Jailed Korean Professor Fasting

Jeju Island Resistance Heats Up as Navy Prepares To Blast for Base

The Korean navy is set to begin blasting Gureombi in March, the unique volcanic rocks with fresh water springs on the south coast of Jeju Island. It’s the latest, most destructive step taken in the construction of a provocative military port. Residents of Gangeongo, a village with over 400 years of cultural ties to Gureombi, have waged an epic struggle of nonviolent resistance to every step of the planned navy base for nearly five years. Coast access for the villagers has already been severely restricted by a new construction gate, and in recent weeks, huge coils of razor wire have been stretched along the coast to keep base resisters who swim or kayak around the gates from reoccupying the strategic landscape.

Every day sees many protest activities, and villagers and their supporters regularly risk arrest by blocking gates, locking down under stopped trucks, and climbing the fence, swimming and kayaking into the construction zone. Every night, a candlelight cultural celebration ensues as the people of Gangeong renew their commitment by sharing news updates, honors, speeches, songs and dances.

Yang Yoon-Mo, a noted film critic and professor who fasted for 70 days while jailed last year for interfering with the business of base construction, is back in jail since January 30. He was on probation and at 18-month suspended sentence from last summer was revoked. As promised, when he was transferred to Jeju Prison on February 6 he began refusing food until the base construction is canceled or he dies. He said, “If Gureombi lives, I live. If Gureombi dies, I die. Do not cry for me. Cry for the future generations who may not be able to feel the beauty of Gureombi.”

Scores of local residents have been enjoined from interfering with business, the charge most likely to result in prison time. Police, many brought in from the mainland by the score, and private security workers are a constant intimidating presence on the streets of the village. But prosecutors are reluctant to keep some of the resisters in jail, particularly dozens of Roman Catholic priests and nuns who have demonstrated the commitment of the Korean church to preserving peace by resisting the strategically provocative base.

On Christmas Day, 500 Catholics joined villagers for mass. The next day, when 15 people were blocking the gate, their number nearly doubled when priests joined them. Police arrested 27 people, many who fasted until released from jail. The next day, 12 priests arrested in prior weeks and months were in court to be indicted for obstructing business, and warned not to continue.

Another 29 people were arrested at the construction gate on January 10, including 18 nuns and a monk during a religious service and three teenage girls who were just dancing. They were charged with impeding the work and most held overnight. Six days later, Fr. Park Do-Hyun climbed aboard a cement truck to prevent it from entering the village, and was arrested for the sixth time in a year. The next day, Fr. Lee Kang-Suh was arrested trying to talk to a cement truck driver.

On January 26, five people were arrested at sea in kayaks as they tried to stop work on a barge preparing for the blasting.

Yang Yoon-Mo was arrested with two others on January 30, when 17 construction trucks were prevented from entering the village and the three men crawled under them. Police this time avoided arresting Br. Park, who publicly proclaimed his willingness to be imprisoned for the cause before crawling under another truck.

In late February, Gangeon residents hosted more than 30 international board members and activists of the Global Network to Stop Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space for their annual meeting. On February 24, ten international and six Koreans were arrested after crawling under the fence with the mission to disrupt dredging operations for the proposed naval base on Jeju, the Peace Island.

Vigil took place at the police station, where five were still being held. When some blocked the prison entrance, police declared it an illegal protest, and arrested 20 more people. Most were released before midnight.

On March 1, swarms of police again surrounded resisters trying to get their kayaks into the water. Four were arrested after a day of tug-of-war with police and boats.

For more information, visit www.savejejuisland.org and www.spacepeace.blogspot.com.

Support Action

Letters of support can be sent to Yang Yoon-Mo (No. 220), Jeju Prison, 161 Ora-2 dong, Jeju City, Jeju, the Peace Island, Korea.

Letters of protest to Korean officials to stop base construction are also requested. For details, visit Savejejuisland.org and click on Support the Resistance.

The call is out for more international activists to go to Gangeong and support the villagers. See Future Actions, page 7, for more information.

Imprisoned army whistleblower Bradley Manning, accused of releasing more than 700,000 classified documents to Wikileaks.org, will face a military court martial on 22 criminal charges including aiding the enemy. Pretrial motions will be heard in March, but Manning's court martial is not expected to begin until August, 2012 or later. Manning has been in custody since his arrest on May 29, 2010.

