

# the Nuclear Resister

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## Hiroshima & Nagasaki Memorial Actions



photo by David Abercromby

Disarmament activists commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the atomic bombings of Japan with a human blockade of the road leading to Britain's Trident nuclear submarine homeport at Faslane, Scotland on August 7.

### FASLANE BASE

Dutch peace campaigner Willemien H. is spending at least one month in jail following a peaceful protest on August 7. She's one of three anti-nuclear campaigners who marked the 73rd anniversary of the World War II atomic bombing of Japan with a blockade of the submarine base at Faslane, near Helensburgh, Scotland, the homeport for Britain's nuclear-armed Trident submarines.

The protesters from the nearby Faslane Peace Camp used lock-on devices to link their arms together on an access road to the southern gate at 7:00 a.m., disrupting a shift change and closing the road to all traffic for over three hours. A specialist police team was deployed to cut through the devices and separate the three for arrest and removal.

In a pre-written statement, the campaigners said: “The American atomic strikes on Japan devastated two cities, killed 180,000 and left many more permanently injured, including the children of survivors who were exposed to the radioactive fallout. Today, British submarines on deployment from bases in the west of Scotland, carry far more powerful weapons in terroristic threat to the peace and safety of the rest of the world.

“The British government is spending £200 billion of public money to maintain this poisonous capability well into the mid-century, against the wishes of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish people, as well as a growing consensus at the United Nations. We are therefore forced to take action to remember the victims of atomic warfare and affirm that nuclear deployment is not in our name.”

Following their arrest, the three were taken to Clydebank police station and charged with breach of the peace. One was additionally charged with resisting arrest by refusing to walk from the scene. Two were immediately released on condition that they do not enter a 100-meter radius of Faslane or the nearby Coulport weapons depot and dock.

Appearing in Dumbarton Justice of the Peace Court the following day on her own behalf, Willemien H. pleaded “not guilty” and rejected the same bail terms offered to the others. She said the terms were incompatible with her human rights and religious beliefs. A regular attendee of both political demonstrations and Catholic and Quaker meetings held at Faslane, Willemien asserted that prohibiting her attendance at these events breached her rights of religious freedom and freedom of expression.

The court upheld the terms of release and remanded Willemien to custody. Back in court on August 23, she again refused the terms of release and will remain in jail until trial on September 6. The retired sonar engineer would prefer to not receive letters in prison, nor have her surname used in the press.

Faslane Peace Camp has occupied a small strip of land across the road from the naval base since 1982, possibly the longest continually inhabited peace protest site in the world. Over the years it has hosted thousands of anti-nuclear campaigners from around the world and provided a forward base for direct action and demonstration against nuclear weapons. The camp is open to the public 365 days a year.

### LIVERMORE LAB

by Marilyn Bechtel, *People's World*

Hundreds gathered outside the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory on August 6, to mark the 73rd anniversary of the devastating U.S. nuclear bombing of the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and to pledge a greatly stepped-up fight to abolish nuclear weapons worldwide.

Keynote speaker Daniel Ellsberg, the whistleblower whose 1971 release of the Pentagon Papers helped speed the end of the Vietnam War, highlighted the concept of “time, time enough, and too late” in relation to both climate change and nuclear apocalypse.

He linked the alarms raised by climate scientists, who see looming “tipping points” after which change is impossible, with Martin Luther King Jr.'s April 1967 observation concerning nuclear weapons: “There is such a thing as too late.”

Illustrating his point with accounts of the captain of the Titanic sealing his ship's doom by ignoring repeated warnings, and the choices which might have averted total nuclear devastation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Ellsberg said, “The meaning I draw from it is, every minute we have here is precious, everything is at stake, we don't know if it is too late to keep those trees from dying in a

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### ALLY OF FUKUSHIMA EVACUEES ARRESTED

Among the many commemorative events that were held all around the Peace Park in Hiroshima, Japan on the August 6 anniversary of the first atomic bombing was an evening memorial service for victims of both The Bomb and nuclear power.

Members of Go West, Come West, a civic association of evacuees from the March, 2011 Fukushima disaster and their supporters, held a speak-out challenging the Japanese government's response to the ongoing catastrophe affecting all of eastern Japan as inadequate and cruel.

Speakers, banners and flyers, in Japanese and English, brought together the many strands of the nuclear threat in a straight line of radiation exposure from Hiroshima to

## Italian Plowshares Activist Imprisoned

Fugitive Italian anti-war and Plowshares activist Turi Vaccaro has been arrested and jailed in Sicily to begin serving an 11-month, 27-day sentence.

Acting on a warrant issued in November, 2017, DIGOS, the Italian special police, determined that the well-known practitioner of nonviolent direct action would attend this summer's annual NO MUOS protest camp near Niscemi. MUOS is the acronym of a Pentagon satellite relay station critical to U.S. war making in the Middle East and Africa. The massive dish antennas and transmission towers were placed on land cleared from a beloved cork-oak forest preserve, and their ultra high frequency radiation bathes neighboring residents.

Police observed Vaccaro among hundreds of others on the big August 4 march, where some demonstrators tried to bring down a section of chain-link and barbed-wire fence only to be rebuffed by police firing tear gas.

The next day, as protesters relaxed and broke their camp, police decided to execute the warrant for Vaccaro's arrest and imprisonment on a criminal damage conviction from 2015. When Vaccaro again approached the fence, DIGOS agents shouted at him to stop. Police gave chase on foot as the notoriously barefoot activist scampered away down the rural lane. About fifty activists quickly mobilized a cordon to slow the police pursuit, and Vaccaro disappeared into the countryside. Hours later, police reported his arrest as he hid in thick vegetation less than a mile away.

Back on December 2, 2014, Vaccaro violated home confinement from a previous protest when he cut through the fence and entered the restricted MUOS site to protest the drone warfare made possible by this global communication system. Inside the fence, he hung a banner proclaiming NO MUOS and *Spade in Aratri* (“Swords into Plowshares”). He then walked towards the antennas, planting grape vines and fig trees, and casting seed balls along the way – seeds of hope for those seeking asylum from the wars – including even cannabis, “because there are no forbidden plants.”

Vaccaro entered a building at the base of one antenna and used a large boulder to damage electrical equipment inside. U.S. military police arrested him, and he was convicted in 2015.

In a show of solidarity, supporters rallied on August 9 outside the fence of the Gela prison where he was initially being held and have rallied twice more outside the prison in Palermo where he was moved a few days later.

Vaccaro was also arrested at MUOS in November, 2015, after spending 34 hours perched atop one of the giant parabolic antennas. While there, he hammered on the delicate reflecting panels, causing an estimated \$800,000 of damage. In 2005, Vaccaro served six months in prison in the Netherlands for entering an airbase and hammering on two F-16 nuclear bombers.

For more information, visit [nomuos.info](http://nomuos.info).



Letters of support should be sent to Salvatore Vaccaro, Casa Circondariale Caldarelli, Piazza Pietro Cerulli 1, 90129 Palermo PA, Italy.

Fukushima. “Our goal was to unite with Hiroshima and act together to end these ongoing disasters in the world,” they wrote.

Passersby from around the world were engaged. Some applauded the personal testimonies that were read and joined in conversation until police intervened and arrested one of the members on a trumped-up charge.

During their presentation, a man in military-looking garb came into their group, taking photographs and shouting at the speakers. They ignored his provocations but, as they began packing up from the rally, he called police and said his camera had been broken by a demonstrator.

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# Resistance Reflections

by Martha Hennessy June 2018

### Post-Release

A \$5000 bail payment allowed me to leave Glynn County Jail despite the reality of our either being a flight risk or a violent danger to the community. My husband signed a \$50,000 bond against our family home in Vermont. Our daughter and her husband and three children live on the property as well.

I wear an ankle monitor that uses radio frequency and a dedicated phone line (\$30 monthly) to track my location out here on the small farm where I grew up. I must be in the house from 8:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. I am allowed to walk to the mailbox to pick up mail from 3:00 to 3:15 p.m., six days a week. The monitor is set to a range that allows me access to the hen house, greenhouse, gardens, and my daughter’s apartment as I babysit my grandkids.

Between my in-house detention and drought conditions the gardens look fairly weed-free. I returned home at the end of May, just in time to plant odds and

ends of vegetables that my husband had not yet finished. I love to plant, thin, weed, water, and mulch the fruits and vegetables.

I spend my days caring for the gardens, sheep, chickens, and my grandsons, ages six and three and my nine-month-old granddaughter when my daughter and son-in-law are working. I go out three times a week for appointments and, with permission, to attend Mass. Any other outings must be planned ahead with permission obtained from my “service officer,” the language of capitalist consumerism used to describe my parole officer. I am not yet convicted of any crime.

