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Transform Now Plowshares

Inside Y-12, Hammering on the Foundation of The Bomb

Walking in darkness early Saturday morning, July 28, the three veteran activists cut through four fences to reach the United States’ new storehouse for bomb-grade, highly enriched uranium in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The trio – Greg Boertje-Obed, 57, Sr. Megan Rice, 82, and Michael Walli, 63 – were inspired by the prophets Micah and Isaiah, Jesus and Gandhi. They took the name Transform Now Plowshares, placing their action in the 32-year Plowshares tradition of more than 100 predominantly faith-based acts of direct disarmament.

At the base of the nuclear idol’s temple, they strung crime scene tape between the pillars, poured blood on the walls, lit candles and hung two banners reading “Transform Now Plowshares” and “Swords into Plowshares, Spears into Pruning Hooks – Isaiah.” With their hammers, they began chipping away at the building’s foundation.

They carried a statement of their faith in “a loving and compassionate Creator [who] invites us to take the urgent and decisive steps to transform the U.S. empire, and this facility, into life-giving alternatives which resolve real problems of poverty and environmental degradation for all.

“We begin together by preparing our minds and hearts for this transformation. And so we bring gifts to symbolize this transformation, instruments that serve life, peace and harmony, truth and healing to this nuclear weapons plant and everywhere...”

Their gifts included hammers for deconstructing war machines, white roses for forgiveness and reconciliation, a Bible for inspiration, and candles to show the light.

They also brought legal inspiration and direction, in the form of a direct, one-page indictment of Y-12 citing the U.S. Constitution, the United Nations Charter, Nuremberg Principles and the Non-Proliferation Treaty. “Against these continuing violations of treaty law, we assert our human right to civil resistance,” the indictment states.

When confronted by a guard they read their statement aloud. “He was on his walkie-talkie but he heard it,” Rice said.

Though initially forced to kneel for a long time, guards responded to their complaints and allowed the activists to stand up for short periods. Meanwhile they continued singing until they were finally taken from the scene hours later.

The three were booked into the Blount County Correctional Facility in Marysville for the weekend. They were brought before a federal magistrate in Knoxville on Monday, July 30. Counsel was assigned to represent the indigent Rice and Walli, and Boertje-Obed was given permission to represent himself, with the assistance of an assigned public defender. Each defendant was given a



**The Transform Now Plowshares:
Michael Walli, Sr. Megan Rice, Greg Boertje-Obed**

copy of the charges, and asked in turn if they understood and whether they had any questions. “Yes,” answered Walli. “I note the charge listed relates only to what I have done, and does not include the illegal nuclear weapons production taking place at Y-12.”

Rice replied, in turn, “It is incomprehensible that our charge against the activities at Y-12 is not part of this conversation,” referring to the indictment they had delivered the morning of the action.

Boertje-Obed asked that the charges be read aloud, as is the defendant’s right. The charge was trespass, punishable by up to one year in prison and \$100,000 fine. Boertje-Obed objected. “We brought an indictment ... and it is not mentioned.”

The government asked that bail be denied, but the
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Campaign Office Sit-Ins to Free Bradley Manning

Veterans’ organizations led the way August 16, coordinating demonstrations at Obama presidential campaign offices in several cities to demand freedom for accused army whistleblower Bradley Manning. Sit-ins led to arrests in Oakland, California and Portland, Oregon. The same letter was delivered at each protest, demanding the President apologize for declaring before any trial that Manning “broke the law”, and that he ensure soldiers are not subjected to the abusive pre-trial punishment Manning endured.

In Oakland, Iraq Veterans Against the War began a sit-in that was joined late in the afternoon by up to 100 people who had been rallying for Manning nearby.



bradleymanning.org photo

Iraq War veterans sit-in at Obama campaign office, Oakland, California.

Campaign staff eventually agreed to email the letter to the national headquarters. Seven people continued to occupy the office and wait for Obama’s response. When police gave warning of imminent arrests, Iraq veteran Scott

Olsen, notoriously wounded by police last fall when they raided the Occupy Oakland encampment, left the office to begin media work and avoid having an arrest complicate his civil suit against the Oakland police department. The other six were arrested.

In Portland, PDX Bike Swarm led a 20-mile ride in support of Bradley Manning, joining rallies at recruiting stations along the way and ending up at the Obama campaign office. Five people entered the office to present the letter. They were warmly received but refused to leave, and when police came they were arrested, cited for trespass, and released a short time later from the police station.

Last April 24, Manning’s supporters in Portland visited five area recruiting offices at the same time. On that occasion, seven vigilers caused recruiters at the Beaverton station to lock the door and send a few people home. The scene remained uneventful until later in the afternoon when seven Occupy Portland members arrived and began chanting “Free Bradley Manning.” When four patrol cars pulled up, some changed their chants to “Fuck the Police” and “Nazi Pigs.”

Soon there were up to 32 badge-wearing law enforcers on hand, arriving in eight police cars, a K-9 unit, a sheriff’s and transit cop’s cars, two unmarked police cruisers and a large SUV. When the jail wagon arrived, two officers approached the picketers, trying to identify the leaders in the anarchic assemblage. Failing that, police ordered the vigilers to leave. A few protesters yelled back and the commander at the scene stepped forward, fingering three people for arrest. Police hustled the others out to the sidewalk. The three were taken into custody and charged with trespass before being released on bond.

MANNING & HIS ATTORNEY THANK SUPPORTERS

Bradley Manning is being moved back and forth between the military prison at Leavenworth, Kansas and the Fort Meade, Maryland courtroom where a series of hearings on pre-trial motions have been held. His lead attorney, David Coombs, reports that Manning has been receiving mail at both locations. A few days after the June 6–8 hearings, Coombs posted a sincere and personal

thanks to Manning’s supporters. He was particularly moved by those who have attended the hearings and packed the courtroom. He wrote, “Although my client is not permitted to engage those in attendance, he is aware of your presence and support... I also want to pass on the following message from Brad: ‘I am very grateful for your support and humbled by your ongoing efforts.’”

The June hearings focused on discovery of damage assessments prepared by government agencies in the wake of the Wikileaks revelations Manning is accused of providing.

Three days of motions hearings in mid-July focused on the government’s failure to provide all discovery material to the defense; Manning’s computer authorization; evidence and witnesses surrounding his abusive confinement conditions at Quantico; and discussion of alleged damage (or lack thereof) due to WikiLeaks’ releases. On the last day, military judge Denise Lind ruled that the defense will not be allowed to show that WikiLeaks’ releases brought little or no harm to national security.

A week later, Coombs was prepared to file an Article 13 motion for dismissal due to the abuse of his client in violation of military law at the marine brig at Quantico, Virginia in 2010–2011. Hours before filing the motion, he received 84 previously undisclosed emails. They documented that Manning’s unlawful treatment was ordered by an off-base three-star general and carried out by two base commanders.

Coombs was compelled to postpone litigation of the abuse motion to consider this new evidence. When the next preliminary hearing convened on August 28, Coombs was ready to submit a motion for access to nearly 1,300 more potentially relevant emails whose existence was revealed by the unexpected but limited disclosure. The government handed over about 600 more emails, so the motion was modified and the judge will now review the remaining 700 emails to determine if they should be released to the defense.

Two more days of hearings concerned the admissibility of several testimonies and pieces of evidence, and a new schedule was announced. At the end

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PEACE PRISONER UPDATES

SHAKIR HAMOODI

In the company of family and friends, Shakir Hamoodi turned himself in to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas on August 28. Barring a presidential pardon, he will serve three years behind bars. The Iraqi-born physicist, community leader, businessman and active opponent of U.S. wars on his native land, was sentenced May 16 to three years in federal prison for violating the economic sanctions imposed on Iraq from 1991 to 2003. He pled guilty in December 2009 to one count of violating the Iraq sanctions in effect at the time. Hamoodi never denied sending more than \$200,000 to family and friends still living in Iraq over a nine-year period.

In Hamoodi's absence, the eldest of his five children will run World Harvest Market in Columbia, Missouri, the import foods business he started nine years ago after leaving a research post at the University. Another Iraqi-American small businessman is also lending a hand.

His family and supporters have gathered over 5,000 signatures on a petition for Presidential pardon and contributed through his attorney to a trust fund for the family needs. For more information, visit helphamoodi.org.



