiness in the sense of accepting and perceiving the need for global awareness, law and economy, will come about when those of us who are already aware will have acted to bring them to this readiness.

We must no longer delay, confining ourselves to the subsidiary issues of protest against certain weapons systems and foreign policies, merely because we think these strategies are more popularly acceptable. The military and nationalist political leaders of the world, not noted for human concern, will have the last word until their very roles and functions have been widely challenged and exposed as superfluous.

The threat is global, the solution is global. Our actions to affect the solution must be global. It will be one humanity or none. "International Day" is a large step forward. Next time it must be widened to "World Day".

- by Guy Meyer
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SUMMARY OF 1st ACTION BULLETIN

For those of you who missed the first edition of the action bulletin, we are providing a summary of its contents, which included news of planned actions in the United States and around the world.

German peace activists Monika Gretschnann and Klaus Kurtz reported that 75 West German organizations have been informed of the call for the June 20 International Day of Nuclear Disarmament. They included a resolution supporting the day and pledging solidarity with the U.S. peace movement, as well as a promise for June 20 actions in Germany. The International Movement of Conscientious War Resisters in Tel Aviv, Israel, also responded favorably to the call, and is spreading the word throughout Israel.

The Midwest Field Office of the Mobilization for Survival told of a March meeting of over 80 activists from six midwestern states. Actions, many incorporating civil disobedience, are planned for defense contracting companies, nuclear power plants, and military bases. At the meeting, these actions were placed in the context of

a year-long campaign against the Euro-missiles, including followup actions in October coordinated with the European peace movement.

Actions in the midwestern U.S. will include: the Ames Peace Network at Rockwell International's plant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Rockwell plays a key role in the production of the MX and B-1 bomber); the Chicago Disarm Now Action Group at Northrop in Rolling Meadows, Illinois; and the Catholic Worker Community at Wellman Dynamics in Creston, Iowa, where cruise missile bodies are made. In addition, there may be an action at the Williams International plant in Walled Lake, Michigan, where cruise missile engines are manufactured, and legal rallies/demonstrations in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota and in Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin.

The Worcester (Massachusetts) County Coalition for Disarmament is planning a June 20th action at the nearby GTE plant. GTE is currently engaged in research and development of command, control, and communications for the MX.

Activists in Colorado are considering using International Day as a starting date in a campaign to stage on going civil disobedience at Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant, near Denver, which produces plutonium "triggers" for the new weapons systems. It is hoped that 1,000 people will sign a "Resolution to Resist" the work at the plant, which includes a commitment to risk arrest.

In New Mexico, Kirtland Air Force Base will be the International Day focus. Kirtland is a huge nuclear weapons storage facility and is an active combat-ready base for the Tactical Air Command. A march around the base, children's picnic, and art/poster exhibition are among the planned activities.

In the western U.S., Peace House of Ashland, Oregon is sponsoring a 2½-day, 45-mile walk from Ashland to Litton Industries in Grants Pass, culminating with a rally near the plant June 20. Litton manufactures guidance and control systems for cruise missiles. Further south, in the Pomona Valley of

Southern California, the Peace & Justice Coalition of Claremont will hold a large vigil at General Dynamics, a major weapons manufacturer.

In the San Francisco Bay Area of California, the Livermore Action Group is coordinating a massive blockade of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, where U.S. nuclear weapons are designed. Last June, over 1300 demonstrators were arrested in a non-violent blockade. Urban Ecology of Berkeley will make a presentation the evening of June 24 on the relationship of ecological cities to efforts to end nuclear war threats, and will also announce a plan to restore the full length of Strawberry Creek, which flows through the University of California campus. In another action, Bay Area Artists for Nuclear Disarmament is planning a festival for June 13-20, "Renaissance in the Nuclear Age," which will include paintings, sculpture, film, photography, dance, and theater.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

CALIFORNIA

- Buddhist Circle for Peace Day, Berkeley
- Cycling for Nuclear Disarmament, Berkeley
- Livermore Action Group, Berkeley
- Urban Ecology, Berkeley
- Women for Peace - East Bay, Berkeley
- Chico People for a Nuclear Free Future, Chico
- Peace and Justice Coalition, Claremont
- People for a Nuclear Free Future, Fort Bragg
- Nuclear Resistance Coalition, Los Angeles
- Peace and Justice Center, Los Angeles
- Women's Peace Blockade, Los Angeles
- Alternative Energy Collective, Oakland
- Laney College Faculty for Social Responsibility, Oakland
- Pro-Arts, Oakland
- WILPF/East Bay-Berkeley Branch, Oakland
- Bohemian Grove Action Network, Occidental
- Community Against Nuclear Extinction, Palo Alto
- H.O.P.E., Petaluma
- St. John's Peacemakers, Piedmont
- Contra Costans for a Nuclear Free Future, Pleasant Hill
- Walnettos, Pleasant Hill
- Acorn Alliance, Redway
- Bay Area Artists for Nuclear Disarmament, San Francisco
- Ecumenical Peace Institute, San Francisco
- June 12 Coalition, San Francisco
- U.S. Nuclear Free Pacific Network, San Francisco
- Women's Party for Survival, San Francisco
- San Jose Peace Center, San Jose
- World Citizens, San Pablo
- Mountain Folks, Santa Barbara
- SONOMore Atomics, Santa Rosa
- Sonoma County Direct Action Coalition, Santa Rosa
- Mt. Diablo Peace Center, Walnut Creek
- Wilbur Hot Springs Group, Wilbur Springs

OTHER STATES IN U.S.

- Independent Big Mountain Diné Nation, Oraibi, via Arizona
- Cruise Conversion Alert, Tucson, Arizona
- Trident Nein, New Haven, Connecticut
- National Campaign to Stop the MX, Washington, D.C.
- Washington Peace Center, Washington, D.C.
- Ames Peace Network, Ames, Iowa
- Catholic Worker House, Des Moines, Iowa
- Groundwater Alliance, Ketchum, Idaho

- Center for Peace and Justice, Pocatello, Idaho
- Disarm Now Action Group, Chicago, Illinois
- Covenant Community Peace Tax Group, Evanston, Illinois
- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Worcester County Coalition for Disarmament, Princeton, Mass
- Lansing Area Peace Education Center, East Lansing, Michigan
- Ozarks Area Community Congress, Mountain Grove, Missouri
- Omaha Pax Christi, Omaha, Nebraska
- Citizens Against Nuclear Threats, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Project Lighthawk, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Knolls Action Project, Albany, New York
- Genesee Valley Citizens for Peace, Geneseo, New York
- Fourth Wall Repertory Company, New York, New York
- Mobilization for Survival, New York, New York
- National Mobilization for Survival, New York, New York
- Parallel Films, New York, New York
- Peace House, Ashland, Oregon
- Thomas Merton Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Utahns for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze, Salt Lake City, Utah
- Citizens for Nuclear Disarmament, Addy, Washington
- Greenpeace, Seattle, Washington
- International Disarmament Organization, Arlington, Virginia
- Mobilization for Survival, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES

- Campaign Against Nuclear Energy, Adelaide, AUSTRALIA
- Denman Island Peace Group, Denman Island, B.C., CANADA
- Ground Zero Canada, Quadra Island, B.C., CANADA
- Vancouver Island Network for Disarmament, Victoria, B.C., CANADA
- Forsvar-Militaerkontisk Magasin, Copenhagen, DENMARK
- International Movement of Conscientious War Resisters, Tel-Aviv-Jaffa, ISRAEL
- The Society for World Federation, Tokyo, JAPAN
- World Constitution & Parliament Association, Cuernavaca, Morelos, MEXICO
- Bilker gegen Atomraketen, Dusseldorf, WEST GERMANY
- Frauen furden Frieden START-Gruppe, Berlin, Germany
- Friedensinitiative Neuss, Neuss, WEST GERMANY
- Gewaltfreie Stuttgarter Gruppe, Stuttgart, WEST GERMANY
- Informationsstelle Fur Friedensarbeit, Bonn, WEST GERMANY

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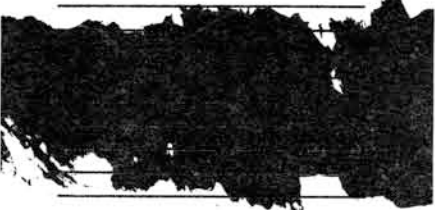
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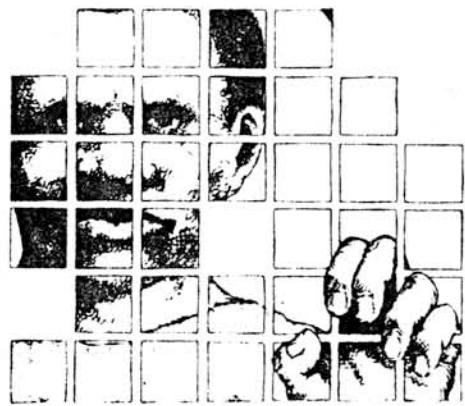


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Also in the first action bulletin, plans were announced for a "Nuclear Newsreel," a documentary film about June 20 actions which will be designed for immediate satellite distribution by June 24 to over 200 public television stations throughout the United States. For more information about this project, write to: Mark Freeman, Fine Line Productions, 1101 Masonic Ave., San Francisco, CA 94117, or call 415/861-3885.

NONCOOPERATION



This article stems from my first arrest which took place at Vandenberg Air Force Base, January '83. In preparing for the action, I had thought almost entirely about the moments prior to arrest, and not about what would follow. Once arrested, I found myself unwilling to co-operate with the arrest and booking procedures. Writing this article is an attempt to find a language for my internal motivations more than to convince others to use my ways and means.

