Hiroshima & Nagasaki Day Actions

BANGOR SUB BASE

Nuclear abolitionists held two days of protest at the Trident nuclear submarine base in Washington state to commemorate the anniversary of the atomic bombings.

The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action gathered to vigil on the roadside just outside the base Main Gate early on the morning of August 9. While Ground Zero peacekeepers safely stopped incoming traffic, four activists risked arrest by entering the roadway and blocking arriving sailors and workers with large banniers.

Sue Ablao and Mack Johnson carried a banner identical to the large ad now being displayed on the side of Seattle Metro Transit buses that reads, “20 miles west of Seattle is the largest concentration of deployed nuclear weapons in the U.S.” The accompanying image includes a map with a line drawn from the sub base at Bangor to Seattle.

Washington State Patrol officers removed Ablao and Johnson from the road, and shortly thereafter two more activists, Philip Davis and George Rodkey, entered the roadway carrying a banner that read “No More Genocide In My Name,” a reference to the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

State Patrol removed Davis and Rodkey from the road, and issued all four activists citations for being in the roadway illegally before they were released.

The next day, “Boats by Bangor” marked the Nagasaki anniversary with a water-based nonviolent protest and witness for peace in the Hood Canal at the Trident base. A peace boat of 13 kayakers and twenty activists on two sailboats was led by one of the sailboats, the Golden Rule. The Golden Rule is the original peace boat that set sail in 1958 to the South Pacific to stop nuclear bomb testing in the atmosphere. A Veterans for Peace project recently restored the ship.

The activists traveled along the entire waterfront of Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, where the Trident submarines are maintained and resupplied for ballistic missile patrols in the Pacific Ocean. Military personnel were courteious and professional in their interactions with the August 9 peace boat. Both the boat and the bus are part of an ongoing effort by activists to lift the veil of secrecy involving nuclear weapons in the Puget Sound.

This was the first year for a large-water-based presence since the first Trident submarine, the USS Ohio, arrived in Bangor in 1982. The boatilla and the bus are all part of an ongoing effort by activists to lift the veil of secrecy involving nuclear weapons in the Puget Sound.

Three men who crossed the line at the Bangor sub base in May are set to be arraigned in federal court on September 7.

LIVERMORE LAB

About 200 anti-nuclear activists rallied outside the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab in California on August 9 to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the U.S. atomic bombing of Nagasaki, and to stand with survivors of nuclear weapons from Hiroshima to the Marshall Islands.

Speakers at the rally included atomic bomb survivor Nobuki Hanoaka, Executive Director of Lawyers Against Nuclear weapon and the ground zero Center for Nonviolent Action.

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE

On August 6, 30 members of the Los Angeles Catholic Worker, the Guadalupe Catholic Worker and Veterans for Peace gathered at Vandenberg Air Force Base in central California to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. While they vigil for peace outside the main gate of the base where ballistic missile nuclear tests are launched, Mike Winsniewski and Karan Benton were approached by base security and warned that they were in violation of their ban and bar letters. These are letters received from the base commander after prior arrests there, barring one’s participation without written permission in protests at the gate, which is located on California Highway 1, miles inside base property. The two activists were asked to leave immediately or face arrest. Winsniewski chose to leave the protest area, while Benton refused to leave and was immediately arrested.

Later, after the vigil and prayer service, Jed Poole and Chris Knudson crossed the green line marking the base.

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Our summer has flown by! Here in toasty Tucson, we’ve been enjoying occasional monsoon rains and anticipating abundant basil, armenian cucumbers, padron peppers, purple long beans and zucchini from the garden. In June, our daughter arrived for about a month. She just finished five years of teaching music at an international school in Panama, and she unpacked her belongings and decided what to pack before heading off to her teaching job in Vietnam! Our son started a new IT job here in Tucson around the same time. We’re happy they both have jobs doing what they enjoy!

In August, Allison McVilligay (who was a Nuclear Resister intern in 2012) was charged with trespassing again as she and other protesters continue organizing 36 years of Nuclear Resister archives. Listening to her questions and comments as she’s reading archive material andcourt statements, letters from prisoners and the sometimes heated exchange among activists about topics like nonviolence, action tactics and the effectiveness and value of spending time in jail, reminds us what a significant, vibrant and evolving movement the Nuclear Resister has chronicled. It’s taking longer than we first imagined, but what a valuable resource this archive will be when they are part of the Peace Collection at the Swarthmore College library! We are grateful that Allison has offered us more of her time and invaluable help in September before she and her husband Sam leave Tucson after living here for two years... We wish them the best as their journey unfolds from here!