I think of the women in prison and my co-defendants whom I left behind in southern Georgia and how much work there is waiting for all of them when they arrive home with their families. I pray every day for them, three of whom are still in jail at the Glynn County Detention Center. Each of them holds such a strong spirit of faith and truth. Stephen Kelly, SJ remains steadfast in his insight into the vision of Phil Berrigan for a nuclear-free

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nuclear winter. That means each of us has the opportunity to do what we can to postpone that, avert that, make it less likely forever. And that is worth doing.”

He called on the crowd “to act as if we still have time to change this. We don’t know otherwise; it’s impossible to say it’s too late at any given point.”

The rally ended with a heartfelt call for peace from young people ages two to eleven, who participated in a family peace camp over the preceding weekend, and with a stirring Call to Action delivered by Jacqueline Cabasso, executive director of the Western States Legal Foundation.

“Preparations for nuclear war are underway here at the Livermore Lab,” Cabasso said, noting that 89 percent of the lab’s budget for fiscal year 2019 is dedicated to nuclear weapons activities, including developing new ones.

“But in this time of multiple global crises, our work for the elimination of nuclear weapons takes place in a broader context,” she said, “with the interface between nuclear and conventional weapons, the humanitarian and environmental consequences of nuclear war, and the fundamental incompatibility of nuclear weapons with democracy, the rule of law, and human wellbeing.”

Demonstrators then marched to the West Gate of the Livermore Laboratory, where they participated in a Japanese ceremonial dance, held a “die-in” and left chalk outlines of their bodies near the Lab entrance, and witnessed or joined the 41 protesters who were arrested, cited and released.

For more information, visit [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org).

## VANDENBERG AFB

by Dennis Apel

More than 30 people gathered on August 6 at the main entrance to Vandenberg Air Force Base in California to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima by the United States. Launching from Vandenberg, the United States regularly tests intercontinental missiles for delivering nuclear warheads.

The peaceful vigil included readings from John Hersey’s “Hiroshima,” a nuclear abolitionist statement by the late Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen, and the Prayer of St. Francis. Seven vigilers held photos of the seven Kings Bay Plowshares defendants as an invitation for them to be present with us.

Tensie Hernandez of the Guadalupe Catholic Worker chose to represent the group with an act of civil resistance. She walked onto the base and refused to leave, talking with security police about the bombing of Hiroshima and the importance of being intentional about our life decisions and who we choose to support. Hernandez was arrested, handcuffed, cited for trespassing, driven off-base and released. She will be notified of her court date.

For more information, visit [vandenbergwitness.org](http://vandenbergwitness.org).

## OFFUTT AFB

In Bellevue, Nebraska, about 15 Catholic Workers and friends held a morning memorial service for the atomic bomb victims on Hiroshima Day. They gathered outside the gate of Offutt Air Force Base, home of STRATCOM, the U.S. Strategic Command that develops and directs nuclear war planning. Fr. Jim Murphy was arrested after walking across the line at the Kenney Gate. Fr. Murphy is the priest of two small town churches in southwest Wisconsin. When he told parishioners of his intention,

they generally expressed respect for his beliefs, even as they disagreed.

In a Statement of Faith and Intent, Murphy wrote:

...Last summer the U.N. gathered the nations of the world to support a treaty to ban nuclear weapons. As the nuclear powers refused to participate, there was little coverage of the 122 to 1 vote of nations to join the treaty to ban nuclear weapons. In November 2017, Pope Francis addressed an international symposium on a world free of nuclear weapons. He said: “If we take into account the risk of an accidental detonation as a result of an error of any kind, the threat of their use, as well as their very possession, is to be firmly condemned.”

NOW IS THE TIME for me to make the walk up the inclined drive at Offutt Air Force Base and say that my spiritual leader has condemned the work of nuclear war planning. After decades of statements from the church about the evil of the use of nuclear weapons and the loopholes of working toward disarmament, I can now be a local moral agent to communicate the condemnation of the existence of all nuclear weapons.

Murphy was arrested and cited for trespass, then released with a letter barring him from the base for two months. He awaits a court date.

## DES MOINES BASE

On the afternoon of August 6, Des Moines Catholic Workers began a three-day vigil outside St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. With their banners, flyers and sidewalk speakouts, they implored Bishop Richard Pates to speak out against the Iowa National Guard Drone Command Center in the city.

Pates has previously said that America’s drone warfare policy “was not just, was not moral,” but Frank Cordaro appealed for the Bishop to bring that message home to his parishes and give “a moral teaching about this war policy that’s going on right now in our city... Please, Bishop, for God’s sake, speak out.”

Upon conclusion of their 72-hour Cathedral vigil on August 9, a small group of supporters and vigilers went to the Drone Command Center, where Frank Cordaro and Jakob Whitson attempted to enter in protest. They were arrested for trespass and released with a citation and initial court date.

Following a hung jury last April, the retrial for three Des Moines drone war resisters set for August 20 has been rescheduled to September 10.

For more information, contact Frank Cordaro at [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com).

## KITSAP/BANGOR BASE

by Leonard Eiger

Activists with Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action held a memorial vigil at the Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor main gate beginning on the evening of August 5 and continuing into the morning of August 6. It came at the end of a weekend commemorating the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and calling for the abolition of all nuclear weapons. Activities included keynote presentations, an Interfaith Peace Walk that ended at the Center and a waterborne protest, “Boats by Bangor,” that toured on Hood Canal by the Bangor base waterfront where Trident nuclear armed submarines are prepared for their patrols.

About 60 people were present at the morning vigil, and 12 blocked the base entrance at the peak of the

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world. He has already served significant prison time for his work on nuclear abolition.

Liz McAlister, Phil’s widow, is absolutely clear in her understanding of the biblical call to cleanse the world of these diabolical weapons. Her family continues to sacrifice for a better world for children. Mark Colville has labored for 25 years in a Catholic Worker house of hospitality caring for his disenfranchised neighbors. He continues a beautiful ministry in jail where the spiritual needs are great.

Clare Grady, Carmen Trotta, and Patrick O’Neill are out on the same conditions as mine, now caring for their families, and working to spread the word on nuclear resistance. I can’t express enough the deep gratitude I feel for the beloved community and our families who allow us to be on this journey, holding and loving us, knowing that there is always hope for a world free of war and oppression. “Look toward Him and be radiant, let your faces not be abashed.” (Psalm 34:6).

*[Martha and the other three out on bond had conditions of release eased after an August 2 hearing. No longer confined to their homes during the day, they must still wear ankle monitors and observe evening curfew.]*

## ¡Presente!

### Sarah Hipperson

October 26, 1927 –  
August 15, 2018

anti-nuclear campaigner,  
long time resident of  
Greenham Common  
Women's Peace Camp,  
mother, grandmother



### David McReynolds

October 25, 1929 –  
August 17, 2018

nuclear and draft resister,  
pacifist, socialist,  
39-year staff member of  
the War Resisters League



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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 three 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



# Kings Bay Plowshares Await Trial Date

The federal court in Brunswick, Georgia has yet to rule on a set of pre-trial motions in the case of the Kings Bay Plowshares nuclear disarmament action group, and has asked for more briefing on a key defense motion. Decisions are not expected until October, and no trial date has been set.

All seven members of the group were present for the August 2 motions hearing. Jailed defendants Mark Colville, Fr. Steve Kelly, S.J. and Elizabeth McAlister had the rare opportunity to meet face-to-face with each other and codefendants Clare Grady, Martha Hennessy, Patrick O’Neill and Carmen Trotta, who had all accepted release on \$50,000 bond with cash deposits and strict conditions. They all met over several days before and after the hearing, together with attorneys representing or advising each of the defendants.

In late June, Clare Grady accepted the same conditions of pre-trial release that Hennessy, O’Neill and Trotta had in May, posting bond and agreeing to virtual house arrest with an ankle monitor. One positive outcome of the hearing is that the four, while still required to wear the ankle monitors, are no longer restricted to their homes during the day.

Attorney Bill Quigley, representing Elizabeth McAlister, wrote about the August 2 hearing:

For four hours, the Kings Bay Plowshares appeared before U.S. Magistrate Stan Baker in federal court in Brunswick, Georgia to argue that all charges against them be dropped. The peace activists set out six reasons why the charges of conspiracy, trespass, and two counts of felony damage to property should be dismissed. The motions and supporting declarations are available at [www.kingsbayplowshares7.org](http://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org).

The theme of the hearing was clear: Thou Shall Not Kill and these weapons will end life as we know it. Speaking to the court were defendants Mark Colville, Fr. Stephen Kelly, S.J., Patrick O’Neill and Carmen Trotta, and attorneys Anna Lellelid, Stephanie McDonald and Bill Quigley. Everyone who wanted to speak was given several opportunities to speak and truth was proclaimed.

The arguments were greatly assisted by sworn statements from Professor Francis Boyle, Physicians for Social Responsibility Director Jeff Carter, Catholic Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and retired U.S. Navy Captain Thomas Rogers.