First--what is non-cooperation? It can take a variety of forms, which include not giving information, avoiding fingerprinting, or simply acting in a spirited manner--stomping, shouting, singing, or otherwise attempting to overcome the emotional repression inflicted by jail authorities. In other words, I've gathered that one can non-cooperate by a mobility of spirit as well as a mobility of body!

The specific practice of going limp came from the civil rights movement. The tactical passivity of demonstrators served to uncover the aggressive acts of the police and onlookers and thus helped to protect the protesters.

Going limp at arrest no longer minimizes the danger of physical abuse during arrest. This tactic, outliving its original purpose, demonstrates the need for consistent examination of non-cooperative practices.

Why non-cooperate when I chose to blockade and expected arrest? By co-operating automatically with our arrests, the protest can seem like an empty ritual. It is a statement of our beliefs, but it is an interception in the workaday weapons-making world as well, and could be much more so! Could authorities contend with dragging hundreds or thousands of sagging bodies from site to bus to holding to booking, etc? Lugging me around at the air force base, the military people had to use a good deal of imagination and muscle to get my height, weight, etc, and drew the line at bothering to fingerprint me.

Many propose that in non-cooperating, we make opponents of arresting, detaining, and prison officers who are not spearheading the arms race. Though it may polarize our supporters and antagonists, I don't think such practices alter people's deep-seated sentiment about our anti-militarist actions.

Another familiar charge is that non-cooperation breaks down jail solidarity by making distinctions between us and coercing others to possibly worsen their situation if there is to be equal treatment for all.

It is indeed a double bind. Even if non-cooperators state that they don't expect others to be in solidarity with them, the pressure is not removed.

However, jail solidarity will not come of attempting to override the strong differences of opinion between us. It seems to arise naturally where people share common principles or experience. My affinity group refused to leave my side when I and another non-cooperator were threatened with police digs. This spontaneous and effective support sprung from our freshly-formed affinity group bond.

Many are skeptical about non-cooperation, seeing it as a "haphazard expression of individual discontent." I think that is the exception rather than the rule. I believe most non-cooperators are or have the goal of protesting specific acts on specific grounds. The difficulty is in finding the opportunity to communicate to all in the thick of the action one's aims and reasons. My jail companions told me they were most empathetic with me in my resistance--and understood me best--when I refused arraignment and was dragged into the courtroom by army folk. Lying on the courtroom floor, before magistrate, officials, and my comrades, I explained that my interference with arraignment stemmed from my outrage at the inequity of the legal proceeding: 1) we were some 30 randomly selected for prosecution out of the 170 penetrating the base; 2) we had been taken in small groups to the arraignment while being led to believe that we weren't yet to be arraigned; and 3) I was holding out asking to be arraigned with or hear word of the group that was still being held for refusing to give names. I was not able to be arraigned with the group still in holding. But my action did seem to reach people--and not just the protesters--with my conviction about our rights to equitable and conscientious treatment both in and out of jail.

During the day of detainment at the military base, I had an incredibly strong gut sensation that my power remained intact only by my challenging and disavowing the authority of the military. I refused to walk from the squash court (holding cell) to the gym to the classroom and was eventually closeted in a marshal's van outside of the protesters' gathering. I eventually decided it was more important to rejoin the group than to explore my individual capacity to resist.

In political action new to me, my beliefs have unfolded and changed. I think non-cooperative tactics can add immeasurably to the impact of our demonstrations. Yet, in our exchanges over the use of non-cooperation, I've learned a greater respect for others' ideas and feelings, in the midst of the struggle for our rights to human peace.

--by Virginia Frantz



lost and not found

LOST PROPERTY-VANDENBERG. The U.S. Marshall's Office has told the legal collective that they have a policy of no responsibility for property which is not listed on the personal inventory receipt given to each arrestee during the booking process. Also, the marshalls generally do not list clothing on these receipts.

If you had certain property listed on the inventory receipt which was not returned you have two means of recourse:

1) Make a formal written demand for the specific item or its replacement value, accompanied by a xerox copy



of your receipt and any documentation of the property's worth you can come up with.

2) File a tort lawsuit against the Federal Marshall's office to recover the value of property lost.

Unfortunately, law suits are usually too expensive to be worthwhile. A formal demand letter may be sufficient if the property can be located. One option would be for everyone who lost property to prepare a single demand letter, listing all the property together.

The problem of lost property can be avoided in the future: DON'T wear expensive clothing or carry valuables with you to a CD action. Routinely DEMAND that clothing be included on your personal inventory receipt when you are booked. They may refuse, but it is worth a try.



"THE GOVERNMENT MAN SAID HE DIDN'T THINK YOUR MOWER COULD HURT IT."

THE BATTLE FOR THE TROOPS

One of the sharpest lessons to be drawn from the Vandenberg Action revolves around the role of the US military--most particularly the lower enlisted personnel. As a Viet Nam veteran, I found it most interesting to be able to talk with the troops at very close range. I and others could see that they were eager to listen to us...

This is a valuable lesson for our movement against the MX and other aspects of the US arsenal. We are sure more and more to come up against the military establishment, as has been demonstrated recently at Vandenberg and Concord.

One thing that we must firmly understand is that while there are contradictions within the military--differences that are manifested in very sharp class terms--none the less, the military is still a unit and will function as such despite contradictions. It will be mainly in the arena of defeat, and today we are talking about political defeat and the isolation resulting from such, that the existing cracks and fissures will dramatically widen. This continual process of "cracking" the troops will bring many of them over to our side. Is this not the lesson to be learned directly from Viet Nam?

We should take every opportunity as supporters, blockaders, and trespassers to fraternize with the troops before, during, and after such actions. Talk with them, and help them break through the isolation that life in the military imposes on them. But we should also keep firmly in mind that the best way to win them to our side will be through direct action--action which can and will politically isolate and even make a joke of the program that the military brass shoves into their brains.

To me, one of the most positive aspects of Vandenberg was our ability to be creative, to turn the blockade, trespass, and back-country actions into creative festivals, festivals by those who are opposed to the forces of war and destruction. Our diverse actions actually were able to penetrate deeply beyond all the green lines, all the military hardware and awe that was present and hidden at Vandenberg. I know for sure that our actions penetrated deeply into the consciousnesses of many of the military personnel present, widening the existing fissures.

In this spirit, and for further progress on this most important front, let our actions and plans for Vandenberg II be even more creative and more festive, and may our direct action serve as a model for those GI's who would listen, watch, and learn from us, even as they carry out military actions against us. The US government is obviously not stopping development of the MX or preparations for war. We are not going to stop our actions either. We will go back to Vandenberg out of urgent necessity, and we will go back with much accumulated strength.

It will be interesting to watch particularly this one front--the battle for the troops--and see just how well we do in further winning these most strategic forces to our side.

--by Steve A., a Viet Nam veteran going back to Vandenberg



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The anti-nuclear movement from the moment it emerged has been explicitly tied to women's liberation. Thus, we insisted from the start that when we talk about peace we're not just speaking abstractly but demanding a peace that includes the freedom of all people--and we want that to start now or yesterday. Now is precisely the time that we can't take our ideas or feminism for granted. We print articles here from very different points of view, on feminism, militarism, and the direction of the entire anti-militarist movement. Please join in the discussion by sending articles or letters to Direct Action.

—Tamara Thompson
—Laurie Cashdan

CONSUMING OR ALL-CONSUMING?

This is a gathering of thoughts inspired by a number of things in the April *Direct Action*, beginning with the request for articles on feminism and racism. Below that, there was a plea for facilitators which, for me, is closely connected with issues of sexism, racism, and especially class.

For example, women have often been expected to do a lot of maintenance and sustenance work for organizations and other communities they were part of. Thanks to the roots of many LAG members in the feminist and nonviolent movements, this isn't completely taken for granted. However, the emphasis on civil disobedience organizing as opposed to more long-term movement building means that the intention to work against sexism, racism, and classism within the movement gets shoved to a back burner, and discussion seems limited mainly to periodic breast-beating about how white and middle-class the anti-nuclear or disarmament movement is.

The disarmament movement looks so middle-class because in most cases it's organized as a consumer movement. Nuclear war is seen as a "quality of life" issue instead of a side effect of problems with decision-making and control in our society. Even when people make the connection on an intellectual level, there are still a lot of subconscious expectations that someone else is going to deliver the desired results if pressure is put in the right places.

For many, LAG has one product: the CD experience. A lot of energy goes into evaluating actions, but it tends to focus on improving the product and selling it to more people. Some organizers maintain that LAG is just meant to be one of a variety of choices, and the vision is of many different autonomous groups working on many different fronts using many different strategies.

The problem with this idea is the same as the problem with the economic idea that a free market would work fine if it weren't for government regulation: it doesn't take into account the historically-based inequalities of race, class, and gender, as well as a variety of other oppressions.

In LAG, this problem shows up in a number of ways: calls for facilitators coupled with expectations that facilitators be responsible for making meetings work well, the fact that LAG is often in debt and doesn't have a very stable funding base, and what seems like a lot of talk about needs for actions, but very little about contributions towards the movement as a whole. People and affinity groups who are consumers of the actions feel that that's a valid role for them, while supporting a "pay as you go" attitude towards political work in general. In the meantime, a lot of the work and ultimate burn-out falls on people who are willing to do it because they see a potential to build a stronger community.

An alternative vision of political movements sees them as ongoing communities whose members invest a part of their time and wealth (not just money) in an uncertain future, like gardeners planting orchards for generations that follow. It's not unreasonable to ask for commitments on this level, that affinity groups do outreach or political study, groups or clusters pledge money or time specifically for coalition work with other groups.