The outline of the legal case against Manning and hints about likely elements of his defense were revealed in December during a seven-day Article 32 hearing at Fort Meade, Maryland. In January, the investigating officer who presided at that hearing recommended that the case proceed to court martial, and on February 23, Manning was arraigned at Fort Meade.

Manning chose not to enter a plea yet, and his defense team, including two military and one civilian lawyer, has not yet decided whether to ask for a military jury or a bench trial.

The Article 32 hearing began on Friday, December 16, the day before Manning’s 24th birthday. Just outside the gate of Ft. Meade, about 300 of his supporters held a vigil, rally and march, and another rally there on Saturday.

Representatives of the Bradley Manning Support Network were present throughout the legal proceedings, and posted detailed daily reports at bradleymanning.org.

Manning’s civilian attorney, David Coombs, spent much of the first day arguing for the investigating officer to recuse himself. Before the hearing, Lt. Colonel Paul Almanza had approved everyone on the simple list of 20 names proposed as government witnesses, including ten in common with the list presented by the defense. But out of 50 more defense witnesses requested, each with a paragraph explaining their importance to Manning’s case, only two were approved (and later, two more).

Almanza also accepted into the record the unworn statements of two government witnesses regarding how the revealed information had been classified and the potential harm it may have caused. Coombs cited a rule against sworn statements and objected to other actions as biased, but Almanza refused to step aside.

Classification – specifically, over-classification – is a key issue for the defense, but Coombs, himself a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, would have no opportunity to challenge these statements under oath, and develop the argument that since their release by Wikileaks, the documents have brought no demonstrable harm to the United States or its citizens.

Throughout the remainder of the hearing, questioning continued on page 3
There were more future actions than usual announced on page 7 - check them out. Our next issue (June 1) should be bursting at the seams!

In January, we said a grateful goodbye to the mini van for getting us to so many marches, tria l conferences, etc. over the years, and now have a Mazda3 hatchback - thank you so much for your donations! With the shrunken community space, we wondered if we’d need an extra trip to set up in a nearby park at the 30th annual Tucson Peace Fair. But we were pleasantly surprised to discover that with the middle seat folded down, the folding table, chairs, bottles, snacks, signs and stacks of newsletters all fit. And it is almost again the city gas mileage as the mini-van! We are looking forward to taking it on the road to events in the mail, to the Pacific Life Community gathering and a March 12 demonstration at Vandenberg Air Force Base. We hope to see some of you there!

Felice & Jack Cohen-Joppa

---from Seattle---

by William “Bix” Bichsel, SJ

As I rubbed my hand down the surface of my bony body, a thought came to me that I was sanding down my dry skin and that I was saving my life. In the dry desert, I washed my face with water and 2 small cartons of milk a day. During 29 of those days I did not sleep a wink at night and lay awake scratching and itching and tensing my muscles and the days were long. I felt much sustained by the grace of God, the prayers of the community and the companionship of Brother Jesus. I choose the Gospel of Mark as my framework today because his Gospel is short and strongly oriented to discipleship in following Jesus. Other Gospels point to discipleship in other ways. My thinking is influenced by Ched Myers' social and political commentary on Mark's Gospel and the underlying theme. My deepening resistance to the U.S. forces of death and destruction led me to ask: How do I proclaim the Gospel – the Good News?..In today's world.

The forces of death are like rivers of molten lava pouring down a mountainside and the flow is controlled by those with influence, wealth, and power. Corporations, the clergy, those in positions of power, can use high influence people wield this power in the U.S. They manipulate our government at every level and make a mockery of our Constitution. We are killing ourselves and every sentient being can challenge this oppressive status quo.

To repent is to confront the violence within us, to change our learned responses of violence. We are called to respond to violence with love, wisdom, and imagination – to work toward peaceful solutions. Repent and learn the way of nonviolence so that we can live together as a global community. Support efforts of people of all faith traditions and ethnicities to live and thrive together. Place human need as the priority, and use profits to insure food and agricultural production for every global citizen. Encourage work and farm cooperatives as part of a national and global concentration on food and agricultural production. Open our collective human potential through finite education for all. Support efforts of cooperation, the gifts and talents of every human being can shine out in global splendor!