The first argument was that Trident nuclear weapons are illegal under U.S. domestic law. The weapons on one of the several Kings Bay submarines have destructive power hundreds of times more powerful than the nuclear weapons dropped on Hiroshima or Nagasaki. Any use or threat of use violates U.S. criminal law prohibiting war crimes, violates the laws of war, and violates the legal requirements of the U.S. Naval, Air Force and Army command manuals.

These death machines cannot possibly be targeted to destroy only military targets, so any launch will destroy tens if not hundreds of thousands of civilians within minutes, and millions more in the nuclear winter aftermath. As Carmen Trotta pointed out, these weapons of mass destruction are not only illegal once launched but, like regular weapons, the threat of their use is of itself illegal as well.

Second, these weapons of mass destruction are illegal under U.S./international law. The U.S. constitution specifically incorporates international treaty law into U.S. law and international treaties prohibit the use of weapons which will kill civilians. The Naval Command manual also requires ship captains to follow international law.

Third, the property protecting these illegal weapons, which was damaged in the symbolic disarmament, is not deserving of legal protection. Much like the pesticides used to murder millions under the Nazis, these weapons only use is illegal and immoral and the fences which protect them are likewise illegal.

Fourth, the fact that the government chooses only to prosecute those who seek to disarm nuclear weapons while turning a blind eye to presidential threats to use these illegal weapons demonstrates that this prosecution is selective and vindictive.

Fifth, because the government charged people with two counts of felony damage to property and conspiracy to damage property, some of these charges must be dismissed because they allow the government to criminalize the same conduct in several ways.

Sixth, the prosecution violates the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Under this law, the government cannot interfere with religious faith or practices unless the government proves there is a compelling interest in doing so and that they have chosen the least restrictive way of doing it. Defendants pointed out that the government charged them to the maximum extent of the law when they could have sued them civilly or put them in diversion or taken less punitive action. On this particular argument, the court has asked to be briefed more.

The hearing also discussed discovery requests by the defendants and the government, especially about how much it actually cost the government to replace the lock on the fence, repair the fence and clean and repaint the places on the base where defendants wrote biblical and peace statements.

The Court has promised to rule soon. Any ruling on the Motion to Dismiss will be a recommendation to U.S. District Court Judge Lisa Godbey Wood, who will make the ultimate decision in the coming weeks.

While out on bond, Grady, Hennessy, O’Neill and Trotta have been spreading their disarmament message on radio, TV, online and in print interviews. Kathy Kelly, Steve Baggarly, Ken Jones and Beth Brockman participated in a four day "Hunger for Nuclear Disarmament" fast from June 18–22 outside the Kings Bay submarine base, the jail and the courthouse, urging exoneration for the seven and voicing a global call for the long-awaited abolition of the United States' nuclear weapons stockpile. Voices for Creative Nonviolence is helping to coordinate a peace walk slated to begin in early September, traversing about 130 miles from the Trident submarine manufacturer General Dynamics' Savannah, Georgia offices to the Kings Bay Trident base.

Last April 4, on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, the seven

## RECIDIVIST FOR PEACE WALKS FREE

Norman Lowry was released from a state prison in Dallas, Pennsylvania on August 1, after serving seven years for repeated trespass at a military recruiting office in Lancaster. Lowry was sentenced as a repeat offender for the third in a series of peace actions he took at the office, beginning in 2009. The judge who imposed the harsh sentence also offered to set him free after one year if he would promise to never block the entrance to any military recruiting office in the state. Lowry never made that promise.

He wrote in June,

A few days ago I attended my last (as in final & "finally we’re going to be rid of this nutcase!") yearly review. The counselor asked how someone like me (as in "otherwise sensible") could come to prison and relentlessly say "I’m simply here to love inmates and staff, in a prison."

Catholic peace activists cut through fences to enter the Kings Bay Naval Base in St. Marys, Georgia. Kings Bay hosts the East Coast fleet of six Trident nuclear missile launching submarines. Once inside, with graffiti, blood and banners, they marked the headquarters, missile monuments and weapons bunkers as instruments of omnicide, the "ultimate logic" of the Trident nuclear weapons system.

Arrested, initially jailed without bond and charged in state court, the seven were later charged in federal court with misdemeanor trespass and three felonies related to conspiracy and destruction of property.

For more information, visit [www.kingsbayplowshares7.org](http://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org) or the Kings Bay Plowshares page on Facebook.com.



Individually addressed pre-stamped white postcards should be sent to Elizabeth McAlister 015633, Stephen Kelly 015634, and Mark Colville 015635; all at Glynn County Detention Facility, 100 Sulphur Springs Road, Brunswick, GA 31520. See complete mail restrictions below, Inside & Out.

We had a good discussion – both about my pathway here and how I (we) see compassion fitting into the very fabric of all hope for the future... She commented on how much mail I still receive and had to admit that something is surely going on!

...My days of late have been sated with folks, both inmate and staff, coming to thank me (and all of you) for coming to love them and for being intent on changing things – as in "Being the change we wish to see come into existence."

...So we continue to walk out this compassion thingy. We’re like the proverbial hungry folks sitting down to eat... the food’s in our bowls, but the spoons are too long to feed ourselves with. Little by little, we’re learning to come outside of ourselves and to feed each other.

[Correction: Recent editions of the Nuclear Resister mistakenly added 30 days to Lowry’s release date.]

## Inside & Out

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

### NUCLEAR RESISTERS

**Willemein H.**  
c/o Faslane Peace Camp, Shandon,  
nr. Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire G84 8NT,  
Scotland.  
(*Awaiting trial 9/6 for blocking road into  
Faslane nuclear submarine base, 8/6/18*)

**Loïc Citation**  
c/o House of Resistance, 2 rue de l’Eglise,  
55290 Bure, France.  
(*Arrested on EU fugitive warrant for G20  
protest charges, now also facing imposition  
of suspended jail sentence for French nuclear  
dump protest conviction.*)

**Elizabeth McAlister** 015633  
**Stephen Kelly** 015634  
**Mark Colville** 015635  
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Blue or black ink only. No labels. Hand-write  
your full name and return address and the  
prisoner’s full name, ID# and address. No  
letters or packages accepted.  
(*Kings Bay Plowshares activists awaiting  
trial following arrest at Kings Bay nuclear  
submarine base in Georgia, 4/5/18*)

**Leonard Peltier** 89637-132  
(life)  
USP Coleman I, POB 1033, Coleman, FL 33521.  
(*Framed for murder while defending  
traditional indigenous from threats including  
uranium mining on sacred lands, 6/75*)



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**Salvatore Vaccaro**  
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(11 months, 27 days – in 8/5/18)  
(*Plowshares activist convicted of  
criminal damage to U.S. military satellite  
communications equipment in Sicily, 12/14*)

**Rafil Dhafir** 11921-052  
FMC Devens 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, 2/05*)

**Jared Chase** M44710  
Dixon Correctional Center, 2600 North  
Brinton Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021.  
(8 years – out 7/5/19)  
(*Convicted of possession of incendiary devices  
with intent to commit arson during protests at  
NATO summit in Chicago, 5/12*)

**PREVIOUSLY LISTED/RECENTLY  
RELEASED: Clare Grady, Norman Edgar  
Lowry Jr., Crystal Antem**

# WRITINGS FROM JAIL

## ~ from the Glynn County Detention Center

by Mark Colville  
June 5, 2018

### Rattling My Cage

(Some thoughts on our upcoming trial)

One of the blessings that has flowed in abundance during this time of incarceration is recollectedness – a mental and spiritual focus which I often find difficult to access with any consistency “out there in minimum security” (which seems an increasingly apt description of U.S. society these days). To repeat something mentioned in a previous posting, a jail cell can be very effective at stripping away the illusions and delusions about what defines me, what sustains me, and what locates me in the world. It’s more than a radicalization of thought and conscience that becomes prominent (and hopefully permanent) when viewing the world from the perspective of the bottom. On a more fundamental level, with time there comes the possibility of a kind of rebooting of the self, as the desert does its work on the ego which can so easily impede the work of the Holy Spirit in a habitually unrecollected soul such as mine. The notion of discipleship in a culture of death gradually shifts from the realm of spiritual aspiration to a deeply felt invitation to move from here to there. As Jim Douglass explains in his classic work *Resistance and Contemplation*: “In contemplating prison consequences which may be measured not so much in days and weeks as in months and years, I must confront the reality of prison not as an interlude in a white middle-class existence, but as a stage of the Way redefining my life.” This is the well I have been drinking more thirstily from as the weeks have turned to months; I must remember to thank the U.S. District Court of Brunswick County for its obvious devotion to my spiritual health!

Of course, the government is also doing its work this summer, and we mustn’t harbor any illusions or delusions about what that means, either. Sometime during the next forty-five days, while I’m eating baloney sandwiches and gazing at my radicalized, recollected navel, some paralegal in the U.S. Attorney’s office will be earning his or her keep by meticulously following a set of instructions handed down from on high. Those instructions will amount to the government playing what is essentially the only card it will have when this case finally finds a jury. She or he will file a pre-packaged, tried-and-true bundle of “motions in limine” which, when rubber-stamped without any real consideration by Magistrate R. Stan Baker, will set aside the Constitution and thereby place nuclear weapons and the criminal intent to use them beyond the reach of the law.