Part of the benefit in recognizing the anti-nuke movement as a community is in recognizing its sisterhood with other movements both past and present. Declaring that nuclear destruction is the survival issue is offensive to poor people and others who have been exploited by the system long before it got



around to developing nuclear weapons; it also isolates disarmament activists from a sense of how those people struggled and survived. Instead of relying on individual feminists, people of color, or people from other movements to come to LAG (buying the CD line), affinity groups or clusters can make their own efforts to reach out and expand their involvement with other parts of the political community.

— by Arlene Feng
Kadima AG

GESTATION

(This excerpt is from the fall issue of *Resistance News*.)

Gestation is defined as the time between conception and birth. We feel that this is an appropriate title for this section of *Resistance News*, as it affects the growth and struggle of women to become full members of the resistance movement. During this past summer (82), Berkeley Resistance began a long and often painful process of considering the role of women within the group and within the entire anti-draft and anti-militarism movement.

We were dismayed and angered to realize that, as in the past, men carried most of the power. Women, being unable to prove themselves "true" resisters by refusing to register, were automatically put into peripheral positions of support. As we grew more frustrated with this narrow, elitist definition of a resister, we began to talk among ourselves and finally to the group as a whole. Most of the men, having not even considered the group's power relations except to pay lip service to the evils of sexism, at first expressed surprise at our perceptions of the group's focus and dynamics. It took much time and effort simply to convince them of the seriousness of the problem, and finally to recognize that we must deal with these issues constantly, that they cannot be resolved by a simple acknowledgement that sexism exists even in "progressive organizations".

Unfortunately, it is not always self-evident why women should have a central role in the resistance movement. Militarism is very much an issue that concerns women. A "defense" economy takes away money from jobs and social services (like AFDC and battered women's shelters) that women desperately need. Militarism emphasizes patriarchal values of authority and violence, values which have always hurt women. By limiting the definition of resistance to non-cooperation with Selective Service, we do not make the connections to all aspects of our society which militarism affects. Women, of course, are not the only ones who are affected by this definition. Anyone who is not a male between the ages of 18 and 22 is automatically pushed to the sidelines. And it is no secret that the resistance movement as it stands now is mostly white. By not focusing on the poverty draft, the racism in the armed forces, and the persistence of the traditional forms of oppression against people of color both inside and outside the US, the resistance movement has done little to ally with other racial and ethnic groups. The resistance movement has remained composed of the people who are usually best able to escape the effects of militarism and the draft.

We hope that the ideas expressed here will encourage other groups to deal with the problems of sexism and all the other "isms" that exist within the groups and outside. We urge all women to talk to one another and to express your ideas through letters, articles, and speaking out. Let us put an end to our isolation within the resistance movement.

In the last six months those women who initiated the confrontation of sexism within the Berkeley Resistance have formed a new group focusing on feminism and counter-militarism. They are also preparing a booklet of women's writings about resistance and empowerment. To contribute, contact Jane or Lisa, (415) 841-1204, or Laura (415) 489-3097 -- Women and Resistance, P.O. Box 3528, Berkeley CA 94703.

WOMEN'S CULTURE IN THE ANTI-NUCLEAR MOVEMENT

The importance of all-women's actions at this time cannot be stressed strongly enough. The fact that our actions are constantly criticized as "exclusive", "separatist", "divisive" is significant, because these are all negative terms from people who do not have an understanding of feminist values or women's culture.

Women's actions are an environment that is often caring and safe and marked by some important differences. In the planning stages, usually there is little argument about feminist principles. We have a lot in common and in agreement, and we function well with those points despite our differences. This means a significant amount of energy is not wasted on being defensive or trying to prove ourselves. We come together out of an inner pride and joy in ourselves which lays a powerful foundation to build our work on. This is an important difference.

Women's actions are more participatory than observant. Change comes from the experiences of doing rather than listening to speakers or just watching others.

The key to change is the mobilization of emotions. The sexist stereotype is that women's emotions render us helpless. The military paragon is to control, be rational, and block the emotions. This is what men have practiced and become so good at that a lot of the world is embalmed (the food we eat -- the environmental pollution). Where numbness is the norm, addictions and feelings of futility, depression and despair abound. When women express rage and mourning we are a living contradiction of patriarchy. There is terrific power and energy in our rage and deep sadness at the state of the world. Women working together in these emotional states make discoveries about themselves personally and about the world. Women know intuitively that unlocking the emotions is the first step to destroying the attitudes of racism, homophobia, chauvinism, anti-Semitism, etc., that cement the male-dominated world together. The mind will change following looking into ourselves at the painful experiences that taught us these prejudices.

One other aspect of women's actions is that they don't fizzle out. They are marked with closure. Closing is the inevitable, unmistakable mark of a new beginning -- not an ending. This is how life's cycle flows. Beyond closure is evaluation. It is critical to know where we've been to know where we're going. Feminist process never abandons evaluation.

All-women's actions are opportunities to present people with role models for feminist process, structure, and expressions of creativity and emotion. A primary step for conscious people to take is to respect women's space; learn from it other ways to be -- as we are learning. Validate us; don't trash our needs. If women's space is supported we will all grow strong and possibly set the planet in balance again.

— by Meri Furnari

WOMEN'S PEACE CAMPS--PG 8

THE SYLVIA "OH MY GOD WHAT'S NEXT?" SEMINAR INVITES YOU TO A WEEKEND OF SHARED FEARS. BRING THE BIG ONES. (SAMPLE: JAMES WATT WILL LEASE THE GRAND CANYON TO A GRAVEL COMPANY) THROUGH A COMBINATION OF T.V. WATCHING AND ELECTRIC SHOCK WE WILL LEARN TO COPE.

WOMEN AT VANDENBERG

(This leaflet was handed out at the Vandenberg encampment in March.)

Today and tomorrow, scores of minors, women and men are taking direct action against the federal government here at the Vandenberg Air Force Base. These actions have inspired us, a few revolutionary feminists at the encampment, to make the following statement.

A sense of urgency prevails at the Vandenberg encampment, for what is at stake here, and around the world, is the very future of the earth. We know that all of humankind is headed down a path toward nuclear destruction. We know to get off this path we need to bring revolutionary change to the world. The crucial question for our movement is how to bring about this change--who to unite with, who and what to struggle against, and how to struggle. How quickly and correctly we find answers to this question will determine whether or not we can save our sacred mother earth.

At Vandenberg we are finding answers and we are acting on them. We have identified the enemy. The enemy is the system which needs an arms race to survive, a system which must produce profits to survive, a system which must rape the land and the people to survive. Some of us in America have an easier life, but only because we reap the rotten fruits of this system of exploitation. But even these privileged few cannot escape the threat of nuclear holocaust; the system ultimately doesn't work for them either.

A native American elder told us Saturday at the rally that when the colours of the four races come together--red, white, yellow and black--we get the colour brown, the colour of mother earth. We cannot afford not to support the international anti-nuclear movement, national liberation struggles, and class struggles within other countries. And we cannot afford not to attack imperialism right here in this country, in its heart. In this struggle, the various movements and factions within the anti-nuclear movement must not separate themselves from each other, for the system is too strong for any of us to take on alone and win. And we cannot afford to limit our efforts to getting rid of first strike weaponry, or making just our immediate families or America safe from the bomb. We must make the world safe for the entire human family which means totally getting rid of the system which exists only because it exploits most of the people of the world.

With our direct action at Vandenberg we are defiantly saying No! to imperialism and its nuclear terrorism. And our actions are escalating, with young people and women leading the way. A few years ago we were knocking on the gates of the nuclear citadels. In January a group of people got right up to the silos at Vandenberg. Two months later, scores of us are invading the base again. What will we do next time??? All this has the authorities plainly worried, because they know that we realize we have nothing to lose and everything to gain. As women, givers of life, we know that this death-system must be resisted at all costs. And according to a recent poll, 25% of American children believe that they may be nuked to death before they reach adulthood. In the face of such determined opposition the government increases the price of resistance in a desperate attempt to scare other people away from joining in the fight. The threat of placing minors into foster homes is aimed at two of the most rebellious sections of our movement--minors and women (especially lesbian mothers). But we will not be deterred.

It is the time of the Equinox, of equal day and equal night, of balance. It is the start of spring, of the new. It is time to rise up and get rid of the old, build anew, and restore balance to the earth. It is time for total defiance!



WOMEN'S PEACE CAMPS AND ROSA LUXEMBURG

The worldwide movement of women who oppose militarism has found an exciting new expression in the women's peace camps in Britain. Not only have scores of women thrown themselves so fully into the movement that they are encamped outside nearly a dozen different facilities, but nearly 100,000 joined in on Easter weekend to create a human chain that stretched 14 miles.

A woman at Greenham Common, trying to work out some of her questions about the direction of the movement, writes me that not just in principle but in actuality the women are beginning to draw ties between militarism and other problems in society. Thus some of them have been quite affected by both the conditions for women prisoners and the non-existence of jobs for them once they are out; others joined in the protests following the death of Colin Roach, a young Black man shot to death right at the Stoke Newington Police Station. She writes, "I hear more discussion on the whole class issue again - the women's movement having 'left out' working class women - also it being a very white movement..."

When she refers to "leaving out" working class women and Blacks, it's not that either the women's movement or the anti-nuclear movement, here or in Britain, hasn't discussed either class or race. But a very different attitude towards Blacks and workers is called for when what you are concerned with is developing a philosophy of full freedom, and deepening the movement into one which can uproot the very foundations of British society. Here in the U.S., for example, don't we need to finally recognize that the first to protest war, as they did during WWI, precisely because they are keenly aware that the government's banner of freedom abroad has really meant the very opposite for Blacks here AND in the Third World?

