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FREEDOM! **Leonard** **Peltier** **Welcomed** **Home**

February 18 was a beautiful and historic day. At 8:40 a.m. Eastern time, Leonard Peltier walked out of FCI Coleman in Florida and headed home to the Turtle Mountain reservation in North Dakota! He still has restrictions of home confinement, but after almost 50 years, he is no longer in a prison cell.

Among President Biden’s last official acts was to grant Executive Clemency to Native American political prisoner Leonard Peltier. When the order took effect four weeks later on February 18, Peltier was released from federal prison in Coleman, Florida after 49 years in custody. He was greeted at the prison gate by supporters.

“Today I am finally free! They may have imprisoned me but they never took my spirit!” the 80-year-old activist said. “Thank you to all my supporters throughout the world who fought for my freedom. I am finally going home. I look forward to seeing my friends, my family and my community. It’s a good day today.”

Arrangements had been made for a medical evaluation before Peltier was flown by chartered jet to his homeland in Anishinaabe territory on the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Band reservation in North Dakota. He will remain there

under terms of home confinement through the completion of his original sentence of life in prison. Peltier had not sought a pardon, as doing so would imply acknowledging guilt for the original murder charges, which he has always denied and were never proven.

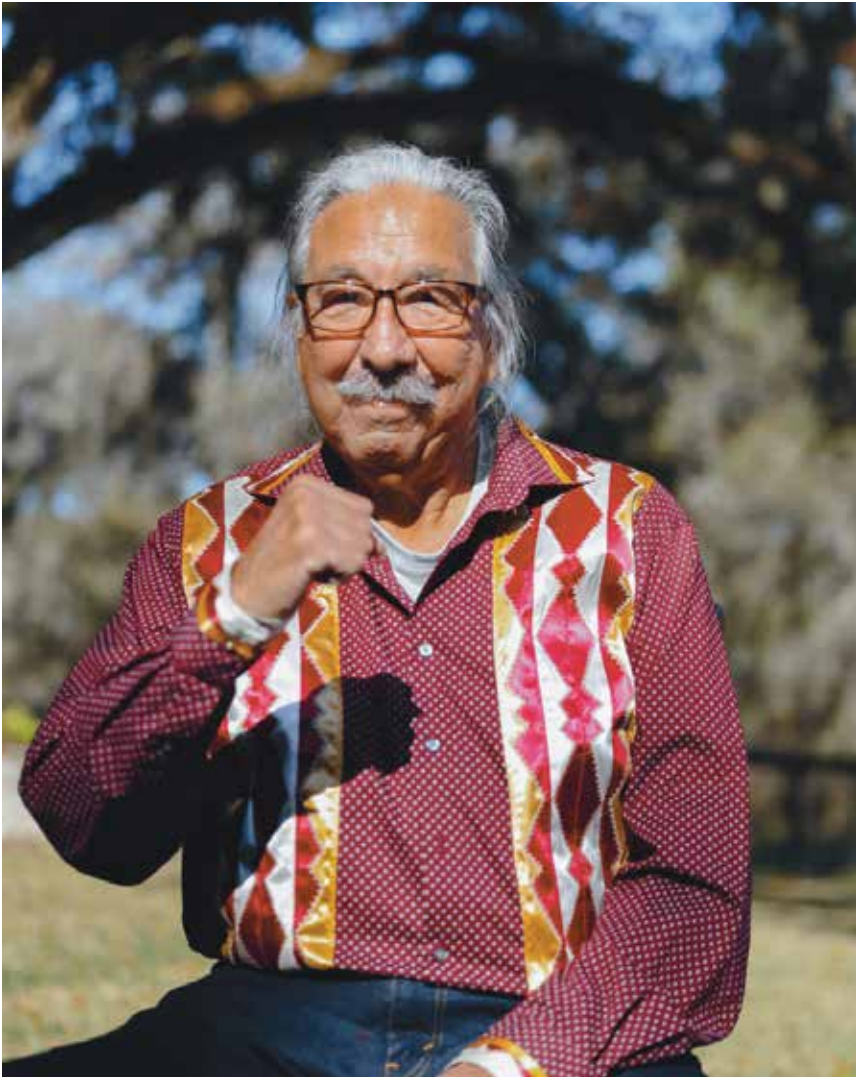
On the afternoon of his release from prison, Peltier travelled by motorcade from the airport to the reservation where he was welcomed in the bright winter sun by hundreds of supporters lining both sides of the highway. Standing outside their vehicles in sub-freezing weather, they held signs and banners of homecoming and resistance, amid clapping, cheering and whoops of joy.

The next day, in the packed ballroom of the Sky Dancer Casino and Resort just outside Belcourt, Peltier was enthusiastically received back into the arms of his people with dancing, drumming and song. The Turtle Mountain tribe honored him with the gift of a Star Quilt, draped over his shoulders, and the Minneapolis chapter of the American Indian Movement presented him with the Eagle Staff that had traveled on AIM’s Walk for Justice from Minneapolis to Washington, D.C. a few years ago.

Peltier spoke for a few minutes about his unjust conviction and imprisonment marked by medical neglect. He recalled how he first stood up for the rights of indigenous people when he was 13 years old and the tribe was successful in opposing the federal government’s assimilationist termination policy. His survival had not been easy, but from the beginning, he said, “Indian people came to my rescue, from all over the country. They’ve been with me ever since.”

Supporters had a home waiting for the elder. He is receiving medical care for health issues, and will need surgery for aneurysms as well as eye surgery to regain sight.

Speaking to the Associated Press soon after his release, Peltier said, “I’m going to spend the rest of my life fighting for our people, because we ain’t finished yet. We’re still in danger.” Acknowledging the threats to indigenous communities posed by the far right and current administration, he offered this advice, “You don’t have to get violent, you don’t have to do nothing like that. Just get out there and stand up. We got to resist.”



Leonard Peltier, February 18.

Photo by Angel White Eyes

The death of Pope Francis in April left Peltier with “a powerful sense of loss,” he wrote, shedding some light on the late Pontiff’s role in the Catholic president’s grant of clemency.

“Pope Francis gave me the greatest gift of all: My Freedom. And I am grateful for his Representative Cardinal who carried his message to Washington for me. I am also profoundly thankful for all the work done on my behalf by this Cardinal.

“I now realize that without the efforts of this great Holy man and a few others I would be awaiting a certain death behind steel bars; entombed within the concrete that once absorbed my cries. But his message, endowed with exemplary Love, unbound me from the chains of incarceration.”

Peltier’s ordeal began on June 26, 1975, during an FBI siege and shootout on the Pine Ridge Reservation of South Dakota that led to the deaths of two FBI agents, the crime for which Peltier was imprisoned. A young Indian man was also slain that day, but his assailants were never investigated or charged. On that very day, the corrupt Pine Ridge Tribal Chairman Dickie Wilson was in Washington, D.C., secretly and illegally signing away one-eighth of the reservation’s lands to the Department of Interior for uranium and other mineral extraction. Leonard Peltier’s prosecution was and is emblematic of how the global nuclear industry has forever exploited indigenous peoples.



Leonard Peltier said that letters of support and acts of protest for his release kept him going while he was imprisoned, helping him to not lose hope. Supporters are encouraged to write him now and let him know just how his sacrifice for his people impacted you personally. In contrast to the mail restrictions imposed by federal prisons, you can now send Leonard greeting cards, letters and drawings with colored inks, photos and books to: Leonard Peltier, P.O. Box 760, Belcourt, ND 58316.

The Leonard Peltier Official Ad Hoc Committee, formed in June of 2023 to support Peltier at his request, became the Leonard Peltier Official Support Committee when he was released. The Committee remains committed to ensuring his well-being, and making sure there is money to pay bills and for medical procedures. Donations can be made at bit.ly/Peltier2025.



Photo by Darren Thompson

Leonard Peltier touches the drum as members of the Wambli Ska Okolakiciye drum group look on, February 19.

iPresente!

We give thanks for the lives of these peace activists and nuclear resisters.



