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Rockhampton Tiger Ploughshares

Australian Helicopter Hammered

Nonviolent resistance to this winter’s fourth annual Talisman Sabre U.S./Australian war games in Queensland was anchored at a community center in Rockhampton, where a few activists have been publicly promoting the protests for months. Notably, Bryan Law led speak-outs on the town mall, and declared his intention to disarm a helicopter during the military exercises. Police arrested him for speaking out, only to be chastened by the judge who declared the case a matter of free speech.

A greater offense was then alleged, and Law was cited July 8 with threatening an aircraft, a crime punishable by up to ten years in prison. He was released with an order to stay away from the local military base.

Law breached the order two weeks later in an act of nonviolent resistance to the war in Afghanistan.

Friends and foes alike barely believed it possible. But television news cameras on the scene recorded that in broad daylight at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, Graeme Dunstan helped Law cut the lock on a perimeter fence at Rockhampton Airport. Despite very poor health from diabetes, Law then rode his tricycle across the tarmac, dismounted, and hammered on the helicopter with a garden mattock. The mattock evoked the imagery of Isaiah, beating swords into ploughshares.

Both men were arrested and held overnight on charges of trespass, two counts of willful damage, possession of “tainted property” – bolt cutters and mattock – and in Law’s case, breaking bail. Both were released on bond the next day. Law was taken immediately to the hospital to treat his diabetes, losing a toe before going home.

Nevertheless, Law told supporters, “I can sleep with myself and with my conscience during this abominable



Chris Ison – Rockhampton Morning Bulletin via cairnspeacebypeace.org
Bryan Law is taken to jail after damaging an Australian military helicopter in protest of that country’s involvement in the war in Afghanistan, July 21, 2011.

war. The Tiger helicopter is a malicious weapon – the same sort of attack helicopter as the Apache gunship the U.S.’ers use. The main cause of civilian deaths is when helicopters misfire on civilians when searching out ‘insurgents’ in operations – this is why I chose this helicopter.”

Graeme has been charged as an associate in the act and therefore with the same offenses. Both will be in court September 5. For more information, visit www.cairnspeacebypeace.org and peacebus.com.

More Talisman Sabre resistance is reported on page 6.

CRANE PRUNING HOOK

PRIEST CELEBRATES INTERDEPENDENCE

Fr. Carl Kabat entered the construction site of the new nuclear bomb factory in Kansas City, Missouri late the night of July 3. By dawn on the Fourth of July, the disarmament action veteran had once again demonstrated his independence from America’s idol. A small hand-made sign placed near one of several broken windows on the cabs of large cranes at the site declared “Nuclear Weapons are a Crime Against God and Humanity”.

The aging priest was unable to climb into the cabs for more decommissioning, so he looked around the construction site for someone to “make confession to”. Finding no one on the holiday, Kabat crawled under a fence near the gate and approached a security shack just outside. Guards noticed him and after some conversation, he was taken into custody while police were summoned to the site. Kabat was arrested and taken to the downtown Kansas City, Missouri jail, charged with trespass and released at 4 a.m. the next morning. He took the bus home to St. Louis.

Kabat was in court again August 16, where he entered a plea “for children and sanity”. He’ll return for a bench trial on October 18.

This is the statement he released before entering the site.

I, Fr. Carl Kabat, omi, have been pondering an appropriate way to celebrate the fourth of July, commonly called Independence Day. Today it would be more appropriate to call it Interdependence Day since all of us live on this small planet Earth. To show my patriotism and love for my country and the good of my country, I have decided on a pruning hook action in Kansas City, Missouri.

The opinion of the 1995 World Court is that weapons of mass destruction are a crime against humanity.

Christian churches have said that it is a sin to build a nuclear weapon. Churches have declared that nuclear weapons are a crime against The Holy One and humanity and are to be condemned unreservedly!

Some have further stated that the manufacturing, deployment or use of nuclear weapons must be condemned unreservedly.

The Nazis during WWII killed and burned 6 million of our Jewish sisters and brothers and 5 million sisters and brothers (who were communists, priests, Gypsies, enemy combatants, homosexuals, people with disabilities, etc). Now 4 of our Minute-man IIIs could, in 30 minutes, go half way around the world and kill 12 million of our sisters and brothers. We have become very sophisticated and efficient in our killing and burning.

We have more nuclear weapons than all the rest of the world combined and at one time could kill everyone on this planet fifteen times over.

Eighty five percent (85%) of the parts for nuclear bombs are made by the people of Kansas City.

May The Holy One have mercy on us all!

By my action I wish to en flesh the reversal of our insane actions and hope that we will start to celebrate an interdependence and rid ourselves of nuclear weapons.

Peace,

Fr. Carl Kabat, omi

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Korean Navy Base Resisters Beaten, Jailed

As this issue goes to press, the stage is set for what South Korean authorities hope is the final crackdown on resistance to a new Korean navy base on Jeju, the Island of Peace.

All summer long, the tension has escalated between the resolutely nonviolent villagers of Gangjeong (and their visiting supporters), and police, who are using

increasingly intimidating tactics that have led to beatings of some demonstrators and the arrest and imprisonment of several leaders in the struggle.

A large number of police entered the village August 24 and rounded up five men for violating an order not to obstruct the business of the base contractors. Villagers

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Y-12 RESISTERS FACE SENTENCING

Eleven people who crossed onto federal property at the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex on July 5, 2010, will be sentenced for trespass in federal court in Knoxville, Tennessee in mid-to-late September. Their action came at the conclusion of the Resistance for a Nuclear Free Future gathering, which celebrated the 30th anniversaries of the Plowshares movement, Nukewatch and *the Nuclear Resister*.

The spirit of a twelfth co-defendant, Sr. Jackie Hudson, who passed away on August 3, will be felt throughout the individual sentencing hearings that are scheduled from September 12-22.

Hudson and seven others, all from out of state, went straight to jail after their trial and conviction on May 11 because they would not agree to return to Tennessee for sentencing. Shortly after being moved to a private prison contracted by the U.S. Marshals in Ocilla, Georgia, Jackie was in severe pain. Medical neglect precipitated emails and calls to the prison from supporters around the U.S. and world, and finally she was taken to the hospital. A heart attack was ruled out, and she was returned to the jail.

With the intervention of her attorney, Jackie was returned to the Knoxville jail on June 8 so she could promise the court she’d return for sentencing and be released. The neglect of her growing medical needs was immediately confirmed when she was taken straight to the hospital instead of to a cell. The necessary papers were brought to her hospital room because she was too ill to go to court, and Jackie was released from custody on June 10. She remained in the hospital three more days and then stayed with supporters in Knoxville until she gained enough strength to return with Sue Ablao to their home at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Washington.

Jackie was later diagnosed with multiple myeloma. She was again hospitalized in July, and had loved ones at her side when she died. (*See page 4 for a tribute to Jackie Hudson.*)

Defendant Jean Gump, who was jailed with Hudson and the others in Ocilla, was released on June 9 due to family concerns, after promising the court to return for sentencing.

Resistance Reflections

FMC Carswell, Max Unit
July 23, 2011

Dear Jack & Felice,

48 days – and then I’ll emerge, Winkle-esque, into a very different world. I’ve always been a troglodyte and came to prison never having laid eyes on a TV remote control. Now the federal prisons have e-mail! I am not permitted to use it, but I did have to acquire rudimentary computer skills to access my address list and commissary account.

Years earlier, a good friend and I, ignorant of the terminology, had decided to call the process of using the Internet “mousing-on”. Before I acquired the aforementioned rudimentary skills, I thought one held the mouse in one’s hand and aimed it at the screen. You know, like ye olde remote control. Undaunted, when the need arose, it took me a mere 3 weeks to master the defiant little rodent, after which I gloated for days (okay, forever) about its final submission to my clear genetic superiority. Skype, beware! Woodson’s on the way. I realize I’m going on a bit randomly, but I get to do that because this is my last such letter and because in the end, it will all come together.

Some things change. Some never do. Alfred Nobel left much of his fortune for the establishment of annual awards. He had made the fortune after experimenting with nitroglycerin. His first manufacturing plant blew up, killing his youngest brother, Emil. Did that deter him? It did not, and 3 years later, he patented his new explosive, “dynamite”. This may explain why it is entirely consistent that Barak Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize while engaged in 2 wars and then went on to a starring role in a third. If I ever write a book about war, I will dedicate it to Emil Nobel and the hundreds of millions of our other brothers and sisters whom we’ve blown up over the years in the pursuit of peace (and prizes).