At another critical period in anti-war history, pre-WWI Germany, the great revolutionary Rosa Luxemburg transformed her own thoughts about where ideas about freedom and organization come from. It has taken our Women's Liberation Movement, and the questions we have raised, to recognize the importance of Luxemburg for today. Because she brought together anti-militarism, feminism and being a revolutionary, Luxemburg is taken up in a very new way by feminist philosopher Raya Dunayevskaya in her new book, ROSA LUXEMBURG, WOMEN'S LIBERATION AND MARX'S PHILOSOPHY OF REVOLUTION.

Luxemburg shook up the established Marxist Party, the German Social Democracy, from the moment she stepped foot into Germany because, as a revolutionary and feminist, she refused to be pigeonholed into the "Woman Question," and insisted on taking part in every aspect of work, from writing theoretical articles to participating in actual revolution when it broke out in 1905 in Poland. It was that participation that sparked her most original work for it changed her very notion of revolution. When, as the revolution broke out and the Polish Party grew overnight from 7½ members to 30,000, she saw that revolution was hardly made by Party leaders educating the workers about either organization or class consciousness, but by precisely those workers the leaders thought of as so "backward."

But Luxemburg's originality did not stop there. She was also the first to see that German's bloody incursions into Africa signalled a new stage of capitalist development - imperialism - and split from the Party leaders because they had become so opportunistic that they refused to oppose imperialism. Even before WWI broke out she fought for the autonomy of the working women's organization which, when the

war began, became THE group which did not separate anti-militarism from the movement to totally transform Germany.

Luxemburg's questions about organization were deepened in a new way by the Women's Liberation Movement when it burst forth in 1970. The women who had participated in the Civil Rights and anti-war movements and in the Left refused to have their own liberation put off by the male leaders until "after the revolution," and demanded decentralization. Dunayevskaya shows that the very concept of revolution was altered in such a critical way that it involves the two most important questions of today:

They are, first, the totality and the depth of the necessary uprooting of this exploitative, sexist, racist society. Second, the dual rhythm of revolution: not just the overthrow of the old, but the creation of the new; not just the reorganization of objective, material foundations but the release of subjective personal freedom, creativity, and talents (p. 108).

Women in the anti-nuclear movement have gained "a mind and voice of our own" and challenged all vanguardist notions of organization or revolution. How can we now follow through on these ideas to develop so new an appreciation for the Blacks and workers, the unemployed and yes, youth, who are looking to change this society, that we never again let our actual participation in the movement and our philosophy of full human freedom get separated?

-Laurie Cashdan

ROSA LUXEMBURG, WOMEN'S LIBERATION AND MARX'S PHILOSOPHY OF REVOLUTION, by Raya Dunayevskaya, is available at most movement bookstores in the Bay Area.

57¢ A PEACE

Anyone who thinks that feminism has triumphed, or that peace is simply a matter of goodwill, or that militarism is just a class issue needs to spend a day behind the secretary's desk at a major corporation. That is where most of America's working women spend their time. We in the peace movement have increasingly focused on corporate sponsorship of militarism, but we must come to realize that the bulk of the corporate labor force is made up of clerical women. We must realize that these women are economically and culturally hamstrung--and that they must be recognized as a tremendous latent source of power for social change.

Recent elections uncovered a "gender gap" in women's preferential support for peace and social justice. There was not too much discussion of the other "gender gap": that women earn 57¢ to men's dollar. But talk to secretaries: they complain of their individual boss's bullying, pride themselves on his accomplishments, and never connect the memos they are typing with what they read in the papers. They undermine their personal enemies with small acts of "incompetence," but they usually marry young, are often divorced mothers, and always seem to be behind on their credit cards. They are corporate wives.

Once, across the copy machine, I suggested to some women that they unionize. "I've got two kids to support," said one. "This is the best job anyone in my family ever had," said a black woman. "There was a guy talking about that a year ago," said a third, "but we're so isolated. Anyway, no executive secretary is going to get fired to defend a typist. They found some excuse to fire the guy and brought in some temps."

What would it mean for the peace movement if clerical women developed solidarity and political awareness? Just as dockworkers have taken political stands by refusing to unload certain cargo, secretaries (and key-punch operators and other information processors) could paralyze the war machine. Short of that, clerical women have access to information that reveals corporate-military collusion and duplicity. As individuals, they are closely accountable for it, but working in small groups, they could indict one corporation at a time.

An increase in the economic power and politicization of women would likely shift public policy away from military spending and toward social programs. But deeper than this, every increase in women's power to redefine traditional roles undermines the equation of masculinity with power with aggressiveness. Women are almost 80% of the clerical labor force, and hold less than 10% of all managerial and professional positions. Recruitment of the "80s Woman" as corporate clone and consumer recognizes the threat of women's solidarity by trying to buy off the most educated and assertive minority of women: as long as they become "honorary males." In order for women to gain power, we must change society, not ourselves.

The peace movement is overwhelmingly composed of students, activists, and members of the religious community. While these are not the only people involved, there is a desperate need to speak to working-class people (including people of color). Coalitions with labor unions are one important strategy. But we must also help to educate and organize "pink-collar power," while respecting clerical women's economic and psychological limitations, as well as possible differences in background, values, and aspirations. Their struggle may not be as picturesque as those more distant, but the hand that rocks the memo can help us reach for peace.

---Alison Brysk

I awoke this morning with strange dreams--
birds circling
eagle, hawk, goose
carrying young children
& animals on their backs
circling counter-clockwise
and then leaning towards the
north
through dark skies.

The Chumash from the southern coast are leaving.

I BURN SAGE THAT I MAY SEE THE TRUTH

Kote Lotah the medicine man at the occupation of Point Concepcion, where we won back our land from trenching and L.N.G. Aul-lul-koy the medicine woman who does great healing and leads sweats for the old women and the little children. She has taken her family--husband & good hunter Iapish & daughter tesh-pen-away, a flower like the moon & strong young son Quintan. They are saying goodbye to all that made memories, leaving their homeland for the second time. Perhaps Chequeesh will be joining them--perhaps she will stay behind to tell the others, that the time is now to get down off the fence--before you get knocked off! It is very soon. Others are going--others have gone. Some stay to do the sacred work.

I BURN SAGE THAT I MAY HEAR THE TRUTH



I met Darlene Keju from the Kwajalein Islands. Before she made her speech, I took her aside. We sat and just held hands and looked into each other's eyes. We had each grown up along the Pacific Ocean shore, a sea apart. Brown-skinned, innocent. Now her people's land to be the target for the MX missiles--my Chumash land the launching pad.

I don't want to be a part of this terrible thing, I said.
My land is sacred to me.
Your life is sacred to me.
My people are called extinct now
though we breathe
though we still feel joy
still know pain much pain.
I want your people to live, I said.
Let us make a pact
with our lives as women
as daughters and mothers.
We cried
for it is a very long road
and what we all do
matters very much now.

May the Great Spirit
of many names
touch you with a wind that keeps
you strong
for all of the days to come.

I BURN SAGE THAT THE TRUTH MAY COME

your friend Chequeesh



BOOK REVIEW

NUCLEAR CALIFORNIA

Well, I have to say that when I had read about half way through *Nuclear California*, I was depressed. Those of us who think it's possible to escape radiation by moving to the countryside are wrong. And those of us who live in an urban area and think nuclear weapons and power plants are placed far from population centers, are also wrong. If for whatever reason we think we don't need to join the protest of nuclear weapons and power on June 20, this book will make us think again.

I learned that nuclear weapons are stored one mile from downtown San Diego at North Island Naval Air Station. The Navy's largest nuclear arsenal in Southern California is at the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. This base is built directly on the Newport-Inglewood Fault, which the U.S. Geological Survey rates as having the greatest potential for earthquake damage in the Los Angeles area.

Thirty miles from San Francisco is the major arsenal for Northern California at the Concord Naval Weapons Station. The water supply for more than a million East Bay residents runs within a mile of the Concord nuclear ammo dump. The Navy also reportedly stores nuclear weapons near downtown Oakland and next to one of the world's busiest ports: at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Nuclear depth charges are probably stored in the Navy's anti-submarine warfare center at Moffett Field, in a suburban area between Palo Alto and San Jose.

Nuclear California contains maps tracing the truck and rail routes by which spent fuel from reactors is moved through urban areas and the countryside to waste disposal sites in Idaho and Nevada. Nuclear reactors, defense contractors handling radioactive material, and 1200 nuclear missiles are sprinkled throughout the state on these maps.

Although the facts are laid out very plainly, making a target for anti-nuclear protest anywhere in the state easy to find, *Nuclear California* is not a dull list of nuclear sites. Anecdotes

from the sub dozens of individual "fuel modules", which at this stage are full of intensely radioactive plutonium, strontium, cesium and other poisonous elements. The spent reactor fuel is kept on base for between one to four weeks before it is shipped in unmarked railroad cars to Idaho Falls, Idaho.

The Point Loma submarine base in San Diego can service as many as 21 nuclear subs at one time. The San Diego Naval Station is home port to at least three huge nuclear-powered cruisers, each with two reactors aboard.

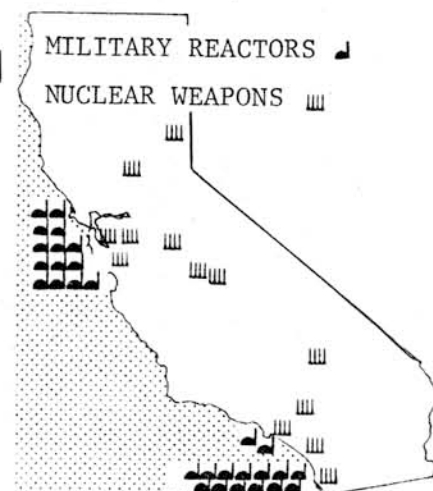
The Navy is now planning to sink entire subs, reactors included, onto the ocean floor off the coast of Mendocino County as a means of waste disposal. This is just the latest in a 35-year history of nuclear waste ocean dumping at 50 sites along both the Pacific and Atlantic coasts of the U.S. The radioactive waste cannisters

as planning the next resistance action, for if we do not learn to work and live together, it is indeed too late.