Michael Walli

October 8, 1948 – April 16, 2025



David Hartsough

May 2, 1940 – March 22, 2025



Ernest Rodker

May 12, 1937 – April 16, 2025



Ken Mayers

February 5, 1937 – January 17, 2025



Fr. Bob Cook

March 24, 1942 – April 16, 2025

Citizen's Arrest Attempt at L3 Harris

Activists from Demilitarize Western Mass (DWM) returned on March 19 to the office of military contractor L3Harris in Northampton. The Florida-based company produces a variety of products for war, from surveillance equipment to components for nuclear missiles. Since October, 2023 DWM's protests at L3 have spotlighted the company's provision of weapons and other military support to Israel.

Patricia Gallagher, Priscilla Lynch, Nick Mottern, Ben Stegbauer and Paki Wieland entered the lobby and attempted to deliver a warrant for a citizen's arrest of L3Harris CEO Chris Kubasik. They stated, "While Palestinians in Gaza face bombardment and student activists like Mahmoud Khalil are disappeared for their 'threat to American interests,' it is the Palestinian resistance, cause and movements for imperial disarmament that are the pathways to global justice and peace... All weapons manufacturers, and the capitalists that rely on war to reshape the world, need to be confronted head on for the violence they have brought to the world and face accountability."

The five were arrested, pled not guilty that afternoon to charges of trespass and disorderly conduct, and were released pending a jury trial at a date to be determined.

There's a first time for everything. And now, for the first time in 45 years, there are no imprisoned anti-nuclear and anti-war activists listed under Inside & Out in the Nuclear Resister newsletter!

After reporting on and encouraging support for Leonard Peltier since issue #4 (March 1981), with full and grateful hearts we joined many thousands of people around the world welcoming him out of prison on February 18! (see story on page 1)

An empty list of prisoners would be cause for celebration if only the nuclear threat had abated and war was abolished.

From the early 1980s and well into the 2010s, it was not unusual to have at least a dozen or two or three dozen, and sometimes more than 100 activists and their prison addresses listed under Inside & Out. We reported on major nonviolent resistance campaigns, including to close the School of the Americas at Ft. Benning and to kick the U.S. Navy out of Vieques, Puerto Rico, that resulted in mass arrests and incarceration. Dozens of Plowshares actions led to long prison sentences, and widespread resistance by civilians and soldiers to multiple wars in the Middle East also led to sometimes lengthy imprisonment. Additionally, it was not unusual for protesters to receive a two to six month sentence for a simple trespass action.

In recent years, protest arrests have typically not been prosecuted and punished as harshly even for widespread and persistent nonviolent action, and there have also been generational shifts in tactics and organizing styles. But with all that is happening that moves people to protest and resistance, and with increased repression on multiple fronts in the U.S. and elsewhere, we are aware that circumstances surrounding the arrest and prosecution of anti-nuclear and anti-war activists could change at any minute.

We had hoped to have this issue to you several weeks ago. But we've been distracted. Probably you have been, too. We recognize that the point of the American gangster President's strategy is to "flood the zone". The abandonment of diplomacy to wage war on Iran is only the latest fatal distraction.

MORAL MONDAYS

Faith leaders and community organizers have been arrested for praying too long in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda on three recent occasions. The Moral Mondays campaign took aim at the proposed budget and the immorality of massive cuts to Medicaid, nutrition assistance and clean energy to pay for tax cuts for the rich, the war economy and an extreme deportation force.

On April 28, Steve Swayne and the Revs. William Barber and Jonathan Wilson-Hargrove were taken into custody as they continued their prayer after police had cleared the rotunda of everyone else, including the press, and shut the doors.

The following week, five more faith leaders were handcuffed and led from the room when they refused police orders to stop their prayers and song. And on June 2, nine people, including clergy and disability and health care rights activists were interrupted by police as they prayed for Congress to oppose what would be the largest transfer of wealth from the poor to the rich in U.S. history.

MLK Day at Lockheed Martin

Paul Sheldon was arrested on Monday, January 20 as part of the Brandywine Peace Community's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day action at arms giant Lockheed Martin in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

He wrote:

It's Martin Luther King Day at Lockheed Martin, world's largest war profiteer and nuclear weapons contractor. It's the place to be today, even if cool and windy for an intrepid ten of us...

I attempted to carry a copy of the U.N. Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons to their doorstep, but instead ending up handing it to their head of security on their property. My intention had been to proceed, but instead I was arrested for being on their property after a warning. I was cited with trespass (not the usual disorderly conduct charge) and then released on site.

As we go to press, the U.S. has bombed three nuclear sites in Iran, in violation of international law and the Constitution. Two nuclear powers – the U.S. and Israel – now wage war on a non-nuclear state. The fallout, radioactive or not, is only beginning. People in Gaza continue to starve and are being shot and killed by Israeli soldiers while trying to get food for their families. Throughout the U.S., legal immigrants with no criminal record are being rounded up along with collateral seizure of U.S. citizens and the deployment of the military and National Guard. The nuclear power industry is once again sitting up in its grave, and with a boost from new executive orders and Supreme Court judgments, is threatening this time to unleash a zombie army of mini- and micro-nukes. And there is so much more happening that is of deep concern. Who and what will be next?

As we look to the future of the movement and of the planet, our courage and resilience is bolstered when we think of the war and nuclear resisters pictured on this page – between them, they had hundreds of protest arrests and years in prison! In addition to Plowshares activist and Catholic Worker Michael Walli; Presbyterian minister and peace activist Bob Cook; original member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) and Committee of 100, and coordinator of the U.K. campaign to free Mordechai Vanunu, Ernest Rodker; Veterans for Peace activist Ken Mayers; and Quaker peace, justice and anti-nuclear activist David Hartsough, we also remember other long-time activists and Nuclear Resister supporters and friends who have passed away in recent months: Debbie Quigley, who brought her warm presence and solidarity to protests and courtrooms when her attorney husband Bill was defending resisters; Patrick Malone, a member of the Rocky Flats Truth Force who Jack visited in jail in the late 1970s; Francis Boyle, an international law expert who literally wrote the book on civil disobedience and International Law and advised protesters on legal cases; and Alice Ritter, a Tucson member of Veterans for Peace who we demonstrated with countless times. Honoring the memory of these good people reminds us of how connected all of our lives are as we continue the struggle for a just, peaceful and nuclear-free world.

Peace,
Felice and Jack

P.S. Summer is a very slow time for donations, and so if you're able to and you've been thinking of sending a contribution this would be a great time - thanks!

Thanks

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ABOUT THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

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

The Nuclear Resister 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

Veterans Against Fascism Take Capitol Steps

On the evening of Friday, June 13, the eve of Donald Trump’s \$45+ million military birthday parade, approximately 60 veterans and military family members staged a sit-in on the steps of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. to demand the military get off American city streets from Los Angeles to D.C., and taxpayer money be directed towards real investments in housing, health care, and food – not political stunts or militarism.

The group, many wearing t-shirts that boldly declared they were Veterans Against Fascism, first gathered for a press conference and demonstration on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. There they unfurled their long banner demanding “Vets Say Military Off Our Streets” and many smaller signs, “Money for People, Not Parades”, “Benefits Not Bullshit” and “Healthcare, Not Warfare”.

As that demonstration concluded, most of the assembly crossed the street to the Capitol, where a few members of the organizing groups, About Face: Veterans Against the War and Veterans for Peace, pushed aside bicycle rack barriers. The veterans, including at least one Vietnam veteran using a walker, quickly walked or ran to the Capitol. They mounted the steps and again unfurled their banner before Capitol police moved in to make arrests.



Photo by About Face – Veterans Against the War

Nuclear Resisters In and Out of German Prisons

Susan Crane of the Redwood City, California Catholic Worker community was released from prison in Koblenz, Germany on Friday, January 17, after spending 7½ months incarcerated for trespass convictions and refusing to pay fines stemming from a string of nonviolent protests against U.S. nuclear weapons stationed at the Büchel air

base, southeast of Cologne.