Letters of support may be sent to Shakir Hamoodi, 21901-045, USP Leavenworth, POB 1000, Leavenworth, KS 60648. To sign the petition or contribute to the trust, visit helphamoodi.org. Contributions may also be sent to the Hamoodi Family Benefit Trust, 1103 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201.

MARK KENNEY

Mark Kenney surrendered at the federal prison in Duluth, Minnesota on July 18 to serve a four-month sentence for trespass.

On June 6, Kenney pled guilty to "unlawful entry" at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri to resist the use of Reaper drones. Before sentencing, Federal Judge Matt Whitworth in Jefferson City recessed the hearing for five hours to consider his prior convictions, including three for crossing the line at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska, home of the nuclear Strategic Command. For each of those offenses, Kenney served six months in prison.

"I would have been lenient, but there's a real long pattern of this behavior," said Whitworth.

Kenney told the *National Catholic Reporter*, "The big thing is it's not a political action for me," he said. "It never has been. It's a faith-based action, especially with what's going on now. I think the church has forgotten how much resistance there is to society at large if you're really going to profess your faith in the world."

Two men arrested with Kenney at the April 15 protest, Brian Terrell and Ron Faust, pled not guilty and will be tried in federal court in Jefferson City, Missouri on September 10. They intend to call former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, retired Air Force Colonel Ann Wright and law professor Bill Quigley as expert witnesses in support of their defense under constitutional and international law. For more information, visit peaceworkskc.org.

(Thanks to Jane Stoeber for her courtroom report.)



Letters of support should be sent to Mark Kenney 14018-047, FPC Duluth, POB 1000, Duluth, MN 55814. Financial support for his family can be sent to Kenney's wife, Marie Kenney, 12605 Oak Plaza, #108, Omaha, NE 68144.

Resistance Reflections

by Michele Naar-Obed

Yesterday, I dropped my beautiful daughter Rachel off at the University of Minnesota. She is now beginning a new phase as she grows into adulthood and finds her way in life. I am very proud of her and very grateful for all of the people who entered into her life and helped shape her. From her time of birth til now, Rachel has been raised in intentional community from Jonah House, the Norfolk Catholic Worker to the Duluth Loaves and Fishes Catholic Worker.

There were years of her life that either Greg or I were not at home with her. Either we were in jail for demonstrating against war and nuclear weapons, or in Iraq working for human rights. Right now, Greg is awaiting trial in jail in Tennessee for the latest plowshare action. Some people thought we were negligent, others worried that Rachel would be scarred. But many stepped in and filled her life with love and support and encouragement. Greg and I both thank you for that.

Rachel enters adulthood at a time when the empire is crumbling and the stakes are high. Where our generation's role was to chip away, figuratively and literally, at the empire, her generation's role will be to build the beloved community that will take the empire's place. This is no easy task and my prayer is that she will be up for the challenge. I know she'll give it her best shot and I know that all the love she has received from so many people will help her tremendously in her endeavors.

Peace and thank you,
Michele

Thanks

Thanks to Jim, Sonia, Faith, Tori, Charlotte, Catherine, Kathleen, David, Kirk and Gretchen for helping to mail the last issue, and to Joyce for proofreading this issue.

RAFIL DHAFIR

Rafil Dhafir, the imprisoned humanitarian, philanthropist and war opponent who was tarred as a terrorist in the run-up to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, then aggressively prosecuted for violating the sanctions, has been moved to a prison closer to home. The Iraqi born oncologist and naturalized U.S. citizen is serving a 22-year prison sentence, and spent years in the highly restrictive Communications Management Unit at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Indiana. He is now at the Federal Medical Center Devens in Ayer, Massachusetts, still 300 miles from his home in upstate New York but half as far as Terre Haute.

In June, the appeal of Rafil Dhafir's conviction was filed in federal court. For more information, visit dhafirtrial.net.



Letters of support should be sent to Rafil Dhafir, 11921-052, Unit HB, Federal Medical Center Devens, POB 879, Ayer, MA 01432.

DISARM NOW PLOWSHARES

Fr. Steve Kelly completed his 15-month prison sentence for the 2009 Disarm Now Plowshares action on June 21, and was released from the federal prison in Tacoma, Washington. Kelly's departure from prison began the first time in at least 32 years that no one was in prison in the United States for actions taken in opposition to nuclear weapons.

This state of affairs was short-lived, however, as co-defendant Susan Crane was summoned to federal court July 23 for violating reporting requirements of her supervised release. She told the court that she still believed that their action of entering the nuclear weapons storage yard at the Kitsap-Bangor navy base was not a crime.

"We are watching the world be destroyed right before us," she said. "It requires all the imagination we can muster to change this situation. The conditions imposed by the Federal Probation Office colonize my thinking."

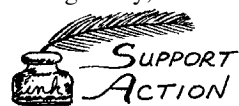
Crane was given leave to self-surrender and serve 60 more days in prison beginning August 22. Five days later, the Transform Now Plowshares entered the Y-12 nuclear

weapons complex in Tennessee, and one of them, Greg Boertje-Obed, remains jailed (see story, page 1).

Crane and her supporters took a three-day, 40-mile peace walk from Lockheed-Martin's Sunnyvale factory, where Trident D-5 missiles are manufactured for delivering nuclear weapons, to the federal prison at Dublin, California, where she turned herself in.

Both Kelly and Crane were able to spend time with co-defendant Sr. Anne Montgomery in hospice in California before she died on August 27.

For more information, and remembrances of Sr. Anne Montgomery, visit disarmnowplowshares.wordpress.com.



Letters of support should be sent to Susan Crane 87783-011, FCI Dublin, 5701 8th St. - Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568.

IN MEMORY Sister Anne Montgomery, RSCJ



photo by Leonard Eiger

11/30/1926 - 8/27/2012

Religious of the Sacred Heart
Teacher
Nuclear resister

Member of the first Plowshares action -
the Plowshares Eight
- and 6 more in the 32 years since then
Witness and companion to people
affected by occupation and war

Anne, we give thanks for your life
for your wisdom, love and compassion
your gentle spirit
and faithful commitment
to actively creating
a more just and nonviolent world.

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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

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judge made no decision and set a preliminary hearing for the following Thursday, August 2.

Thursday’s newspaper headline read “Y-12 halts nuke operations.” It was the first of many reports to come that fallout was spreading far and wide due to the fact that an elder nun and two middle-aged men had breached multiple physical and electronic barriers without triggering a response until they stood at the foot of the fortress-like Highly-Enriched Uranium Manufacturing Facility. In addition to a review of security procedures at Y-12, the disarmament action led to resignations and terminations of guards at the bottom, policy changes and dismissals at middle management, contractor reorganization at the top, and an order for the lead security contractor to show cause why its Y-12 contract should not be terminated. A comprehensive review of security at all the nuclear weapons facilities nationwide was triggered. A “force on force” performance test of the guard force at Y-12 was scheduled for the end of August, and similar tests at the other bomb plants may occur ahead of schedule.

In court on August 2, the three were each asked to plead to a redrawn trespass indictment. Walli and Rice said, “Not guilty.” Boertje-Obed said, “I plead justified because the building of nuclear weapons is a war crime.” Magistrate Clifford Shirley asked him to plead guilty or not guilty, and Greg responded, “I plead for the downtrodden around the world who suffer the consequences of our nuclear weapons.” The judge asked a third time for a formal plea and Greg said, “I plead for the children who need someone to intervene for them.” The judge said, “Fine, I will enter a plea of not guilty.”

After hearing the government’s arguments for denying bail, Shirley found them insufficient and outlined for the prosecution what the statute demands. Court then recessed until the next day.

When Judge Shirley reconvened, Francis Lloyd, counsel for Sr. Rice, reported that hypothermia, possibly brought on by the failure of the Blount County jail to provide her with prescribed medication, might compromise her ability to participate. Shirley recessed briefly, and returned with a space heater to place near Rice, while staff brought a blanket and sweater.

Then the government presented yet another complaint, this time for a felony count of destruction of property. A preliminary hearing on the new charge was set for August 9, Nagasaki Day, but the judge hinted that a grand jury indictment might be forthcoming.

The question of bail was then reconsidered at length. In the end, Rice and Walli were released on their promise to return for the hearing and avoid risking arrest. Boertje-Obed had already submitted a waiver of his bail hearing, and was returned to jail.