By the way, *Nuclear California* is not so depressing if you read it through to the end, where anti-nuclear groups and their activities are described. Read it intermittently with Direct Action's resistance reports, and you'll get a balance of information and inspiration!

- by Tori Woodard

Nuclear California is a joint project of the Center for Investigative Reporting and Greenpeace. Additional copies of the book can be ordered from Greenpeace/CIR, Bldg. E, Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94123. Mail \$5.95 plus \$1.00 postage and handling. California residents add 35¢ tax. Groups can receive a 40% discount.



FEMINISM & LAG

Thanks for providing space for the ongoing dialogue about the June 21, 1982 blockade women's jail experience. Fanshen's excellent letter in your February issue motivated me to write an immediate response.

As a sexually non-aligned feminist working in the movement for many years, I would like to go on record as:

- 1) Recognizing that my lesbian sisters are often singled out by the authorities for special treatment;
- 2) Understanding the anger that comes from being in touch with your oppression;
- 3) Appreciating and supporting my lesbian sisters in and out of jail.

Up here in Sonoma County I have worked with but not in the group called Sisters of Lesbos Against Radiation (SOLAR). I have chosen to work in the movement mainstream for my own reasons through SONOMoreAtoms. However, I (and SOLAR) have cared enough about each other to keep the communications flowing. From the Diablo blockades to the Governor's sit-in to the Bohemian Grove vigils to Livermore and Vandenberg, my SOLAR sisters have been there. What I have received from these women has been love and support, never hostility or pushiness.

In 1980 when SONOMoreAtoms went through a "dealing with sexism" period, SOLAR began sending women to monitor our meetings despite the fact that they found working in a mixed group difficult. They did that to support me and the other women who were attempting to "educate the men".

It must be very difficult for a woman who has just received painful treatment from the jail guards to hear her straight sisters attempting to dialog with and/or love these same guards. And what is wrong with singing or chanting? I'm appalled that some women are using this as a reason not to blockade again. Isn't the blame somewhat misplaced? What bothers me is that so many "straight" women seem to be threatened by other aggressive women. You don't have to be a dyke to be a "pushy broad" and I for one wish there were more of us.

It seems to me that the women loving women have gotten the message regarding their jail decorum, and now it's time for the straight women to examine their behavior and attitudes. Let's use our next jail time to listen and grow. We have so much to learn from one another, so let's get on with it. And while we're at it let's not forget the necessity for a final blockade at Diablo and let's remember what started the current direct action movement in this state.

Sincerely,
Mary K. Moore

POLICE VIOLENCE

If you refuse to cooperate with the police at the time of arrest, you may now expect to receive pain-inflicting punishment to force cooperation. Further, even if this results in injury, even permanent injury, the police consider this immaterial.

That was the testimony of Captain Van Orstel in a phone conversation on April 6, 1983.

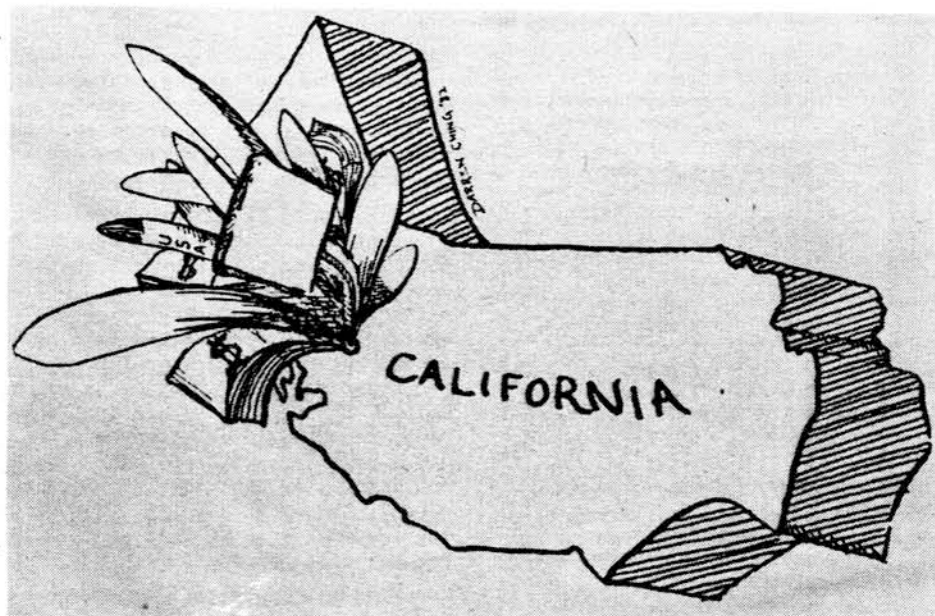
My hand was sprained at the time of my arrest on March 21, 1983 at Vandenberg and I complained of this to the head of the CHP in Sacramento who authorized an inquiry into the incident. The result was the phone call referred to above.

The position of the police is that they do not consider it their responsibility to carry blockaders or occupiers and we need to understand their attitude. They do not consider that they are punishing us, merely forcing our compliance in the arrest situation.

But we are being punished before being found guilty and we need to challenge the right of the police to place property rights above human rights.

I have written to the attorney-general Van de Kamp and intend to follow up this matter with him even to the extent possibly of sitting-in in his office if he fails to make a satisfactory response. I would welcome being joined by others who have suffered pain and injury, or who have been witnesses.

- by Eldred



SPENT-FUEL ROUTES BY TRUCK AND RAIL



and "for instances" about past mishaps, military and public utility ass-covering, and potential disasters make for captivating, albeit unsettling, reading.

WHERE LAND MEETS THE SEA

The documentary also draws attention to a couple of issues which anti-nuclear power and anti-nuclear weapons activists in California don't talk much about. One is the importance of our location next to the ocean, so that our safety is threatened by the U.S. Navy and by radioactive waste ocean dumping.

At first glance at the nuclear map of California, I was shocked to see so many reactors. On closer scrutiny I found they were located offshore, in the bays near San Diego, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. These are the reactors aboard U.S. Navy nuclear-powered submarines and aircraft carriers.

Oakland, for example, often has the equivalent to a floating Diablo Canyon moored nearby, when the USS Enterprise pulls into its home port at the Alameda Naval Air Station. This aircraft carrier, recently greeted by hundreds of protesters in Japan, carries not only hydrogen bombs, but eight nuclear reactors.

Thirty miles northeast of San Francisco, Mare Island Naval Shipyard refuels and services nuclear submarines. After its reactor "cools down" for two to three months, a sub is hauled into dry dock on blocks four and a half feet above ground. In an earthquake-prone area, a large crane then lifts

have crumpled and corroded, creating an enticing "condominium" environment for fish, sponges and worms.

THE NUCLEAR POLICE STATE

Another little-discussed aspect of living in a nuclear society is the security which the proliferation of radioactive materials requires.

In 1981, then California Attorney General George Deukmejian assigned an estimated 10 percent of California's Bureau of Investigation agents to a special task force on anti-nuclear activists, and ordered widespread intelligence gathering on people planning the blockade of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant. According to author Dan Noyes, "these actions make it clear that critics of nuclear power are regarded as more than mere opponents—they are enemies of the state."

Where the nuclear issue is concerned, authorities seemingly cannot distinguish between genuine threats and legitimate dissent. We need to reverse nuclear proliferation now if we don't want our rights eroded further.

IS IT TOO LATE?

Yes, in some ways it is too late, and that's what depressed me. Even if we decommission all nuclear power plants and dismantle all nuclear weapons, some radioactive elements are irreversibly in the environment for another 250,000 years. We cannot fool ourselves into anticipating a total victory: a non-nuclear world.

Yet, in a situation as precarious as the one in which we find ourselves, each day that we are still alive is in itself a significant victory. Without our efforts, the planet might cease to support life.

This emphasizes for me the importance of the struggle, rather than the victory. It indicates we must use means that fit our goals, for the goals may be attained only in our day-to-day living.

In our movement, we have dedicated ourselves to paying attention to the process by which we will get from this mess to the future we envision. We err when we set aside "process" to deal more "efficiently" with the items on our agenda. We must take the time to listen carefully to one another, share our hopes and dreams and fears for the planet, and patiently work out disputes. This work is as necessary



CO-ORDINATING COUNCIL CRITIQUE

A central problem that hampers the effectiveness of LAG, Vandenberg Action Coalition(VAC) and similar organizations is the lack of bonding that commonly occurs within the working groups. Although some WGs (such as legal) do maintain their identity from one action to the next, others usually have to be reconstituted for every event. Sometimes this means that there is duplication of effort; but sometimes the outcome is far worse. Let me identify two key problem areas.

1) For some actions, certain tasks are not adequately covered. One or two people form a "collective", or it dwindles to that size. People hear about the "Collective," and believe that the area is covered and don't volunteer. The problem lies with the very language that we use. Why not characterize as a "subcollective" such small groups and flag it as an area deserving of attention. After all, we generally consider an affinity group to consist of five or more people; why not hold working groups to the same standard?

The common answer is precisely what gets us into trouble: "Because they are the people doing the work." However, many of the people doing the work are not working in a collective format; they are acting as committed



individuals. But can one or two people with the best of intentions adequately reflect the diverse needs of the movement? Moreover, aren't they doomed to the common malaise of burn-out?