Crane, 81, a life-long peace activist who has served lengthy prison sentences in the United States for Plowshares nuclear disarmament actions, was convicted of several trespass charges in Germany after joining six “go-in” demonstrations at Büchel. During the actions on the German base, Crane and others warned personnel that stationing the U.S. nuclear weapons there, and NATO’s ongoing threat to use them known quaintly as “nuclear sharing,” are both unlawful. Tornado fighter jet pilots of the German air force’s 33rd Tactical Air Wing at Büchel routinely train to drop the U.S. H-bombs on targets in Russia, even in the midst of NATO-armed war in Ukraine.

In late November, German activist Gerd Büntzly completed a 45-day sentence for entering the Büchel base in May, 2023 and was released from prison. It was his fifth custodial sentence served in lieu of paying a fine for protest at Büchel. And in December, Miriam Krämer, another German activist, served 15 days in prison for Büchel protest.

Then on February 26, Brian Terrell, a Catholic Worker from Maloy, Iowa and also a veteran prisoner for peace, reported to the prison at Wittlich, Germany, also to serve a 15-day sentence for the “crime” of entering Büchel more than five years earlier in July, 2019.

For more information, visit noelhuis.nl/acties/kernwapensweg.

MOTHER’S DAY AT BANGOR

Sixty people were present on May 10 for the annual Mother’s Day demonstration against nuclear weapons at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, homeport to eight Trident nuclear-powered submarines loaded with nuclear-armed ballistic missiles.

At around 2 p.m., eight people walked into the highway entering the base carrying large banners and signs stating, “Abolish Nuclear Weapons” and “Nuclear Weapons are Immoral to Use, Immoral to Have, Immoral to Make.”

They blocked the highway for over 10 minutes before Washington state patrol moved in to make arrests. All eight were cited for being pedestrians on a roadway and released at the scene.

For more information, visit gzcenter.org.

Persistent Resistance at Travis Air Force Base

*From the reports of
Toby Blome, Rick Sterling and Wynd Kaufman*

The People’s Arms Embargo has engaged in persistent resistance to U.S. support for Israel’s war, at times risking arrest with nonviolent action at Travis Air Force Base. The base in Fairfield, between San Francisco and Sacramento, is called the “Gateway to the Pacific” because it serves as the military’s largest cargo and passenger shipping center.

November 20, designated by the United Nations as World Children’s Day, was also the day of the failed Senate vote to cut off U.S. funds for Israel’s weapons. About 100 people joined an early morning protest, some displaying large banners to arriving traffic such as “Stop Travis: No U.S. Weapons for Genocide” and “Stop Arms for War Crimes”. Others slowed traffic by repeatedly activating the crosswalk and picketing around the intersection. Flyers handed to drivers answered the question, “Why are we blocking access to Travis Air Base and messing up your day?”

All three gates into the base were then shut down by blockades until sheriff’s deputies and Fairfield police could clear the blockaders away. Twenty-three of them were taken to jail and charged with blocking the road and not following a lawful order before being released several hours later.

Fifty anti-war activists were at the main gate of Travis on the morning of January 23 to re-enact the “hospitalcide”, or ongoing destruction of the health care

facilities in Gaza. A dramatic street theater depicting the policy was presented within sight of the U.S. Air Force’s largest medical facility in the country. It featured a large cardboard image of Gaza’s Kamal Adwan Hospital and demonstrators dressed as patients, nurses, doctors and Israeli soldiers. This horrific scene was recreated for about two hours while educational flyers were offered to drivers stopped at each light change.

After a 45 minute blockade with banners and signs at the north gate, about two dozen Fairfield police arrived in riot gear and arrested three women, including two grandmothers, who remained in the roadway after being ordered to leave. All three were taken to the Fairfield jail and booked, then cited and released late at night.

The People’s Arms Embargo returned to Travis on April 9 to again block the road, this time in honor of the late advocate for peace and nonviolent direct action David Hartsough, a co-founder of the group who had recently passed away.

This time, the banners used to block the road at the gate read “Travis: No Genocide, No Deportations” and “Every 15 Minutes a Child in Gaza is Killed.” Police in riot gear moved in and arrested 12 people, including a legal observer and photographer. The photographer was cited and released at the scene, while the others were taken to the police station, where they were quickly processed, cited and released.

To date, all charges against Travis blockaders have later been dismissed or remain “under review.”

Shut Down Drone Warfare

For a third straight year, a few dozen opponents of drone warfare returned in late April for a week of protest at Holloman Air Force Base in southern New Mexico. The base hosts the largest drone warfare training program in the United States, “graduating” over 700 pilots and operators each year.

The Shut Down Drone Warfare spring action included twice-daily rush-hour displays of signs and banners to greet students and workers passing through the base gate.

This year’s event focused on U.S. drones’ surveillance support for Israel’s genocide in Gaza. On Wednesday morning, April 23, activists donned signs with the names and ages of young Gazan children killed, and blocked traffic while chanting, “15 thousand children killed in Gaza. No drones for genocide.”

Protest coordinator Toby Blomé laid down in front of a stopped car when military police threatened to arrest them. While others left the road, she was ultimately handcuffed, detained, cited for federal trespass and released. Previous actions at Holloman resulted only in state charges.

For more information, visit shutdowndronewarfare.org.

Six Arrests at Kansas City Plant

by Brian Terrell

At dawn on Monday, May 19, 23 activists greeted workers arriving for the early shift at the Kansas City National Security Campus. The KCNSC is a National Nuclear Security Administration facility managed and operated by Honeywell that makes 80 percent of the electrical and mechanical parts for the United States’ growing nuclear weapons arsenal.

At present, the KCNSC is participating in seven “modernization programs” of land, air and sea based nuclear weapons, including the newly accelerated production of the B61-13 gravity bomb, 25 times more powerful than the one dropped on Hiroshima and more flexible and precise than earlier versions.

With more than 7,000 employees, the KCNSC is undergoing a construction project that will double its size. A banner on the gate of the construction site reads “Safe, efficient and timely delivery of KC next critical infrastructure,” celebrating several contractors’ contributions to a mad rush to produce more powerful and easier to use nuclear bombs.

In anticipation of the protest, the “campus” security closed the plant’s main gate, diverting workers to another entrance. After the morning rush, six of the activists, – Ann Suellentrop, Henry Stoeve, Mike Miles, Brian Terrell, Jane Stoeve and Brother Louis Rodemann – took their protest onto the KCNSC. The six were placed under arrest by officers of the Federal Protection Force who turned them over to the Kansas City police department. They were cited for alleged violations of local ordinances and released with orders to appear in court in late June.

For more information, visit peaceworkskc.org.

Inside & Out



PREVIOUSLY LISTED, NOW ON HOME CONFINEMENT: Leonard Peltier

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED
Susan Crane, Gerd Büntzly, Nurlan Zhaulibayev, Nurlan Temirgaliyev, Zhanat Kazakhbai, Fazylzhan Sydykov, Aidar Mubarakov, Paige Belanger, Sophie Ross, Bridget Shergalis, Calla Walsh, Nancy Epling

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Lakenheath, UK

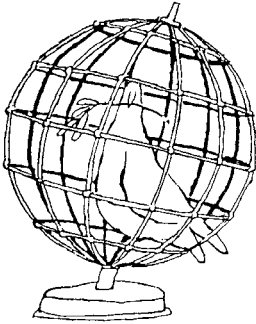
Officially, Lakenheath is named a Royal Air Force base, but in fact, the base northeast of London hosts only United States Air Force units and military personnel. For two weeks in April, the Lakenheath Alliance for Peace (LAP) hosted a peace camp a few miles from the military base, as an alternate center for educational, cultural and resistance activity. Camp activities centered around different themed days such as Political and Protest Choirs Day with performances by eight different singing groups, a day commemorating the Greenham Common Women’s Peace Camp, Climate Day, War Crimes and Genocide Day, Democracy Day, Faith Day, and an international Peace Conference Day that packed a nearby village community center for a program featuring peace activists from across Europe, Japan, Korea and the United States.

The camp also supported a 24/7 vigil at the gate for the duration of the event. Banners and signs on the fence at the vigil site communicated to drivers on the busy highway the demand for U.S. nukes out of the U.K.