SET UP LANDS PELTIER IN PUNISHMENT BLOCK

On August 6-7, an international group of Leonard Peltier’s supporters gathered outside the gates of the federal prison at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, where the Native American political prisoner is serving a six month sentence in an isolation cellblock. Ironically, since late July, Peltier has been double-bunked with another prisoner in the small cell.

At 8:00 a.m. on June 27, the day after the 36th anniversary of the Incident at Oglala* that led to Peltier’s imprisonment, he was issued an incident report for possession of currency.

Signs of a sophisticated set-up quickly emerged. Despite his incoming mail being cleared by the mail room, Peltier had found a Scottish £20 note enclosed in a letter he received the day before. He asked that the mail room take back the contraband, but there was no follow-up. Not wanting to be found in possession of contraband, Peltier sent the currency out in a letter to a correspondent in Wisconsin. A guard searching his outgoing mail that day wrote him up.

During a subsequent cell search less than two hours later, the guard observed two wires protruding from the wall in a corner above the top bunk, which until recently was occupied by a now-moved cellmate. Peltier’s chronic diabetes and other health issues compounded by more than 35 years in prison prevent him from using the top bunk.

The guard chose to grab both wires bare-handed and pull, and received an electrical shock. Although Peltier was not even in his cell at the time, he was charged with assault on a guard, a major violation, and damaging government property.

Go Solar Under the Grid

by Shut It Down

Fifteen women, the largest ever contingent of the Shut It Down Affinity Group to date, were arrested Thursday, June 30, at the Entergy Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant. The women were charged with trespass after advocating for replacing nuclear power with solar power.

Shut-It-Downers included three women in their nineties: Valerie Mullen, 90, of Vershire, Vermont; Frances Crowe, 92, of Northampton, Massachusetts, and Lea Wood, 94, of Montpelier, Vermont.

Small groups of the fifteen spray-painted the words “Go solar under the grid,” stretched caution tape across the Vermont Yankee driveway, locked the chain-link entrance to the power plant shut, and held a sign with the same slogan and placards representing carbon-free, nuclear-free solar power.

Vernon police officer Matthew Stains arrived on the scene soon after the women established themselves at the plant gate. Workers in automobiles intending to leave

Some here have asked if my prison time has gone by quickly. The very thought shocks me. Counting previous jail time, we’re talking about almost 28 years. Rip Van Winkle makes a good story, but imagine waking up one morning to discover you’ve lost the last 28 years of your life! Life should not go by quickly. I have always loved life generally and my own life specifically, and since we never live alone, that means having loved those with whom I’ve shared it. There is much that I’m looking forward to post-release, but I’m also keenly aware that I will be bidding farewell, first to beloved friends here whose absence from my life will be very strange and very sad. And then to the felonious folks out there who have been my dear friends for more than 25 years and with whom I will no longer be allowed contact.

Some things change. A couple of years ago, 2 feral cats showed up in our yard, suitably ferocious as befit their station in life. Now they attack only our shoelaces and mostly just snooze on our laps. A few days ago, a raccoon family began visiting. The mother is encouraging her 5 babies to move into independence, and they’re eager to explore this new world. In a year, they will no longer recognize each other.

In the end, it all does come together. There really is objective Truth, and it can be known. There really is objective moral right and wrong, and none of us can abdicate the responsibility to recognize and live by it. And there really is Love. Some things never change. 48 days...

Love, Helen

[Silo Pruning Hook activist Helen Woodson is due to be released September 9 after serving nearly 27 years in prison for that and subsequent actions against war and other assaults on human dignity, peace and the environment.]

For more information, visit the blog link at the Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee (LPDOC), www.whoisleonardpeltier.info, or search for “Leonard Peltier in Solitary Confinement” on youtube.com, where a retired Leavenworth federal prison guard who knew Peltier for 20 years talks about the latest set-up.



The LPDOC reports that “in addition to the isolation he has suffered since June 27, Peltier now faces a disciplinary transfer. Please send e-mails, write letters and call the Bureau of Prisons every single day. Tell the BOP that the world is watching and we’re horrified by its unjust and inhumane treatment of Leonard Peltier. Tell the Federal Bureau of Prisons that the only acceptable transfer is one to a medium security facility in close proximity to his family and Nation.” Make reference to Leonard Peltier #89637-132 and contact Dr. Thomas Kane, Acting Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 1st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20534; voice: 202-307-3250; fax: 202-514-6620; info@bop.gov.

**Incident at Oglala* is the name of a 1992 documentary about the killing of two FBI agents during the 1975 siege on the South Dakota Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, on the day corrupt tribal leaders secretly signed away traditional mineral rights, including to uranium. On the basis of false testimony and tampered evidence, Peltier stands convicted of the deaths.

the plant at the end of a shift through the exit (which was not blocked by the demonstrators) were detained behind another gate by Vermont Yankee security. Shut-It-Downers chanted, “Let the workers go!”

The women read a statement citing dangers of nuclear power and indicting Vermont Yankee for harboring leaks, poisons, and lies. Then they chanted, “Shut it down now.”

Also among those arrested were Jean Grossholtz, Nancy First, Julia Bonafine, Susan Spencer Smith, Sandra Boston, Nina Swaim, Betsy Corner, Ellen Graves, Robin Lloyd, Hattie Nestel, Marcia Gagliardi and Nelia Sargent.

The women were booked at the station, given court dates beginning August 30, and released.

On the morning of August 30, six of the Shut It Down women shut it down again. Hattie Nestel, Frances Crowe, Paki Weiland, Nancy First, Betsy Corner and Ellen Graves locked the gate shut and blocked the road as they held a banner reading “VY Pollutes All / Shut It Down”. They

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Where we’re at

Over 31 years (next month) of editing and publishing *the Nuclear Resister*, we are grateful for the opportunity we’ve had to meet and become friends with so many good people around the country and world working for a peaceful and nuclear-free future.

It was good to be with folks at the Los Angeles Catholic Worker early in August, and join them, the Guadalupe Catholic Workers, Louie Vitale and others at Vandenberg Air Force Base on the anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima (see page 5). The next day it was great to see anti-nuclear activists from around the country at a wonderful No Nukes benefit concert in the San Francisco/Bay area.

Some friends are experiencing far from the best of southern hospitality in a privately run Georgia jail, while they await September sentencing dates for their July 5, 2010 nonviolent action at the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex (see story, page 1). Some of their writings from jail are in these pages, and even more can be found at www.nukeresister.org, *the Nuclear Resister* blog.

While we were at the L.A. Catholic Worker we heard the very sad news that Jackie Hudson had died. Please see the beautiful tribute to Jackie from some of her sisters in prison on page 4. This joyfully subversive nuclear resister will continue to inspire us with the example of her life!

Long-time member of Tucson’s Casa Maria Catholic Worker community, George Pettit, also died recently after fighting cancer for five years. This good and gentle husband, father and friend was involved for many years in the struggle for peace and justice, helping to feed hundreds of Tucson’s homeless each day and participating in fasts, civil resistance and more.

Longest imprisoned nuclear resister Helen Woodson is scheduled for release on September 9 after 27 years behind bars! We met Helen in 1981 while living briefly in Madison, Wisconsin, and over the years our family has visited her in prison. Soon after we get this issue of *the Nuclear Resister* in the mail, we’ll be hitting the road with boxes of her books that she’s sent to us in recent years, headed to the Kansas City area to welcome her once again to life on the outside. Her last reflection from prison is on this page.

Felice & Jack

Thanks

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ABOUT THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

Since 1980, *the Nuclear Resister* has provided comprehensive reporting on arrests for anti-nuclear civil resistance in the United States, with an emphasis on providing support for the women and men jailed for these actions. In 1990, *the Nuclear Resister* also began reporting on anti-war arrests in North America, plus overseas anti-nuclear and anti-war resistance with the same emphasis on prisoner support.

The Nuclear Resister is published about every two months and serves to network this nonviolent resistance movement while acting as a clearinghouse for information about contemporary nonviolent resistance to war and the nuclear threat. We believe that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. Behind bars, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist are essential to the movement for a peaceful, nuclear-free future.

Each issue provides the names and jail addresses of currently imprisoned anti-nuclear and anti-war activists. Readers are encouraged to provide active support by writing letters to those behind bars and in other ways requested by the prisoners.

Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, Editors

Lowry Out Of Jail, Back In Again

Norman Lowry, jailed twice in recent years for protest at a military recruiting office in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was released Monday, June 27, after serving nearly 18 months for trespass and probation violation following his second arrest.

A few weeks later, Lowry wrote, “After searching God’s heart & being freed from the spiritual sludge of my last incarceration, I am convinced of God’s leading to simply stay the course & continue to say my simple & small ‘NO’.” He returned to the recruiting office on August 1 and remained there until police were summoned and he was again arrested. In lieu of posting \$10,000 bail, Lowry remains in jail until trial.