At last, we were able to make the same journey – to the National Catholic Worker gathering from October 7-9 in Las Vegas, which will conclude with nonviolent action at the nearby Nevada nuclear test site and Creech drone base. We are traveling from Tucson with John Heid, and very much look forward to attending this gathering and meeting friends (old and new) there! This will be the fourth National Catholic Worker gathering we have attended in Nevada over the years – kudos to the wonderful friends at the Tucson Catholic Worker community once again for hosting and organizing!

We are disappointed, however, to be missing the first School of the Americas Watch Border Convergence in Nogales, Arizona (U.S.) and Nogales, Sonora (Mexico), which unfortunately is happening the very same weekend. We have been hearing from friends who are letting us know they are looking forward to seeing us when they are in southern Arizona, and we’re sorry we won’t be here.

That said, if you are coming to the SOAWatch Border Convergence, please let us know if you’ll still be around on Tuesday, Oct. 4th. We will try to hopefully schedule a drone protest early that morning at Davis Monthan Air Force Base. Also, if you come to Arizona *before* the SOAWatch Border Convergence, please let us know we will attend on Tucson on Tuesday, October 4 (during Keep Space for Peace and on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi).

Peace vigil at Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson from 7 - 8 a.m., (from where armed drones are piloted around the world). Park at recreation field parking lot at N.W. corner of Catalrzy & Glink Links Roads with access from Craycroft.

Talk on nuclear weapons by John LaForge of Nukewatch (and former SOA Watch prisoner of conscience), at 15:30 p.m., at the University of Arizona Union, 1035 N. Treat Ave., Tucson (at 1st St., one block south of Speedway).

Please contact us for more details about the October 4 activities at any time. Our newsletter also provides more details of this issue for more information about the SOA Watch Border Convergence and the National Catholic Worker gathering.

Felice & Jack Cohen-Joppa, coordinators

The Nuclear Resister

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THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

September 6, 2016
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ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIONS

Chelsea E. Manning 98298
1300 North Warehouse Road, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas 66027-2304.
(35 years – in 5/2010) (Whistleblower convicted on charges related to release of military video and documents showing evidence of U.S. wars crimes)

Rafil Dhafir 11921-052
FMC Devils Unit GB, Federal Medical Center, P.O. Box 879, Ayer, MA 01432.
(22 years – out 4/26/22) (Convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions)

Norman Edgar Lowry Jr. NK 9758
SCI Dallas, 1000 Follies Rd., Dallas, PA 18612. (1 to 7 years – max out 8/31/18) (Sentenced 11/12 for third charges at military recruiting office in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 8/1/11)

Jared Chase M44710
P.O. Box 99, Pontiac, IL 61764. (8 years – out 12/2013) (Convicted of possession of incendiary devices with intent to commit arson during protests at NATO summit in Chicago, May, 2012)

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED: Michael David Irving/Connon, D. J. Dietrich, John D. Apel
Dietrich and Dennis Apel each served a four month sentence and were released on August 26 and September 2, respectively.

Chris Knudson, another of the August, 2015 Vandenberg defendants, has been told his Social Security check will be docked $135 in fines and court costs, plus interest for not paying his fine.

In May, the Santa Barbara Independent began publishing a series of Apel’s letters from prison on their website. His fourth letter tells of a sudden meeting he was called to in early June, after the third was published. Apel describes the “sting” he felt after the meeting, realizing he had agreed with the suggestion of the official who called him in that maybe publication of his letters “could wait until I got out.”

He decided to continue sending letters to the paper. Three more had been published by mid-July before the hammer fell. On July 14, Apel was removed from general population and placed in a segregation housing unit (SHU). He was told he would be charged with introducing contraband into the prison. It was alleged that some of the correspondence had tested positive for amphetamine, and Apel was suspected of soliciting.

Supporters responded quickly with a flood of letters to the warden protesting the absurdity of accusing the 66-year-old Catholic Worker of drug smuggling. The alleged sender submitted a notarized affidavit denying the accusation.

At a hearing two weeks later, the charge was withdrawn and he was returned to general population.

To read Dennis Apel’s letters from prison, visit independent.com/news/diary-from-prison.

For more information, visit lacatholicworker.org and vandenbargwitness.org.