On the morning of April 25, fourteen women, intersex, non-binary and trans activists – ages 24 to 91 – lined up to block the main gate of Lakenheath, denouncing

the deadly entanglements between militarism, climate change, authoritarianism and genocide. Ten activists were topless with chains around their wrists and tape over their mouths to expose the vulnerability and silencing faced by people under systems of war, climate collapse and oppression. Their bodies were painted with the words “Violence,” “Displacement,” “Brutality,” “Exploitation,” “Silencing” and “Oppression”. They stood hand in hand forming a powerful image decrying both war and climate change as strongly linked to gender-based violence around the world. Four activists stood behind them displaying flags and a banner saying “Break The Chain”.

The police agreed the activists could stand in the road for 10 minutes; however, when they left the police followed them to the safe vigil space, where three were arrested for indecent exposure, including one who had not even doffed her top. The reason for arrest was then changed to “coming equipped” because of the symbolic chains. The three were taken to Bury St. Edmunds police investigation center, where they were eventually charged with obstruction of the highway and released late that night.



The Lakenheath Alliance for Peace reported on the blockade the following day:

The April 26 blockade went very well with coaches, minibuses, vans and cars coming from Oxford, Cambridge, Norwich, London, Leicester, Manchester and Birmingham. XR helped steward us, and brought their wonderful huge banners to add to the many flags and banners from the many campaign groups – Trident Ploughshares, CND groups, Quakers who led silent worships, Buddhists from Nipponzan Myohoji Pagodas who drummed for us, Communists singing the Internationale, XR Rhythms drummers, Red Rebels.

Over 250 people sat down outside the main gate and with police helping with safety no cars came out of the base or into the base from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. Throughout the two weeks, the LAP police liaisons - Angie, Marcus and Sue - worked with the Suffolk police to ensure safety and it was only when a point was reached during the blockade, when the Suffolk police felt the disruption had gone on long enough to ensure our right to protest but was now overstepping that time, that they made it clear they would arrest people. As silence descended again, the blockaders were asked to leave, and gradually they moved off the entrance roadway. By about 3:15 p.m. seven people had been arrested: Ginnie from Greenham Women Everywhere; Marie from Didcot and the Villages for Gaza; Jane from Trident Ploughshares; Marc from Mouvement pour une Alternative Non-Violente; Martin from Shrewsbury XR; Sateesh from Community Camp 4 Palestine; and Jo from XR Peace. They were taken to Bury St. Edmunds police investigation centre, bailed away from Lakenheath and told their case was being investigated and they should return on June 2 to answer police bail. They had all been released by late evening and were picked up by supporters and brought back to the campsite.

For more information about the growing campaign to resist U.S. nuclear weapons in the U.K., visit lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.



Blockade of Lakenheath Air Base, April 26.

Photo by Jim Scott

CEASEFIRE NOW!

Resistance to Israel’s U.S.-backed War on Palestine Continues

The Nuclear Resister continues a day-by-day chronicle of arrests in the U.S. and Canada at protests demanding an end to Israel’s war against the Palestinian people and U.S. support for that war.

The full chronicle of more than 10,700 arrests beginning in October, 2023 through June, 2025 can be found online at bit.ly/CeasefireChronicle and nukeresister.org.

We acknowledge that despite our best efforts, we’ve undoubtedly overlooked some protest arrests. Please let us know of any that are missing or any substantial errors in this chronicle.

If you or someone you know of is jailed for anti-war actions, please let us know as soon as possible so that the news can be included on the Nuclear Resister website and in the next issue of this newsletter.

UPDATES

Thousands of the ceasefire arrests reported here and in four previous issues, including many felonies alleging sizable property damage, assault, and even “mob action”, were resolved when charges were eventually dismissed, prosecution was deferred, a bond forfeited, a fine paid or community service imposed. Additionally, through last winter and spring a few brief jail terms have been served.

Even when criminal charges were never filed or were later dismissed or resolved with minor consequence, it also needs to be acknowledged that college and university students, faculty and staff across the United States have been increasingly subject to severe institutional discipline and adverse academic consequences for their protest. Sanctions have included academic reprimand, suspension, loss of employment, loss of access to campus or certain buildings, denial

of a diploma, disenrollment and expulsion. On many campuses the rules for expressive conduct have changed to now prohibit what was previously permitted, and what was once an accepted act of protest is now punished.

Under the Trump administration, several high-profile immigration enforcement actions have also led to the arrest and jailing of non-citizen students and others, their legal status revoked or changed because of their advocacy for Palestinian human rights. To chronicle all of these immigration-related prosecutions is beyond our capacity, and we’re grateful many others are doing that work.

We continue to follow a handful of cases where felony prosecutions threaten jail or prison time for ceasefire defendants, including from City University of New York; Stanford and San Francisco, California; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and Louisville, Kentucky.

June 24, 2024 Santa Barbara, CA 5 arrests

After seven weeks, police cleared the “University of California/Santa Barbara Liberated Zone”, a Palestine solidarity encampment of students, faculty and staff, from the campus.

October 24 North Charleston, SC 2 arrests

Two members of the Elbit Out of South Carolina Coalition are facing charges under a controversial 2021 law targeting protests of police violence for holding an unpermitted peaceful rally in Marion Square. The rally opposed local tax breaks that support the Israeli arms maker, and its local factory producing howitzer guns being used in Gaza.

November 7 Chicago, IL 2 arrests

Two were arrested following a protest of an Israeli speaker at the Chicago Loop Synagogue.

November 8 Fairfax, VA 2 arrests

Investigation following spray-paint graffiti related to

the war on Gaza on the George Mason University campus last August led to a November FBI raid on the family home of two students, seizing electronic devices. The two students were charged with trespass and barred from campus for four years. Defending Rights & Dissent notes that, “While such a raid is a dramatic overreaction to what is petty vandalism, it is in line with a history where the FBI has used minor acts of vandalism and property damage to predicate counter terrorism investigations that focus on political protest.”

November 11 Cleveland, OH 11 arrests

Spray-paint graffiti naming Palestine, Sudan, Congo, and Haiti, along with pasted fliers stating “Your school funds genocide” at Case Western Reserve University resulted in the arrest of four students on felony vandalism charges. They were held in jail for several days. In January, warrants were issued for the arrest of four more students in connection to the incident, and two were also held for several days before their release. In February,

three more people were indicted, and now the Case Western Reserve University Eleven await trial.

November 12 New York, NY 1 arrest

A Writers Against the War on Gaza organizer was taken into custody during a protest outside the Museum of Modern Art as the World Jewish Congress’s 2024 Theodor Herzl Award Dinner was taking place there. Police stopped her as she crossed the street between groups of protesters, and charged her with disorderly conduct.

November 12 Washington, DC 9 arrests

Nine people were arrested while blocking an entrance to the White House to demand the Biden administration “uphold U.S. laws, which require an arms embargo on Israel.”

November 14 Dallas, TX 14 arrests

Demonstrators outside the Jewish National Fund conference blocked the road and planted an olive tree

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South Korea

On February 26, the ninth anniversary of the opening of the Jeju Naval Base in South Korea, Father Kim Sung-hwan, director of the St. Francis Peace Center, celebrated the daily Catholic Mass at the base gate under the watchful eye of police. The police then followed him as he had lunch with other priests and then to an outdoor cafe before finally closing in and taking Fr. Kim into custody on charges of interfering with work and obstruction of official business. He was released several hours later.

London, UK

Thanks to Catholic Peace Action for this report

After moments of prayer and reflection under the beautiful, sparkling blue spring sky, Ray Towey and Dan and Carmel Martin approached the front entrance of the Ministry of Defence [MoD] in London on April 2.

It was unguarded, with only a trickle of workers entering and leaving. Towey climbed the steps and onto the plinth under the sign labeling the building.

He wrote in charcoal under the mark of a cross, “Trident is genocide, choose life not terror”.

He stood with his arms out and palms open indicating his nonviolence, and waited.

After a few minutes a group of three heavily armed MoD police officers swiftly approached.

“Good afternoon, Mr. Towey!” called an officer whom the group have encountered while marking the building on previous visits during Lent.