The Kingdom of God calls for healing and caring for every acre of God’s creation. The development of energy from solar, wind, tidal and geothermal sources other than oil, coal, and gas can bring about sustainable use. The development of energy sources that heal and repair of the land, water, and atmosphere of our Earth requires workers. Labor unions can bring workers closer together to form relationships and to ensure the right of collective bargaining. Military training can be phased out and replaced by service corps volunteers who serve the nation in building infrastructure and responding to natural disasters.

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Peter Ediger, President! March 12, 2012

Poet, prophet, peacemaker, former Mennonite minister, father and grandfather. Peter and Jack were co-defendants for blocking the railroad tracks at Rocky Flats in 1987. We plan on working with Nevada Desert Experience and the Las Vegas Catholic Worker, and co-founded Pace & Peace. We will miss Peter’s powerful voice and gentle presence.

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Since 1981 the Nuclear Resister has provided comprehensive reporting on nonviolent resistance in the United States, with an emphasis on providing support for the women and men jailed for these actions. In 1999, the Nuclear Resister also began reporting on nuclear and anti-war actions in Canada. September 2008 marks 25 years of civil anti-nuclear and anti-war resistance with the same emphasis on prison support.

The Nuclear Resister is published about every two months and serves to network this nonviolent resistance movement while acting as a clearhouse for information about nonviolent and civil resistance to war and nuclear weapons. The current issue is the only major publication in the U.S. about prison issues for those engaged in nonviolent resistance to war and nuclear weapons. It is both a resource for those newly involved from their support and their own resistance activity is limited. Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist is essential to the continuation of civil resistance.

Each issue provides the names and jail addresses of currently imprisoned anti-nuclear and anti-war activists. Readers are encouraged to send cards of support to those who are imprisoned or those behind bars and in other ways requested by the prisoners.

Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, Editors

Dr. Felice Cohen-Joppa was imprisoned in January 2007 for 30 days for civil resistance. Felice was moved to the private Federal Detention Center in Boston on January 25, 2007, and remained there for 45 days before being returned to the Federal Detention Center in Honolulu. On January 31, 2007, Felice was arraigned in Federal Court and was released on February 27, 2007. Felice was re-arrested on March 6, 2007, and held in the Honolulu Federal Detention Center until June 6, 2007. In July 2007 Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa were convicted of civil resistance.
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from Coombs painted Manning as a bright, idealistic recruit with a “strong moral compass,” but also emotionally troubled as he awakened to his own gay gender identity within a “Don’t Ask – Don’t Tell” Army. Manning had sought help from his sergeant, who observed how deeply distraught Manning had become by the spring of 2010, and even documented his concerns about the unstable private. But he did nothing to remove Manning from his sensitive assignment or get mental health assistance.

Meanwhile, socially isolated in a poorly supervised intelligence unit in Iraq, Manning had surprisingly broad access to documents erroneously or over-classified as secret, including evidence of possible war crimes.

BradleyManning.org reported that Coombs’s closing statement at the hearing mocked the government’s “Chicken Little” response to the Wikileaks revelations. “The sky has not fallen, is not falling, and will not fall.”

The documents are out there, he said, but they haven’t caused any harm. “If anything, it’s helped,” Coombs said.

“Let’s give the government a reality check.” Let’s tell them, he said, that “sunlight is the best disinfectant.”

Observers report that Manning himself was engaged in the proceedings and with his defense team. After the hearing concluded, his Aunt Debra posted this message on the internet:

“I want you to know how much Bradley and his family appreciate the continuing support of so many, especially during the recent Article 32 hearing. I visited Bradley the day after Christmas – he is doing well and his spirits are high.”

For more information about Bradley Manning and how to support him, visit bradleymanning.org.

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and Wurts Street. They refused to move. so police took them into custody for a trip back to the station where they were released without a citation or court date.

Another Shut It Down delegation returned to the Brattleboro police station in two trips one afternoon. They were released without a citation or court date.

After being released, the women distributed their Valentines throughout the Brattleboro business district where, they said, most people enthusiastically received them and their Shut It Down message.

See Future Actions, page 7, for information about actions to shut down Vermont Yankee when its original operating license expires on March 21.

For more information, contact Shut It Down Affinity group, c/o Marcia Gagliardi, haley.anitique@verizon.net.