At least a dozen supporters were in the courtroom on

August 9 when the grand jury indictment was read, now with three charges: felony depredation of federal property, damage to real or personal property, and trespass, with maximum penalties ranging from one year to ten years in federal prison. Rice and Walli pleaded not guilty to the charges, as did Boertje-Obed after the judge rejected any creative plea and threatened to revoke his self-representation if he did not “conduct himself properly.” With the felony indictment, Shirley said he would preside over the preliminary hearings, but that the trial judge would be Thomas Philips.

Rice and Walli are staying at the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker community in Washington, D.C. while preparing for trial, while members of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance are regularly visiting Boertje-Obed in jail to provide support.

Meanwhile, at another nuclear bomb plant...

Carl Kabat, a 78-year-old Roman Catholic priest who lives with the St. Louis Catholic Worker community, continued his life’s work of “nonviolent public resistance to evil” this summer at the site of the new nuclear bomb parts plant under construction in Kansas City, Missouri.

“In place of defense,” he told friends, “I would like to de-fence [to] allow in all of the Holy One’s deer and other animals that once used the former bean field for its habitat... Besides bolt cutters to de-fence the property, I intend to take a claw hammer which could be used for whatever need arises and some sugar with me... What I would like to do and what I will be able to do are two very different things. May the Holy One bless us and have mercy on us.”

Late at night on July 3, Kabat faced the formidable 10-foot fence. He used bolt cutters to make a hole he could pass through to enter the site. Once inside, Kabat slept several hours and, with daylight, took a long walk across the property, eventually drawing close to the front entry. “A guard saw me and drove toward me in a golf cart, asking, ‘Want a ride?’ So I went with him”, Kabat later said. He was arrested and held in jail until the following day, when he was arraigned on two counts of trespass and one count of destruction of property.

Kabat entered a not guilty plea and was released pending trial September 20 in Kansas City municipal court. Last year, Kabat was fined \$100 for trespassing at the site on July 4, 2011. Since 1975, he has spent more than thirteen years in jails and prisons as a consequence of his disarmament actions.

He prepared the following statement before this most recent action.

I, Fr. Carl Kabat, omi, have decided to celebrate

In late August, the defendants filed motions seeking to delay the initial October 10 trial date so they can properly prepare their legal defense and pursue their indictment which the government has ignored.

For more information, visit transformnowplowshares.wordpress.com.



Letters of support should be sent to Greg Boertje-Obed, Blount County Correctional Facility, 920 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804-5022. This jail has a very strict mail policy. Place your return address on both the envelope and inside on your letter. No postcards, greeting cards, clippings, copies, flyers, internet printouts, etc. are permitted; only letters. Contributions towards trial-related expenses and jail support should be made payable and mailed to Catholic Worker, POB 29179, Washington DC 20017, with “Transform Now Plowshares” on the memo line.

Independence Day, July 4th, 2012 (better named Interdependence Day) at the New Nuclear Bomb Factory in Kansas City, Missouri. Eighty-Five percent (85%) of the nuclear bombs we (the US Citizens) own were made in Kansas City and 85% of all our future bombs will be made at this new factory in Kansas City.

The bombs we dropped on Japan have killed over one hundred thousand (100,000) of our Japanese sisters and brothers, plus five of our own Air Force personnel being held in jails there. This includes those sisters and brothers immediately vaporized and those who died slow deaths over the following weeks, months, even years.

The Nazis killed and burned approximately six million (6,000,000) Jews and five million (5,000,000) others. One of our Minuteman III’s could kill approximately three million (3,000,000) of our sisters and brothers. We have perfected the “art” of killing and burning of sisters and brothers to the point that what the Nazis accomplished in years, we can do in minutes. Four Minuteman III’s could kill twelve million (12,000,000) of our sisters and brothers. We (and others) have perfected the killing of sisters and brothers to the ultimate.

Dum-Dum Bullets and poison gas are outlawed by International Law. The opinion of the International Court in 1995 states that nuclear weapons are a Crime Against Humanity!

Fr. Carl Kabat, omi

Updating other cases, Henry Stoevers and Midge Potts will face trial October 12 in the same court. They were arrested during a nuclear weapons protest at the same construction site in April.

For more information, visit peaceworkskc.org.

Inside & Out

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

**Please refer to
nukeresister.org/inside-out
for current addresses before writing.**

NUCLEAR RESISTERS

Greg Boertje-Obed
Blount County Correctional Facility, 920 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 37804-5022.
(*Transform Now Plowshares disarmament action at Y-12 nuclear weapons complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, 7/28/12; jailed pending trial in federal court*)

Susan Crane 87783-011
(60 days – out 10/20/12)
FCI Dublin, 5701 8th St. - Camp Parks, Dublin, CA 94568.
(*Parole violation for Disarm Now Plowshares action; 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 Coleman I, POB 1033, Coleman, FL 33521.
(*Native American political prisoner framed for murder while defending traditional indigenous from threats including uranium mining on sacred lands.*)



ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIONS

Mark Kenney 14018-047
(4 months – out 11/16/12)
FPC Duluth, POB 1000, Duluth, MN 55814.
(*Convicted of trespass at drone protest, Whiteman AFB, Missouri, 4/15/12*)

Dr. Song Kang-Ho No. 611
Mr. Kim Bok-Chul No. 598
Mr. Kim Dong-Won No. 264
Jeju Prison, 161 Ora-2dong, Jeju City, Jeju, the Peace Island, Korea.
(*Interfering with businesses building navy port, Jeju Island, Korea, 4/1/12*)

Shakir Hamoodi 21901-045
USP Leavenworth, POB 1000, Leavenworth, KS 60648.
(*Plea agreement to one count of violating 1991-2003 U.S. sanctions by providing personal charity for family and friends living in Iraq.*)

Norman Edgar Lowry Jr. KN 9758
(1 to 7 years - in 8/1/11)
POB 200, Camp Hill, PA 17001-0200.
(*Criminal trespass at military recruiting office 8/1/11*)

Rafil Dhafir 11921-052
(22 years - out 4/26/22)
Unit HB, Federal Medical Center Devens, POB 879, Ayer, MA 01432.
(*Convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, 2/05*)

Bradley Manning 89289
(awaiting court martial - in 5/10)
Commander, HHC USAG; Attn: PFC Manning; 239 Sheridan Ave. Bldg 417; JBM-HH VA 22211.
(*Charged with disclosing military video and documents showing evidence of U.S. war crimes*)

Brian Jacob Church 2012-0519002
Jared Chase 2012-0519003
Brent Betterly 2012-0519001
Sebastian Senakiewicz 2012-0520030
Mark Neiweem 2012-0520023
P.O. Box 089002, Chicago, IL 60608.
(*NATO 5, held on high bail and facing various felony charges following protest at the NATO summit in Chicago, May, 2012*)

**PREVIOUSLY LISTED,
RECENTLY RELEASED: Christopher French, Razel Azuara, Yonte Harris, Theresa Cusimano, Stephen Kelly**

Protesters Keep Pressure on Entergy

A renewed operating license has also meant renewed resistance to the operation of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant, but authorities are reluctant to take anyone to court.

Dressed as medical workers, the Shut It Down affinity group took the health facts of radiation to plant owner Entergy’s office in downtown Brattleboro, Vermont on June 12. When their attempt to enter the building was thwarted, eight women occupied the entrance vestibule and began reading aloud the eleven essential health facts of radiation danger they had compiled from official scientific studies. They punctuated the reading with whistles and shouts about the health emergency at the reactor in nearby Vernon. Police were called and arrested the women for trespass when they refused to leave. The eight were booked and released pending arraignment.

The affinity group returned to the Vermont Yankee plant on July 31 for their 20th civil disobedience action since 2005. Two Shut It Downers stretched caution tape across the power plant driveway while others lay on the ground in a die-in as companions chalked their outlines, where they also chalked the words “Shut Down Vermont Yankee.”

Then the women moved to the gatehouse of the power plant where they staged a second die-in with chalked outlines. Nine women were arrested and released. No court date has been set.

About 300 people joined a July 1 Independence from Entergy rally organized by the Sage Alliance in Brattleboro Commons before trekking by bike and bus to the nuclear power plant. Rosie, an 8’ tall papier maché “Trojan Cow” on wheels, accompanied the line of demonstrators who faced off with a line of police near the gate.