More MoD officers arrived and arrested the retired physician for criminal damage. He was searched, relieved of his possessions and then taken to the police station. There he was fingerprinted, photographed, DNA tested and his phone was examined. Police conducted a formal interview, the officer keen to release Towey if he would agree to contrition for the action and guilt.

Towey refused to sign any document and said that his defense was the charcoal could never have caused any criminal damage. He also asserted a legal excuse to mark the wall because of the criminality of nuclear weapons, and that as a Christian it was his mission to make public opposition to this prepared crime of genocide. He was released after about seven hours in custody, and faces trial at Westminster Magistrates Court on June 23.

The incident that led to the charges took place last October 12, when the U.S. nuclear submarine support ship Frank Cable arrived at Jeju Naval Base and a tour bus carrying U.S. troops was leaving the base. Fr. Kim stood in front of the bus holding a sign in nonviolent protest against the injustice of U.S. warships entering and leaving Jeju Naval Base. He acted out of a sense of urgency to raise the alarm about the increasing threat of war in Northeast Asia and the reality that Jeju is becoming a U.S. outpost.

When US. military authorities complained to local police about Fr. Kim's action, police stepped up harassment of the daily Human Chain event that follows Mass each day, a 13-year anti-war tradition now celebrated as a cultural festival. Because the event includes picket signs, flags and slogans with political language, the South Korean authorities said the Human Chain was an unauthorized protest. Since then, large numbers of police have descended on the Human

France

While years of police repression, undercover investigation, judicial banishment and prosecution of activists opposing France’s nuclear waste dump in the northeast Meuse region have come to naught for the state (see Update Files, page 8), the gendarmerie have kept themselves busy surveilling the anti-nuclear movement and arresting activists elsewhere in the country.

Last November 19, two people were arrested in the city center of Caen, accused of obstructing the movement of a train bearing four CASTOR nuclear waste casks as it passed through the port city.

Campaigners were alert to the impending shipment, but the train, en route from the reprocessing facility at La Hague to a dump in Germany, hadn’t even rolled into town yet.

It was immediately apparent the activists had been under surveillance for some time because several teams of police, including the elite plainclothes Brigade Anti-



Photo by Gangjeong Peace Network

Father Kim Sung-hwan blocks a tour bus full of U.S. sailors leaving the Jeju Naval Base, October 12, 2024.

Chain, issued dispersal orders, filmed the participants and issued summonses to call people in for questioning.

For more information, visit savejejunow.org.

Criminalité, joined in the operation. Police claimed the activists and their vehicle were close enough to the railway line to justify their arrest, seizing and searching their vehicle, and for good measure searching one of their homes while they were being held in jail overnight. Police said items found in the car were intended for sabotage, including a jug of white vinegar alleged to be flammable! Legal proceedings are ongoing.

Police surveillance of the anti-nuclear movement was also confirmed by a press report in February, citing a graffiti incident at a nuclear jobs fair in Cherbourg as a reason for ongoing investigations. Another activist’s home was searched, and when he refused to voluntarily provide his fingerprints and DNA sample he was summoned to appear in court on July 3. Police have also been seen recording license plates at public anti-nuclear meetings and are believed to have sent an informant posing as a disgruntled nuclear worker to one, where he offered phones and SIM cards for the activists to use.

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there in solidarity with Palestine. Others held a banner reading, “Southern Jews say Stop Funding Genocide.” Police arrested 14, including a rabbi as she led the group in prayer, and charged two with trespass.

November 15 Syracuse, NY 1 arrest

A sit-in in the lobby of the Syracuse federal building, where New York’s two senators each have an office, demanded they support a Joint Resolution of Disapproval blocking more funds for Israel’s war. Federal marshals removed nine people to the plaza outside but Ellen Grady kept returning to block the exterior doors four more times until she was arrested. She was convicted of disorderly conduct and failure to comply, and fined \$1,500.

November 19 Chicago, IL 13 arrests

Members of Jewish Voice for Peace blocked escalators and elevators at the Caterpillar Business and Analytics Hub demanding an end to Caterpillar supplying bulldozers to the Israeli occupation forces and that their representatives support the Joint Resolution of Disapproval of funds for Israel.

November 19 Washington, DC 44 arrests

Demonstrators once again occupied the atrium of the Hart Senate office building to protest U.S. complicity in the genocide in Gaza as Congress faced key votes. Those arrested included representatives of faith groups, mothers, health providers, teachers, students and veterans.

November 19 Los Angeles, CA 4 arrests

Chanting, “Hey, hey, ho, ho! The occupation has got to go!”, University of California/Los Angeles Students for Justice in Palestine blocked Bruin Walk through campus, leading to three arrests for obstruction and one for interfering with police.

November 19 Rochester, NY 4 arrests

Four people face felony charges for property damage after scores of “wanted” posters were plastered across the University of Rochester campus. The posters featured 13 people including University employees, administrators and members of the Board of Trustees, accusing each of various “crimes” beginning with support for Israel’s war

to complaints of excessive force dealing with student demonstrators.

November 21 Fairfield, CA 28 arrests

See Travis Air Force Base story, p. 3.

November 22 Montreal, PQ 4 arrests

Students across Quebec demonstrated against Israel’s war for two days as the city hosted a NATO conference. The main building at Concordia University was occupied and police clashed with some protesters during a march through the city, leading to arrests for obstructing or assaulting police.

November 28 New York, NY 25 arrests

Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade was briefly interrupted when people ran in front of the Ronald McDonald balloon to display a banner reading “Don’t Celebrate Genocide.” They were all swiftly arrested and later released.

November 28 Tucson, AZ 1 arrest

On Thanksgiving Day, Georgia Conroy was briefly detained in handcuffs but not charged after blocking traffic in front of the federal building downtown, in protest of U.S. support for Israel’s war.

December 3 Ottawa, ON 14 arrests

Jews Say No to Genocide Coalition sat in to block the entrance to the Confederation Building on Parliament Hill, demanding Canadian lawmakers stop supporting arms shipments to Israel. Ottawa police later released without charge those they had arrested for trespass.

December 5 Madison, WI 19 arrests

An open meeting of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents was shut down when students, alumni and others from Madison and Milwaukee campuses began chanting “Regents, regents you can’t hide; you’re supporting genocide. We want justice, you say, ‘How?’ Answer our demands now!” Police quickly began arresting protesters and charged them with intentionally making too much noise for the meeting to continue.

December 9 Syracuse, NY 3 arrests

In a heavy winter rain, on the anniversary of the U.N. adoption of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, local members of Veterans for Peace were joined by about two dozen others as they dug a mock grave on the lawn of the downtown federal building. Small mock caskets representing some of the tens of thousands of children killed by Israel’s military assault on Gaza were placed into the shallow grave before police arrested Dan Burgevin, Jack Gilroy and Ed Kinane. They were each fined \$50.

December 12 New York, NY 8 arrests

Faculty and students occupied an area outside the offices of the New York University President and Provost, demanding divestment from Israel. Two faculty were among those arrested, joining four other faculty and dozens of students declared “persona non grata” by campus security and barred from entering NYU buildings.

December 15 Chicago, IL 1 arrest

Fourth-year student Mamayan Jabateh was arrested, forced from their University of Chicago dormitory room, ironically while working on a final paper about the politics of the “carceral state.” Handcuffed, arrested and interrogated by city police, they were held for 30 hours. They were released on charges of aggravated battery of police and resisting/obstructing an officer who was arresting another demonstrator during a melee at a ceasefire demonstration in October. Jabateh was prevented from completing their exams and placed on involuntary leave from the University.

January 2 North Charleston, SC 1 arrest

Elbit Out of South Carolina activists hold weekly pickets for peace outside a local tax-supported factory producing self-propelled howitzer gun systems for Israel. Martin Levinson was arrested for trespass when “the spontaneous thought occurred to me that the three guards might not be fully aware of the deadly nature of the business that they were employed to protect” and he approached them with a flyer explaining the picket. “What we see is a pattern of corruption and repression

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Nuclear Resistance on Ash Wednesday

TUCSON

Members of the Pacific Life Community from California, Oregon, Washington, Texas, Nevada and Arizona met in St. David, Arizona from March 3–6 for their annual gathering and nuclear weapons protest. Two members of the faith-based network were arrested on Ash Wednesday, March 5 during a nonviolent resistance action at the Raytheon weapons factory in Tucson, Arizona.