Also, one or two people are often unable to attract new members because the organizing group is not fully aware that a serious gap exists within the "collective". People initially join working groups because they have skills that they want to share with others, or to learn from others. We must protect one another from burnout. Larger working groups create a tone of camaraderie and continuity essential to the movement. More general meetings would help new people plug in.

In short, the misplaced gratitude toward people in the working groups leads us to the belief that they are more important than those in affinity groups. Neither are more important--WGs take care of the logistical needs of the action, while the AGs take care of the emotional needs of the individuals involved. However, our culture values the former over the latter. There is a marked tendency to let the lapses of process in WGs "slide"; this results in an imbalanced decision-making process within the co-ordinating council of LAG.

2) What happens is that the original principle of "empowered spokes" is no longer used at the co-ordinating council. Decisions are made by those who attend the meeting. Frequently those attending state "I'm with the _____ Collective." But are they empowered to represent the group? Are they accountable to the group for their decisions? Often, they are not. Many of the participants are on one- or two-person collectives, or are concerned individuals.

When process breaks down at an AG spokescouncil, we use the "fish-bowl" structure where empowered spokes make decisions after consulting with their groups. Cluster spokes generally use this model in jail when important decisions need to be made. Others may make a presentation on a particular issue or listen to the meeting, but they participate through their spoke. Although this was the structure originally decided upon for the co-ordinating council, I have

never seen it operate in this way at the meetings I have attended.

What I've observed is the following:

1) The requirement for decision-making at co-ordinating council is having the time and patience to sit through the meeting, which can be burdensome. It is an important task. My concern is that there is no requirement for the individuals to be accountable to the working groups for the policy decisions that get made at these meetings.

2) The information on LAG's needs becomes centralized among several hard-working individuals, which leads to a centralization of decision-making power on issues such as budget, hiring, political direction, etc.

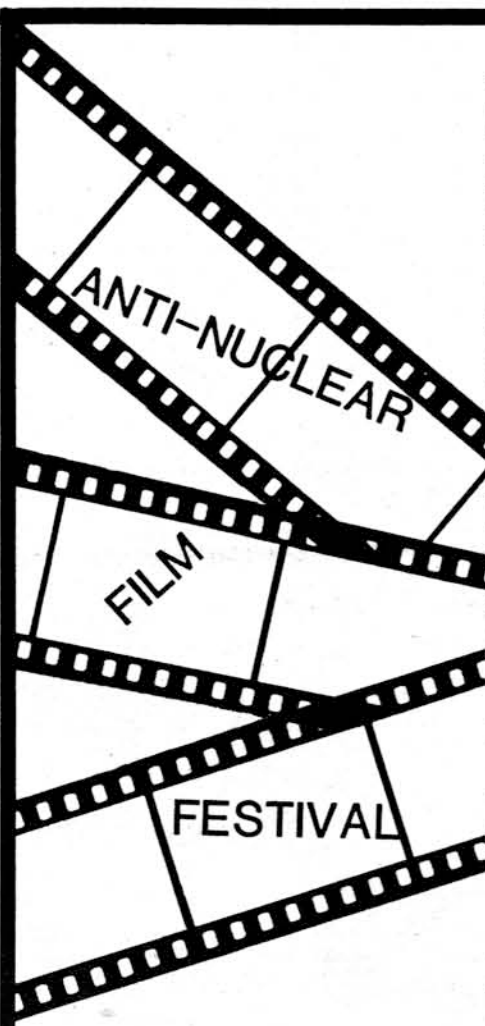
3) New working groups must compete for time with the issues that are important to those who attend every co-ordinating council meeting.

The proposal that I would like to make to the May Regional Council is that only truly empowered spokes actively participate in the co-ordinating council meetings, and that they rotate as much as possible. The alternative is a "backroom" atmosphere that leads to heirarchy.

I would also like to propose that if a working group has fewer than five active members, they consistently refer to themselves as a "subcollective". This would painlessly inform others where the "holes" exist in our organizing efforts. Also, the language that we use reflects the integrity of our movement--numerous "collectives" of one or two persons can inadvertently distort the decision-making process of us all. Whether "subcollectives" should be represented at the co-ordinating council meetings is a question that can remain open.

This is not an attack on any of the dedicated individuals working in LAG--I have great respect for people willing to sit through hours of meetings to tie up the loose ends and co-ordinate major projects. Some people may feel that this proposal is too "idealistic" or that it will lead to disorganization. I feel that these proposals will lead to the strengthening of working groups and create an atmosphere where people will be more willing to attend co-ordinating council. We need a collective decision-making process that truly reflects the concerns of everyone. Friction between the WGs and the AGs is at least partly attributable to this perceived breakdown. We can reverse these trends toward elitism and fragmentation, as we move toward a scale of actions that will involve more people than ever.

--by Bill Simpich



CONVERTING THE GENERALS

I appreciated your publication of Gen. Jack Watkins' letter in your last issue. But your sentence introducing it seemed inappropriate--certainly not in the spirit of Gandhi, who was effective partly because of his generous attitude toward the generals he opposed. We can learn much from Gandhi as we head into further conflicts with the military. He both neutralized and won over various military leaders, as we must, which reflects a different attitude than what your sarcastic introduction reveals.

Certainly we must oppose Watkins' role and function as a military commander, but this does not necessitate your distorting comments. You allege that he calls for military irresponsibility. Yet he does the opposite, writing "We are not a part of the political process." If you have witnessed military dictatorships, as I have in Latin America, you will appreciate his point. The US military, in stark contrast to many militaries in the world, have a tradition of non-involvement in politics. As bad as things are in this country, they could be much worse without this tradition. You refer to the general's "feeling that the CIA rather than the Air Force should engineer a military coup." Evidence for your statement does not exist in the parts of the letter you publish. He nowhere speaks of either the CIA or a military coup; I seriously doubt that he would support a coup.

If we are able to stop the arms race and today's rush toward nuclear destruction, a Gandhian attitude of understanding those who do not agree with us and working to change them is essential. If we are to have effective demonstrations at military bases and elsewhere which move people to join us, we must respect those whom we are seeking to change. I fully support LAG's efforts at Vandenberg and elsewhere, which is why I encour-

age you to consider the human values which guide our adversaries so that we can speak to them. In doing so we can encourage more defections--such as Daniel Ellsberg and Admiral Gene LaRoach--by military leaders and functionaries who have come out against nuclear war. Together we can make the largest movement that has ever existed on this planet and work actively to preserve life in the face of the substantial forces that threaten it.

The general's letter seemed guided by the human values of love for his co-workers. He began with his group identity--"18,000 men and women, and their families". We have our group identity; whereas he labels us "a few hundred misguided protesters," we think the Vandenberg demonstrators were thoughtful, trained persons representing thousands more. So perhaps we and his 18,000 are not so different. We can address ourselves to this commonality. The general writes of the "discipline and professionalism" of his people, who worked hard and were "taunted". The demonstrators worked hard and were more than taunted. We must meet the military's discipline with our own, add courage, and grow in our commitment to such values if we are to turn this country and world around. We have much to learn from the military, as Gandhi knew so well, if we are to survive.

The general speaks of "our military personnel" as "typical Americans" who "are as concerned about maintaining peace as these demonstrators claim to be." He's probably right. My interviews with military personnel in recent months in preparation for a course I teach on "The Psychology of War" at John F. Kennedy University reveals that many soldiers are genuinely committed to peace. We strongly disagree with their means, but we should acknowledge their desire to protect their families, values, and country. We can also work to expand their concerns to the entire planet, including plants and animals, which is endangered at this point.

The general writes of "the principles that the great majority of Americans accept as fundamental to the preservation of our republic." It is to those principles that we must speak. We are now "the great majority of Americas." who oppose nuclear catastrophe. And we are certainly "seeking preservation", in the widest sense. You see, I do not consider the general the enemy. I consider him as a possible ally--someone to be resisted in his role and convinced in his heart and soul.

When the peace movement changed its tactics in the mid-60's and stopped calling soldiers names like "paid killer" and "death merchant", they were able to organize me out of the army. I am one of thousands of former military personnel who have joined the peace movement, into which we should welcome all brothers and sisters now in uniform, even generals. If we do so, we may win this one. If we don't, I shudder to think of the consequences. The stakes are high, as musician Charlie Murphy from Seattle reminded me on his way down to Vandenberg by quoting Deena Metzger's poetry, "Some want to set fire to the world/ We are endangered/ There is time only to work slowly/ There is no time now to love."

peace,

Shepherd Bliss

During the first two weeks in June, LAG will present a 4 or 5 session film festival. The festival working group envisions the festival's serving several functions: a fundraiser for LAG, a powerful force for education and outreach, and a buildup for the June 20th action.

Though the final program is not confirmed, we will show a wide diversity of anti-nuclear and anti-war films, including documentaries on civil disobedience, oldies (Dr. Strangelove and a Reagan film), theater, and a premier of an epic film on New York's June 12th demonstration. One evening will be special when academy and award winning cinematographer Haskell Wexler spends an evening with us. Besides his Hollywood movies, Wexler filmed *War without Winners*, *Enhanced Radiation*, *Medium Cool*, *Underground* and *Bus I and Bus II*. Daniel Brown, filmmaker and producer of the Nuclear Film Forum is helping to coordinate our festival.

For this exciting project to be a success, many people are needed to get the word out. A massive publicity campaign involving postering, press releases, phone calls, article writing, etc., will start immediately. We have no money for an ad campaign; we have to do it ourselves. If this event is successful, besides fulfilling the functions mentioned above, a film festival of this quality will increase LAG's and the movement's credibility with the public. Call Paul Desfor at 848-3949 or 644-3031 to get involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONITORS are an important part of any civil disobedience action. Monitors act as facilitators for participants and observers of actions and act as peacekeepers within confused and disruptive situations. Filling this role is an opportunity for someone to participate in an action in an important way without getting arrested if he/she chooses. Arrest is always a possibility during CD actions because of their nature.