In a choreographed scene, those engaging in civil disobedience removed hidden props – solar panels – from the smiling bovine’s belly. Holding them out to the sun, each then walked across the line to be arrested. Troopers took 40 people into custody. An 82-year-old man and his legally blind wife were cited and released on site, but 38 others were taken to Putney for processing and then released. Within a week, all charges had been dropped.

For more information, visit sagealliance.net or contact Shut it Down Affinity Group, c/o Marcia Gagliardi, haley.antique@verizon.net.



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of October there will be a hearing on the defense motion to dismiss due to lack of speedy trial, and in November, the Article 13 motion to dismiss due to abuse will be heard. Judge Lind has already ruled out the testimony of United Nations torture investigator Juan Mendez, who has been denied permission to visit Manning but has repeatedly questioned the conditions of his confinement.

In December, witnesses and evidentiary issues for trial will be heard, and in January, hearings on the handling of classified information. Bradley Manning’s court martial would begin February 4 under this new schedule.

At the end of the last two days of hearings in August, defense attorney Coombs greeted each supporter individually and shook their hand before they left the courtroom, thanking each for attending the hearing.

For more information, visit bradleymanning.org



Letters of support should be sent to Bradley Manning 89289, Commander, HHC USAG; Attn: PFC Manning; 239 Sheridan Ave. Bldg 417; JBM-HH VA 22211.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

~from Blount County

by Greg Boertje-Obed

*The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
Psalm 118.22-23*

When Megan, Michael and I were preparing for the witness that became the Transform Now Plowshares, we discussed this passage and were struck by how it might apply to the action we were considering. We learned of government and corporate plans to build a new factory for making “modernized” nuclear weapons, called the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF). Peace activists called for a campaign to halt the plans for this \$7.5 billion death factory whose projected costs kept increasing. We knew that many of our international treaties committed us to stop building nuclear weapons and to reduce to zero our weapons of mass destruction.

When studying the above scripture, we read that Jesus quoted it in a parable in which he was the stone rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day. He was to become the cornerstone for followers of the Holy One. After Jesus’ death and resurrection, the early disciples quoted this verse, applying it to the rejection of Jesus and his rising from the dead.

A thought that came to us was that the builders of nuclear weapons have rejected the teachings and example of Jesus. Our leading was to seek to act in the tradition of plowshares actions, to bring hammers and blood, and to attempt to hammer on a cornerstone of a building used for making nuclear horror weapons. We knew that a recent structure was built that was intended to be a counterpart to the proposed UPF.

Our intention was to reject nuclear weapons as a cornerstone of our national policy by symbolically and actually hammering on a cornerstone of the new building. We also intended to explain that our action

~from Camp Hill

Prisoner of Conscience

by Norman Lowry

*You can kill us but you cannot hurt us.
- Justin Martyr*

Genuinely conscience-driven success is always accompanied by a fair amount of human loneliness. Sound wisdom always demands a counting of much inherent costs, prior to initiating the risk-filled steps needed to achieve the desired level of success.

Prison is a most lonely place, humanly speaking! It is an utter sewer; a privately constructed hell, filled to overflowing with battered and bruised humanity; most of whom cannot even begin to imagine finding release from it’s vice-like grasp.

My choice to seek entry into this sewer and hell was not some shallow, spur of the moment decision. And even after making the decision to do so; knowing it to be the only decision that would leave me with any dignity or intact integrity, I know that it was not a process to rush into without ample preparation.

Fear of pain; of possible suffering or abuse were non-issues, as I have faced plenty of these demons. Concern over what others would think of caused me no anxiety, as long ago I pretty much ceased being a crowd follower or a people pleaser. At issue was the fact that I was going to have to face the emptiness of human loneliness; the inherent lack of readily available intimacy-filled human interaction that I had painstakingly learned to engage in and enjoy in the world outside of the prison environment. From my many years of interactions with former inmates and from extensive reading of case studies, I had a fairly good concept of what awaited me and simply knew that I needed to insure my readiness to face and engage this sure eventuality.

For relative wisdom, I went to God, to my wise people (mentors, who ironically all chose to distance themselves from me as my process moved forward) and to contemplatives (Merton, Nouwen, Dear, Mother Teresa, the Berrigans, St. Francis, St. Catherine, Gandhi, Dr. King, Rachel Corrie...).

From God, I learned: 1) to base my identity only in what He thinks of me, 2) to seek Christ-likeness as my only quality standard, 3) to value and practice “searching and fearless” self-evaluation and 4) to be totally accountable to God and wise others for all thoughts, actions, feelings and physiology.

From my wise people (mentors), I learned: 1) the value of being transparent and vulnerable (allowing others, even my enemies, to speak into my life), 2) how to define, create and operate within a safe, healing environment, 3) the value of active participation in

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was a rejection of the U.S. role in the world. We knew that our nation functions as an empire that viciously oppresses weaker peoples around the world. Nuclear disarmament and rejection of imperial oppression are both necessary for justice and life.

We believe God clearly guided us through the fences to the uranium building where we put up banners, poured blood, spray painted, put up crime scene tape, and began to hammer on a lower corner of the wall beneath an imposing guard tower. After a few blows, the wall began to crumble. After a few more strikes, the hole widened. A short while later, Megan came with her tiny hammer and swung a few times. The wall continued to crumble.

We give thanks for the miraculous leading of the Spirit, which is how we understand the action occurred. If God can raise people from the dead, then God can lead people past forces of death to continue the process of transforming structures of death to become structures for life-enhancing purposes.

We continue to pray for more transforming and are encouraged by the Spirit that sings:

*This is the day that the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

[Greg Boertje-Obed is in jail pending trial for the Transform Now Plowshares disarmament action at the Y-12 nuclear weapons complex in Tennessee.]

relational conflict resolution, based in honest valuation of what is in the best interest of others, and 4) that we must hold loosely to any relationship; allowing others to leave us, just as freely as they accepted our invitation to enter our lives.

From contemplatives, I learned the practical aspects of what I learned from God - that the quiet of solitude allows us to know God (to know that we are perfectly loved and are invited to love, in return); which always drives us back to our neighbor (both friend and foe); which always drives us back to God: true and available, eternal intimacy.

Properly prepared and armed (with God’s absolute peace, utter contentment and promise of reasonable happiness), I engaged and have never looked back. As with all other moments in my crazy life, God designed this moment for me and, human loneliness notwithstanding (and there are the often dark days of human loneliness), I’m right where I desire to be - no regrets!

In the first chapter of my investment as a prisoner of conscience (mostly served in the Lancaster PA County Prison), I was surrounded by many of the precious ones with whom I had walked with during my days at Lancaster’s Water Street Rescue Mission. These reconnections were most inspiring and provided continuing sustenance during the times when the human loneliness and inmate abuse was so pervasive. The loss of regular contact with family, friends and mentors was more than made up for by God’s unexpected gift of Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, editors of the activist support periodical, “The Nuclear Resister”. This serendipitous contact was accompanied by letters of encouragement and inspiration from all corners of the globe - including new friends and mentors from the Lancaster area’s faith/peace community. Who is the one against whom not even the gates of hell can prevail?

Chapter two of my investment as a prisoner of conscience (within the state prison system) is already proving to be more oppressive - most evident in its passive-aggression. It will be most interesting to see God’s loving plan for this chapter, as it continues to unfold. The inherent human loneliness is more pervasive yet His utter peace and contentment remains and is as sure as He is steadfast!

Note: I remain excited to receive any and all observations and opinions on the subject of being a prisoner of conscience.

[Norman Lowry was recently moved to a state prison where he will serve his one-to-seven year sentence for a third consecutive protest at a military recruiting station in Pennsylvania.]

Hiroshima and Nagasaki ... Never Again

Lockheed/Martin

Since its founding in 1977, the Brandywine Peace Community has spent every August 6 and August 9 in public expressions of remembrance and acts of resistance to the “hopeless lie that rests in nuclear weapons and war.” On Hiroshima Day, a small group gathered at the Lockheed Martin facility in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania with a litany and rituals to remember and resist.