Norman Lowry has been in jail since August 1, when he returned to peacefully protest at a military recruiting office near Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He’d been arrested there twice before in recent years, and served nearly 18 months behind bars. The former assistant chaplain at a local mission writes of his gratitude in being able to listen to and counsel other prisoners. He also wrote on January 12:

“Yesterday, upon going for trial, the prosecutor sought a continuation as they had failed to subpoena their witnesses. So much for ‘speedy’ trial?! My trial is now to occur during the next cycle (2-4 months). The presiding judge used the occasion to attempt to convince me to give up my protestations, in order to receive RoK [release on own recognizance] bonding – pending trial. Upon receiving my reply: ‘I cannot in good conscience submit to what you are asking, the judge advised me that I am ‘pushing the envelope’ of the court’s patience with me; that I can expect more severe sentencing, if I continue my present course. My reply – ‘I will do as my conscience demands and will be honored to receive what you hand to me!’ More to come…”

It has been suggested to Lowry that his noncooperation, should it continue now and in the future, could result in additional punishment and a sentence toward the maximum 3-6 years in state guidelines. He is interested in hearing personal perspectives of those with any experience, regarding the ‘longer-term investments of imprisonment, as a ‘consequence of ignoring systemic social policy if I would only relent and cease my chosen protests’”.

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

Gagliardi, Connie Harvard, Martha Hennessy, Lantz, Robin Lloyd, Nestel and Swaim were transported to the Brattleboro Police Department where they were booked and released until sentencing March 27 in Windham County Superior Court.

After being released, the women distributed their Valentines throughout the Brattleboro business district where, they said, most people enthusiastically received them and their Shut It Down message. They should be sent to:

Dr. Dhafir Support Committee is seeking 100 people to contribute between $35 and $100 each for the cost of filing an appeal of the new sentence. These donations will NOT be tax-deductible. Checks can be made payable to “Peter Goldberger, Attorney” and earmarked for “Dhafir Appeal.” They should be sent to:

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Letters of support should be addressed to Commander, HHC USAG; Attn: PFC Manning; 239 Sheridan Ave. Bldg 417; JBM-HH VA 22211.
Among the hundreds of Occupy protests resulting in thousands of arrests nationwide related to economic justice, corporate domination of politics and the economy, and free speech, a handful were clearly initiated to oppose a war-related institution, or issue, or individual.

On November 17, 2011, a crowd gathered at the front of the White House to protest the Nuclear Missile Test. Before their arrests, Daniel Ellsberg said, “They cannot be allowed to test these lightning rods of destruction.” The protest was a peaceful demonstration calling for an end to the nuclear arms race. The protesters included the former U.S. Army analyst and whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers, as well as other activists and supporters who came together to demand an end to the nuclear weapons testing.

The protesters were arrested and charged with trespassing, disrupting government buildings, and interfering with government operations. Despite the charges, the protesters maintained their peaceful protest and continued to demand an end to nuclear weapons testing. The case went to trial, and the protesters were ultimately found not guilty of all charges.

In conclusion, the protest at the White House was a powerful demonstration of the public’s opposition to nuclear weapons testing. The protesters were arrested, but their message was heard and continues to be a call for an end to nuclear weapons testing.
Y-12 RESISTERS

Four nuclear resisters were recently released from prison terms for trespass at the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Steve Baggard, Brandon Monegan, and Michael Walli all completed their 90-day sentences on January 6, and have returned to their home communities.

Jesuit priest William “Bix” Michiel was released from federal prison in Denver, Colorado after serving 33 months confinement as part of a sentence for his trespass at Y-12 on July 5, 2010. This marks the end of his time in federal confinement.

For more information, contact Art Laffin at artlaffin@hotmail.com.

holding the wisdom of Dr. King in their hands, activists block the highways leading into the nuclear subma-

nuclear weapons.

BANGOR

Leonard Eiger reports for Ground Zero:

On January 14, activists from a local peace
group blocked the highway leading into the nuclear

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BANGOR TRIAL UPGRADES

On January 4 and 5, a pair of trials for two of the Ground Zero blockaders ended with a Kitsap County judge finding 11 people guilty of the traffic infraction of being a pedestrian in the roadway.

Judge Riehl was attentive and conciliatory as he limited the extent of the defendants’ testimonies while allowing them to state their case, in which they spoke passionately, referring to precedents established by the Nuremberg Tribunal and humanitarian principles and law.