Quick disclaimer: I am not a student of the law, just a victim of its application. With all due respect to my lawyer and dear friend Matt Daloisio, I have neither the capacity nor the inclination to exchange my current headaches for his. Therefore, while my compromised position and previous experience with these legal dynamics might grant a certain authority from which to speak, the conclusions I draw should properly be

subjected to whatever scrutiny or skepticism one may wish to apply. In that regard, I’d recommend as a starting point an excellent article by John LaForge in the March, 2018 issue of *The Nuclear Resister*: “U.S. Appeals Courts agree: facts about nuclear weapons can be kept from juries in protest trials” (p. 10). With that said, here is my understanding: the way motions in limine are designed, and the purpose for which they are normally used, is to protect the accused as much as possible from any pre-conceived bias on the part of a jury. For example, a person on trial for armed robbery would be severely compromised if the jury was permitted to hear of a prior conviction on a similar charge. Therefore, a competent defense attorney would, as a matter of course, file a motion to limit, or even exclude, the presentation of any evidence alluding to her client’s criminal history.

What the government has been allowed to do in Plowshares trials is to turn the protection afforded the accused by motions in limine on its head. Here, the accuser gets to claim to be the party subject to potential harm if evidence of its past, current or ongoing criminal activity is put before the jury, even if such evidence is constitutionally permissible and absolutely relevant to the defence of the accused.

## THE INSIDE LINE



[Excuse me for a moment while I take a few cleansing breaths and try to comprehend the absurdity of that last paragraph...Okay, never mind. Where was I? Oh, yes...]

Thus awarded the status of one exposed to harm before the jury, despite the fact that it does not stand accused of anything by the court, the government is then free to petition for the evisceration of our entire defense, keeping the jury in a perpetual state of enforced ignorance of the law, and the judge virtually always cooperates. It’s basically the juridical equivalent of wild animals eating their young.

Quoting from John LaForge:

“In view of the poisonous, indiscriminate, long term and uncontrollable effects of nuclear weapons, military and international treaty law can be interpreted as having already prohibited them...yet federal courts cannot tolerate any airing of these facts – which might prove that the Bomb is unlawful – and the ‘supreme law’ can’t be allowed within a jury’s earshot. To protect the Bomb from legal scrutiny, federal judges have created a legal vacuum...”

This “legal vacuum” extends to forbid any challenge to the official nuclear policy of deterrence, which could fairly persuasively be argued to constitute criminal behavior in the form of a public terrorist threat. Most significant, in terms of our (extremely relevant) motivation and intent, will be the exclusion of the clear requirements found in the Geneva Conventions and Nuremberg Principles, as well as the U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force Field Manuals, which speak to the right and obligations of citizens to resist the commission of war crimes by their government. In a real and terrible sense, the federal courts have become a functional mirror image of the psychopathy of the Pentagon.

During the course of many months’ discernment for this journey of the Kings Bay Plowshares, I can recall Steve having urged us all repeatedly to view any potential trial as a second action, and to ready ourselves to approach it as such. At the motions hearing in early August, where the government’s powers of coercion will be on full display, that second action will begin. In a figurative, but no less truthful way, we must be prepared to take the same hammers and blood that exposed the dark terror and idolatry at Kings Bay, and wield them forcefully against an equally impenetrable edifice of legalized blasphemy. Our power to do this will never be found in a judge’s ruling or a clever legal argument, but only in our freedom to embrace this as a prophetic moment, and to be embraced by whatever it is that God is trying to do.

After all, the very history of this place calls us forward. The very culture of this place still bears the scars from a time when the people’s destiny was similarly beholden to a diabolical industry considered absolutely essential to the nation’s survival, security and economic health, blessed or ignored in its churches, and any resistance to which was mercilessly criminalized. Slavery’s “virtue” was affirmed in these same courts, especially in Georgia, by an impenetrable edifice of lies, which among its abominations exalted property rights above the Constitution and regarded an African as “legally” three fifths of a person. Certainly, then, we can beg our ancestors’ intercession, that we might receive a portion of the same spirit that embraced them as they stood accused, without defense, and were preemptively convicted of teaching a sister to read or helping a brother escape. Such a gift would be far more precious than any argument a judge might allow us to make.

For my part, it is the advice of Martha’s grandmother that will continue to sustain this witness, no matter where it leads or what impossibilities await. As Dorothy Day told us years ago (and here I am paraphrasing): Do the work that comes to hand. Whatever the work that comes to your hand, do it joyfully, with all your heart. And if God wants it to prosper, it will.

This is the work that has come to my hand. It is nothing more, and nothing less, than simply taking responsibility for what I know to be true. And I will continue to do it with a full heart, and with all the joy I can find, rejoicing that I am no longer capable of exchanging the real walls of a prison for the minimum security that would be the reward for my silence.

[Mark Colville is one of the seven Kings Bay Plowshares activists awaiting trial for entering the Kings Bay Naval Base to carry out acts of disarmament last April 4.]

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morning shift change by carrying a large banner onto the roadway of the main entrance gate.

The banner read, “Trident is the Auschwitz of Puget Sound’ – Raymond Hunthausen.”

The activists stopped traffic entering the base for ten minutes before being removed from the roadway by state patrol officers, cited for being in the roadway illegally, and released on the scene.

The action honored Raymond Hunthausen, retired archbishop of Seattle who died on July 22 at age 96. Frank Fromherz, author of a soon to be released biography of the Archbishop, said of Hunthausen:

It was in the early 1980s that Archbishop Hunthausen denounced the Trident nuclear submarine fleet harbored in his archdiocese, famously calling it "the Auschwitz of Puget Sound." His opposition inspired Catholics worldwide, but gained him powerful opponents in the U.S. government during the era of President Reagan’s military buildup. Catholic peace activist Jim Douglass, a native of British Columbia, introduced Archbishop Hunthausen to the practice of contemplative non-violent direct action.

Douglass once described his longtime friend as "a holy prophet of nonviolence in the nuclear age." In what would become a truly historic address on June 12, 1981, at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Hunthausen spoke these prophetic words: "Our security as people of faith lies not in demonic weap-

ons, which threaten all life on earth. Our security is in a loving, caring God. We must dismantle our weapons of terror and place our reliance on God."

The 12 activists cited are Phil Davis, Susan Delaney, Lisa Johnson, Mack Johnson, Ann Kittredge, James Knight, Brenda McMillan, Elizabeth Murray, George Rodkey, Ryan Scott Rosenboom, Michael Siptroth and Jade Takushi.

For more information, visit [gzcenter.org](http://gzcenter.org) or email [info@gzcenter.org](mailto:info@gzcenter.org).

## PENTAGON

by Art Laffin

Early on the morning of August 6, about 20 people from the faith-based peace community in Washington, D.C., Virginia and Maryland held a prayer witness of repentance at the Pentagon to commemorate the 73rd Hiroshima anniversary and to call for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

They gathered in the Pentagon police-designated-protest-zone, inside an enclosed space and behind a bicycle fence near the south parking lot. As hundreds of civilian and military workers streamed into the Pentagon, they could see the messages displayed on a sign and banner: “U.S. Nuclear Bombing of Hiroshima, August 6, 1945 – Repent,” and “Remembering the Pain, Repenting the Sin, Reclaiming the Future – Aug. 6-9 Hiroshima & Nagasaki.” Vigilers also held photos of victims of

Hiroshima and other signs.

The prayer service opened with Art Laffin’s reflection. He said that the group had “come to the Pentagon today to say Yes to the God of Life who commands us to love and not to kill, and No to the forces of evil, death and destruction. As people of faith, we stand here in front of the Pentagon with contrite hearts as we call on our nation to join with us in repenting for the colossal sin and crime of building and using nuclear weapons, to apologize to the Japanese and A-Bomb survivors (known as Hibakusha) for our country’s use of the bomb against them, and to demand an end to ongoing immoral nuclear war preparations.”

Judy Coode then began a reading of the “Apology Petition” that was shared during the August 6, 2016 White House commemoration two years ago and presented then to Mr. Mimaki, a Hiroshima hibakusha.

Kathy Boylan read the petition's second paragraph. She then walked on the sidewalk toward the entrance to the Pentagon, holding a banner that read “Hiroshima and Nagasaki: A Butchery of Untold Magnitude’ – Pope Paul VI”. Boylan was met by Pentagon police and was soon handcuffed and taken away to be processed and released. She was charged with “interfering with agency functions” and “failure to obey a lawful order,” and given a September 20 court date.

For more information, visit [dccatholicworker.wordpress.com](http://dccatholicworker.wordpress.com).



# GLOBAL RESISTANCE TO ROBOTIC WARFARE

## RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, GERMANY

Three hundred activists from Germany and around the world took part in a blockade this summer of Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany, the largest U.S. military base in Europe.