Seven of the group stood in the main driveway entrance to the sounds of a siren and a nuclear explosion before walking onto Lockheed Martin with signs connecting nuclear weapons with daily drone strikes. They attempted to deliver to corporate leaders pictorial packets from Japan showing the horrific aftermath of the atomic bombing 67 years ago. They were arrested for disorderly conduct and eventually released from the Upper Merion police station. For more information, visit brandywinepeace.com.

Vandenberg

Los Angeles Catholic Workers and friends caravanned up the coast on Hiroshima Day to vigil at Vandenberg Air Force Base in remembrance of the atomic bombings and against the ongoing nuclear missile test launches from the base. Five Catholic Workers were arrested as they knelt in prayer, blocking the entrance to the base. They were released an hour later at a city park in nearby Lompoc, pending court summons.

VANDENBERG UPDATES

On June 21, the last four of 15 people arrested at the February test launch of a Minuteman III missile were arraigned and entered not guilty pleas. The group is scheduled for trial together on October 17.

The 13 people from the Pacific Life Community action who blocked the missile base gate and were arrested on March 19 had their charges dismissed June 18, the day before they were to appear for arraignment in federal court in Santa Barbara.

For more information, visit vandenbergprotest-macgregor.blogspot.com and vandenbergwitness.org

Bangor

The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Washington state celebrated 35 years of persistent resistance to nuclear weapons as they commemorated the 67th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Japan. On the morning of August 6, activists lined the road leading into nearby Naval Base Kitsap Bangor, where the majority of the U.S. Trident nuclear-armed submarine fleet is based. They held signs and banners alongside a full-scale inflatable Trident II D-5 ballistic missile. About 7 a.m., peacekeepers entered the road to safely stop traffic. Three activists followed them into the roadway carrying a banner with their message, “Abolish Nuclear Weapons.” Washington State Patrol officers apprehended the three and escorted them to the median for processing.

Almost immediately, another group of activists entered the roadway with a banner bearing the message “Give Peace a Chance. No, Seriously.” As they were being removed from the roadway two more groups in turn carried banners calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons onto the roadway and were subsequently removed. Traffic entering the base was stopped continuously until all protesters were cleared from the roadway.

A total of 16 people engaged in the blockade. All were issued citations at the scene for “walking on roadway where prohibited” and released.

BANGOR UPDATE

Four Trident resisters arrested at the Mother’s Day blockade had a hearing in Kitsap County Court at the end of July. Elaine Hickman, Tom Rogers, Bert Sacks and Carlo Voli told Judge James Riehl why they should not be fined \$56 for the “pedestrian in the roadway” violation. Hickman, who had her thyroid removed after living downwind from the Hanford nuclear site, warned of the dangers of nuclear weapons both in their potential use and in their production and disposal. Rogers is a retired U.S. Navy captain, who commanded an attack submarine and was responsible for nuclear weapons. Rogers said he

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Los Alamos

This year, Occupy Wall Street’s Environmental Solidarity working group joined together with some nuclear disarmament advocates to promote August 6, Hiroshima Day, as a national day of action against the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal.

Answering the call in New Mexico, Occupy Santa Fe and (Un)Occupy Albuquerque joined with Nuke Free Now!, Pax Christi, New Mexico Nuclear Watch and others for a series of commemorative events beginning July 16, the anniversary of the first atomic bomb test in the New Mexico desert.

On Hiroshima Day, about 40 people joined an early morning prayer vigil at LANL. Six vigilers were arrested after they blocked the entry road, including Barbara Grothus, who joined the blockade in honor of her father, the late Ed Grothus. Grothus was a lab worker turned anti-nuclear activist, becoming the moral conscience of the Los Alamos community.



photo by Jim Haber, Nevada Desert Experience

Dennis DuVall is taken to the arrestee’s pen at the Nevada nuclear weapons test site, August 9, 2012.

felt it was his duty as a citizen to oppose their use and the threat of use as a violation of the 1996 International Court of Justice ruling. Voli also cited international law and protested, as a hard-working citizen, the use of 59% of his taxes without his consent for defense and war spending, including upkeep of our unnecessary nuclear capability. Sacks, a physician who was fined for violating the Iraq sanctions by delivering medical supplies, presented several documents to the court to support his premise that the government knowingly uses war tactics that cause deaths to civilians.

Riehl took their testimony into consideration, reserving judgment for three weeks. He then reduced their fine to \$25, writing that, “Unlike most defendants who commit this infraction, the defendants in these cases did so with intent of bringing attention to their goals of eliminating nuclear weapons.” For more information, visit gzcenter.org.

NATO DEFENDANTS FACE TERROR CHARGES

In June, grand jury indictments were filed against the NATO 5. The men are being held on bonds ranging from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million, and face up to 11 separate state felony charges for plotting attacks during the NATO summit in Chicago in May. Brent Betterley, Jared Chase and Brian Church are accused of providing material support for terrorism, terrorism conspiracy, soliciting arson and attempted arson. Two counts of unlawful use of a weapon and four counts of possession of an incendiary device round out the rap against each of them. The three men are the first people to be prosecuted under an Illinois terrorism law enacted after September 11, 2001. They entered not guilty pleas on July 2.

Sebastian Senakiewicz was charged with four counts of falsely making a terrorist threat, and pleaded not guilty before a different judge the next day.

The six were released on their own recognizance, and all entered not guilty pleas at their arraignment on August 9. For more information, visit tna.lovarchy.org.

Livermore

About 100 people gathered outside the Livermore nuclear weapons lab in California for an afternoon Hiroshima Day rally. Four people were arrested after symbolically foreclosing on the lab and securing it with paper chains and locks. For more information, visit trivalleycares.org.

Pentagon

The annual August 6–9 Faith and Resistance retreat in Washington, D.C. carried out nonviolent actions at the Pentagon, White House and Enola Gay exhibit as repentance for the sin of nuclear weapons and war, as prayers of intercession for the victims, and as an appeal to everyone to nonviolently resist the nuclear empire and “to make God’s reign of love, justice, and peace a reality in our world.”

About 15 people wearing sack cloth and ashes held a mostly silent vigil at the Pentagon on Hiroshima Day, holding photos of bombing victims and two banners. One called for repentance of the bombing while the other banner read, “Why Harbor Evil Thoughts in Your Hearts? (Mt. 9:4).” Gospel readings, poetry and a song separated the periods of silence. Following the song, the group processed out of the fenced-off designated protest area and six went onto the sidewalk near the Pentagon metro entrance and remained there to pray in silence. After several warnings the six were placed under arrest and taken to a new processing site on the Pentagon grounds. They were charged with violating a lawful order and released with a court date on October 19. There were no arrests at the other actions. For more information, visit dccatholicworker.wordpress.com.

Nevada Test Site

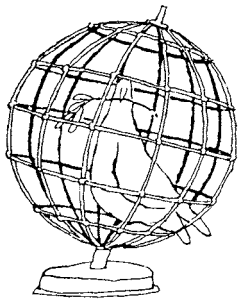
Culminating a week of peace events as part of Nevada Desert Experience’s August Desert Witness, six protesters were arrested at the Nevada Test Site (NTS, now named the Nevada National Security Site) on Thursday morning, August 9. The morning began with a sunrise ceremony around a fire circle, where Johnnie Bobb of the Western Shoshone nation led about 20 people in prayer and remembrance of the victims of Nagasaki and all peoples affected by the horror of the bombings and nuclear testing over the past 60 years. The group then processed to the entrance where the six crossed over the test site boundary. As is common practice for line-crossings at the NTS, all arrestees were briefly detained in open-air pens, cited for trespassing and released. For more information, visit NevadaDesertExperience.org.

Mark Neiweem was indicted for solicitation of explosives or incendiary devices, and pled not guilty. Neiweem was recently hospitalized for two days after a beating by guards at the Cook County jail.

Three other men facing assault charges after separate scuffles with police were recently released on bond. Raziel Azuara, Christopher French and Yonte Harris are also awaiting trial. For more information, visit nato5.occupychi.org.



Letters of support should be addressed individually to the five men at the address listed on page 3 of this issue in Inside & Out.



INTERNATIONAL NOTES

South Australia

Jeju, South Korea

Buoyed by national and international support, the tenacious opposition to construction of a Korean navy base on Jeju Island has not abated. Daily police brutality has not deterred the protests of the Gangjeong villagers and supporters. Still, the dredging, blasting and placement of concrete tetrapod breakwaters is irreversibly damaging more of the fresh springwater habitat in the sacred lava rock coastline there, as well as ostensibly protected rare soft coral habitats in the temperate coastal waters.