Letters of support should be sent to Norman Lowry Jr. 11-3659, Lancaster County Prison, Drawer-C, 625 East King St., Lancaster, PA 17602-3199.

30 Days for War Protest Pie Job

Two recent university graduates in Michigan were sentenced to 30 days in jail on August 30. Max Kantar and Ahlam Mohsen each pled guilty in federal court in Detroit to a single count of misdemeanor assault in August, 2010, when they attended a public meeting at a coffee shop in Big Rapids featuring Sen. Carl Levin, chairman of the Armed Services Committee. Kantar read a statement at the meeting, condemning Levin’s war advocacy in the Senate, and Mohsen punctuated their point with a pie, purchased for the occasion and rendered crustless so as to only embarrass, not injure, the Senator.

Probation officials recommended one year probation and a \$500 fine, but the judge imposed the jail term only.

Both were taken into custody immediately, expected to serve their sentence in a Michigan jail.



Letters of support should be individually addressed to Max Kantar and Ahlam Mohsen, Newaygo County Jail, 1035 E. James Street, P.O. Box 845, White Cloud, Michigan 49349.

British Soldier Jailed for Refusing Afghan War Duty

A military court in Portsmouth sentenced British conscientious objector Michael Lyons to seven months’ imprisonment on July 5, following a two-day trial.

Michael Lyons joined the Royal Navy as a medic in 2005, and in May 2010 he was notified that he would be deployed to Afghanistan later that year. Soon after, he applied for discharge as a conscientious objector, as he had developed a conscientious objection to participating in the war in Afghanistan in particular, and against war in general.

He asked to be assigned to a non-combat role in the meantime, which was refused, as was his request as a medic not to take part in rifle training. For his refusal to take rifle training he was court martialed. His application for conscientious objection was eventually rejected, even though his commanding officer had supported it.

Lyons argued that the order to commence weapon training had been unlawful, as he was still appealing the rejection of his conscientious objection application, and he should have been assigned to noncombatant duties. The court martial, however, found him guilty of disobeying a lawful order.

During the July court martial hearing, Lyons, an atheist who claimed moral, not religious objection to war, explained that the Wikileaks revelations about Iraq and Afghanistan had influenced his decision. He said, “My initial objections started with Afghanistan and I wanted to investigate the reasons why we were at war. At the time WikiLeaks came along and mentioned Iraq and Afghanistan. The reports said there had been some civilian casualties that nobody knew about and they were being covered up.”

For more information about Michael Lyons, and supporting hundreds of other conscientious objectors imprisoned around the world for refusing military conscription, visit the War Resisters International CO-Alerts page at wri-irg.org/news/alerts.



Letters of support should be sent to Michael Lyons 236 LYONS, D COMPANY MCTC, Berechurch Hall Road, Colchester, England, CO2 9NU.

MANNING THANKS SUPPORTERS

David Coombs, the attorney for jailed army private and accused whistleblower Bradley Manning, posted this update on his client to his blog, armycourtmartialdefense.com, on June 28:

It has been a little over two months since PFC Manning was moved from Quantico to the Joint Regional Corrections Facility (JRCF) at Fort Leavenworth. Since being moved to the JRCF, PFC Manning’s overall mood and demeanor has greatly improved. PFC Manning is able to maintain regular contact with his defense team. He receives weekly written updates, phone calls and visits from defense counsel. In addition, he receives regular visits from family. Finally, PFC Manning also receives hundreds of letters from supporters every week. He wishes to extend his sincere appreciation to those who have taken the time to send along their thoughts and well-wishes.

While Manning was still held at Quantico, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture, Juan Mendez, opened an investigation into his treatment conditions. But the Pentagon still refuses Mendez’s request for the necessary private meeting with the soldier. Recent release of more computer chats Manning had with others in the time leading up to his arrest have only buttressed supporters’ claims that Manning acted in good conscience as a classic whistleblower when he allegedly released the trove of classified State Department cables to the Wikileaks website.

Manning’s court-martial is still in pre-trial stages.

A November trial is scheduled for 15-20 of the people arrested March 20 during a Manning support demo outside the Quantico, Virginia marine base. Among the 32 arrested, some have accepted deferred judgement, and two defendants had their June trial on the two charges end with dismissal of one count, and the other continued until the November date.

For more information, bradleymanning.org and couragetoresist.org



Letters of support should be sent to Bradley Manning 89289, JRCF, 830 Sabalu Road, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027.

Inside & Out



Name ID# (if needed) (sentence - in/out date if known)
prison or support address
(*action & date*)

NUCLEAR RESISTERS

Steve Baggarly ID 8955
Carol Gilbert ID 8959
Ardeth Platte ID 8961
Bonnie Urfer ID 8957
Michael Walli ID 4444
Elizabeth Ann Lentsch ID 9305
(Inmates Name), Irwin County Detention Center, 132 Cotton Dr., Ocilla, GA 31774.
(Jailed until September sentencings after 5/10/11 federal conviction for trespass at Y-12 nuclear weapons complex, 7/5/2010 - **Please check nukeresister.org/inside-out for current addresses before writing.**)

Mark Kenney 14018-047 (six months – out 10/25/11)
FPC Duluth, POB 1000, Duluth, MN 55814.
(Trespass at Offutt AFB, home of the Strategic Command, 8/9/10)

Susan Crane 87783-011 (15 months – out 4/25/12)
FCI Dublin, 5701 8th St. – Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568.
Lynne Greenwald 40672-086 (six months – out 9/12/11)
FDC SEATAC, POB 13900, Seattle, WA 98198.
Stephen Kelly 00816-111 (15 months – out 6/10/12)
FDC SEATAC, POB 13900, Seattle, WA 98198.
(Disarm Now Plowshares group convicted of felony damage to government property, conspiracy and trespass for cutting the fence and entering the nuclear weapons storage area at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, 11/2009)

Leonard Peltier 89637-132 (life)
USP Lewisburg, POB 1000, Lewisburg, PA 17837.
(Native American political prisoner)
Helen Woodson 03231-045 (106 months - out 9/9/11)
FMC Carswell, Max Unit, POB 27137, Ft. Worth, TX 76127.
(Parole violation with anti-war protest at the federal courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri, 3/11/04)

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Rafil Dhafir 11921-052 (22 years - out 4/26/22)
FCI Terre Haute, POB 33, Terre Haute, IN 47808.
(Convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, 2/05)

Max Kantar (30 days - in 8/30/11)
Ahlam Mohsen (30 days - in 8/30/11)
Newaygo County Jail, 1035 E. James Street, P.O. Box 845, White Cloud, MI 49349.
(Pleaded guilty to anti-war pieing of Senator Carl Levin, 8/10)

Carl W. Steward 09105-088 (2 years – out 5/2/12)
FPC Montgomery, Federal Prison Camp, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL 36112.
(Non-public war tax resister pled guilty to filing false income tax returns and failing to file, 2/10)

Norman Edgar Lowry Jr. 11-3659
Lancaster County Prison, Drawer-C, 625 East King St., Lancaster, PA 17602-3199.
(Arrested at military recruiting office 8/1/11, awaiting trial)

Bradley Manning 89289 (awaiting court martial)
JRCF, 830 Sabalu Road, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027.
(Charged with disclosing military video and documents showing evidence of U.S. war crimes)

Michael Lyons 236 LYONS (7 months – out 11/27/11)
D COMPANY MCTC, Berechurch Hall Road, Colchester, England, CO2 9NU.
(British conscientious objector jailed for disobeying lawful order)

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED: Jean Gump, Jackie Hudson, William Bichsel, Anne Montgomery, Nancy H. Smith, Christopher Spicer

THE INSIDE LINE

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

~ from Ocilla

TOILET PAPER

by Bonnie Urfer
June 12, 2011

I really want to complain about every woman in this jail receiving one roll of toilet paper to last for the whole week but I can't because the for-profit jail almost killed my friend Jackie in its "medical" unit.

I really want to complain about the lack of toilet paper but I can't because Doris walked around with a broken arm for a month before she was taken to the hospital to have it x-rayed and casted.

I want to complain about the toilet paper but I can't because my friend Ardeth couldn't eat for most of a month when she didn't get her medication, neither did Leslie, and Misty who's a diabetic never gets her sugar tested.

And then there's the woman who broke her ankle and wasn't taken to the hospital for a week, and the woman who had open heart surgery and three weeks later was dumped in here on a probation violation near the end of a 5 year term.

When really, I just want to complain because I don't have enough toilet paper.

(Bonnie is awaiting sentencing for an action on July 5, 2010 at the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex in Tennessee.)

Y-12, cont.