Dear Family and Friends,

Today is Monday and as they say here, I’ve got “three days and a wake-up.” On Friday morning, September 2nd sometime around eleven o’clock in the morning I will walk out the front door of the building, the two will be in court on November 7. I have spent an evening giving me a lesson on how to construct the bomb plant.

I am aware of this fact that will be my final correspondence with you all. I have not been able to find a way to write to you all. But it’s important for you to know how grateful I am for your love, prayers and support. I’ve been told the few sentiments expressing love and gratitude, the hope is that our prayers were less for me than for the abolition of the death penalty, and that the people who run the prison and are stoked the fires of hope that the darkness cannot overcome. All we have is God and each other, and it’s more than enough.

Thank you for being there...

Much love,

Dennis

UPDATE

I have spent a considerable amount of time in prayer. And I know that many of you have joined your prayers with mine. Although I am leaving the prison the struggle continues and my hope is that our prayers were less for me than for the abolition of the death penalty, and that the people who run the prison and are stoked the fires of hope that the darkness cannot overcome. All we have is God and each other, and it’s more than enough.

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Jared Chase Update

Just as the last issue of the Nuclear Resist went to press, we are pleased to report that petiton authorities on his behalf, Chicago NATO summit protest prisoner Jared Chase was finally brought to the prison hierarchy.

He was a free man, a changed man, and was able to maintain contact with an attorney from Chicago’s Uptown People’s Law Center since then. Although he is not corresponding much, Chase has expressed appreciation for mail, birthday cards and books received this summer.

His current booklist can be found at freethenato3.wordpress.com.

Letters of support should be sent to Jared Chase M447110, P.O. Box 99, Pontiac, IL 61764.

In an essay, “What Makes a Hate Group”, Terrell identifies one of the main reasons for her work, “the patterns of behavior” surveilled by Shadow Drones that trigger the “signature strike” executions of people of color by military drones. “The patterns of violence in our streets is the war coming home, and running the license plates of law abiding citizens will not make Juneau County Sheriff’s deputies any safer so long as those wars rage on.”

For more information, contact brian@vcvn.org.
Residents of Gangjeong, the village at the center of resistance to the new naval base on Jeju Island, South Korea, continue to go to jail. Like many before him, Mr. Lee refused to pay a fine of about $2,500 and served it off in jail for five days.

Kim Mi-ryang, a local villager, spent two days in jail in July in an impromptu resistance to unjust police questioning. She had reluctantly agreed to a scheduled interview at the station, police demanded she also submit to an interview about another arrest (at the local station) on which Kim refused, and told supporters she was also protesting the Korean navy’s lawsuit seeking compensation from the villagers for construction delays attributed to their protest.

On September 5, Mayor Cho Kyung Cheol was handcuffed and taken to the Seogwipo city police station. He has refused to cooperate with an investigation about the same protest of the April military patrol, where he told soldiers to stop pointing their guns. He closed his eyes and kept silent while being questioned. The mayor was then taken to jail in Jeju City, where he fasted for two days until being released.

For more information, visit savejejunow.org.

**BATH IRON WORKS BLOCKADE**

The Navy’s latest Zumwalt-class “stealth” destroyer was christened in a ceremony at the Bath (Maine) Iron Works on June 18. Outside the ceremony, peace activists rallied to decry the latest $4 billion attack vessel. Many have participated in regular vigils at the shipyard, holding banners and reaching out to the workers with a message of peace and economic conversion, not industry for empire.

Twelve people shut down the street in front of the shipyard just as the Navy crews were entering to attend the event.

“...we just shut the whole street down,” Bruce Gagnon told the Bangor Daily News. “Our goal was to interrupt the celebration of endless war and corporate profit. On top of that, we’ve been wanting to do it for a long time. There was a feeling that we had to do more to speak out against this in our own community, our state.”

One banner they held addressed the idea of Christ blessing the warship, declaring “The Global Crucifixion of Christ Today.” Another read “Convert the Warship, Declare the Global Crucifixion.”

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Burghfield, England

A month of coordinated blockades of the AWE Burghfield nuclear weapons facility in England got an unexpected boost when bobbies opted to avoid arresting the first nonviolent campaigners at the gates.

About 50 people opened the protest on Monday morning. Just as the blockaders, most dressed in red, used a colorful cloth "red line" banner to block the main gate, others locked together and closed down traffic on two roads leading to the crucial construction gate.