As of mid-August, 492 people have been before the courts in the five-year campaign, mainly for the offences of trespass and obstructing business. Nearly \$240,000 in fines have been collected, and three men remain in prison. Dr. Song Kang-Ho, head of the Save our Seas group, has been in prison for interfering with the business of the construction company since April 1.

Kim Bok Chul was arrested June 18 outside a base gate. Another activist had locked onto the bottom of a cement truck, and police asked Kim to get down and talk to the man as police tried to free him. Kim was then arrested himself, and jailed to face trial for this and previous arrests for obstruction and violating the law on public demonstrations.

Kim Dong-Won was arrested June 30 for occupying a crane on a barge that was dredging next to coral habitat without the required silt protectors. He took the action after multiple complaints had failed to correct this absence of required, albeit limited, environmental precaution.

Both Mr. Kims are currently on trial, a sometimes protracted process.

For the most comprehensive information in English about the daily and dynamic resistance to the construction of the Jeju navy base, visit www.facebook.com/groups/nonavalbase and savejejunow.org



Letters of support should be addressed individually to Dr. Song Kang-Ho No. 611, Mr. Kim Bok-Chul No. 598, and Mr. Kim Dong-Won No. 264, all at Jeju Prison, 161 Ora-2dong, Jeju City, Jeju, the Peace Island, Korea.

Normandy, France

Anti-nuclear activists have joined with local farmers in Normandy to stop a high voltage power line being built through the French countryside. Fields and woodlands are being cleared for the massive pylons of a line that would bring electricity from Flamanville Unit 3, the massive flagship European Pressurized Reactor now four years behind schedule at twice the projected cost.

Sixty activists from both struggles defied a large police presence and helicopter harassment to rally June 2 on the private land of opponents in Larchamps, not far from a site where helicopters would bring in the pylon being erected that day. Contractors called on the military to clear the area. The gathering was well underway when a line of police quickly formed and on order, the phalanx charged into the field, pushing and throwing demonstrators aside to break up the meeting. One man wounded by some kind of police projectile, and bleeding, was taken into custody by police. Florent Boittin thought he'd been taken to treat his wounds, but two hours later, he was charged with "rebellion" because an officer had been injured in the melee. He was convicted August 23 and fined €300, suspended.

On June 6, three dozen people blocked construction trucks in Chefresne, an area where for months activists have occupied trees marked to be felled for the power line. Six people, including the mayor, were arrested and charged with obstruction.

Nearly three weeks later in Montabot, hundreds of police forcefully broke up a large anti-nuclear action camp. About 500 people gathered there from June 22–24. Two days of meetings between anti-nuclear activists and local power line opponents were going to be followed by a day of nonviolent action on Sunday. That morning, two processions left the camp – one towards the power line, and the other towards the town hall in Chefresne. Within a few hundreds meters, each procession met with a wall

Lizard's Revenge was billed as a five-day, solar and wind powered Music and Arts Festival of Resistance in South Australia's outback, with the serious message of opposition and nonviolent resistance to uranium mining at the Olympic Dam mine near Roxby. In an aboriginal dreamtime story, Kalta the lizard is said to be in the ground at the site of the uranium mine. This legendary lizard lies sleeping and has in its belly yellow poison. It should not be woken.

More than 500 Australians, including aboriginal elders and also internationals, converged in mid-July at the site of a planned \$30 billion mine expansion that would create the world's largest open pit mine for uranium, copper and gold.

As the first campers arrived in the remote desert area, the government invoked the Protective Security Act, giving police authority to stop traffic and question travelers, and direct people to leave a specified area near the mine. This effectively prohibited establishment of the Lizard's Revenge protest camp next to the mine gate, and police escorted all vehicles to the campsite a short distance away.

Police nearly outnumbered festival attendees, subjecting them to constant surveillance and spotlighting from helicopters, motorcycles and patrol cars.

A stop for a traffic offense on July 14, the first day of the festival, led to the first arrest when the driver refused to show identification.

On Sunday, July 15, more than 400 demonstrators made up in both elaborate and *ad hoc* costumes marched two kilometers in a Zombie Walk to the mine's reinforced steel entry gate. In negotiations over the campsite location, demonstrators agreed not to drive to the mine gate, so they pushed their mascot down the road ahead of them, a lizard sculpture created on the motorless hulk of an automobile.

On Monday, hundreds of people again rallied at the entrance while some pushed through a temporary chain link fence but were thwarted from reaching the mine itself by the massive entry gate just behind the fence.

Tuesday morning, July 17, demonstrators set up a

of tear gas, and the procession to town hall retreated. Attacking the more militant elements in the power line procession, police swung truncheons and fired stun grenades, deliberately aiming at activists. Two people with serious head and eye injuries needed evacuation, but police interfered with the ambulances, delaying their arrival by 90 minutes. At least 20 other demonstrators were wounded, many by shrapnel from the multiple stun grenades fired into the crowd. One person was arrested.

On the morning of July 10, police surrounded the Beaulieu-sur-Oudon home of Simon Desmouts, a retiree known for his vocal support of those affected by the powerline. As soon as he came out to ask police why they had barricaded his doors and windows, he was tackled and handcuffed, then arrested. He was charged with assaulting a volunteer deputy six days earlier, when his car brushed against her at a demonstration. He was released pending trial November 23.

On July 31, Chefresne farmer Yves Larsonneur was pulled from his tractor by police and taken into custody for ten hours while powerline work was begun on his land. He has refused hundreds of thousands of euros compensation offered to farmers under the path of the wires.

In late August, university student Michael Garabello was convicted of participation in a violent demonstration because two police suffered minor injuries during the June 24 clashes. He was sentenced to three months in prison but is free on appeal. On the same day, Michel Houssin, president of an association of farmers against the power line who led an action to unscrew bolts on a pylon last spring, was fined €1,000 plus €3,300 in damages and legal costs.

For more information, visit percysoustension.pagesperso-orange.fr.

picnic "Breakfast not Bombs" at one of the traffic control points established by police. The picnickers pointed out that uranium from the mine and others like it contributes to the nuclear weapons industry, and any expansion to this mine is an increased contribution to that industry. Police declined breakfast, instead arresting two women and four men for failure to comply or loitering.

Later that day, police and miners were invited to join a "uranium mining is just not cricket" match. Instead, dozens of police in formation and six on horseback bowled over players, forcing them to leave the road and adjacent gathering area. Musical equipment and props were confiscated, and five players were arrested in the ensuing scuffle.

Police complained that the protesters "absolutely refused to discuss anything with us at all and they're just taking action into their own hands... They will go to any end regardless of how calm we stay."

The festival formally ended on Wednesday, and many departed for home then. But Thursday morning, at least 40 activists and the Lizard blocked the road again and two men locked onto the axle of a truck before it could turn around. Police brought in a tow truck to remove the sculpture and erected a temporary fence around the stranded truck. This isolated the locked-down pair from their supporters until they were cut loose nearly four hours later. They were

charged with illegal interference, and three more people who refused an order to leave the area were also arrested.

A week later, mine owner BHP Billiton announced at least a two-year delay in their Olympic Dam mine expansion plans, citing increased operating costs and lack of investment due to the weak global economy.

For more information, visit lizardsrevenge.net.

Bristol, England

About 70 anti-arms trade campaigners attempted a mass citizens weapons inspection of the EDO-MBM factory in Brighton, England July 16, the premier action of Smash EDO's Summer of Resistance. The factory produces and exports bomb release hardware, including items specific for outlawed cluster bombs, and is working on units "the size of a dollar bill" for "new approaches to the delivery of small non-traditional weapons from non-traditional airframes [drones] involved in the kill chain."

Vanloads of police surrounded the march to the factory, and massive barriers were erected along Home Farm Road, sealing off the factory from the inspectors. Undaunted, several inspectors produced locks and their mock missile props were revealed to be lock-on tubes. They quickly fixed themselves to the high-tech mobile barricade at the heart of the police line, effectively closing down the entire industrial estate and preventing movement in or out of the weapons plant. Other inspectors tried to climb over a fence behind the police cordon and managed to hang a banner opposite the factory gate.