The Ramstein base was confirmed by the German government in 2016 to be central to U.S. drone warfare, more than a year after former U.S. Air Force drone sensor operator Brandon Bryant first blew the whistle on its essential role. Since his revelation, the Stop Ramstein campaign has held demonstrations each summer outside the base gates. Drone warfare is illegal under German law, they note, demanding their government remove this link that makes the crime possible for the United States.

This summer, several hundred people took part in a week-long Stop Ramstein action camp preceding a march, mass rally and blockade on June 30. A rich program for the week included educational presentations, a cultural focus bringing music to the camp and a half-day meeting of 40 representatives from 12 countries to coordinate their work against foreign military bases. Some campers also took a field trip to nearby Büchel air base, where U.S. nuclear weapons are stocked, to join the peace campers there for a blockade (no arrests resulted).

The three-mile march to the Ramstein base began with several hundred people in downtown Kaiserslautern, a Bavarian city of about 100,000. (The American military community at Ramstein, just outside the city, numbers more than 50,000 – the largest concentration outside the United States.) Supporters joined in along the way, until a crowd estimated at 2,500 were rallying outside the base. About 300 people continued on, sitting in and blocking two gates for nearly an hour. Many left the road after threats of arrest and others were simply carried out of the way by police.

Americans Toby Blome and Phil Wilayto were among about a dozen people, including Germans and other internationals, who stayed in the road and were arrested and taken to nearby Landstuhl police station for identification checks. They were released after an hour or so and could still face a fine or criminal charges. Wilayto

## Poor People’s Campaign

The first phase of the Poor People’s Campaign concluded in June, following six weeks of civil disobedience actions in 28 states, mostly at state capital buildings. Each week brought into focus a particular manifestation of the interconnected injustices of racism, poverty, war and environmental degradation.

Activist historian Kyle Moore, writing at medium.com, has assembled the most complete accounting of Poor People’s Campaign arrests. His weekly tallies:

Week One, May 14, focus on women, youth, disabled people, children in poverty and the right to education: 475 arrests in 16 states.

Week Two, May 21, focus on linking systemic racism and poverty; voting rights, immigration, mass incarceration, Islamophobia and mistreatment of indigenous communities: 337 arrests in 19 states.

Week Three, May 29, focus on the war economy, militarism and the proliferation of gun violence: 247 arrests in 17 states.

Week Four, June 4, focus on environmental justice and healthcare: 289 arrests in 20 states. In anticipation, authorities covered up controversial statues in two states – Christopher Columbus outside the California statehouse, and Jefferson Davis inside the Alabama capital building.

Week Five, June 11, focus on education, living wages, jobs, income and housing: 375 arrests in 16 states.

Week Six, June 18, focus on confronting the distorted moral narrative: 230 arrests in 16 states.

The civil disobedience phase concluded with a June 21 action in Washington, D.C., where 97 arrests were made, bringing the total number of arrests nationwide to about 2,055.

In nearly all cases, those arrested were issued civil infractions or criminal misdemeanor citations. Some were held for up to one day before being released.

Follow-up reporting has been spotty. Based on the limited reports, no one has been sentenced to jail for these actions. Some charges have been dismissed, others settled with community service or modest fines. Some defendants are pursuing group trials to amplify their message, with a jury where that’s possible. Some cases are expected to take many months to work through the courts.

*[Editors’ note: Readers in states where Poor People’s Campaign actions led to arrests are encouraged to let us know about trials and sentencing for those involved.]*



photo courtesy Ann Wright

**German police remove one of dozens of people blocking the Ramstein Air Base on June 30.**

reports being escorted upon release to an ATM machine to withdraw payment of a “processing fee” of about €200.

For more information, visit [www.ramstein-kampagne.eu](http://www.ramstein-kampagne.eu) (German language).

## BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

Drone warfare opponents returned early on the morning of July 24 for their monthly vigil at Beale Air Force Base in northern California. For more than six years, the periodic Occupy Beale vigils, overnight peace camps and nonviolent direct actions have focused on Beale’s role in commanding the fleet of Global Hawk surveillance drones. The Global Hawks are critical for targeting armed drones in the new age of remote control robotic warfare.

## INTERNATIONAL NOTES

### Büchel

The demand of many Germans to rid their country of U.S. nuclear weapons was again manifested by a 20-week-long series of protests at the Büchel Air Force Base in the Moselle River valley. The sponsoring group, Büchel is Everywhere: Nuclear Weapons-Free Now!, is a nation-wide coalition of 50 peace and justice groups dedicated to nonviolent civil resistance for nuclear abolition. Groups are invited to take responsibility for blockades and other creative protests during particular weeks, while camping on a plot of land next to the base, purchased five years ago by the coalition.

“Civil disobedience is forced on us because the government pays no attention to polite requests for dialogue or to petitions for a nuclear-free Germany. Major social changes, like the ousting of U.S. nuclear missiles from Europe in the 1980s, all require civil resistance to finally be accomplished,” said Marion Küpker, international coordinator for Büchel Is Everywhere!

As they did last year, Wisconsin-based Nukewatch brought a delegation of American nuclear abolitionists to join International Week at the camp, and to demand that the small arsenal of U.S. nuclear weapons stockpiled for NATO use at Büchel be sent back home.

After extensive planning in public meetings, and in broad daylight on Sunday, July 15, eighteen people – seven from the U.S., six from Germany, four from the Netherlands and one from England – cut through the perimeter fence in five places. They entered without interruption and walked around carrying banners, some for over an hour. One group got as far as the base runway before being apprehended. Three people, including Susan Crane, a Catholic Worker from California, walked through two unlocked interior gates and into a high security zone containing four suspected nuclear bunkers. The three climbed atop one bunker where they remained unnoticed for an hour. Guards finally took notice when they unfurled



photo by Hopps

**Using bolt-cutters, Susan Crane and John LaForge breach the chainlink perimeter fence at the Büchel Air Base, Germany, August 6.**

On this occasion, an eight member Occupy Beale crew planned to block the entry road with a sturdy paper chain. Each link was marked with the name of an injustice to be overcome, including apathy, poverty, racism, corporatism, environmental destruction and ignorance.

With their friends in support roles, Michael Kerr, Mauro Oliveira, Shirley Osgood and Flora Rogers stepped into the road at the boundary line, bringing the morning commute to a full stop. Along with the chain, they held a large banner across one lane. It read “Resist Trump’s Hate and War Agenda” and in smaller text, “GI Rights Hotline, CourageToResist.org,” two groups supporting active duty warriors having second thoughts.

Traffic backed up for nearly a mile before military police took the four into custody, driving them inside for processing in the base’s small jail. They were released a few hours later. Oliveira reports being treated “extremely compassionately,” evidence of a generally good rapport established by regular contact between the Occupy Beale vigilers and military police. State and federal authorities have repeatedly declined to follow through with prosecuting the activists, and they have yet to be summoned to court for this action.

For more information, visit [facebook.com/OccupyBealeAirForceBase](https://facebook.com/OccupyBealeAirForceBase).

## HANCOCK FIELD, NEW YORK

A few days later across the country, Catholic Workers attending a national gathering at Nazareth College in Rochester, New York traveled 90 minutes to protest drone warfare at the Hancock Air National Guard base in Syracuse on July 29. Hancock hosts the New York Air National Guard’s 174th Attack Wing of armed Reaper drones, flying 24/7 on classified missions around the world. Five people blocked the entrance gate and refused to leave, resulting in their arrest. Ryan Acuff, Ed Kinane, Harry Murray, Julianne Oldfield and Mark Scibilia-Carver were arraigned in court in downtown Syracuse on a charge of disorderly conduct. Motions hearings are scheduled for October 17 and November 8.

For more information, visit [upstatedroneaction.org](http://upstatedroneaction.org).

a banner: “Disarm B-61 Nukes” – a reference to the model number of the 20 nuclear weapons estimated to be there.

All 18 activists were eventually discovered, arrested, searched, ID’d and then released over four hours later with no charges, just an order to stay 100 meters away from the base for 24 hours. Their blockade of the gate 12 hours later brought no repercussions.

A Quakers’ group action on July 23 involved timing and coordination. While some blocked the main gate in a routine way, others were poised for entry. On cue, a third group of three fence cutters went to work severing the wires, allowing a group of seven to walk through and get on the runway just as the Tornado jets that would carry the B-61s were to be taking off for practice. Once they’d cut the fence, that group slipped away to alert the base that protesters “are on your runway” and to stop the war games.

Those on the runway were detained, had their IDs checked and were again released but told they may still face charges.

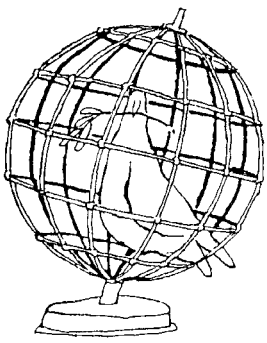
Later, a high-ranking pilot and local police officer came to the camp to complain. It was the first time in 20 years of the campaign that a pilot had ever approached the protest camp. With no sense of the irony, officers scolded organizers that the “go-in” action had endangered protesters and pilots.