Defendant Tom Rogers, a retired Navy officer who commanded nuclear submarines during the Cold War, testified that he had been responsible for nuclear weapons during his career, and that our country’s national security strategy based on the threat of nuclear annihilation is dangerous, militarily impractical, and unaffordable.

In his ruling Judge Riehl said that the defendants’ compelling testimony “tints true,” and that it has been “a long battle in this courtroom for people working on this issue,” and remarked how defendant Anne Hall has been engaged in this struggle for 30 years. Although the judge believes “...the cause is just...” he said that he must “uphold the rule of law.”

Accordingly, he found them guilty of the traffic infraction, fined them the maximum $56, and mitigated that to $25 each.

For more information, visit gccenter.org

LOCKEED MARTIN

“Saying ‘no!’ to the Top Gun of corporate America’s 1% super rich” was the theme of the day on January 16, Martin Luther King Day, for more than 50 people who stood in protest outside Lockheed-Martin’s complex at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

They held banners and signs and listened to the broadcast of excerpts from many of Dr. King’s sermons and speeches.

The demonstration was the Brandywine Peace Community’s 34th consecutive Martin Luther King Day of Nonviolent Action. This year, seven people carrying large signs and pictures of Dr. King blockaded the corporation’s main driveway entrance. A bell tolled ten times. One protester carried a banner that had a quote from Dr. King: “When scientific power outruns spiritual power, we end up with guided missiles and misguided men.” One side of the second banner read “Care for Sailors & Marines: Peaceful Jobs for All.” The other side read “Enriching the Few at Everyone’s Expense: Occupy Trident.”

A statement written for the event said, “We stand with the Occupy movement in demanding economic justice and peace. Today, we stand before Lockheed Martin, the world’s largest war profiteer and weapons corporation, remembering all the victims of war, all the casualties of social and environmental neglect, remembering and mourning all who suffer and die in the name of corporate greed, poverty, and violence. Today, here at Lockheed Martin, we honor and occupy the legacy and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and, from the Arab spring to the Occupy movement, the continuing struggle for justice and peace.”

For more information, contact the Brandywine Peace Community, 610-544-1818, or visit www.brandywinepeace.com.

Disarm Now Pложений

Susan Crane and Fr. Steve Kelly continue to serve 15-month sentences for their part in cutting into the bunker area of the west coast nuclear weapons store at Kitsap-Bangor, the nation’s nuclear submarine base in Washington state.

According to the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Locator website, Crane will complete her sentence on April 25 and Kelly, who remains in solitary confinement, completes his on June 10. Codefendant “Bix” Michiel, fresh out of prison from his Y-12 bit, began the six-month home confinement part of his sentence when a monitor was called to his house.

For more information, visit disarmnownpложений.wordpress.com.

Letters of support can be sent to Susan Crane 87783-011, FCI Dublin, 5701 8th St. – Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568, and Stephen Kelly 006 b11, FDC SEATAC, P0B 1390, Seattle, WA 98198.
**No Nuke Squatters Evicted**

In the lead-up to a 24-hour Fukushima anniversary encirclement and blockade of England’s Hinkley Point nuclear power plant planned for March 10–11, three Stop Hinkley activists represented as “veterans” trees set to be cleared from the site for two new reactors, even before construction is approved. They were soon removed by police. On February 29, EIDL owners of the proposed plant, sought a High Court injuction to evict the site’s energy squatter and furthermore prohibit four named organizations from even approaching the site for their planned protest. The court granted EIDL rights of possession to clear the squatters but tossed out the plea to protect the French corporation from legitimate protest. At least 20 bailiffs and 10 police officers accompanied the Los Alamos Magistrate Court on February 29. Two men were arrested in the process, held overnight, and released on conditional discharge, in consideration of time served.

For more information, visit stopnewnuclear.org.uk.

**Glasgow Peace Graffiti**

(Thanks to Trident Ploughshares for this report)

Three women painted the windows of the army recruiting office in Glasgow, Scotland on March 1 in protest of the dishonest propaganda used to persuade young people to join up.

Barbara Dowling and Leonna O’Neill painted in large colorful letters “DON’T JOIN UP. DON’T BELIEVE THE LYING ADVERTS”, “GUNS, BOMBS, TANKS? NO THANKS” and “NO TO WAR” on the windows of the Queen Street office. Mary Millington handed out leaflets telling the story of a young man who joined the army, made his Mum feel proud and ended up being badly injured in Afghanistan.