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For more information, contact the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA), 865-776-5050, orep@earthlink.net, or visit orepa.org.



Members of OREPA are coordinating support activities around the sentencing dates. They plan to vigil at whichever local jail the prisoners from Ocilla are moved to, and invite supporters to join the weekly Sunday vigil at 5:00 p.m. September 11 at the Y-12 gate. From there, they'll travel to the Church of the Savior, 934 N. Weisgarber Rd., Knoxville, for a modest potluck dinner/gathering. Please contact OREPA about other support activities.

Contributions for the commissary funds of many of the Y-12 prisoners and three Disarm Now Plowshares defendants now in custody are being accepted by Sue Ablao, and may be sent payable to Ground Zero, with the note: Resisters' and Prisoners' Support Fund. Mail to Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 19159 Clear Creek Road, NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

Letters of support to the jailed Y-12 defendants may not reach them before they are returned from Georgia to Tennessee for sentencing. Please check these websites for up-to-date-information on the sentencing, who is in jail and where you can write to them: nukeresister.org/inside-out, disarmnowplowshares.wordpress.com, and orepa.org.

DISARM NOW PLOWSHARES UPDATE

As noted in the Y-12 update, above, Fr. Bill Bichsel will be returning to Tennessee for sentencing soon. Sr. Anne Montgomery is completing her term of house arrest in September, and Lynne Greenwald has been told she will be released from prison September 12. Fr. Steve Kelly remains in the "SHU" (Special Handling Unit, i.e. isolation and loss of privileges) at the federal detention center in Seattle, and Susan Crane is serving out her sentence at the federal women's prison at Dublin, California.



Individually addressed letters of support should be sent to Susan Crane 87783-011, FCI Dublin, 5701 8th St. - Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568 and Stephen Kelly 00816-111, FDC SEATAC, POB 13900, Seattle, WA 98198.



Ink on paper by Bonnie Urfer, Irwin County Jail

Sister Jackie Hudson, OP – Dominican Sister of Grand Rapids, Michigan, missioned to Ground Zero near Bangor Trident Naval Base, faith-filled and faithful peacemaker and organizer, strong preacher of truth, gentle and nonviolent woman, teacher, musician, plowshare activist and resister, was called before her unconditionally loving Judge on August 3, 2011.

PRESENTE!

Jackie crossed the fine line from life through death to life in the midst of her last action of many preceding it. With twelve others, she entered Y-12, Oak Ridge, Tennessee Uranium Processing and Production Plant on July 5, 2010. She was at trial from May 9-11 and incarcerated. During her time in two jails she found herself in solidarity with so many prisoners who lack health care. She suffered extreme pain and was placed in a medical confinement cell where she developed serious pneumonia and kidney failure. Her sentencing was scheduled for September 19. She will not appear before another earthly judge.

Jackie's lawyer sought and gained release, and with companion and supporter Sue Ablao, she returned to Ground Zero. Unable to get relief and having difficulty breathing, Jackie was hospitalized, diagnosed with multiple myeloma, and could not continue with this depletion of her immune system.

She joined the cloud of witnesses and we are better for her presence in our lives and for giving her life to the end that others may live in peace with justice.

With love and gratitude,

Ardeth Platte, OP Carol Gilbert, OP
Irwin County Detention Center

Some Thoughts About Jackie

by Susan Crane
Dublin Federal Correctional Institution
August 10, 2011

Peter starts to walk on the water, and the strong wind frightens him, and he begins to sink.

The winds of violence, the winds of discouragement, of indifference and contempt for human life are all around us. It's hard to even breathe sometimes, much less keep on walking on uncharted waters.

But Jackie kept on walking, and encouraged us to walk with her. Her strong, determined, clear, steadfast voice in the face of the winds of violence kept fear away. A voice of humor, a voice of disarmament, of getting on with things and not getting stuck in the details or confusion, not giving in to the temptation of inaction.

Jackie had a preacher's voice—no surprise, as she was a Dominican Sister, the Order of Preachers. The Gospel in practice, the gospel of peace, of good news to the prisoners and the poor.

The gospel of the sacredness of life, of the 100 names of God. "Sacred the land, Sacred the water. Sacred the sky, holy and true." Can't you hear Jackie singing? "Sacred all life, sacred each other. All reflect God who is good." I hear Jackie, and her Dominican Sisters, Carol Gilbert and Ardeth Platte singing! All life is sacred. All life is good, regardless of religion, race, nationality or gender.

I see Jackie's smile as we go forward to walk on the Naval Base and begin to disarm our hearts and the nuclear weapons that hang over our heads like a sword of Damocles.

I hear the passion in Jackie's voice outside the



Photo courtesy Leonard Eiger

courthouse in Colorado, in Tennessee, in Tacoma, as she talked about nuclear weapons, which are immoral and illegal, and about the prison system in the U.S. that warehouses Black, Hispanic and Native people in inordinate numbers.

Jackie wasn't afraid. She wasn't afraid of the courts or of what others might think. She wasn't afraid to be who she was. She wasn't afraid to journey with the most marginalized in prison. She wasn't afraid to appear foolish. Really; disarm a Minuteman III missile? Walk into Y-12? Think the U.S. should obey treaties it signed? Honor humanitarian international law? Think that nonviolence is a force more powerful? The U.S. attorney in Colorado called these

ideas sabotage. Others say... "naive, foolish." But that didn't seem to deter or bother Jackie.

Jackie's humor and clarity sure kept us in the Disarm Now Plowshares on the path. She might have been short, but she was tall in humor and moral conviction.

When we sing, or pick up a microphone to talk, or walk onto a nuclear weapons site, or discern about nonviolent resistance to war and nuclear weapons, we'll remember Jackie!

Jackie Hudson, Order of Preachers, Presente

Contributions in memory of Jackie Hudson can be sent either for the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action or the Resisters' and Prisoners' Support Fund (see Y-12 Support Action, this page) – please specify which on the memo line of a check or money order and make payable to Ground Zero, 19159 Clear Creek Road, NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

HIROSHIMA-NAGASAKI MEMORIAL ACTIONS

BANGOR

Members and supporters of the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Poulsbo, Washington commemorated the 66th anniversaries of the atomic bombings with an August 8 vigil at the New Main Gate to Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor. Rev. Anne Hall, Betsy Lamb, Brenda McMillan and Tom Rogers entered the road with an inflatable, full-size model of the Trident nuclear missile during the early morning rush hour, symbolically closing the base. They were arrested by Washington State Patrol officers who issued the four citations for “pedestrian on roadway unlawfully,” and released them at the scene.

Tom Rogers is a retired U.S. Navy Captain who once commanded a nuclear submarine. Although active in Ground Zero for many years, this was Rogers’ first arrest. Following the action, Rogers remembered Sr. Jackie Hudson (see page 4), telling a reporter Hudson had a big impact on him and that she helped him to take that first step outside of his comfort zone, and then go just a little further. For more information, visit gzcenter.org.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

On Hiroshima Day, August 6, forty Catholic Workers and friends gathered at the front gate of Vandenberg Air Force Base. The base, on the California coast near Lompoc, is where test launches of nuclear missiles and missile interceptors are conducted. Near the end of the vigil, six people – Los Angeles Catholic Workers Theo Kayser, David Omondi, Jeff Dietrich, and Jesse Lewis, Guadalupe Catholic Worker Mariah Klusmire, and Fr. Louie Vitale, OFM – crossed the line and knelt down to pray for peace and a disarmed U.S. Empire. They were arrested, taken to a building on the base, cited and released. All have pending court dates in federal court in Santa Barbara.

Ten days earlier, half a dozen people vigiled at the base gate to protest the test launch of a Minuteman III nuclear missile scheduled for the early hours of July 27. At about 1:30 a.m., Fr. Vitale and MacGregor Eddy walked over the line with their request that the base commander cancel the provocative test launch. They were arrested, cited for trespass and released. The test missile failed and was intentionally destroyed within minutes of lift-off.

Following the recent successful federal appeal of Hobart Parker, a solo protester (not of war) who has been arrested repeatedly at a similar location where a public road passes through the restricted Vandenberg base, several charges pending against missile launch vigilers and resisters were dropped. Fr. Vitale and Dennis Apel are still scheduled for appearance in federal court September 15 for charges they and imprisoned Disarm Now Plowshares activist Fr. Steve Kelly, SJ still face. For more information, visit vandenbergwitness.org.

LOCKHEED/MARTIN

The Brandywine Peace Community and friends returned to Lockheed-Martin’s sprawling facility behind the King of Prussia Mall, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 6. They participated in a ceremony created for the occasion: Memory, Hope and Peace – Incense, Water and Sunflower Seeds.