“The base’s 20 thermonuclear bombs that pilots are training to use are a threat to the entire biosphere,” replied the campers, “so get your priorities in order.”

Nukewatch coordinator John LaForge remarked, “Yes, it’s hard to break into jail here in Germany. The civil police are so sophisticated that they go to extreme levels to pretend that nothing happened and that nuclear weapons bases are secure. Even German citizens who get prosecuted for ‘trespass’ and ‘damage to property’ (fences) have to refuse to pay fines at several levels to get a couple of days in the jug.”

Two days later, Crane, LaForge and German

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## Bure

In rural northeast France, the 20-year resistance to a planned underground nuclear waste dump still flourishes, despite ongoing police and judicial intimidation. Government largess and a cultivated aura of technical and scientific respectability have coopted local governments, but the opposition has long tilled deep grassroots support.

Authorities have lately sought with no success to divide the opposition by targeting individuals accused of damaging the property of ANDRA, the nuclear waste authority. More were arrested and jailed this summer.

Two summers ago, ANDRA erected unpermitted concrete walls in the communal Lejuc woods, blocking access to the site where they plan to drill ventilation tunnels. The walls were pushed over in an act of collective public sabotage by hundreds of opponents in August, 2016. Fast-forward through two years of escalating struggle to February 22, 2018, when the “Owls” – resisters who had since lived in and among the trees of Lejuc – were forcefully evicted. Police patrols, surveillance and searches of area inhabitants intensified through the spring.

Undeterred, about 3,000 opponents from across France joined a day-long teach-in, march and rally on June 16 in the town of Bar-de-Luc. The Owls and two of the oldest opposition groups delivered the keynote speech together. They acknowledged that “We do not all share the same strategies, the same reflections on the world, and sometimes the same goals for the future. No matter, we tolerate our respective methods... We are here to demonstrate that the division strategies undertaken by the government for months are futile...”

They called on all French anti-nuclear and environmental groups to boycott a highly-touted government “consultation” with the local population this fall, because the consultation won’t stop the dump. Instead, a large national gathering of opponents during the first week of September will move their struggle forward in solidarity.

At least 30 people were arrested that weekend and over the next couple of days for graffiti and vandalism at dump-related businesses.

On June 20, the French state struck back. Five hundred police raided 13 homes of activists in several towns plus the House of Resistance in Bure, epicenter of the struggle. Eight people were jailed overnight or a few days more. Five of them were indicted and then barred from the district. They also cannot have contact with other defendants or leave the country. Many others were detained to record their ID. In Paris, Etienne Ambroselli, attorney for many of the resisters, was arrested during a raid on his home office and held in custody for two days.

The operation followed police investigation of the June, 2017 vandalism and fire at a hotel-restaurant that is part of ANDRA’s above-ground research campus, a nuclear foot-in-the-door established two decades ago just outside Bure.

Police named some of the opponents a criminal gang, threatening anyone who associates with them. A collective website that chronicled the resistance of the Owls has closed down over threats to prosecute the named owners. Meanwhile, hundreds of academics, activists and public notables condemned the police action and openly declared their solidarity.

On August 18, police acting on a European Union warrant from Germany arrested Loïc Citation as he visited family in the area. Citation is appealing a prison sentence for taking down fences at the ANDRA campus, and chose to go underground when the German warrant for his participation in the 2017 protests at the G-20 summit in Hamburg was announced in May.

In court on August 22, the European Union warrant for Citation’s arrest was deemed valid, but he has appealed. The court has 40 days to rule on the appeal before Citation can be deported to Germany to answer charges there. He remains in prison in France until then.

Another activist, known as *el hibou* (the owl, in Catalan), was jailed after trial this summer and is due to be released in September. He will then be barred from the Meuse and Haute-Marne districts, where the resistance is centered.



Cards and letters of support should be sent to Loïc Citation and “El Hibuo”, c/o the House of Resistance, 2 rue de l’Eglise, 55290 Bure, France.

# INTERNATIONAL NOTES

## Kleine Brogel

In advance of the 2018 NATO summit in Belgium, eight peace activists went over the fence at the Kleine Brogel air base on Sunday evening, June 10, to demand that U.S. nuclear bombs stored there be returned to their owner as contraband under international law.

One of the activists explained it has been 40 years since citizens have been mobilizing, yet the government has still not officially recognized the presence of these weapons on Belgian soil, “thus depriving Parliament of its role of democratic control.”



photo via [agirpourlapaix.be](http://agirpourlapaix.be)

**On the eve of the NATO summit, peace activists occupy the runway of Belgium’s Kleine Brogel air base.**

They were on the base for nearly an hour before being arrested as they walked down the runway with their banner that read “NATO Summit – War Starts Here.”

Among the eight was Zoe Genot, a Belgian Parliamentarian. She later filed a complaint with police over the sexist comment of one arresting officer, who called her a “whore of Parliament.”

Outside the base, an army of clowns carried out the “exfiltration” of the base, theatrically passing a handful of mock nuclear missiles over the fence to other clowns, who promised to return them to the Americans at the NATO meeting.

Before the July 11-12 summit in Brussels, it was learned that the Art and History Museum at Cinquantenaire Park, closed for repairs at the time, would nevertheless host NATO dignitaries for an opening night gala. A few days before the summit, pacifist activists hung

## Paris

Many European arms trade opponents joined their French counterparts from June 11-15 for a series of daily nonviolent actions to troll the arms merchants and disrupt their exhibits at the biennial Eurosatory Defense and Security International Exhibition in Villepinte, suburban Paris.

Delegates were daily met with signs and banners opposing their work, and heckled as they made their way from the Metro subway into the exhibition areas and back. A noisy demonstration in the middle of the first night outside the main hotel aimed to awaken the war merchants from any peaceful slumber. Several banner-hangers were forcefully evicted without arrest from the entry hall, and a load of red-dyed manure was dumped at the entrance, “because war is the blood and the stench!” For this, one person was fined €68 for putting trash in the road. Delegates sometimes had to step over die-ins of theatrically bloodied bodies littering the sidewalks like so many victims of the arms being hawked a few feet away. A transit strike on the last day of the exhibition meant that departing delegates milling about the Metro had front row seats to hear extended testimonies about the impact of the weapons sold at the fair.

One feature of this premier exhibition is a large outdoor space for simulations and live demonstrations. French police and military units participated in promoting the wares with automatic weapons, full body armor, canine units and more. On June 14, six activists made their way into this space while a simulated military operation was taking place. In front of hundreds of delegates and military journalists, they interrupted the demonstration until on-duty police chased them all down to arrest them. One woman’s cell phone was smashed, preventing her from sharing photos of their rough arrests. Five were released after 24 hours in custody. The sixth, Rodolphe André, was also charged with possession of explosives for having smoke flares in his possession. He was released after a second night in jail, and the charge was dropped when even the prosecutor acknowledged it was “surreal.” Charges for the other five have also been dropped.

For more information, visit [desobeir.net](http://desobeir.net) (French language).

banners inside and outside the museum, “Make Art, Not War” and “War Starts Here,” condemning the diversion of the museum from its role as a cultural actor to serve as a party venue for NATO militarists. On the night of the event, a human chain surrounded the park with a candlelight vigil for peace.

Last year, more than 100 activists risked arrest and disrupted smooth running of the summit by blocking key roads. This year, the authorities were intent on leaving little room for political expression against NATO for fear of undermining Belgium’s image. Police announced they had created a “Free Expression” zone in front of NATO. Agir pour la Paix, one of the groups protesting, stated that “these few square meters of asphalt have become the only place where a fundamental right is guaranteed, that of manifesting one’s political opinions. The democratic values of our governments are therefore reduced to these few square meters. We do not recognize ourselves in these values.”

Activists instead marched through the streets downtown, demonstrating as they passed by the local offices of global war merchants.

Only a few minutes after the start of the first actions, at least eight people were stopped and detained in the street by plain clothes police. Five other people were threatened, followed, harassed and even illegally arrested by the same police on pretense of preventing them from committing a crime.

Four people who hung a banner over the entrance to a mid-town freeway tunnel were arrested and processed for identity checks. Their banner read, in English for President Trump, “Bombing for peace is like fucking for virginity.”

At the Brussels offices of the Boeing corporation, a large NATO GAME OVER banner was hung across the entrance and signs pasted on the windows declaring “This company profits from borders” and “Stop the war on migrants.” Five activists staged a “bloody” die-in and three were arrested and held briefly for identity checks.

For more information, visit [agirpourlapaix.be](http://agirpourlapaix.be).