In April, 2020 the Pentagon named Raytheon in Tucson as the sole-source contractor for a \$16 billion program to develop and produce the Long-Range Stand-Off (LRSO) missile, an all-new, air-launched nuclear-armed cruise missile. Production of this missile violates the spirit and letter of the 2017 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The Treaty’s Third Meeting of States Parties was taking place at the U.N. in New York City the same week as the Pacific Life Community gathering and action.

Forty people of many faiths gathered in a circle outside of Raytheon’s Hermans Road entrance, where they received ashes in repentance for the nuclear weapons work being done there. Those who planned to cross onto Raytheon property – Elizabeth Murray, John Heid and Mark Dellamano – stepped into the circle to receive blessings, including from Rev. Senji Kanaeda and Rev. Gilberto Perez of the Nipponzan Myohiji Buddhist Temple on Bainbridge Island, Washington. The three nuclear resisters then began to slowly walk down the road into the Raytheon plant, facing the exiting traffic while carrying a sign that read, “Raytheon nukes will reduce us to ashes.”

The rest of the group remained near Nogales Highway, holding colorful signs for workers and passing traffic to read.

Just as Murray, Heid and Dellamano reached the gate, a barricade was lowered across the road. They knelt in prayer in the road and their supporters also knelt outside



Photo by Felice Cohen-Joppa

John Heid (holding sign) and Elizabeth Murray (right) are cited for trespass at Raytheon in Tucson, Arizona.

the entrance. Dellamano soon turned around and joined the others holding signs outside the entrance.

Raytheon security arrived and placed security cones around Murray and Heid for their safety. The two decided to walk around the barricade to continue sharing their Ash Wednesday message with the workers. As soon as they did, Raytheon security officers pulled up in several vehicles and told the two activists that they were trespassing on Raytheon property.

Before long, Pima County sheriff’s deputies arrived. After attempts to convince the activists to leave on their own accord were unsuccessful, the sheriffs placed the pair in their vehicle, telling them they would be taken to jail. But they were never handcuffed, and their sign was

not taken away. A few minutes later, the deputies drove the short distance to the area where the rest of the group were holding their signs. Heid and Murray were both given citations for trespass and released there. They both pled not guilty and are scheduled for a bench trial on September 2.

NEW YORK CITY

On March 5, 17 people were arrested at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, across First Avenue from U.N. headquarters in New York City. Others blocked First Avenue with a giant banner declaring their message: “U.S. Join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.” (TPNW). Participants had asked for a meeting with the interim U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. and were refused.

The action took place while the Third Meeting of States Parties to the TPNW was underway at the U.N. Although defiantly not a signatory of the TPNW, the U.S. has also refused to even send an observer to these meetings.

“Half of the world’s countries have either ratified or signed the treaty and the U.S. won’t send anyone across the street to observe what is happening with the only treaty negotiated to facilitate global, verifiable nuclear disarmament,” said arrestee Kelly Lundeen of Nukewatch, one of the participating groups along with the Atlantic Life Community, War Resisters League and Veterans For Peace.

March 5 was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Christian penitential season of Lent. Another banner held by protesters read, “Nuclear War Means the World in Ashes.” Archbishop John Wester of Santa Fe, New Mexico (author of the only Catholic pastoral letter on nuclear disarmament) joined the group, blessing and distributing ashes to the penitent prior to the protest.

Those arrested were accused of disorderly conduct but those charges were later dismissed.

Holy Week

Holy Week was the occasion of peace walks culminating with arrests in both Nevada and Connecticut, and an interfaith civil resistance action on Good Friday in Pennsylvania.

CONNECTICUT

In Connecticut, a few dozen members and friends of the Atlantic Life Community joined a Holy Week Peace Pilgrimage from New Haven to General Dynamic’s Electric Boat office and shipyards that flank the Thames River at New London and Groton. There, the new Columbia Class nuclear ballistic missile submarines are now under construction.

Beginning on Palm Sunday, they walked along Connecticut Route 1 “with a real spirit of invitation” displayed on their banners and signs. They were hosted

NEVADA

Walkers from around the country joined the annual Sacred Peace Walk hosted by the Nevada Desert Experience, beginning in Las Vegas and ending at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) at Mercury, where explosive nuclear weapons tests were conducted for decades.

Passing through the town of Indian Springs on the morning of April 16, about a dozen peace walkers stood in the road blocking the gate at Creech Air Force Base, a key drone warfare training and operations center.

Las Vegas Metro Police on the scene soon declared it an illegal assembly and threatened to arrest them. Amaya Rodriguez, Catherine Hourcade and Sylver Pondolfino refused to leave the road and were arrested, issued a citation for “pedestrian in the roadway”. They were later sentenced to 50 hours of community service.

The group then continued the remainder of their 60 mile pilgrimage. On April 18, Western Shoshone spiritual leader Johnnie Bobb held a traditional sunrise ceremony. After a Good Friday Stations of the Cross procession, the group walked to the NNSS boundary line and gathered in the road. They shared messages about their concerns: nuclear weapons development and testing, the Site’s illegal occupation of Western Shoshone land, the continued misuse of resources and environmental destruction.

Three of the peace walkers – Nathan Jerrell, Karen Pettit and Jon Klusmire – then crossed the line and were issued citations for trespass by Nye County sheriffs. They have 60 days to respond.

For more information, visit nevadadesertexperience.org.

for potluck meals and stayed overnight in churches, joined vigils with local activists and held informational meetings along the way. On Holy Thursday at the gate of Electric Boat’s engineering center in New London, the pilgrims washed each others feet as Jesus had done for his disciples. Some people remained in the road, blocking the entrance with long banners that read “Holy Thursday: Jesus Commanded ‘Love One Another’” and “Stop Engineering the End of the World.”

Ellen Grady, Clare Grady, Linden Jenkins, Steve Baggarly, Dimitri Kadiev, Karen Gargamelli-McCreight and Chris Spicer Hankle were arrested, cited for disorderly conduct and released.

The Pilgrimage concluded on Good Friday with a Stations of the Cross liturgy outside the gates of the Electric Boat shipyard across the river at Groton.

Arraigned on May 1, five of those cited agreed to community service, while Kadiev and Baggarly await a trial date.

PENNSYLVANIA

by Paul Magno, Isaiah Project

On April 18, I stood with 24 fellow activists outside Lockheed Martin in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. It was Good Friday – a day that, within Christian tradition, remembers Jesus’ death, and its embodiment of loving sacrifice, nonviolence, and the call to justice. Together, we gathered not just as individuals, but as a united front of people of conscience, representing a broad array of faith-based groups, to speak out against war and the machinery that fuels it.

Over two hundred people of faith and conscience gathered for the demonstration, organized by the Brandywine Peace Community, Red Letter Christians and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. It brought together voices from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and Quaker communities – each bringing their own prayers, chants, and sacred presence. We marked the day with songs of peace, solemn reflection and the tolling of bells as we moved in silent procession toward the entrance of the largest weapons manufacturer in the world.

Lockheed Martin is deeply enmeshed in global militarization, producing weapons used in conflicts from Ukraine to Yemen to Gaza. Our action specifically called attention to the company’s role in the ongoing

humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, where U.S.-supplied bombs, drones, and F-35 fighter jets have played a devastating role.

Crossing onto company property was a deliberate, nonviolent act of moral resistance. We did so not to break the law for its own sake, but to confront a deeper injustice – the normalization of war as business. The arrests that followed were expected. What mattered most was bearing public witness: a collective cry for peace, an urgent call to end the arms trade and a plea for a just future.

This Good Friday action was not isolated. It was part of a growing wave of faith-based and grassroots resistance across the country, echoing the calls for a ceasefire in Gaza and a transformation of U.S. foreign policy. As people of faith, we believe our sacred texts compel us to speak out – and to act – when human life and dignity are under assault.