After stringing crime scene tape across the main driveway entrance and attempting to deliver Japanese photo packets from Hiroshima/Nagasaki to the number one war profiteer and nuclear weapons maker, ten people were

Witness Against Torture Denounces House Vote On Guantanamo

While the U.S. House of Representatives chamber filled for a vote on the afternoon of June 23, Representatives’ eyes and ears turned toward the Chamber’s gallery as a group of activists interrupted proceedings to call for the closure of Guantanamo Bay prison and denounce provisions in the Defense Appropriations Bill concerning detention policy. Fifteen people from Witness Against Torture stood in succession, reading from a statement condemning “not the passage of a bill but the commission of a crime”, being legislation that essentially “mandates the indefinite detention even of innocent human beings, which is the very essence of tyranny.” All but one were removed from the gallery, cited and released. Brian Hynes was held overnight to see a judge, because his name came up as Shaker Aamer, a detainee whose name Hynes had given after an earlier Witness Against Torture arrest. For more information, visit witnessagainsttorture.org.

arrested and released on a disorderly conduct citation: Fr. Patrick Sieber, Robert M. Smith, Mary Jo McArthur, Bernadette Cronin-Geller, Mary Ellen Norpel, Robert Daniels II, Tim Chadwick, Paul Sheldon, Theresa Camerota and Tom Mullian. For more information, visit brandywinepeace.com.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

About 25 people took part in the annual commemorative Faith and Resistance retreat in Washington, D.C. During their morning demonstration at the Pentagon on Nagasaki Day, August 9, Amber and Kevin Mason, Bill Frankel-Streit, Rosemary Thompson and Sr. Margaret McKenna were arrested as they stood outside the designated protest area near the visitor’s entrance, holding photos of the A-bomb victims and a banner that read “No More Hiroshimas and Nagasakis.” Following their arrest, others who remained in the designated protest zone read aloud the entire Original Child Bomb by Thomas Merton, as well as the account of a Nagasaki survivor. For more information, visit jonahhouse.org.

LIVERMORE

About 75 people attended a Nagasaki Day memorial vigil and nonviolent direct action at the Livermore nuclear weapons lab in California. The action culminated four days of events on the theme From Hiroshima, to Fukushima, to Livermore – Confronting the Two-Headed Dragon of Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power. A

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

~ from *Ocilla*
by Steve Baggarly

Last night as I prepared to turn in, at the foot of my upper bunk, a young Aryan Nation member began to pummel my neighbor’s face. All I could do was lean over the edge of my bunk, shout, “Hey, hey, hey!” and stick my hand between them momentarily as David punched Everett on past my bunk towards the next. Somehow the guards burst in and, yelling, stopped the beating almost as quickly as it began. It seems Everett had just been outed as a pimp of under-aged girls and David, who was abused as a child, fashioned himself an avenging angel.

The blood splattered on the floor around my bunk reminded me how easily dismissed is Jesus’ nonviolent way in favor of the seeming efficacy of violence. A deeply held faith in violence as necessity pervades not only jail culture, but the nation as well. Indeed, the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee is an icon of our national commitment to use brute force — heat, blast and radiation — against human flesh. Part of the World War II Manhattan Project, Oak Ridge enriched the uranium used in the first atomic bomb, dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, August 6, 1945.

A six-year-old boy remembers the result of Y-12’s handiwork: “Near the bridge there were a whole lot of dead people. There were some who were burned black and died, and there were others with huge burns who died with their skins bursting, and some others who died all stuck full of broken glass ... the details and the scenes were just like Hell.”

Richard Rhodes, in *The Making of the Atomic Bomb*, writes: “People exposed within a half mile of [ground zero] were seared to bundles of smoking black char in a fraction of a second as their internal organs boiled away ... the small black bundles now stuck to the streets and bridges and sidewalks of Hiroshima numbered in the thousands.”

Y-12 provides the enriched uranium that is in every warhead in today’s U.S. nuclear arsenal. The Hiroshima bomb killed 100,000 people instantly and another 100,000 over the next few months. Today’s 2,150 operational U.S. warheads can yield over 55,000 times the explosive power of that first bomb. Hundreds more warheads are kept in reserve and can be deployed in a relatively short amount of time. For 35 more years, Y-12 will work to modernize every warhead in the stockpile, increasing the explosive power of many, and ensuring their functionality for up to 100 years. All three atomic bomb manufacturing sites, including Oak Ridge, are in line for new multi-billion dollar facilities which will increase production capacity eightfold.

Nuclear weapons remain the cornerstone of the U.S. empire; there seems no reason to believe that when it is the empire’s turn to fall, or if its nationhood is ever threatened, that it will not launch them. The Obama Administration’s Nuclear Posture Review still rejects a no-first-use policy and continues nuclear strike planning against non-nuclear adversaries. Indeed, whenever a Defense Department or State Department representative insists that in dealing with an adversarial nation that “all

die-in at the gate ended with the arrest of 20 people, who were cited and released. For more information, visit trivalleycares.org

NEVADA TEST SITE

Four Nagasaki Day vigilers engaged in quiet ritual at dawn were interrupted by a Nye County sheriff’s deputy bellowing into their prayers as he raced across the barren desert soil near the Nevada nuclear test site (recently renamed Nevada National Security Site).

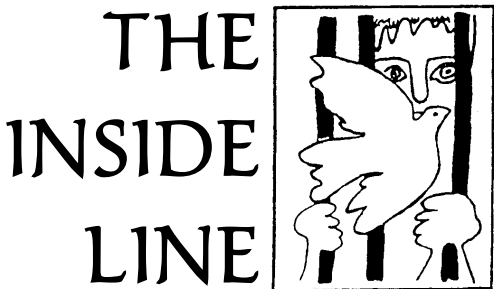
“No open fires!” he shouted, coming to a halt where they stood by the low flame from a single log.

His authority broached no objection about the lightness of the breeze, the surrounding ground cleared of plants, the sacredness of the fire, nor how soon their ritual would conclude and the fire be extinguished.

“I don’t care, get it OUT, or I’ll take action!”

Sadly they extinguished the flame and the satisfied officer departed. But enough embers were recovered to continue the tobacco offering.

The vigilers, now numbering six, walked to the nearby Mercury gate, where they shared stories and survivors’ remembrances of the day Nagasaki was bombed. Two people crossed the line, and died-in on the road. Sr. Megan Rice and another protester remained there for about 20 minutes before being arrested, held briefly, then cited for trespass and released. For more information, visit nevadadesertexperience.org.



options remain on the table,” they are threatening nuclear holocaust. From the foot of my bunk to the nuclear armed Trident submarines roaming the oceans, H. Rap Brown’s insight still holds, that “Violence is as American as apple pie.”

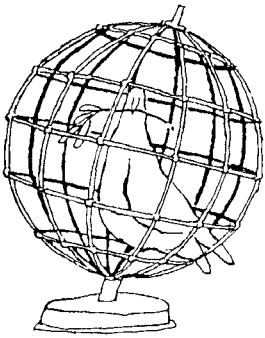
If nuclear weapons are the imperial cornerstone, war is the foundation. The United States is the only nation that currently attacks or invades other nations. Every other military conflict is within national borders, while the U.S. is at war in or occupying Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and Libya. U.S. special operations forces track down and kidnap or assassinate suspected terrorists around the world. The U.S. floods the planet with weapons and military training, intelligence, and technology, stoking current wars and sowing the seeds of future wars. The country itself is one vast armaments industry and military base, with over 17,000 military contractors in every city, hamlet, and town, and some 700 bases at home and abroad.

The economic benefits of empire seduce the citizenry into believing ourselves peace-loving people, with a unique respect for life, and allow us to maintain history’s most lethal professional military that keeps the blood from staining our own knuckles.

In opposition to all of this stands the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist, then Jesus, followed by the disciples, all carried the same message, “Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand.” The Kingdom of God means, “the end of domination of person over person, it is a kingdom in contradiction to the established powers and on behalf of humanity” (W. Pannenberg). The Kingdom means no more violence and no more poverty. It means disarmament and the redistribution of wealth. In short, it means interhuman justice, and thus is hope for impoverished, starved, bombed, and victimized people everywhere.

Last night, David was taken away in handcuffs, shouting in triumph as he headed to the “hole.” Everett left to get 14 stitches on his face and to go to protective custody. In Oak Ridge, the centrifuges keep spinning, enriching uranium to weapons grade. But, if the scriptures tell us anything, it is that one day the now sporadic Kingdom of God will arrive in full. In the meantime, rather than rely on brute force, Jesus invites followers to put away the sword and take up the cross, to nonviolently put our hands to the Kingdom task of pulling down the mighty and raising up the lowly, to give our all in the struggle for justice and peace.