"With our red clothing and long red line of fabric, we [are] making the connection to climate change as another critical threat to our future that is largely ignored by the state," said one of the blockaders, a blind woman who makes it imperative that people take back control," they stated.

The organizing group, Trident Ploughshares, had made a point to ask police not to interfere with their intervention against illegal weapons of mass destruction, and were surprised when they did not.

By day's end, the demonstration evolved into a single blockade, closer to the critical construction gate. A core group of about 20 people settled in for the night.

Meanwhile, in London after dark, the messages "Trident is a war crime" and "Stop Trident Replacement" were projected onto the exterior walls of the Ministry of Defence and Houses of Parliament, referencing the upcoming vote in July when that body would approve a multi-billion-pound plan to replace Britain's four strategic nuclear weapons. The next day, June 7, four people, including three conscientious objectors from Finland, were arrested after using a car to block the roadway near the main gate and locking on to it. The four were held for nine hours and released, charged with obstruction. But the blockade of the construction gate remained.

Pleased with the police response, whatever their reason or motives, the organizers did not have a permit to demonstrate on that date and were determined to join the round-the-clock action and sign on with groups already committed to direct action later in the month.

For the next week, the English, Welsh and Scottish activists were joined by opposition from France, Germany, Belgium and Finland who helped sustain the blockade. They took turns locked together and were sheltered from the elements by others in support roles. Construction inside was reported to be at a standstill, and blockaders saw that police were turning away trucks too large to reach the construction site through other gates.

On day six, women from nearby Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp came to support the blockaders. They put up more banners on the fences and were told to take them down as this was a bylaw offence. To the amusement of witnesses, the Aldermaston women quoted from the High Court case that they had won some years previously, attempting to put up banners as part of lawful protest. The military police insisted that Giulia Gigliotta, Juliet McBride, Kay Tabernacle and Angie Zelter have been "defacing the fence." The women were detained and later released with a summons.

For the first week of round-the-clock blockading, the protest continued with a peace camp across the road from one of the gates. It became the gathering place for the scheduled protest groups who held day-long blockades in the following weeks.

As the number of overnighters dwindled, police stormed the temporarily unattended blockade on June 13 and demanded the lock-on equipment be removed. Organizer Angie Zelter took responsibility for the gear but refused to remove it. The gear was all cut off and Zelter was reported for a bylaw violation.

On June 15, Zelter was again reported for a bylaw violation after refusing to unlock from a 40-foot-long plywood Trident submarine cutout that a Welsh group had used to block the road.

The next day, campers celebrated their shut-down success and ended overnight camping at the site as no one was able to commit to holding the space safely and responsibly. The protest with sit-ins and blockades of the construction gate kept it out of use through the end of the month.

On June 27, the No Faith in Trident action saw 14 members of Christian peace groups block all three gates into AWE Burghfield using super glue and arm tubes. After two hours, police removed locking devices and cleared one entrance without arrests. At the next gate, five were arrested for obstruction in order to clear the way, and over six hours later, three more people were arrested when the last blockade was clear. All eight refused to give their details at the scene for a summons by mail, and were released late that evening. While the blockades were in place, people from local Buddhist, Muslim, Christian and Sikh groups also gathered to pray outside the base for the victims of war.

A Scottish woman was arrested early in the morning of June 28 as she painted "No more deadly convoys" in the road leading to the main gate. Mary Millington's graffiti referred to the nuclear warhead transports that move on public roads and through cities from Burghfield to Coulport in Scotland. She was released that afternoon, charged with criminal damage.

More than 200 people had participated by June 30, when demonstrators hung large red Xs all along the perimeter fence and again blocked the construction gate for the "red line" finale. No more arrests were made.

Ten members of Trident Ploughshares held a six-hour vigil inside Parliament the evening of July 18, leading up to the Trident replacement vote. Despite their singing and speaking out, they were not arrested.

For more information, visit desobeir.net.

Lianyungang, China

Thousands of residents of Lianyungang, a port city in China's eastern Jiangsu province, took to the streets for four days of anti-nuclear protest, (coincidently?) from Hiroshima Day, Saturday, August 6 through Nagasaki Day, August 9.

The mass assemblies began just days after it was revealed that the city was favored on a short-list of potential sites for a joint French-Chinese uranium reprocessing facility that is integral to China's expansive nuclear power plans.