We left the Lockheed gates in handcuffs, but with our heads held high. Our hope is not in weapons, but in solidarity, compassion and the courage of community. The work continues.

Those appearing in court have been sentenced to terms of community service.

Why We Walk

The Holy Week Peace Pilgrimage

We walk to draw attention to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which prohibits the development, testing, production, and stockpiling of nuclear weapons and to call on the United States to lead the work for nuclear abolition.

We walk because the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists says it is 89 seconds to Nuclear Midnight and we need to do something!

We walk because the United States spends more than 50 cents of every dollar on the military, and that is an act of theft from our most vulnerable communities.

We walk because from Gaza to the Sudan, from the West Bank to Ukraine, military occupation and violence is killing civilians.

We walk because we need to remind ourselves of our power as Catholics, as Americans, as human beings to make the change.

We walk because it is Holy Week, and our Christ is once again being crucified.

We walk because our hearts are heavy, and we need to reconnect with the beauty, generosity and goodness that makes each of us human.

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here,” said local resident and group member Chris Tittle. “Our local government has secretly negotiated tax deals with foreign companies producing weapons to be used in a genocide; then pass laws that criminalize free speech; then intimidate and arrest us when we use our voices to protest. Everyone in the Lowcountry should be deeply concerned by this, whether you care about Elbit Systems or not.”

January 14 **Washington, DC** **3 arrests**

Three Veterans for Peace were arrested and removed after interrupting the Senate confirmation hearing of Pete Hegseth.

January 24 **Fairfield, CA** **4 arrests**

See Travis Ar Force Base story, p. 3.

February 20 **Montreal, PQ** **1 arrest**

Canadian writer and war opponent Yves Engler was arrested and jailed for five days, charged first on the complaint of a Zionist media personality accusing him of harassment because he criticized her anti-Palestinian social media posts. He wrote on his website about police notifying him of his impending arrest on the charge and then solicited letters urging police to drop the charges. Police claimed to be harassed by the letter writing campaign and additionally charged Engler with intimidation, harassment, harassing communication and interfering with the police investigator.

February 28 **Muncie, IN** **5 arrests**

About 30 people attended a meeting of the Ball State University Board of Trustees. Four students and another young person “loudly disrupted the meeting by yelling” their support for divestment from Israel’s war and other concerns, then “persisted” after being warned to stop. They were booked into jail for two counts each of disorderly conduct.

March 10 **Ithaca, NY** **17 arrests**

Cornell University police arrested people who, one at a time, rose to speak out at a “Pathways to Peace” panel discussion featuring former Israeli foreign minister Livni. Most have since had disorderly conduct charges dismissed.

March 13 **New York, NY** **98 arrests**

Members of Jewish Voice for Peace occupied the lobby of Trump Tower wearing red t-shirts reading “Jews say stop arming Israel” and holding up banners as they chanted “Bring Mahmoud home now!”, referring to recently jailed Columbia University student activist Mahmoud Khalil. Police filed charges including trespass, obstruction and resisting arrest.

March 25 **Washington, DC** **2 arrests**

Tighe Barry and Ann Wright were ejected and arrested for anti-war protest at a Senate Intelligence Committee hearing.

April 7 **New York, NY** **6 arrests**

Within Our Lifetime march through mid-town Manhattan ended at Grand Central Station where six people were taken into custody. Four were issued summons, one was charged with obstruction and another with larceny.

April 9 **Fairfield, CA** **12 arrests**

See Travis Air Force Base story, p. 3.

April 10 **East Lansing, MI** **19 arrests**

Demonstration at the administration building calling for Michigan State University to divest from Israel, and in support of international students whose visas have been revoked, led to the arrest of 17 students and two others for trespass.

April 14 **Nampa, ID** **2 arrests**

When Sen. Bernie Sanders’ Fight Oligarchy tour came to town, two women in t-shirts reading “Let Gaza Live” and “Bombing kids is not self defense” dropped a Free Palestine banner in front of an American flag hanging in the arena. Both were arrested.

April 23 **New Haven, CT** **1 arrest**

Hundreds of people turned out to protest the visit of Israeli National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir to address the Jewish student society Shabtai at Yale. Catholic Worker Mark Colville was arrested for disorderly conduct and interfering after slapping a car at the venue.

April 24 **New York, NY** **1 arrest**

City University of New York police moved quickly to suppress students attempting to establish an encampment in solidarity with Palestine on the quad. Students were pepper sprayed and one was arrested.

April 25 **Brooklyn, NY** **6 arrests**

Itamar Ben-Gvir drew more protest when he made an appearance at the Chabad-Lubavitch world headquarters in Brooklyn. One man was arrested and charged with

assault, criminal mischief and harassment, and five others were released with a summons.

April 26 **Brooklyn, NY** **1 arrest**

Protest at a synagogue where Itamar Ben-Gvir was scheduled to speak led to the arrest of one person and cancellation of Ben-Gvir’s speech. He returned to Israel one day earlier than planned.

April 29 **Richmond, VA** **1 arrest**

A student at Virginia Commonwealth University was arrested for trespass during a protest marking the anniversary of a Gaza solidarity encampment.



Photo by Gary Ingraham

In front of the federal building, Syracuse activists dig mock graves for Gaza children on December 9.

April 30 **New Brunswick, NJ** **4 arrests**

Police roughly dispersed a rally protesting an event by Rutgers University Hillel Foundation featuring U.S. Representative Josh Gottheimer, a staunch Zionist and vocal supporter of Israel’s war. Four people, including three students, were charged with felony riot, two also with resisting arrest, and one, Thomas Whitehead, additionally was charged with aggravated assault on an officer. Whitehead, facing similar charges of assaulting police from an incident a week earlier, is being held without bond.

April 30 **Los Angeles, CA** **3 arrests**

University of California/Los Angeles police tried to prevent an unauthorized outdoor screening of The Encampments movie about Gaza solidarity protests on campus. They made arrests when members of Students for Justice in Palestine moved on and tried to set up the screen at another campus location.

May 3 **Swarthmore, PA** **9 arrests**

A four-day long encampment on Trotter Lawn at Swarthmore College demanding divestment from companies profiting from Israel’s occupation of Palestinian territories violated recent changes to the student code of conduct. Nine students were immediately suspended, while one student, one alumni and seven community members were arrested.

May 5 **Seattle, WA** **31 arrests**

Students United for Palestinian Equality & Return at the University of Washington (SUPER-UW) blocked two adjacent streets and occupied the new engineering building that was partially funded by Boeing. They called on the University to sever all ties with the corporation over its ties to Israel, damaging property and lighting two dumpsters on fire. The University immediately suspended 21 students among those arrested on suspicion of trespass, property destruction, disorderly conduct and conspiracy. Four people were held overnight before being released.

May 7 **New York, NY** **78 arrests**

Columbia University students and others committed to “disruption until divestment” occupied the reading room of Butler Library. Campus police responded by locking the library and demanding identification from everyone as they left. Using newly-granted authority, they began making arrests even before New York police arrived on the scene. Multiple students were injured by police during the eviction and removed on stretchers. “...as long as Columbia funds and profits from imperialist violence, the people will continue to disrupt Columbia’s profits and legitimacy,” said a statement from protest organizers, Columbia University Apartheid Divest (CUAD).

May 8 **Brooklyn, NY** **14 arrests**

Despite the violent arrests the night before at Columbia, Brooklyn College students set up a few tents on the college lawn, again demanding divestment from Israel, an end to the repression of students, cops off campus, and for a free, people’s CUNY (City University of New York). When campus security immediately surrounded the students, staff and faculty from a contemporaneous CUNY-PSC union rally came to their support, calling on CUNY’s president to not bring in the city police. Nevertheless, the Strategic Response Group riot squad was called in, and when they entered

the campus a few hours later, demonstrators picked up the tents and left campus, marching down the street until police closed in, punching demonstrators and firing tasers while arresting 14. Two students were held overnight.