[Reprinted from the Catholic Agitator, newsletter of the Los Angeles Catholic Worker. Steve Baggarly will be sentenced September 20 in federal court in Knoxville, Tennessee, for trespass July 5, 2010 at the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.]



Olkiluoto

Finland’s third reactor at Olkiluoto was supposed to be the model for a new generation of nuclear power plants. Now years behind schedule and nearly double the price promised, it probably is.

Over 200 people from across Finland, Europe, Belarus and Russia joined this summer’s regional anti-nuclear gathering and protest August 20. After last summer’s protest blockades, authorities this year closed off an area within 15 kilometers of the reactors, allowing protest only in a narrow space at a bus station, 13 kilometers from the site. Even the media was barred, and the Olkiluoto visitors center was closed for the day.

By 5:30 a.m., about 50 activists headed out for a breakfast picnic/blockade in the road leading to the nuclear power plant, while a smaller group rigged a tripod with a person on top in the middle of a side road, blocking it. Police broke up the breakfast blockade, pushing and pulling most of the people off the road and towards the nearby protest zone. Four were arrested. The fire department brought a ladder truck to help remove the tripod-sitter, and nine people were arrested there. Two photographers documenting the action were stopped by police, who detained them and held their passports for half an hour.

A second round of actions later in the morning kept traffic blocked for a couple more hours, leading to the arrest of 45 more people, among them activists from Finland, Sweden, Germany, Russia, France, Great Britain and Belarus. Those arrested were all taken to a police station in Rauma and released late in the day, charged with disobeying police and fined €60 each.

Swan Island

In southern Australia, about 50 people took part in the five-day Swan Island Peace Convergence, July 4-8, answering the call to “Be brave — resist the war!” Swan Island military base is where Australian Special Forces are trained for combat in Afghanistan.

On July 4, two dozen people marked Independence From America Day with a die-in in downtown Melbourne and later at the Swan Island base gate, where one sympathetic cop told a protester that half the police lined up against them would agree with their goal – Australia out of Afghanistan.

The nonviolent action plan was to early each morning blockade the gate on the only bridge leading to Swan Island. Beginning before dawn on July 5, in a frigid winter wind, several people repeatedly blocked the road as vehicles approached the gate, and a few heeded a police order to leave. Police gently would remove the others, and after three removals would then arrest the blockader. Simon Moyle, Sharon Turley, Carole Powell and Jarrod McKenna were all arrested and refused bail. In court that afternoon, each made an impassioned guilty plea, and the magistrate responded.

“I’ve taken into account your extremely early guilty plea, your non-denial, your impassioned statements against the war,” he said. “However it’s essential that every type of protest is done within the law. Yet your hindering of police was nonviolent. So I am going to convict and discharge you all.”

The next day, police again carried and escorted people off the road, and eventually arrested Davey Hellier and Paul Ellis, who pled guilty that afternoon and were fined \$400 each.

On the third morning, Olivia Ball and Jessica Morrison were arrested, and posted bail.

On July 8, the final blockade was created in the pre-dawn darkness with hundreds of candles lit in the roadway as a memorial to Afghan war dead, including 28 Australian soldiers. Simon Moyle and Jessica Morrison, both recently returned from Afghanistan, managed to breach the police line, climb a fence along the bridge and drape themselves in a peace banner. They were arrested and posted bail.

In court July 27, Ball, Morrison and Moyle were convicted on various charges. Ball was discharged without penalty; Moyle fined \$400 and Morrison \$650.

For more information, visit swanislandpeace.org

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Talisman/Sabre

Protest of the Talisman/Sabre joint U.S./Australia military exercises in July took many forms, including barracks blockades and infiltration of the live fire range (in addition to the disarmament action reported on page 1). Apparently, along with war games comes dancing, and the inaugural Talisman Sabre Ball was held at the Rockhampton Grammar School the evening of July 9. Guests included the mayor, the U.S. ambassador, and peace activist couple Bryan Law and Margaret Pestorius.

Despite their formal attire and valid tickets, the organizers reneged and told the activists they would not be admitted to the Ball after all. Pestorius pressed her claim to the point of arrest while supporters outside, one dressed as the Spectre of Death, greeted all who attended with a tableau of mock war victims. Also arrested for trespass were Joseph Dowling and Eli Land, who had walked around the back of the school, looking for a way in. In court July 27, Pestorius pleaded guilty and was fined AU\$400.

With the official July 11 start of mock hostilities, a series of blockades of the military barracks at Rockhampton took place, resulting in several arrests: Wayne Reid and Rod Castle on July 12; Margaret Pestorius, Ross Parry and Andy Paine on July 13, Bernie Pat Maloney on July 16. Further south in Queensland, Jim Dowling and Culley Palmer blocked the road entering Enoggera army barracks in Brisbane July 20, and were charged with creating a public nuisance and disobeying direction. Cully was also charged with hindering police for not walking with them when he was arrested.

When live fire exercises commenced on the 18th, three people slipped into the restricted training area. They carried a 10 kg cast concrete angel statuette with them, which became the focus of a shrine they built to the Blessed Franz Jaegerstaetter and left behind within the training area. The “Three Jaegerstaetter Amigos” regarded their trespass as a peace pilgrimage dedicated to the Austrian villager, who spoke out against the Nazis, refused military service, was arrested, beheaded in 1943 and beatified in 2007.

After three days, Margaret Pestorius, Andy Paine and Robert Jones were arrested as they blocked military vehicles in the area.

In court July 21, they were found guilty of trespass and obstruction. Jones was fined \$500 or five days in prison; Paine, \$600 or 6 days; and Pestorius was fined \$750 and made to forfeit her GPS device and map.

More information including blockade photos and links to video of the Rockhampton Tiger Ploughshares action can be found at www.cairnspeacebypeace.org

London & Menwith Hill

Lindis Percy, joint coordinator of the Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases (CAAB), was in London July 1, and noting the nearness of Independence Day, took her inverted Stars and Stripes banner emblazoned with the words “Independence FROM America” down to Grosvenor Square for a vigil in front of the U.S. Embassy. Soon, an armed guard inside the fence questioned her intention and then called police. One of the responding officers ordered her to move along, as she was demonstrating within 1/2 mile of Parliament without a permit. Percy refused, and was arrested for “breach of peace” and led away from the scene. After seeking further instruction from his superiors, the officer de-arrested Percy, but warned her not to return to the Embassy. When she did, she was again arrested, and this time taken to the police station. The desk sergeant further consulted definitions of breaching the peace, then quickly released Percy, declaring the “breach of the peace had now passed.”

On August 16, during the weekly CAAB demonstration outside the U.S. satellite spy station at Menwith Hill, North Yorkshire, Lindis Percy and Melanie Ndzinga were chatting with some young men in a car who had stopped to ask questions. Two North Yorkshire cops from the counter-terrorism unit arrived, and allegedly found cause to arrest Percy for obstructing an officer in the execution of his duty. She was taken to Harrogate police station and bailed unconditionally until a magistrates’ court date September 6, where she will plead not guilty.

For more information, visit www.caab.org.uk

Luleå

A week-long international action camp to oppose military training at the North Europe Aerospace Test range (NEAT), Europe’s largest overland military test area, brought over 200 people to Luleå, Sweden, July 22-29.

On July 26, 170 international peace activists from 17 countries entered the NEAT range in a massive act of nonviolent civil disobedience. About 28 activists were arrested or detained, including people from Venezuela, Spain, Germany, Great Britain, Finland and Sweden. The action started at midday with a pink carnival which involved people marking the test range and the road leading to it with pink arrows and the slogan “War starts here, let’s stop it here!” The airspace was marked by a release of pink balloons after a die-in outside the area.

The Swedish activists were released after interrogation, and the last of ten internationals held longer were released two days later to the applause of 40 pink-clad supporters, after remand hearings on charges of vandalism, trespass, and violation of the law protecting “vital public facilities.”

In the early morning of July 28, four activists from Ofog, the Swedish organization responsible for the action camp, went into the NEAT military area and to the radar station Palja, where they hung a banner saying “War starts here.” The four were arrested by security guards and dropped off outside the area.

For more information, visit warstartshere.com

Netherlands

A shipment of nuclear waste from Holland’s Borssele nuclear power plant to the French reprocessing plant in La Havre was delayed by protests for several hours on June 7. Greenpeace activists converged near the Belgian border, where ten people in pairs chained themselves to the tracks at different locations. They were each cut loose by police, and arrested along with 23 more blockaders. All were taken away for processing and not released until the train had left the country. Meanwhile, about 30 Belgian activists were prevented by a heavy police presence from sustaining their blockade long enough to delay the train again. It was the first of ten such shipments scheduled over the next two years, and more resistance is promised.