## Menwith Hill

Lindis Percy was again arrested as she engaged in her weekly spontaneous peace demonstration outside the Menwith Hill base in Yorkshire, England. Ostensibly a Royal Air Force base, the installation lacks both British control and a runway, instead serving as a major satellite ground station critical to U.S. global military dominance, operated by the U.S. National Security Agency and National Reconnaissance Office. She was charged while picketing on July 12 with obstructing passage along Menwith Hill Road, in circumstances where she has repeatedly prevailed in court, or had the charge eventually dismissed.

Percy’s name was not on the docket of Harrogate Magistrates Court when she answered the arrest summons on August 9. Once that was resolved, Percy pleaded not guilty. The Crown Prosecutor, following a recommendation made after Percy won a 2013 Menwith Hill protest case, then asked the court to delay the usual case management hearing that follows a not guilty plea until the case could be reviewed by a senior prosecutor. She implied that cases involving Percy were often complex, and “politically – a hot potato.” A delay was agreed until September 6, with both parties suggesting the case should eventually be heard by a district judge, a step above the magistrate.

## Glasgow

Hundreds of demonstrators from across Scotland, including members of Sink the Arms Fair Coalition groups and leaders of the Scottish National Party, participated in several protests over three days in late June to nonviolently confront and jeer more than 1,000 attendees of the Undersea Defence Technology conference in Glasgow.

Two men were arrested during a blockade of the venue on June 26 and charged with minor public order offenses, then released.

Critics across the city decried use of a city facility for the event.

“It stains Scotland to have this fair in our largest city with the support of public money,” said West of Scotland Green MSP Ross Greer. “Just last week we marked World Refugee Day by stating our commitment not just to welcoming the stranger and offering sanctuary, but to

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work towards a better, more peaceful world. Arms fairs have no place in that and I hope this is the last one to cast its shadow over Glasgow.”

The city council first demurred that the city’s private events contractor made the deal, then asked staff to design a facilities use policy more in line with the city’s official support for human rights and other ethical concerns.

Then it was learned that, on that very evening, June 26, war merchants were being wined and dined at another city venue, the Kelvingrove Gallery and Museum.

By the time protesters filled the city council chamber on Thursday, June 28, deputy-leader David McDonald told councillors to loud applause, “We must ensure that we protect our conference and conventions business in what is a hugely competitive global market but we will be doing that in a way that reflects our values... with a new policy and with a new political commitment in place you can be sure this is not the kind of event that comes to Glasgow in the future.”

For more information, visit facebook.com/CAATScotland and edinburghcaat.org.uk.

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organizers Marion Kúpker and Gerd Büntzly went to the chief prosecutor’s office in Koblenz, asking that the charge of trespass against Büntzly be dropped, unless the same charges are brought against the four Americans, including Crane and LaForge, who joined Büntzly for a go-in action to the nuclear bunkers in July, 2017. Last January, Büntzly was fined for the offense.

Crane and LaForge, equipped with a radiation monitor, made one last inspection for the nuclear weapons on Hiroshima Day, August 6. They clipped through the perimeter chain-link fence and through a more secure razor wire fence inside to reach a set of previously uninspected airplane shelters. They spent an hour atop one of the shelters, recording measurements. After climbing down to inspect a second bunker, they were observed and detained by a large number of soldiers who forced them to lie face-down at gunpoint for about an hour until civilian police arrived.

“We hoped to confirm that the U.S. has removed its nuclear bombs in compliance with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, but our investigation was halted by the military,” Crane said. “The extra razor wire around the bunker, the near access to the jet runway, and the massive heavily armed military reaction to us indicates the U.S. nuclear weapons are here,” she concluded.

After having their identities confirmed by both military and civilian police, they were driven separately to the main gate. They waited in custody until their passports were returned, and then civilian police released Crane and LaForge at the gate.

For more information, visit nukewatchinfo.org and buechel-atombombenfrei.jimdo.com (German language).

Thanks to John LaForge for his action reports.

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**BEZNAU:** Two men charged with trespass and property damage during a March, 2014 Greenpeace protest on the grounds of the Swiss nuclear power plant were found guilty last October of trespass only. It’s the same charge for which more than 60 other activists who joined the mass invasion of the aging reactor have already been fined upwards of about \$1,000 each. The property damage charge came from holes drilled for climbing equipment when the men scaled the secondary containment building to hang large banners. The climbers were fined approximately \$3,300 and \$6,000...

**SHANNON, IRELAND:** After more than two years and at least 19 court appearances in Ennis Circuit Court for Colm Roddy and Dave Donnellan, that court on June 29 finally granted their motion for a change of venue to Dublin Circuit Court. Ennis Judge Gerald Keyes also granted the same change of venue to Dan Dowling and Edward Horgan, arrested a year later for a kindred action protesting the violation of Irish neutrality by the regular U.S. military transports through the international airport. All four had argued that a fair trial in County Clare was not possible because of vested interests concerning the U.S. military use of Shannon Airport and associated jobs servicing an average of two such flights per day. No dates have been set for the Dublin court. Judge Keyes also removed the restriction on Horgan's bail conditions forbidding his travel within five kilometers of the international airport. To celebrate, Horgan and the others went directly to the airport to continue the work of Shannon Watch, monitoring the daily military traffic. They arrived to find Air Force One on the runway, under guard...

# FUTURE ACTIONS

More future actions and event details can be found at nukeresister.org/future-actions

## faslane trident base

The Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament invites international supporters to a major rally at the nuclear submarine base at Faslane on September 22, to challenge the government of the United Kingdom to recognize the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Nonviolent direct action in conjunction with this demonstration is anticipated. For more information, contact the Campaign at www.banthebomb.org or Trident Ploughshares at tp2000@gn.apc.org, tridentploughshares.org.

## creech air force base

The 4th annual Shut Down Creech event will mobilize from Camp Justice, on the grounds of the Temple of Goddess Spirituality in Cactus Springs from September 30 to October 6. Peaceful, nonviolent resistance to put an end to drone killing and global warfare – Come for all or part of the week! Peace and justice groups across the country are invited and encouraged to send at least one representative and to consider co-sponsorship. For more information visit bit.ly/ShutDownCreech2018 or contact Toby Blomé at ratherbenyckeling@comcast.net or Eleanor Levine at eastbaycodepink@gmail.com.

## nevada test site

Nevada Desert Experience will again host Justice for Our Desert, a two-day gathering for social justice through art and community. Music, poetry, and justice power prayer workshops in Las Vegas on October 7, with rituals of civil resistance in love for the desert on October 8 at Creech Air Force Base and the Nevada nuclear weapons test site, now known as the Nevada National Security Site. For more information, visit nevadadesertexperience.org, or call 702-646-4814.

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Police arrived quickly on the scene, corralling the demonstrators who all denied even touching the provocateur. Informed over the phone by commanders that there was a witness to the alleged assault, police promptly apprehended one of the activists, Ms. A.

A brief video of her arrest begins as she is already curled up on the pavement, surrounded by police, and appearing to passively resist as they try to handcuff her. The cameraperson seems to be shooed away before Ms. A was bundled into a police car and taken to jail.

Go West, Come West later wrote:

Witnessing the whole situation, some citizens there shouted to the police officers, "How dare you do such a thing on the memorial day for war dead!" and "How come? They have done nothing wrong!"

The officers withdrew to the police station right after they made the arrest as if they themselves were fugitives.

The reason for this arrest was, we suspect, that the upper-level of the police department judged our speeches and handouts politically, and they ordered those police officers at the site to arrest our member.

This fact shows how the current Japanese administration is terrified of their biggest skeleton in the closet, the actual health damage due to the Fukushima nuclear disaster, coming to light. They are also making desperate efforts to hamper the voices of Fukushima nuclear victims and the concerns and resentment against atomic bombings from spreading among people in Japan and around the world. So they use whatever means to stop those real pictures being known to the public, domestically and internationally.

In the detention facility at the Hiroshima Chuo police station, Ms. A refused food in protest of her arrest. Her lawyer was not allowed to meet with her. Days later supporters learned that dehydration had led to her becoming seriously ill, requiring outpatient treatment at a hospital.

The first doctor to evaluate her condition asked police to discharge her so she could be treated in the hospital. A prosecutor in charge refused, and the doctor ordered two liters of intravenous (IV) rehydration. Police gave her only one liter, claiming their time at the hospital was limited, and reportedly brought her back on following mornings for more IV therapy.

Ms. A was finally released from custody on August 17. While the charge against her has been temporarily suspended, it has not been dismissed and she may still face prosecution.

For more information, visit danatsu86.hatenablog.jp (Japanese) and www.gowest-comewest.net/statement/20170825english.html.

## new zealand arms expo

An annual New Zealand arms expo, no longer welcome in Wellington after large protests in recent years, has booked a municipal convention center two hours away in Palmerston North for this year's ghoulish gala, October 30–November 1. Peace Action Manawatu is planning nonviolent actions in opposition to the showcase. For more information, visit facebook.com/PeaceActionManawatu.