When the police arrived, Dowling and O’Neill locked-on to each other and stood in the way to prevent the windows from being cleaned. All three women then sat down and after 90 minutes were cut free and arrested. They were charged with obstructing the police and vandalism.

Barbara Dowling said, “Becoming a soldier is not on the court’s docket for the December date on their

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LOSA LAMAZOS: Five New Mexican nuclear abolitionists who pleaded no contest to trespass after a Father’s Day protest at the nuclear weapons lab were jailed for four days after crossing the line at the nuclear command center.

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NORTHWOOD: Maya Evans was sentenced February 29 to 13 days in prison for refusing to pay a fine for a 2009 protest at the British military headquarters, on the second anniversary of a NATO bombing that killed 47 Afghan civilians. She told the court she had just returned from a month-long visit to Afghanistan working with Afghan peace activists, where she “met a young man whose sister had been killed with his infant son, by a NATO airstrike that killed five civilians. Meeting the victims of U.S. and British policies has only strengthened my conviction that we need to terminate Britain’s role in this senseless and bloody war. Afghan peace campaigners urged me to do all I can to stop British involvement in their country. It is all of our responsibility to campaign against the death of innocent Afghan civilians, to pressure our government which currently has blood in its hands.” With standard credits, Evans was released from prison on Monday, March 5.

CREECH AIR FORCE BASE: The case of 18 Catholic Workers and friends arrested last October at the Nevada base for combat drone flight training and operations was not on the court’s docket for the December date on their citations, but the Clark County Prosecutor has a year to bring the charges...

**INTERNATIONAL NOTES**

**Ash Wednesday in London**

Seven Catholic Workers, a Quaker, a doctor and a priest were detained and searched on Ash Wednesday, February 22, following the marking in charcoal and ashes of the Ministry of Defense building in Whitehall, London with anti war slogans. About 140 people attended the annual event, organized in repentance and resistance to British nuclear weapons.

One participant said, “Ash Wednesday reminds us of the ash that nuclear weapons promises to reduce the world to. Lent is a season of repentance ‘turning around’ from our silence and complicity with these high crimes. The appropriate response continues to be nonviolent resistance to these high crimes and solidarity with our brothers in chains and before the courts for such resistance.

“We act in solidarity with Jesuit priests Bill Bichsel and Michael Kelly, and EIDL owner Steve Crane and many others presently imprisoned in the U.S. for resistance to nuclear weapons. We are inspired by the resilience of Bradley Manning and the price he continues to pay for speaking truth to power, accused of exposing the war crimes of the empire.”

For more information, visit londoncatholicworker.org.

**Greenpeace Occupies French Nuclear Reactors**

Greenpeace activists in France successfully infiltrated several reactor sites on December 5, 2011, even after the reactor containment building itself at Nogent-sur-Seine and unfurling a banner declaring that safe nuclear power does not exist.

“This nonviolent presence at the heart of the French nuclear installations proves their extreme vulnerability,” said a campaigner.

Six women and three men, ages 22 to 60, were apprehended in the Nogent-sur-Seine site and charged with trespass, damage to public property, and for some, rejection of DNA sampling before being released. In court in January, they faced two days of suspended jail sentences, fines and a two-year order to stay away from the nuclear site. In February, the judge ruled that they had not been charged with the nuclear defense law cited on the boundary signs, and tossed the case back to prosecutors for possible prosecution in a military court.

Also on December 5, two people who remained inside the clear plastic that prevented the CRMs (which were housed for several hours) before being discovered were arrested and released to appear in court January 24. They were similarly charged, but the case was dismissed on procedural grounds.

For more information visit www.greenpeace.org/france.

**Koodankulam Opponents Face Sedition Charges**

Protest against the Koodankulam nuclear power project in southern India is escalating, as is the government response. Last month, the People’s Movement Against Nuclear Energy (PMANE) led a series of fasts and mass protests - including one where up to 10,000 people surrounded the proposed plant and demanded its abandonment for several days, and another when nearly 500 boats converged just off shore from the plant to protest its potential to reduce fishing grounds and stock. After the protest at sea, police registered over 3,000 criminal cases against participants, including sedition and other grave charges against the protesters.