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surrounded the police vehicles for part of the day, and thought for a time that they had negotiated the release that evening of Mayor Kang Dong-Kyun, but he and two other men remain in prison. They are the camp’s cook, Kim Jong-Hwan, and Kim Dong-Won, a young camp resident who bows in prayer for peace 100 times each morning and evening at the construction gate.

The next day, the police chief charged with clearing out the protest so that construction can resume was replaced, apparently for not dealing firmly enough with the villagers.

On Monday, August 29, the Jeju district court granted a government injunction strictly prohibiting protesters from occupying a coastal area where their strategically placed encampment has been sustained for years, and where scores of international and mainland supporters have joined the villagers and Jeju islanders this summer.

Two days later, 450 more riot police arrived on Jeju from the mainland, joining more than 150 already on hand. The reinforcements include two units of women specially trained to deal with children and elders.

Large signs were posted in the village, proclaiming an official exclusion notice that prohibits 41 people by name from entering the once-public coast where the villagers have repeatedly blocked heavy construction equipment from entering the site.

On September 1, the *Korea Times* quoted an anonymous naval officer who said, “Police will soon block both sides of a crossroad, which has been unlawfully occupied by protesters and is connected to the construction site, and begin to pull them out one by one in order to resume work.”

After two months behind bars, Sung-Hee Choi was released from the Jeju Island prison on August 17, convicted of obstructing business and sentenced to eight months in jail. A two-year stay was granted, effectively placing Choi on probation for that period. Identification numbers for the three jailed men have not been made available, so mail cannot yet reach them. For prisoner updates and more information and support actions, visit Sung-Hee Choi’s blog at nobasestorieskorea.blogspot.com.

Father's Day at Los Alamos

Trinity Nuclear Abolitionists and friends held a 24-hour Father's Day prayer vigil at the gate of the Los Alamos National nuclear weapons Laboratory (LANL) in New Mexico. About thirty people took part, sharing song, dance and meditation. They distributed flyers to the pedestrians who passed by – fliers about The Nuremberg Principles, the Non-Proliferation Treaty, Article VI of the U.S. Constitution, and how international law supports civilian responsibility to prevent nuclear and other crimes against peace.

Concluding the vigil on Monday, June 20, the group processed along the quasi-public sidewalks of New Mexico's Atomic City to the Chemistry Metallurgy Research Replacement Nuclear Facility (CMRR-NF, a.k.a. the plutonium pit factory) that's under construction near the current pit factory. They hoped to pray there for an hour and then depart, but were prevented from getting too near.

Marcus Page writes:

One hundred feet before the gate is a yellow traffic sign announcing a badge-holders' area. The police drew an arbitrary line at the sign, so we got on our knees, singing and crawling a meter beyond the yellow sign. Our crawl was a nonviolent posture inviting peace and justice.

We sang "stand up — make a choice — create a world without nuclear threats," while the police ironically encouraged us to stand up so they could take us into custody more conveniently.

Arrested with Page was Will Covert, Mitzi Kraft, Bobbie Sue Davis and Juan Montoya. By Wednesday afternoon, all five had been released on bond from the Los Alamos Detention Center. They entered pleas of not guilty, and will be tried together this fall. For more information, visit tna.lovarchy.org.

Air Force Hassles Code Pink Vigilers

Code Pink women vigiling and leafletting against militarism and drone warfare outside two California air force bases have been harassed by arrest and minor citations.

Pamela Osgood was cited March 29 for obstructing traffic outside Beale Air Force Base, 40 miles north of Sacramento. At trial June 8, her charge was dismissed after the prosecution rested. The judge determined that no cars came so close to Osgood as to constitute a hazard. The question of where they may leaflet and vigil was left unsettled, however, and when supporters returned to the base gate after the trial, Toby Blome was detained and handcuffed for 40 minutes after asserting her right to leaflet from the same divider in the roadway where Osgood was arrested. She was released without charges.

Forty miles southwest of Sacramento, Blome and Eleanor Levine were both cited recently for impeding the flow of traffic as they leafletted drivers exiting Travis Air Force Base. In court, those charges were both dismissed because they are traffic, not pedestrian, violations, and both women were leafletting from a median strip. Blome has also received two other misdemeanor citations.

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presented this statement to plant personnel:

"Tritium leaking into the Connecticut River from Vermont Yankee. Strontium-90 found in Connecticut River fish not far from Vermont Yankee. Earthquake detectors failing to register during a 5.8 earthquake. Floods. What more do we need to shut down Vermont Yankee? Another Fukushima? Shut it down now."

They were all arrested and released with November court dates.

As previously directed, Nestel and First then appeared in district court to answer charges for the June 30 trespass. The court said it had no paper work for the women, whose names were not on the court docket. Nestel's call to the Vermont State Attorney's office resulted in Deputy State Attorney Stephen Brown's assertion that the women will be re-cited because paper work was delayed as a result of the aftermath of Hurricane Irene.

For eleven previous arrests at Vermont Yankee since 2005, Shut-It-Downers have never been prosecuted because the prosecutor has dropped charges before any court appearances.

FUTURE ACTIONS

stratcom

The Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa invite the public to join them Saturday, October 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m. at Kinney Gate, Offutt Air Force Base, near Omaha, Nebraska. Peaceful, prayerful protest of American militarism is planned; the warfare in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, and Libya; nuclear weapons, whose control center is at STRATCOM; and defense spending at the expense of persons who are poor. Civil disobedience is encouraged with adequate nonviolence preparation. To register and for more information, visit "Make peace and practice nonviolence" at www.osfdbq.org, or contact Sr. Marian Klostermann, 563-583-9786, klostermannm@osfdbq.org.

october 6

Inspired by the Arab Spring and Wisconsin Capitol occupation, more than 2,000 people have signed A Call to Action – Stop the Machine! Create a New World! to converge starting October 6, 2011 in Freedom Plaza, Washington, D.C. October 2011 is the 10th anniversary of the invasion of Afghanistan and the beginning of the 2012 federal austerity budget. Stand together in nonviolent resistance to war, corporate greed, government corruption, violence and injustice. A concert, rally and protest that day is envisioned to kick off sustained nonviolent resistance to the corporate criminals who dominate government. For more information, visit october2011.org.

Participating group, the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance, is planning civil resistance at the National Security Agency on Sunday, October 9. Contact Joy First at joyfirst5@gmail.com to get involved, and plan to meet to review the scenario October 8 in Washington.

nevada

A National Catholic Worker Gathering will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 7–9, 2011. Roundtable discussions, hikes, prayer, crafts, singing, opportunity for civil disobedience at the Nevada Test Site (nuclear weapons) and Creech Air Force Base (drone warfare). Hosted by the Las Vegas Catholic Worker at Christ the King Catholic Community. Confirmed attendance already from at least 100 Catholic Workers, families and friends in 27 states [*NR editors' note: including us!*]. If you plan to attend, or for more information, please contact the Las Vegas Catholic Worker, 500 W. Van Buren Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106, 702-647-0728, mail@lcnv.org.

fort benning

Another year goes by, and the crimes of graduates and instructors of the SOA/WHINSEC continue to strengthen the resolve to shut down the SOA. The 21st anniversary November Vigil to Close the School of the Americas will be held from November 18-20, 2011. This year, with anti-immigration laws like HB87 in Georgia increasing state terror in immigrant communities, the SOA Watch vigil at Ft. Benning will make the connections between the

Orlando Drops Charges, Food Not Bombs Still Serving

After the arrest of 27 Orlando Food Not Bombs (OFNB) volunteers in June and July, and questions about the legality of jailing some, Mayor Buddy Dyer in July invited OFNB to move their twice-weekly meal sharing from Lake Eola Park to the plaza outside his downtown office. The local chapter of the international network of anti-war free food providers accepted.

Believing this resolved the five-year standoff over enforcement of Orlando's ordinance limiting meal sharing in city parks to twice per year per group, Dyer announced on August 19 that the city was dropping all charges. He also asked the state to drop trespass charges against two of the volunteers who returned to Lake Eola Park in violation of a stay-away order imposed after their arrest for sharing food too often.

One of those charged with trespass was Food Not Bombs co-founder Keith McHenry, who returned to the park June 21 and was taken into custody on trespass charges. OFNB then petitioned a higher court for an injunction against the practice, because Florida law requires a court summons for second degree trespass misdemeanors, not simply an officer's judgment.