While state-run media ignored the protests, people used social media to facilitate their organization and despite government censorship, spread news and images from the demonstrations around the world. As a result, at least one man was detained by police on a charge of disrupting social order, accused of encouraging support for city workers preparing to go on strike over the issue.

Police consider how to remove the locking device used by No Faith in Trident activists to blockade AWE Burghfield.

Photo by Zoe Broughton

The government only highlights the mass investment in the project and its economic benefit, but never mentions a word about safety or health concerns," a local resident told the SCMP by phone. "We need to voice our concerns, that's why we went on our protests," he said.

By Monday, day three of the protests, video posts online showed police blocking city government offices from protesters, and about a dozen people were reportedly detained for throwing stones.

Officials who would comment dismissed the protests as "parochial," "Not In My Backyard" affairs. On Tuesday, Nagasaki Day, at least 10,000 people defied a police ban on unauthorized gatherings while police told the public to disperse or risk police violence against demonstrators, and that one had been killed.

On Wednesday, August 10, the local authority reacted to the protests with a single post to its Weibo social media account: "The preliminary work of the nuclear fuel processing project is suspended." 

Exacty three years ago, similar demonstrations against a uranium fuel processing facility in southern Guangdong province also led local authorities in the city of Jiangmen to back out of the siting process. While another Guangdong city, Zhanjiang, now also on the same short list for the reprocessing facility, authorities there have reportedly joined those in Lianyungang to say the reprocessing plant would not be built in their city.

Nevertheless, port workers, food service and hospital employees in Lianyungang all since reported being urged to sign pledges not to "spread rumors" or "participate in illegal assemblies", and instead pressure co-workers to sign on as well.

Compiled from reports in the South China Morning Post and Globaltimes.cn.

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Paris, France

Opening day of the Euroatory arms expo, June 13, was culminated by activists from the French collective Desboir (Disobey) as they took several simultaneous actions against war. Professionally attired activists entered the suburbian Paris exhibition hall. Some crossed the rope lines and climbed on board a Leclerc tank and another, unfurling banners and pouring red paint on the weapons. A female activist insisted on the protest while others inside displayed banners and spoke out against the business of killing. Outside, more activists rallied and some blocked the exhibitor area in front of the main gate, which had been marked with red paint as well. Police eventually forced all the demonstrators out of the building. They took 15 to the station for questioning and identity checks before releasing them five hours later. A complaint has been filed by the Ministry of Defense and expo organizers, and they may face criminal charges.

Group spokesman René Filliaud said, "Euroatory is itself a war crime. Amnesty International reveals that even a French company here is promote torture equipment! The Leclerc tank that we acted on today, a product of the French company Nexter, was shown during the recent war in Yemen." Countries subject to United Nations arms embargoes were also among the exhibitors and registered attendees. For more information, visit desboir.net.

Faslane, Scotland

A resident of Faslane Peace Camp was held overnight on June 23 after canoing into the Trident nuclear submarine base at Faslane, north of Glasgow, Scotland. He faces charges for violating military byelaws under the Series B Policing Act while police filed the protest while others inside displayed banners and spoke out against the business of killing. Outside, more activists rallied and some blocked the exhibitor area in front of the main gate, which had been marked with red paint as well. Police eventually forced all the demonstrators out of the building. They took 15 to the station for questioning and identity checks before releasing them five hours later. A complaint has been filed by the Ministry of Defense and expo organizers, and they may face criminal charges.

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think it is “worth” to exploit our national wave of
racism and spin squarely on the side of working
white EU-wide making-class pride. Dispensing with the
“political correctness” of an acknowledgement of the
righteousness and historical roots of their anger, he has
viciously dismissed Black Lives Matter concerns, saying:
“An attack on Dallas police is an attack on the
nation. This focus on the police by Black Lives Matter has
to stop instantly, because that preserves our
civilization. I am standing firmly behind the ‘Men in
Blue.’ I am making Law and Order the top priority of
the Republican Party.”

Dear Community,

had an interesting and very illustrative encounter at
work today. Larry, a big white guy about 50 years old,
was back at work today after 30 days in the hole. He was explaining why he had been in there: “a monkey ran up my
tree and bit my toe.”

“I am sorry, I don’t know what you mean,” Dennis told
him.

“I had a fight with a black guy.”

Though Dennis and I were perplexed and stunned at
this story, Larry has had a reasonably high proportion of 90%
of the white population in here who would share Larry’s racial
bias, and that is exactly the same bias that Donald Trump is
seeking to exploit in the upcoming election.