Late in the afternoon, police imposed Section 14, closing the area to further demonstrations and clearing the road. Four people were eventually cut free from the barrier, arrested and released after midnight. Five more were arrested for obstructing the road as it was being cleared, and another person on suspicion of breach of bail.

Jessica Nero and Gavin Pidwell stood trial beginning July 31 for aggravated trespass at EDO, having glued themselves to the factory gates in April, 2011. Testimony over three days, including lengthy examination of the factory's managing director, centered on the alleged use of a particular EDO bomb rack cable by Israel's U.S.-made F-35s that dropped cluster bombs. Sale for such a use is contrary to British law, and Sussex police have ignored detailed dossiers from campaigners challenging the factory's production and demanding prosecution.

The court accepted that the company cannot be responsible for off-license uses, and convicted the two campaigners. They were sentenced to 24 month conditional discharge and fined £200 each. They plan to appeal. For more information, visit smashedo.org.uk.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

~from Onondaga County

by Clare Grady

An observation coming from the Syracuse Justice Center: it is a very cold and hard place, where women are doing time for minor offenses such as open container, dirty urines, shoplifting to support their drug addictions. Our prisons are full, 2.3 million full, mostly with poor people and people of color. The offenses of those who fill our jails and prisons cannot be compared with that of the leaders and commanders of this country and it’s military, a military that terrorizes and kills with impunity as a matter of policy and spends trillions of stolen money to maintain it’s superpower status.

I see a corollary in this tragic reality. To the extent which we do NOT hold ourselves or our government accountable for the Big Crimes of mass murder and grand theft, we will scapegoat others in our midst and around the world. Poor people and people of color and those who resist, will continue to face targeting,

Faslane, Scotland

After 30 years, the peace camp just down the road from Britain’s Trident nuclear submarine base at Faslane, Scotland looks more settled in than it was ever intended to be. Yet the need for its presence persists through more than a generation of high and low points, as residents have come and gone. This year, with Scottish independence and Trident’s replacement both hot political issues, current campers sought to revitalize the ebbing resistance at Faslane by calling for 30 days of action to mark the 30 years of resistance to nuclear weapons.

Barbara Dowling and Mary Millington of Trident Ploughshares shut down the base June 2 by walking through the North Gate. They were cited and released.

On June 9, three peace campers dropped a huge banner from a landmark gantry crane in Glasgow. “Nuclear Disarmament. If Not Now, When?” Planning to make a day of it, the climbing campers took a lovely packed lunch and some literature. However, quite a few police vans were on scene almost immediately and made vain efforts to remove them. After 14 hours, the three decided to climb down and were immediately arrested. They were jailed over the weekend for breach of the peace, and will face trial November 9.

On June 11, a Peace Olympics competition was held in the roundabout by the north gate. Four Scottish women were arrested during the Tug-of-Peace across the line.

On the camp’s birthday, June 12, peace campers Angus Chalmers and Leonna O’Neill entered the nearby Coulport nuclear warhead storage base via the water, swimming within meters of the Explosives Handling Jetty. They eventually set off the bandit alarm, which alerts the Ministry of Defence security and disrupts the normal running of the base as all personnel have to report indoors and the gates are closed until all the activists have been arrested. They were arrested and charged with violating military bye-laws and the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (SOCPA). Both were held in custody until court on the following afternoon. The SOCPA charges were dropped and they pleaded not guilty to the bye-law charges. Trial is set for September 11.

Two English pensioners and veteran nuclear resisters, Joy Mitchell, 79, and Joan Meredith, 82, sat in the road to block traffic into the base on June 14 and were arrested. Mitchell said, “I have to come and do my small part in disrupting the immoral and illegal work that goes on in

Minsk, Belarus

In the days before Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev was due in Minsk, Belarus, police rounded up several human rights activists and imposed short jail terms. One order of business for Medvedev on July 18, the day of his arrival, was to sign a general agreement for Russia to build nuclear power plants in Belarus.

That morning, the coordinator of the Belorussian anti-nuclear campaign, Tatyana Novikova, and the Russian nuclear physicist Andrej Ozharovsky, who works with the campaign, were both arrested and taken into police custody. Later, unknown people also detained the coordinator of the Monitoring Group of the Centre of Legal Transformation, Michael Matskevich, and Irina Sukhiy, chair of the Eco House, as they left the office of the Green Network. Matskevich was headed for the Leninsky police station to see if the two anti-nuclear campaigners were being held there, and Sukhiy was off for the Russian Embassy to deliver the original petition signatures opposing construction of nuclear power plants in Belarus.

The four anti-nuclear activists joined the other human rights activists already jailed. They were kept in custody during Medvedev’s visit, and the last of the four was released ten days later. For more information, visit charter97.org.

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profiling, criminalization, imprisonment, torture and murder at the hands of the state.

Until we undergo a change and a revolution of values, one that seeks Peace with Justice not War, one that puts Humanity first, not the gods of Militarism, Racism and Greed, we will not have Peace. I hope that we help each other with such a revolution, because we are all in this together.

[Clare Grady wrote this statement for court while jailed for six days this summer for resisting drone warfare being waged from Hancock Field, New York.]

New York Drone Protests Continue

In the United States, nonviolent resistance to robotic warfare is proliferating, and is notably persistent in upstate New York.

Parading without a permit charges were dismissed on June 14 for the 33 people arrested in April as they walked peacefully through DeWitt, New York on their way to protest outside Hancock Field. Many of the defendants had carried signs protesting the piloting of weaponized Reaper drones from the Air National Guard base. Their intent to deliver a citizen’s indictment to the base was foiled by the pre-emptive arrests.

Two weeks later, on June 28, demonstrators returned unannounced, this time blocking the gate for over two

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this base.” Meredith declared, “To accuse us of Breaching the Peace when deployment of these indiscriminate weapons is allowed to continue unchallenged by the authorities is wrong.”

Appearing in court as ordered the next day, no paperwork was present and the women were sent away until summoned.

An international action on June 19 included eight blockaders from across Britain, Spain and Sweden. They locked down and closed both north and south gates, disrupting the morning shift for 90 minutes. Six were held overnight before pleading not guilty in the morning.

An afternoon of music and song at the gate on July 1 included a couple of incidents of people walking through the gate. Several activists were arrested, but before going to court the next day the bye-laws and SOCPA charges were dropped.

These and other smaller actions over the month led to a total of at least 30 arrests. All charges were dropped except those against peace campers, including three who face trial October 7 for a blockade.

For more information, visit faslanepeacecamp.wordpress.com, or email faslane30@gmail.com

Olkiluoto, Finland

A series of direct actions blocked roads and disrupted traffic into the construction site of the world’s largest nuclear reactor project, resulting in 35 arrests in Finland. Two reactors already contaminate the Olkiluoto site, and a fourth is being planned even while the third, the latest French model known as the European Pressurized Reactor, is years behind schedule and nearly two billion dollars over budget.

Some 150 demonstrators from Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Sweden, Spain, Italy, France, Iceland, Cuba, Argentina and Scotland joined the third annual action camp from August 5-13, and created a festive atmosphere for the resistance on August 11. Blockades took place on the main highway next to the Olkiluoto nuclear power plant north of Rauma, as well as on the access roads to the facility. Roads were blocked by costumed mutant ninja turtles, while other activists locked down in arm tubes, chained themselves together on the pavement and to logs in the road, or hung from trees and from a quickly erected tripod. All of those arrested were released from custody.

People who contested charges from the 2011 action camp are finally scheduled for court in September. For more information, contact olkiluotoblockade@riseup.net or visit olkiluotoblockade2012.wordpress.com.