McHenry was released July 1. Ben Markeson, the other man charged with trespass and an organizer of OFNB, said the deal misses the point. He told the Orlando Weekly, "It shouldn't be an arrestable offense to share food with poor and hungry people in a public park. The ordinance needs to be repealed, period."

struggle against racist immigration laws and oppressive U.S. foreign policy in Latin America. Organizing materials and more information at soaw.org or phone 202-234-3440. For more information about risking arrest in nonviolent direct action, email directaction@soaw.org.



gorleben 365

Inspired by the year-long Faslane 365 series of blockades of the Faslane nuclear submarine base in Scotland, 300 German opponents of nuclear power kicked off Gorleben 365 on August 14, inviting all manner of daily nonviolent direct actions to block work on Germany's nuclear waste storage site at Gorleben. So far, authorities have avoided arrests, going so far as to cut new holes in the fence to admit traffic around a blockade. For more information, visit www.gorleben365.de/english.html or email blockade@gorleben365.de.

dsei

The world's biggest arms fair – DSEi (Defence & Security Equipment International) – is coming to East London mid-September, with over 1200 companies exhibiting, and military delegations from all over the world. Stop The Arms Fair Coalition have called a day of action on September 13 with trainings in days prior, and more actions planned until DSEi is shut down or ends on September 16. For more information, visit stopthearmsfair.org.uk and dsei.org.

hinkley point

On October 3, 2011, activists will nonviolently blockade the access to Hinkley Point nuclear power station in Somerset, Great Britain, for one day. While the blockade will be the key focus, there will be plenty of roles and activities for people who do not wish to risk arrest. So everyone who is anti-nuclear can come to express their opposition in many different ways. There will be a non-violence training to prepare for the blockade. Information at stopnewnuclear.org.uk.

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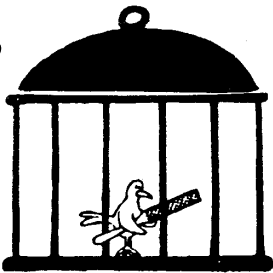
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EDF ENERGY, LONDON: Camilla Berens and Michelle Jackson pleaded guilty at Magistrates’ Court to obstructing the highway and a second charge of preventing people from going about their lawful activity following their April 11 blockade of the A302 roadway outside the nuclear corporation’s home office. Berens addressed the court regarding mitigation, condemning the government’s support of nuclear “new build” in Britain. She concluded, “At school, I was led to believe that political leaders are statesmen whose role is to have vision and courage when faced with adversity. I see neither of these qualities in today’s government. Nuclear will leave us with a terrible legacy that will blight civilisation for thousands of years. We want a future for our children and grandchildren, not a disaster.” Berens was fined £200 and Jackson £95...

ALDERMASTON: Three British Catholic Workers who cut a “Disarmament Gate” through the fence of the Atomic Weapons Establishment last September were convicted of trespass and criminal damage. Chris Cole, Fr. Martin Newell and Sr. Susan Clarkson were each ordered to pay £553 costs and compensation, but have refused to do so...

HANCOCK FIELD, NEW YORK: The charge of obstructing government administration against 38 upstate drone protesters has been dismissed, leaving only disorderly conduct violations to face at their trial, now set to begin November 1...

PENTAGON: In federal court July 22, Bill Frankel-Streit and Brian Hynes both pleaded guilty to failure to obey during a Good Friday protest, while the same charge against St. Margaret McKenna and Rosemary Thompson was dismissed...

KANSAS CITY PLANT: Half of the people arrested for trespass May 2 at the site of the new nuclear weapons factory were in court July 19. Most of the defendants, who live in or support Catholic Worker communities across the midwest, entered guilty pleas. Fifteen were sentenced to 25 hours community service, 10 days suspended jail time,

“Experiment in Truth” in Iowa

Iowa hog farmer Chris Gaunt writes that, “I have been persistently and creatively lobbying my Iowa senators with the simple message: NO MORE \$\$\$ FOR WAR for more than a year.” Her “little fifteen month experiment in truth, or Love In Action” has involved near-weekly

and two years probation. Four others who had a record of previous protest arrests over the issue were fined \$500 plus costs. Nick Pickrell told the judge that his life at Cherith Brook Catholic Worker was “community service every day”, so he could not accept it as a sentence. He was sentenced to two days in jail and released after a few hours, with credit for the night in jail after his arrest. Several of the defendants told the judge they would not pay the fine, but the judge told each the court would address that later, after their time to pay had passed. Five who pleaded not guilty had their cases continued to September 28, when the remaining defendants are scheduled to appear. Warrants were issued for the arrest of five people who did not appear or ask for continuance...

DEVONPORT, ENGLAND: Five people arrested in November, 2010 during a Trident Ploughshares blockade appeared before Plymouth magistrates June 9 and 10. Three Scottish defendants who locked-on across the gate to the dock where Trident nuclear submarines are serviced had been charged with “obstruction of a constable”. The prosecution tried to change this at the hearing to “obstruction of the highway”. The judge then dismissed the cases, including that of a defendant who boycotted court, because the later charge was a summary offence, for which charges have to be laid within six months. The other two had tried to lock-on under a police van. They were charged with not complying with a condition imposed by police – not leaving the road. Questions as to Trident’s legality were ruled irrelevant, so the case hinged on whether the condition was lawful. The prosecution claimed it was necessary to prevent “serious disruption to the life of the community”, but gave little evidence for this claim beyond a police video showing traffic backing-up at the lights. The judge found the prosecution had failed to prove the condition necessary, and it was therefore not a lawful order. The defendants were acquitted and awarded costs. [via newsletter of the Non-Violent Resistance Network]...

vigils inside the offices of Senators Grassley and Harkin in the Des Moines federal building, usually while lying in meditation on the floor – a persistent, one-woman die-in.

Gaunt cultivated relationships and collected occasional citations and court experience defending herself.

In federal court June 9, she was tried on three counts of loitering/failure to comply: once each on December 29, 2010, February 9 and March 30, 2011. After hearing the testimony and cross examination of the Federal Protective Service officers, the prosecutor himself dismissed two of the counts, and the judge fined Gaunt only \$20 on the third.

Gaunt concluded this personal witness after the June trial, taking a break to garden and welcome a new grandchild into her family. Two charges remained for trial on August 11: taking “unauthorized photos” of stairwell artwork in the federal building and another “failure to comply.” In her dozens of vigils, she’d found solace in the public art and was taking photos April 27 to prepare her defense on the earlier loitering charges. On August 6 she received a letter informing her the charges were dropped.

ANNOUNCEMENT

...**The Vermont Yankee Shutdown Campaign** is a people’s campaign of nonviolent direct action to shut down Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant on schedule – by March 21, 2012. That’s the date the state thought Entergy had agreed to when they bought the reactor, but the corporation is suing to keep the reactor running. “The people must also make it clear to Entergy, the courts, the State of Vermont and the media, that it is unacceptable for Vermont Yankee to continue to operate after its license expires in March 2012.” Hurricane Irene caused the initial organizing meeting to be postponed from August 28 to September 18, when it will now be held at the Norwich Congregational Church, 15 Church St, Norwich, Vermont. Action camps and nonviolence training workshops will be scheduled for later dates. For meeting time, please RSVP by email to Bob Bady, bobbady@gmail.com; Deb Katz, deb@nukebusters.org; or Debra Stoleroff, debra@vtlink.net.

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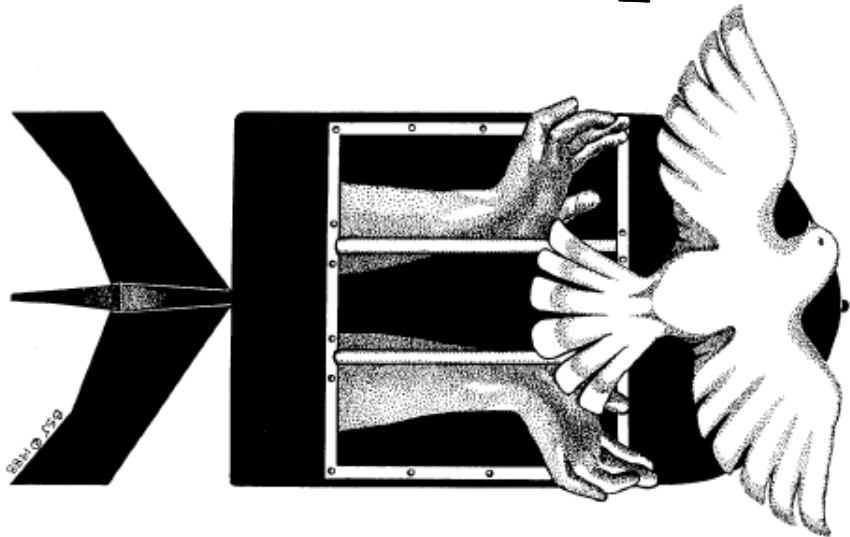
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