May 14 **Washington, DC** **7 arrests**

At a Senate hearing where Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. testified in support of proposed Medicaid cuts, demonstrators who objected were quickly removed and arrested on charges of incommoding, assaulting an officer and resisting arrest. Among them was Ben Cohen, co-founder of Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, who shouted as he was led away, “Congress kills poor kids in Gaza by buying bombs and pays for it by kicking kids off Medicaid in the U.S... Congress and the senators need to ease the siege, they need to let food into Gaza. They need to let food to starving kids.”

May 15 **New York, NY** **8 arrests**

The boisterous march by the Palestinian community group Within Our Lifetime from downtown Brooklyn to Union Square in Manhattan led to the arrest of eight people, including performance artist Maksim Katsnelson, who climbed atop the statue of George Washington and told the crowd, “I’m not coming down until there’s peace in the Middle East, peace in Ukraine and peace in India!” Four people were charged with resisting arrest and obstruction and given desk appearance tickets, while three others were cited for disorderly conduct.

May 19 **Seattle, WA** **1 arrest**

Police used pepper spray against dozens of people who tried to push their way into a Microsoft developers conference at the Seattle Convention Center. They were protesting Microsoft providing cloud computing services to the Israeli government.

May 21 **New York, NY** **2 arrests**

Outside the graduation ceremonies at Columbia University, some students burned their diplomas in protest of Columbia’s refusal to divest from Israel. Police clashed with supporters of the students.

May 21 **Washington, DC** **7 arrests**

Seven people were removed from the room and arrested as they rose in protest of U.S. foreign policy at a Senate Committee on Foreign Relations hearing while Secretary of State Marco Rubio was testifying. First was Michigan physician Dr. Nidal Jboor, who simply held up a sign reading, “Let the children eat. Let the children live.” Capitol police, who last year formed a special team to quickly respond, reportedly make hundreds of “illegal demonstration” arrests each year.

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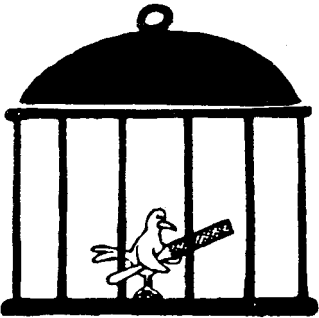
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BURE, FRANCE: After eight years and well over €12 million spent annually in “police and disproportionate investigative resources, intimidation, harassment and violence against opponents” of France’s proposed nuclear waste dump, the appeals court in Nancy on June 5 resolved the final legal case with a general acquittal for the final three defendants. From the original ten indictments in 2018, the final score is now zero charges, zero guilty parties in what one lawyer characterized as a “lamentable judicial epic”...

LAND FORCES EXPO: Police made a total of 111 arrests of people protesting Australia’s premier international arms bazaar last September. By March, despite the many arrests and multiple home raids of organizers, none have yet been convicted. Some have either been acquitted, diverted, or had charges withdrawn. There have been widespread protests and arrests in Australia over the government’s support for Israel and its wars...

NEVADA TEST SITE: For crossing the line during a March, 2024 protest, Jim Haber fulfilled a sentence of 50 hours community service in lieu of a \$650 fine. Despite threats of jail time for repeated line-crossing, repeat line-crosser Catherine Hourcade was given the same sentence in December, following her arrest there on October 14...

BEALE AIR FORCE BASE: A federal judge in December found Shirley Osgood guilty for two incidents of unauthorized entry into the California base in 2023 and 2024. After more than a decade of monthly overnight peace vigils and periodic blockades resulting in dozens of arrests, this was only the second time that federal charges were not dismissed before or during trial. The judge noted that Osgood, 77, was one of five defendants convicted in federal court in 2013, and had been barred from re-entering the base at that time. Also noted was that she has been cited there about 20 times since then. Osgood was sentenced to five days in jail and 100 hours community service. Uncle Sam put her up in the Yuba County Jail in Marysville...

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE: Election night line-crossers MacGregor Eddy and Lynn Hamilton paid the same fine for their Election Night nuclear missile launch protest, despite Eddy’s longer Vandenberg rap sheet. Jeff Dietrich and Catherine Morris, who after 50 years of marriage renewed their wedding vows just before crossing the line last August 10 were sentenced to two years unsupervised probation...

EUGENE, OREGON: In January, a jury acquitted two people charged with disorderly conduct for the April 15, 2024 blockade of I-5, apparently moved by their testimony of young people with personal ties to people in Palestine and Lebanon...

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May 21	Portland, ME	20 arrests
Protesters blocked an intersection outside the U.S. Customs House, chanting “Food, Not Bombs” and “Free Palestine.” Their action sought to pressure Maine’s congressional delegation to take decisive action to ensure humanitarian aid is delivered to Gaza. They were taken to jail and released on a charge of obstructing a public way.		
May 26	Princeton, NJ	1 arrest
A woman sitting among senior students during Princeton University’s Class Day was arrested when she stood up and shouted, “Princeton has blood on its hands,” and similar condemnations. She was not in fact a student, and was charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and defiant trespassing, and also barred from campus.		
May 27	Washington, DC	1 arrest
Dorothy Day House Catholic Worker Kathy Boylan was arrested at the Israeli Embassy, carrying signs that read, “Israel, Stop Bombing, Starving Gaza for God’s Sake” and “U.S. and Israel Guilty of Genocide.” She was held overnight on a charge of illegal entry.		
May 27	Jacksonville, FL	3 arrests
The city council president called on police to remove members of the Jacksonville Palestine Solidarity Network, claiming they were disrupting a public comment meeting. Two women face charges of resisting arrest. Conor Cauley did not resist, but faces a felony charge for a small wallet knife he was carrying in the government building.		
May 28	Ottawa, ON	13 arrests
The CANSEC military trade show in Ottawa was the scene of multiple protests, resulting in 12 arrests for “creating a disturbance” at the venue and another later at a demonstration outside the police station.		
June 4	San Luis Obispo, CA	2 arrests
Two people were identified and face felony vandalism charges after five people entered a California Polytechnic State University administrative office and spray painted graffiti all around, then fled before police arrived.		
June 8	Williamstown, MA	1 arrest
Student Liam Carey was arrested the morning of the Williams College graduation ceremony, after writing pro-Palestine graffiti on Sawyer Quad, replacing the U.S. flag there with a Palestinian one and tying himself to the flagpole. He was arrested and charged with felony vandalism, misdemeanor destruction of property and resisting arrest.		
June 11	New York, NY	100 arrests
Wearing t-shirts stating “End The Siege”, over 100 Jewish Voice for Peace demonstrators occupied the Manhattan lobby of the Maersk Corporation, which delivers parts for Israeli fighter jets bombing hospitals and schools in Gaza.		

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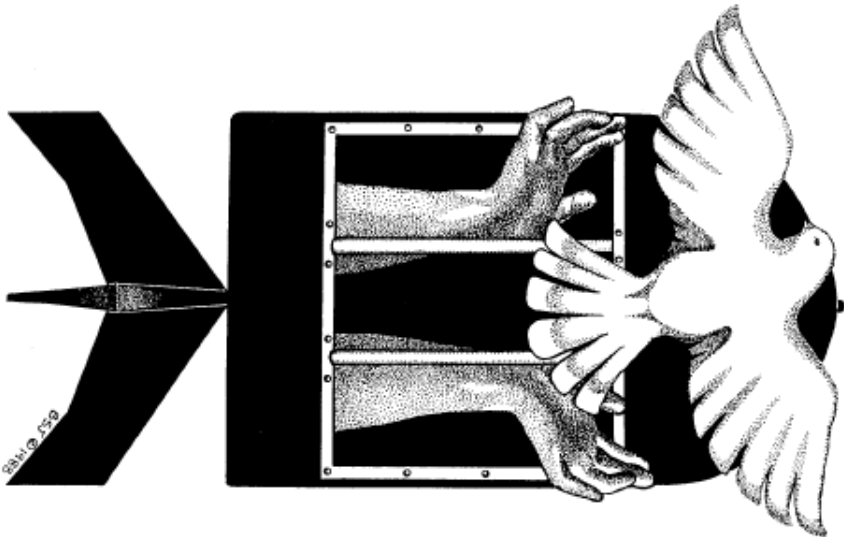
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