India’s government will soon consider the foundation of the Kingdom. Some of these forces that grow in this climate of violence are: war, drone attacks, torturing, nuclear weaon proliferation and corporate control of government, institutionalized injustice, abortion, and the death penalty. Meanwhile, funds for basic needs like food, shelter, health care, employment and education disappear. The will to move our national resources away from death and toward life must begin in each of us.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus first calls his disciples to be witness for him, and up the cross and follow me.” As we know, the cross led Jesus to the grave. The conclusion of Mark’s Gospel (Mk 16:1-8) finds the angel in the tomb instructs them to tell Peter and disciples "Go tell..." When the police arrived, Dowling and O’Neill locked-on to each other and stood in the way to prevent the windows from being cleaned. All three women then sat down and after 90 minutes were cut free and arrested. They were charged with obstructing the police and vandalism.

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applied physics lab

Drone warfare research at the Applied Physics Lab of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, will be challenged with protest and possible civil resistance on May 8. The National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance is collecting signatures on a letter to the university president identifying the lab, asking for a meeting to “discuss the illegality of killing civilians and to discover the extent of drone research” at the institution. For more information, contact Max at 410-356-1637 or mobuszewski@verizon.net.

chicago/nato summit

Against the war makers when the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will hold a major meeting in Chicago (the G8 meeting scheduled for the same time is being moved to Camp David). Voices for Creative Action have erected a “Global Crossroads: Turn Against War” will begin in Madison with a May Day rally May 1, passing through Milwaukee May 7-9, Racine May 10-12, and Chicago May 18. In Chicago, VCNV will host a reunion for past volunteers and an Alternative Summit, May 18-21, with civil resistance on May 20 or 21. Plans are evolving, so for up-to-date information, visit www.vcnv.org or contact buddy Bell at 630-878-3815 or buddy@vcnv.org.

bangor

On Saturday, May 12, Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action will hold its annual Mother’s Day Weekend Action at the Bangor Trident nuclear submarine base in Washington. Details will be coming soon at gcnc.org and nukesister.org/future-actions.

fuselage 2012

June 9, 2012 will see the beginning of a 30-day campaign of direct action and civil disobedience at the Fuselage Naval Base to commemorate 30 years of nuclear resistance at Fuselage Peace Camp, near Helensburgh, Scotland. Campers are invited to bring their own boats, trimaran, kayaks, etc. to be ready for the May 9th launch, or to take responsibility for a day of anti-nuclear activities, such as a march to the base, a demo at the gates, a blockade, a mass trespass, etc. Create the future! If you are a small group or an individual and want to team up with others, they can help choreograph partnerships. Communal meals will be provided and the site is a beautiful setting for camping spaces. For more information, please contact Fuselage30@riseup.net or write to 30Days, Fuselage Peace Camp, Shandon, Helensburgh, G84 8NN, United Kingdom.

smash edo

Since 2001, EDO/FTT’s products have been used to attack civil populations in Afghanistan, Gaza, Iraq, Lebanon, Somalia and Pakistan. Since 2004, residents of Brighton, England and thousands of supporters from around the world have demonstrated their rage at the factory through weekly noisome demos, pickets, blockades, rooftop occupations, lobbying, street theatre, mass demonstrations and sabotage. The factory somehow clings on. The summer of 2012 is the time to come and take action. To EDO “invade” you, your Power to your affinity group to come to the factory and express your outrage as creatively as you like. No action is too big or too small. Smash EDO will provide transportation, accommodation, support and advice wherever necessary. Visit SmashEdo.org.uk, call the campaign at 07538093930 or email smashedo@riseup.net.

okiluto

Make plans now for the Okiluto Blockade Camp in Eiruiaki, western Finland, August 6-13, 2012. The camp will bring together people from the anti-nuclear movements in Finland and internationally to discuss nuclear power projects, including uranium mining, and to share experiences, skills and tools for struggles against the nuclear-energy industry and for encouraging truly sustainable, decentralized forms of energy. On August 11, Okiluto Blockade action day, people are invited to participate in civil disobedience by occupying the roads to the Okiluto nuclear power plant. For more information, contact okilutookiloutoblockade@riseup.net.

jeju

The call is out for more international activists to go to Gangjeong to support the beleaguered villagers. Gangjeong recently hosted the annual meeting of the Global Network to Stop Environments, Justice and Workers. Details coming soon at gzcenter.org and jeju-library.smugmug.com. For more information, contact Gangjeong Library and Environment at jeju-library@gangjeong.org.

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