FUTURE ACTIONS

swan island

The Swan Island Military Base in Queenscliff, Australia will be targeted for a week of blockades and disruptive action September 23 – 27 as part of the annual Swan Island Peace Convergence. Nonviolent resistance actions aim to hinder Australia’s continued military involvement in Afghanistan, demanding all troops to come home. For more information, visit swanislelandpeace.org.

hinkley point

An international call is out to Reclaim Hinkley all day Monday, October 8, from 00:00 to 23:30. Join in an act of mass civil disobedience by trespass onto the proposed site of Hinkley C nuclear power station in Somerset, England. EDF Energy is already trashing fragile Somerset countryside in preparation for the nuke – even though it hasn’t received planning permission to start building. “When injustice becomes law, resistance becomes duty.” For more information, visit stopnewnuclear.org.uk.

vandenberg

Hope For The 21st Century, an education, organizing, strategy and resistance conference challenging robotic weapons and social control technologies is planned for October 18–21 in Santa Barbara, California, followed by a backcountry nonviolent resistance action to occupy/ disrupt the Pentagon’s global drone and missile targeting nerve-center at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Sponsored by the Alliance to Resist Robotic Warfare & Society [ARROWS]. For conference/action information and registration, contact tierralinda@live.com.

ft. benning

The 22nd anniversary November Vigil to Close the School of the Americas will be held outside Ft. Benning, Georgia from November 16-18, 2012. From their call: “Our movement unites vast sectors of society, including union workers, immigrants, people of faith, anarchists, pacifists, students, torture survivors, and many others. We recognize the existence of the School of the Americas as an example of the pervasive culture of militarization. We stand together with many justice movements in our joint struggle for social change. We stand with the prison abolitionists, as so many of our own prisoners of conscience have come to understand the criminal injustice system through harsh prison sentences. We stand with immigrants fighting deportation, many of whom have fled the repression in their own countries.” 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.

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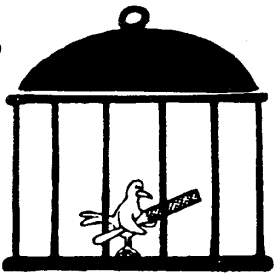
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ALLIANT TECHSYSTEMS: In June, Steve Clemens spent seven days in jail and David Harris spent two, the last jail time to be served in a fifteen-year campaign opposing the weapons production of the Minnesota-based arms manufacturer. The campaign ended last year when Alliant Techsystems (ATK) moved out of state. Since October 1996, 733 arrests were made for nonviolent acts of civil resistance at ATK’s corporate headquarters. Over the years, several defendants won jury acquittals after presenting evidence that their actions came from a duty to prevent the crime under international law of depleted uranium weapons production. A Chronology of Nonviolent Resistance at Alliant can be found at alliantaction.org...

INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI: The Truman Presidential Library declined to prosecute, so charges against Lucky Garcia and Mitchell Green were dropped. The Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans were among a group of people who protested inside and outside a book signing event last winter featuring accused war criminal Donald Rumsfeld. The two had refused to retreat to a restricted protest area away from the venue...

BUFFALO, NEW YORK: After four days of testimony and as the jury began a second full day of deliberations, a mistrial was declared June 14 in the case against anti-war activist Nate Buckley. Both sides moved for a mistrial after the city court judge revealed that one of the jurors had passed him a sealed note seeking leniency for a sibling in a separate case before his court. Buckley will be re-tried the week of October 15. He and co-defendants Jason Wilson and Elliot Zyglis were arrested during an anti-war protest in April, 2011, and charged with trespass violations as they rallied on the plaza property of a downtown bank. In custody and not resisting, Buckley was then sprayed in the face with mace by one of his arresting officers, an assault caught on video. Nevertheless, he faces additional charges of resisting arrest and obstruction. The judge found Wilson and Zyglis not guilty...

OCCUPY WALL STREET: Jonathan Friedman was sentenced to six days of community service in June, after being found guilty of blocking the entrance to a war financier conference in Manhattan with others last fall. He told the court after sentencing, “In demonstrating at the entrance to the Credit Suisse conference, I was hoping to express that war criminals consist not only of those who order people to their deaths, but also of those who sit back in their comfy offices controlling the production of deadly weapons and the necessary support networks, directly profiting from massive death and destruction. These war criminals receive millions of dollars in stolen tax money that the people of the United States of America need for food, housing, hospitals, libraries and schools”...

TALISMAN-SABRE: Margaret Pestorius was convicted of “possessing a camera, with intent” inside the Shoal-water Bay Military Training Area during a 2011 anti-war infiltration of the bi-annual U.S.-Australia war games. Photos Pestorius published on-line show military vehicles, blockaders and their banner on a dirt road in the training area, a prohibited image under Australian law. Pestorius was fined the maximum \$100, plus costs of \$4,886. Her camera and memory card were seized...

HECKLING BLAIR: Lawrence Reichard pled guilty in August to disorderly conduct and was given a fine. He heckled Tony Blair with shouts of “War criminal!” as the former British Prime Minister delivered the commencement address at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. A hearing September 27 will determine the consequence of his refusal to pay...

WAR TAX RESISTER: Frank Donnelly completed federal probation for war tax resistance on June 7. He writes in *More than a Paycheck*: “I’ve been deemed a hardship case and not collectible, but have liens on my home for lots more than its value. So be it... I have a per month payment plan, so what they say I owe should be paid off in just over 500 years, including lots of interest and penalties. It seems the key to the game is the payment, however small it might be... I don’t necessarily like the per month payment plan, but being on probation — either pay or break probation and finish your time back in prison. After June 7 it seems an easy way for me to keep them away from my door. They could take 15% from my Social Security check. Either way compromises my belief in not paying for the war machine, but life is full of compromise”...

LOCKHEED-MARTIN/SUNNYVALE: Ed Ehmke has refused probation and court costs for crossing the line at the California nuclear war contractor last spring, and will be in court this fall for a possible jail sentence. Four co-defendants from the Good Friday action agreed to 18 months probation and \$202 in court costs...

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY: Don Timmerman was promised charges would be dismissed for his anti-ROTC protest on Good Friday at the Jesuit university’s church if he promised not to trespass there for six months. Timmerman would not promise, but the charge was dismissed, nevertheless....

Drone Protests, cont.

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hours with a banner declaring “Federal Crime Scene, Don’t Cross.” Another banner depicted Martin Luther King stating, “I Have a Dream!” next to a portrait of Obama declaring, “I Have a Drone!”

The first New York state troopers and DeWitt town police to arrive casually observed the blockade and occasionally chatted with military personnel behind the gate. Blockaders spoke to the drivers of the cars they turned away, explaining that drone warriors at the base are committing crimes of war. A war crimes indictment was read aloud and presented to the soldiers.

At about 1:30 in the afternoon, a line of Onondaga County sheriff’s patrol cars arrived, bringing as many cops onto the scene as demonstrators. They quickly assembled and moved in, clearing the road in minutes and arresting 15 people, including 87-year-old Mary Snyder in her wheelchair. Most were released on their own recognizance, but Mark Scibilia Carver, Clare Grady and Ed Kinane stayed in jail.

Each of the three refused to post a bail imposed for not paying fines or not reporting approved community service after their convictions for protest at Hancock Field last year. In court July 3, the three all reiterated that their work to “ground the drones” *is* their community service. They were sentenced to time served (6 days) and released from jail.

At pre-trial, some charges were dismissed for inadequate paperwork; the remaining defendants face trial November 14.

For more information, visit upstatedroneaction.org

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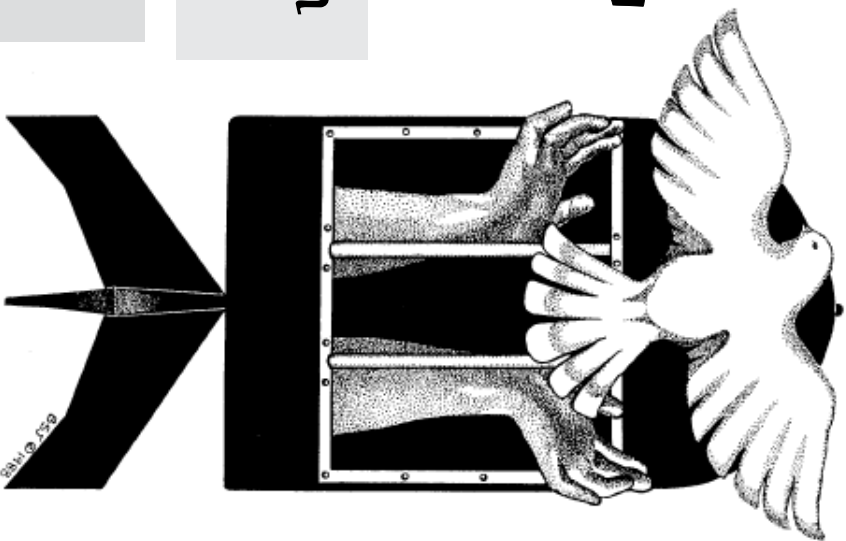
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