## pentagon

In response to the continuing march of military aggression by the U.S.A. and to put an anti-war agenda back on the table of activists, the Women's March on the Pentagon will confront the bi-partisan war machine on October 21, the 51st anniversary of the 1967 massive anti-war demonstration at the Pentagon. The demands: "The complete end to the wars abroad; closure of foreign bases; dramatically slash the Pentagon budget to fund healthy social programs here at home: the only good empire is a gone empire." The doomsday clock is at two minutes to midnight, and with the threat of nuclear annihilation becoming an incomprehensible reality, it is time to march. Workshops on Saturday, October 20 will include self-defense for women, make your own media, and civil resistance 101, in preparation for nonviolent civil resistance at the conclusion of Sunday's march. Meet between 11 a.m. – noon at the Pentagon City metro stop, from where the march will begin at noon. For more information, including a list of endorsers, visit marchonpentagon.com.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

...The **National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee** has hired Lincoln Rice as the new coordinator after the retirement of Ruth Benn. The group has moved its office to NWTRCC, P.O. Box 5616, Milwaukee, WI 53205. Email nwtrec@nwtrec.org, or phone 262-399-8217 or 800-269-7464. Their website at nwtrec.org is full of excellent information about nonpayment of taxes for war and personal stories of war tax resisters.

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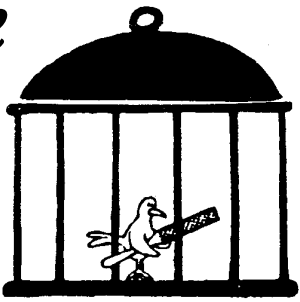


**LEONARD PELTIER:** At the request of supporters and with the prisoner's support, The International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee has produced beautifully illustrated postcards to be signed and sent to President Trump, asking for clemency for Leonard Peltier. For a pack of 20 cards for you and friends to sign, send your name and address to ILPDC, 116 W. Osborne Ave., Tampa, FL 33603. A sample clemency letter is also available online as a .pdf at [bit.ly/PeltierClemencyLetter](http://bit.ly/PeltierClemencyLetter). To receive regular email updates from the campaign, sign up at the bottom of the page at [whoisleonardpeltier.info...](http://whoisleonardpeltier.info...)

**NATO 3:** Jared Chase turned 34 on June 12, 2018. He is the last of three men still in prison following their arrest in the lead-up to protests of the Chicago NATO summit in May, 2012. Originally facing eleven felony counts under the Illinois equivalent of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, the three were acquitted at trial of all terrorism related charges, but convicted of possession of incendiary devices. After their arrest it became known that two undercover cops had been trying to entrap the three activists and others to justify their targeting of Chicago’s local activist community with some of the multi-million security budget for the summit. Chase was sentenced to eight years, and in April, 2016 he was sentenced to an additional year in prison for squirting a shampoo bottle of his human waste at a guard. Chase later wrote in a letter that he acted out when he did not receive the special diet or vitamins prescribed for Huntington’s disease, a hereditary degenerative neurological disorder marked early on by personality changes, irritability, impulsiveness and impaired judgement. Although he does not respond often to letters, Chase is very appreciative to receive them at the address noted on page 3, Inside & Out. For more information, visit [freethenato3.wordpress.com...](http://freethenato3.wordpress.com...)

**KITSAP-BANGOR NAVAL BASE:** Ten people arrested in May at a Mother’s Day weekend blockade of the Trident nuclear submarine base were in county court on July 26 to plead for peace and nuclear disarmament while seeking reduction or waiver of the fine for their civil citation. Judge Jeffrey Jahns noted that he had prosecuted Bangor protests while serving as a Kitsap County Prosecutor for 14 years prior to his appointment to the bench, and asked if any of the defendants wanted to appear before another judge. No one took him up on the offer, and each proceeded unhurriedly to offer compelling testimony. Defendant Margarita Munoz even sang hers, in an original composition. Fines were all reduced to zero to

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\$10, depending on previous offenses. Judge Jahns closed the hearing by thanking the mitigants for their commitment. Ethically, he could not tell them to “keep up the good work, but well, you know...”...

**WASHINGTON, D.C.:** Janice Sevre-Duszynska's July 16 trial for disrupting CIA Director Gina Haspel's confirmation hearing collapsed when the prosecutor withdrew the case part-way through the defense testimonies. During the lunch break, attorney Mark Goldstone reminded the prosecutor just how flimsy the government's case was, despite the judge’s reluctant denial of Goldstone's routine motion to dismiss when the prosecution had rested its case. The prosecutor agreed, and withdrew the case when court resumed...

**MORDECHAI VANUNU:** At the beginning of July, an Israeli court renewed the restrictions that have prevented nuclear whistleblower Mordechai Vanunu from leaving Israel and prohibits his meeting with foreigners. Violation of the latter restriction has resulted in at least two brief jail sentences in the 14 years since his 2004 release from prison. One week after the renewal of the restrictions, Vanunu left East Jerusalem, where he had lived since his release from prison, and took up residency in Jaffa, on the Mediterranean Sea. In London in 1986, Vanunu publicly revealed Israel’s secret nuclear weapons program with photographs and first-hand testimony published in the *London Sunday Times*. He was kidnapped back to Israel, convicted of treason and espionage at a secret trial, and served his full 18-year prison sentence...

**CARDIFF:** Three people arrested in March at an arms fair protest had charges of aggravated trespass dismissed by the court just before trial on July 3. Prosecutors had failed to share in a timely manner evidence including police body-camera video, unjustly hindering the defense...

**JEJU ISLAND, KOREA:** On June 4, South Korean peace activist Park Geun-gil entered Jeju Prison to serve time in lieu of paying a fine of 4.6 million KRW (around US\$4,000). At the rate of 100,000 KRW/day, he would be released by July 20 but, on June 14 an anonymous person paid his fines and he was released from prison. Park, who is known as Mangi, joined a demonstration in December, 2015, protesting police brutality that occurred the day before during the arrest of a human chain blocking construction of military housing for the long-resisted navy base in Gangjeong village. Mangi was convicted of obstructing justice and injuring a policeman, although it was Mangi’s finger that was fractured by twisting as he was arrested. His conviction was upheld in July, 2017...

**FRANCE/GREENPEACE:** On June 28, the sentence for 22 Greenpeace activists who occupied the Cruas-Maysse nuclear power plant last November came down. It was a victory of sorts. State utility EDF pressed for prison sentences and heavy fines as yet another demonstration had exposed lax security at the country's commercial reactors. But only suspended jail terms of four months and €500 fines were given to the activists. Greenpeace France, as a corporate defendant, was fined €25,000, with damages to be assessed at a December hearing. The sentence will be appealed. A week later, Greenpeace France continued their campaign to denounce the vulnerability of the nation's nukes. Remote pilots dressed a drone in a Superman costume and flew it unhindered directly into the irradiated-fuel containment building at the Bugey nuclear power plant, followed shortly by a radio-controlled airplane taking the same route and also crashing into the building. Both incidents were videotaped from a third drone. While the relatively small size of the rogue flying robots posed no threat to breach the building and trigger a massive radiation release, they demonstrated that the plants are accessible targets for terrorists...

**FRANCE:** After the Disobedience Collective held an August, 2017 demonstration of clowns applauding France's opposition to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, activist Rémi Filliau was the only participant summoned into court weeks later. Accused of assaulting a policeman, video evidence at Filliau's June 15 trial left the prosecutor struggling to justify the charge, while the victim/officer did not even appear in court. He was acquitted of the charge on July 6...

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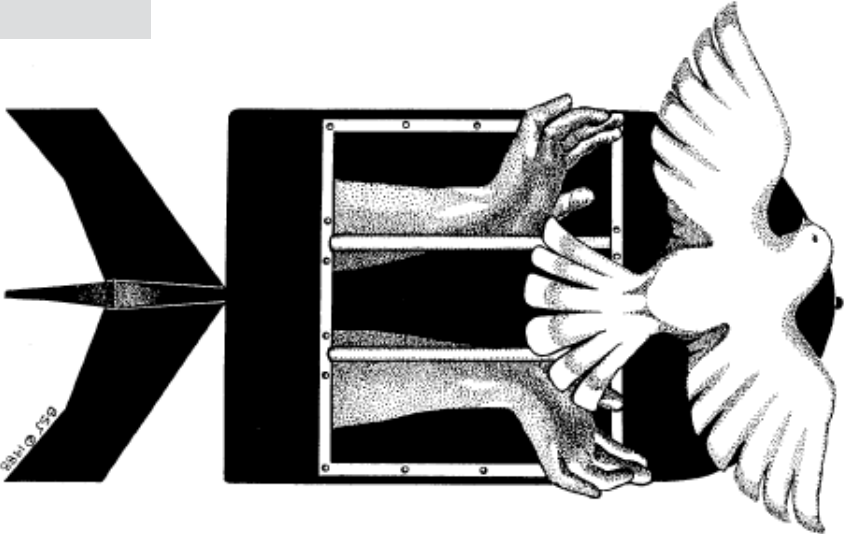
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