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embraced by Trump’s blatant rhetoric of reactionary
racial violence, I am reading Jacques Ellul’s 1967 book
titled to this end. That it has a great deal of relevance to our
current situation.

Ellul believes that people in the U.S. are filled with
a sense of “optimistic idealism” that blinds us to the
essential violence of our history. He refers first all to the
“dual sanctum of America” of the [Native Americans], the
system of occupying the land… the

In 2010, 87% of those actions were against people of color. It began when Barry said, “These black people think that the police always focus just on them.”

Richard: “Have you ever been shot by the police?”

“By no, but my point is that the police don’t just
focus on black people.”

Richard: “Have you ever been shot by police?”

“By no, but I have been stopped by the police plenty of times and they don’t know me and they treat me like shit. They treat everyone the same.”

Richard, angrier, voice rising: “Have you ever been shot by police?”

“At this point,” Dennis said, “I had my feet pointed back towards the cell. I thought we were going to have a race riot on our hands; but one of Richard’s friends stepped in and said to the police go, man: ‘Don’t stop him.’

On the other hand, Donald Trump obviously does
think it is “worth” to exploit our national wave of
racism and spin squarely on the side of working
white EU-wide making-class pride. Dispensing with the
“political correctness” of an acknowledgement of the
righteousness and historical roots of their anger, he has
viciously dismissed Black Lives Matter concerns, saying:
“An attack on Dallas police is an attack on the
nation. This focus on the police by Black Lives Matter has
to stop instantly, because that preserves our
civilization. I am standing firmly behind the ‘Men in
Blue.’ I am making Law and Order the top priority of
the Republican Party.”

Dear Community,

I woke up this morning to news reports of a shooting
in Baton Rouge by a black man who had shot five police
officers, killing three. In related news, police had found
a cache of weapons and plans, they said, for a campaign
targeting white police. They were pursuing four black
males, two of them were 12-year-olds.

Ellul says that reciprocity is one of the characteristics
of violence. If we use violence against one form of war, we
are not surprised if our foes responds with violence. “In one
way or another, their blood cries out and violence will
seem the only way out. [Then] it will be too late to calm them and create human life.”

Donald Trump’s response to the shooting is to blame the violence on Black Lives Matter. Certainly a more extreme response to the shooting for 40 years of black chattel slavery and acknowledge our complicity in the white oppression of African-Americans, and then finally establish a slavery reparations committee that will determine an appropriate one-time contribution of a fund that would attempt to compensate African-Ameri-
cans for their centuries of toil and unremunerated labor that made the U.S. the great power it is. Each act of reparation could be an important step towards healing.

Yet given the current political climate, hope for such a response seems nothing short of ludicrous. We are in a political milieu with a president and vice president who actually talk about the individual Christian. Ellul tells us that “Christians will be sufficiently and completely present in the world if they suffer with those
who suffer, if they seek out those whose suffers the one way of salvation, if they bear witness before God and man
to the consequences of injustice and the proclamation of love.” (Ellul).

Jeff Dietch has just completed a four month prison sentence for trespass at Vandenberg Air Force Base in August, 2015.)
HANCOCK FIELD: The New York State Court of Appeals agreed in June to hear the case of Mary Anne Grady Flores, convicted of violating a 2012 order of protection granted to the then-commander of the base where remote pilots control armed drones overseas. The court turned down a similar appeal affecting another group of Hancock Field protesters just days before accepting Grady Flores’. Both appeals addressed the same issues of inappropriate use of orders of protection by a military base commander. Grady Flores served 49 days of a six-month jail sentence last spring before the sentence was stayed pending consideration of this appeal and she was released. The court is expected to hear the case in late 2016 or early 2017...

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WELLINGTON: One protester’s charge was dropped, another person pled guilty, and several defendants opted for a diversion from court. That left 16 people who were in a New Zealand court on July 21 for their first pre-trial hearing for charges of trespass and obstruction during last November’s protest at an international weapons plosion, Vanunu reports that his latest trial began July 4, “about moving apartment without reporting, for meeting foreigners, and for speaking to Israel media about Dimona nuclear secrets. So the trial started and will continue in the next months. But I am ready to leave Israel any day, any time, very soon. Freedom Now!” Court orders annually renewed since his release from prison forbid him to leave Israel, and he is constantly surveilled and occasionally arrested and jailed for violating these constraints...

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