Monitors will be needed for the June 20 blockade at Livermore. It is recommended that non-violence training be taken by monitors as well as the required monitor training. The first monitor training will be given after the middle of May. Date and location are, as yet, undetermined. This and the following trainings will be announced. Info: 540-5409.

"Let Us Grow Up", a ten-minute slide/tape show about the young people's civil disobedience action at Livermore, June 21, 1982, "gives hope for the future of the planet...excellent for showing young people and good for any age," David Hartsough, AFSC. Available from AFSC, 2160 Lake Street, SF 94121. 752-7766. Rental \$10.00. (\$15.00 if sent UPS)

NICARAGUA TOUR. See historic sites and join the people celebrating the 4th anniversary of their revolution. Specially tailored 2-week tour leaves July 11. Call: Stephanie Groebel, Nicaragua Information Center, 549-1387.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE TOURS are available to the general public. Reservations for individuals or group tours must be made in advance through the base. Info: Current issue of Sunset Magazine, Travel Section.

EL SALVADOR INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN will begin Apr. 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 for the withdrawal of U.S. military advisors from that country. To help petition or leaflet, or to make a donation, contact: SF CISPES, 415/861-0425.

The Jail Planning Working Group is putting together some materials on jail solidarity issues. We want your input: experiences, effects, opinions.

We will edit articles we receive; we will interview people. If you can help please call Anne or Jack, 282-2843.

LAG slide shows and/or speakers are available to give a program at your group's monthly meetings. Available slide shows are "Civil Disobedience," "Livermore Lab and First Strike," "The Vandenberg Action," "Nuclear Free Pacific," and "International Day of Nuclear Disarmament--June 20, 1983." Speakers can talk about the June 20 blockade of Livermore laboratory, about other actions which could be undertaken by your group on or before June 20, about other actions around the world planned for June 20, and/or about the European disarmament movement. Contact the LAG office to request a slide show and/or speaker.





PORT CHICAGO CAMPAIGN. Organized by members of CISPES, LAG, AFSC, SAINTES, others. Against munitions shipments from Port Chicago to El Salvador and storage and maintenance of nuclear weapons at P.C. Major dates: May 22 - picnic, workshops, encampment at Clyde Park, starts noon. June 18 - March from P.C. to Livermore in support of June 20 LAG action. July 23 - Mass, all-west-coast demonstration at P.C. Info: Brian, CISPES, 644-3636.

The LAG FLEA MARKET needs more fleas, i.e. working appliances, household goods, lightweight furniture, clothes in good condition, records, handicraft. Contact: Erica (leave message at LAG office).






New edition of Blocking Progress: Consensus Decision Making in the Anti-Nuclear Movement, by Howard Ryan, 16 pages. A critique of the consensus movement, including: the hidden coerciveness of consensus; how it keeps us from organizing more effectively; misconceptions of feminist process; and, examples of groups who use majority vote in a sensitive, cooperative way. At LAG office for \$1.25, also at Old Mole, A Woman's Place, Modern Times, Bound Together Books, or Overthrow Cluster, Box 961, Berkeley, CA 94701.

Humor. Direct Action needs lots of short, funny things to liven up our paper. We love original short satire (250 words or less); we are also not averse to plagiarizing someone else's satire. We'll photocopy and return any cartoons, magazine shorts, or items in books which you could lend us. Drop them by the LAG office with clear instructions to return them if that is your wish. Thank you!

MAY

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JUNE

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ACTION CALENDAR

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:

May 21----1 day training
June 4----All Women's Nonviolence Preparation (1 day)
June 4----2 day training
June 12----1 day training
June 18----1 day training

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.



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. May 4 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. May 18 7-10 pm at Friends Meeting House, 2151 Vine St., Berkeley. Childcare available.

Solidarity Role Play Workshops 7-10:30 p.m. May 10, 16, 24, 31, June 13. Contact Anne Moore, 282-2843.

Role Play Day Picnic and Affinity Group Formation June 5. Contact Anne Moore 282-2843.

Nonviolence Preparers Training May 14. Contact Anne Moore 282-2843.

War Tax Resistance Workshop May 14 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. S.F. Women's Building, 3543 18th St., S.F. For more info call N. Calif. War Tax Resisters at 849-2360.

Collectives and Workers' Power in the American Labor Movement. 3120 Shattuck, Berkeley. May 2 7:30-10 p.m. Fee: 1/2 your hourly wage.

Conflicts: How they arise, how to transform them. 3120 Shattuck, Berkeley, May 16 7:00-10 pm. Fee: one-half your hourly wage.

MEETINGS

General meeting of Contra Costans for a Nuclear Free Future will focus on the June 20th International Day, and how to get involved in local protest actions. May 18 at 7:30 p.m., S. F. Federal Savings, 1660 Olympic Boulevard (at Calif.) in downtown Walnut Creek. For info, call Patty 838-7624.

Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament meets Mondays, 5:30 p.m., Ecumenical House, 190 Denslow Drive (19th Ave. & Holloway), S.F.

LAG MEETINGS

Regional Council. Affinity groups and working collectives meet together to talk about the politics and ongoing strategy of the organization. May 15 11-5 pm, Urban School, 1563 Page, S.F.

Men's Meeting, June 2, 7:30, 2019 Blake, Berkeley.

Spokescouncil for Livermore Lab Blockade. May 7 11-5pm, Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar and Bonita, Berkeley. May 21, 11-5pm, Trinity Gallery, 2362 Bancroft at Dana, Berkeley. June 5, 11-5pm, Urban School, 1563 Page, S.F.

Coordinating Council. LAG's working collectives send representatives every Monday night at 7:30. May 2 - call office for place. May 9 - Friends Meeting House, Vine & Walnut, Berkeley. May 23, Friends Meeting House, Vine & Walnut, Berkeley.

Business Meeting. Skill sharing and problem solving among all members of LAG working collectives. May 16 at Urban School library, 1563 Page, S.F. 7:30 p.m.

Community Outreach and Alliance Building work group meets every other Wednesday at 7:30 to plan outreach and coalition-building. On the alternating Wednesdays, LAG's speakers bureau meets. For location call Tori at LAG.

General Meeting. May 3 at 7:30 at Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar & Bonita, 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 by creating an action of their own. May 10, 26 and June 7 at the Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar & Bonita, Berkeley. May 18 at New College, 777 Valencia, S.F. All meetings are from 7:30-10pm.



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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAY 1 SUNDAY

Vandenberg Action Coalition Meeting La Pena, 3105 Shattuck, Berkeley, 10am.

Berkeley Anti-Reagan Festival (BARF) all day in Provo Park. Repeat of a popular event--music, information tables and speeches. Grove/Center, Berkeley.

Festival International for International Disarmament Free. Concert. St. Jule Gaspesie, Quebec, Canada. Info: R.J. 393 Fontainebleau Sud. Long P.Q. Canada, J4L-2X5.

MAY 5 THURSDAY

Jeanne Kirkpatrick Protest Vigil at Hotel Fairmont, SF while she is receiving a humanitarian award. 6:30 pm. Call SF CISPES, 861-0425 for info.

MAY 7 SATURDAY

Anti-Klan Slideshow and Discussion 7:30 pm. 2286 Ashby, Berkeley. By the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee. 561-9040.

MAY 8 SUNDAY

Women's Day in Golden Gate Park and Children's Walk for Disarmament 11 am--walk begins at 10th & Kennedy in Golden Gate Park. 12 noon--program begins on Marx Meadow, at Kennedy Dr east of Cross Over Dr in Golden Gate Park. Features: Susan Griffin, Judy Grahn, Linda Hirschorn, Selma James (from Greenham Commons, England), Donna Warnock, Kris Welch, others. Contact: 981-8909.

Mother's Day Women's and Children's Circle on Marx Meadow at 4 pm or slightly later depending on Women's Day program (see above listing) Offered by Women's Ritual Action Group instead of blockade at Livermore. Contact: Mica 415/653-0320.

MAY 12 THURSDAY

March for DQ University Daylong march to Sacramento (25 miles). Leaves DQU which is near Davis at 8 am. (see below listing). The Native American Support Group's monthly meeting will be on the steps of the Federal Bldg, Sacramento at 7:30 pm instead of at the Indian Center in S.F. Info: 641-9010.

MAY 13 FRIDAY

Hearing on DQ University in Judge Wilken's court room, Federal Bldg, 650 Capitol Mall, Sacramento, 9 am.

Freedom Song Network everyone welcome 762 Valencia, SF. Info: George, 845-7248.

Overthrow Cluster party. 8:30 p.m. 1914 Harmon. Overthrow party line: 655-1841

MAY 14 SATURDAY

Step Out for Peace Fundraising event organized by the Disarmament Resource Center and Agape Foundation to benefit local peace groups. Register and begin the 12 kilometer course between 10 & 11 am at Marx Meadow (near 25th Ave & Fulton) in Golden Gate Park, SF. Music balloon launches, refreshments, prizes. Get sponsors--friends, businesses. Info: 415/495-0526.

MAY 15 SUNDAY

"Dark Circle" a film shot on location at Rocky Flats, Diablo Canyon & Japan. A dramatic portrait of the nuclear age. U.C. Theater, Berkeley. 1, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40 pm.

MAY 16 MONDAY

Peace and Security Forum Military strategy in a nuclear age: deterrence & MAD; counterforce/first strike; limited nuclear war. Speakers: Richard Smoke, research director of Peace and Common Security and UC Berkeley political science professor Kenneth Waltz. Ft. Mason Conference Center, Bldg A, SF. \$2, students \$1. Sponsors: Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Peace and Common Security. Call: 391-7996.

"Direct Action" Deadline for June issue (last chance before June 20!)

P MEDICS O P L S

We are a group of medical people with a political stance. We support working people and progressive movements both in the U.S. and abroad.

We are organizing the medical presence at the June 20th L.A.G. demo. If you have any medical or related skills and would like to help provide medical support. Contact us at,

415-4280829

NEXT MEETING:
May 2 at 7:30
call for address



MAY 18 WEDNESDAY

Speakers from Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp. Three women from the camp which has existed since September, 1981 at the first deployment site for Cruise missiles in England (scheduled to arrive there in late 1983). Women's Bldg., 3453 18th St., SF \$3 donation. Info: War Resister's League/West 731-1220.



MAY 20 FRIDAY

Concert For El Salvador Robin Flower, Blue Flame String Band, and Bunnan Bui perform. Unitas. Bancroft/College. 7:30p.m. Proceeds--Medical Aid for the People of El Salvador \$6 CISPES 644-3636.

Concert for Nicaragua Cuban and Nicaraguan music, salsa, charangas. Batachanga and Los Peludos perform at Women's Bldg. 18th between Valencia and Guerrero. 8 p.m.-2 a.m. \$5 donation.

Port Chicago Rally at UC Rally at Sproul Plaza, UC Berkeley. March to Port Chicago encampment (more info: see May 22 listing below). Call: Bob Bryzman 642-7783

MAY 21 SATURDAY

Anti-Klan Teach-in and Demonstration May 21: Teach-in will discuss the growth of the Klan, Klan ties to the police and FBI, and strategy for building an anti-Klan movement that opposes all forms of white supremacy. May 22: Demonstration will target the "Cowboys," a KKK type group in the Richmond Police Dept. responsible for the murder of 5 black people in the last year. Times and places TBA. John Brown Anti-Klan Comm. 561-9040.

Silicon Valley Peace Camp Planning Meeting on Saturday May 21, 12-4 p.m. Palo Alto Friends Meeting House 957 Colo Ave, Palo Alto. Call Lee or Mark 415/964-3066 for directions or info.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN THE LAST CALENDAR

There will be a **SPOKESCOUNCIL** on May 21 not May 22. It will be at Trinity Gallery, 2362 Bancroft by Dana, Berkeley not at New College, SF

There will be an **ASPHALT SUNDAY (CANVASSING DAY)** on May 22 not May 29 2:00 p.m. Holy Redeemer School Cafeteria, 117 Diamond St. by 18th San Francisco (near Castro St Muni Station)

MAY 22 SUNDAY

Sale for Non-nuclear family To cover VAC expenses. Ashby/Adeline flea market. To donate call 282-1605 /843-4854 (eastbay)

Asphalt Sunday--all LAG canvass in SF Info & sign-up at LAG office 644-3031

Port Chicago Campaign--picnic, workshops, and encampment at Clyde Park, noon. (More info, contacts under "announcements")

MAY 28 SATURDAY

LAG Picnic

Marx Meadow, Golden Gate Park, SF

June 4 SATURDAY

Rally in Walnut Creek Education and Entertainment focusing on nuclear power and weapons and publicizing International Day of Nuclear Disarmament (June 20). Other groups invited to set-up tables. Heather Farms Park, off Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek (look for our banner)

Contra Costans For A Nuclear Free Future

Contact: Patty (tabling info), 838-7624, or 934-5249

JUNE 10, 11 FRIDAY & SATURDAY

LAG benefits both nights, 8pm, Unitarian Fellowship, Cedar & Bonita, Berkeley. "Missile America Pageant" theater; dance to Suburban Nitemares.

June 11 SATURDAY

LAG Disarmament Rally

Noon, Mosswood Park, Broadway & MacArthur, Oakland, speeches entertainment, food.

June 18 SATURDAY

Spokescouncil Meeting (call office for more info.)

June 20 MONDAY

Blockade Livermore Lab (call office for more info)



MX UPDATE

On April 19 President Reagan endorsed the proposal from his bipartisan blue ribbon commission on strategic forces to deploy 100 MX missiles in existing silos. This action set in motion a 45-day time limit in which Congress must vote once again on the MX. This proposal is the same one that has already been rejected once by congress. It is different in two respects: the proposal includes a plan to develop a new generation of smaller, more mobile "midget-missiles" as an answer to less vulnerable nuclear missiles. It is also different in the way it is being presented to congress. Reagan's commission on strategic forces consisted of important representatives of a wide variety of economic and political forces. Reagan hopes that their recommendation will carry enough weight for it to pass in congress. On April 21 the MX got an additional boost of support when the Joint Chiefs of Staff unanimously backed Reagan's plan. The vote is expected to be close. Congress has until early June.

Meanwhile, it is becoming more difficult for Reagan to sell the MX as a defensive weapon. His commission on strategic forces publicly

refuted his "window of vulnerability" rhetoric. Basing the MX in existing Minuteman silos makes them no less vulnerable than any other land-based missiles. The MX force, with its 1000 highly accurate and high yield warheads, would become a primary target for the Soviet Union. The new MX force would only be useful if it was launched "on warning" before a first strike by the Soviets. Recently, April 7, a slip at a luncheon illustrated this point. Lt. Col. John Politi, deputy director of the Air Force MX program said at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon in Laramie, Wyo. the Commission on Strategic Forces would recommend to the President that the US adopt the strategic doctrine of "launch on attack". The commission quickly denied this leak. The Defense Dept. also issued a statement that the administration "does not rely on its capability for launch on warning or launch under attack", but stopped short of ruling out a launch-on-attack strategy. High administration officials said one reason for not categorically ruling out a launch-on-warning doctrine was to keep the Soviet planners uncertain. These leaks reveal the inherent dangers in the plan to deploy the MX.

THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY

PLAN YOUR JUNE 20 ACTION WITH THE

The International Day of Nuclear Disarmament Handbook is a compilation of over 100 pages of organizing information, including:

Introduction - overall vision of International Day and description of sponsors.

Nonviolence - history and philosophy, working principles, and practical considerations.

Working in groups - introductory discussions about the effects of various oppressions on the working process of movement groups and the relationship of these concerns to disarmament.

Planning - strategies and logistical suggestions for planning individual, small group or large organization actions, including legal information, organizational structures, and specific nuts and bolts details. Special emphasis on civil disobedience.

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VANDENBERG WRAP-UP

Whatever happens to all the people reported arrested in resistance actions? **Direct Action** is committed to following through on these stories so our readers will get more than a media "splash" on the day of the action.

We're glad to report that all the 800 arrestees from the March 21-23 Vandenberg action are home, and the 250 who stayed in solidarity were released from jail by April 1, with a maximum of 11 days served. The protesters blockaded and trespassed onto Vandenberg Air Force Base to protest the testing of first strike nuclear weapons on the base and the mistreatment of Marshall Islanders in whose waters the test missiles splash down.

Trespassers who remained in solidarity in jail received different sentences depending on the federal magistrate who sentenced them. There were two magistrates who heard cases in Lompoc, and different magistrates for the prisoners taken to Terminal Island, Orange County Jail, Sybil Brand, and Florence, Arizona.

First time arrestees received from 5 to 7 days. Second time "offenders" received 5, 10, 13, and 14 days. Authorities had discretion to release people for good time on Friday, April 1, before the weekend and after only 11 days served, and they exercised that option.

Blockaders of the main entrance to Vandenberg AFB received citations, except one busload of twenty-five who got their charges dropped after staying one night in the Santa Barbara County Jail. The blockaders with citations were given different arraignment dates ranging from approximately April 12 to April 21. They were to appear in Santa Barbara or mail in an \$11.00 fine. If they neither appeared nor paid the fine a warrant was put out for their arrest.

U.S. Attorney Bill Landers was ultimately willing in many cases to drop charges against people who had been mistakenly arrested. Often this was after several days in jail had already been served.

In many respects the solidarity of first time trespassers with second timers protected them from harsher

sentencing. Because of the large numbers in jail, no one who stayed in solidarity received extra charges, 2 years probation, or a sentence of 30 days or more, which were the initial bargaining conditions of Magistrate Sykes at Lompoc. Some people who for any number of reasons couldn't stay in jail did receive probation. Scores of people, as reported in our last issue, were released with "ban and bar" notices and no other charge pressed against them.

The last group to be arraigned, before two different Los Angeles judges, were the thirty men who were flown to a prison in Florence, Arizona. They were loaded onto a bus at 10:30 p.m. March 31 in Arizona and driven all night in handcuffs, arriving at 7 a.m. in Los Angeles on April 1. They report that since they couldn't sleep, they kept the bus drivers up too by singing all night.

The protest is not over at Vandenberg. People are talking about setting up a peace camp near there. An action alert network is operating to notify affinity groups of the MX launch date. Affinity groups who are interested in participating should be sure to get your contact telephone number to the Vandenberg Action Coalition (c/o Action for Peace and Disarmament, 985 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo CA 93401, phone: 805/543-2106), to the LAG office, or to the nonviolence preparers collective in your region. Once you are notified of the launch date, be ready to go to Vandenberg Air Force Base in 2-3 days.

The women of Britain invite the women of the world to participate in an International Day of Action for Peace, May 24, 1983, via autonomous decentralized actions: stopping work for the day, asking labor unions to back working women who don't work, peace education, vigils, celebrations, library events. Women of all classes, ages, races are asked to contact Linda Marie, Stop the Cruise and Pershing II Clearinghouse, 4722 Baltimore Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143, (215) 729-3276.