More GIs Refuse Iraq Service

Texas Army National Guard member Katherine Jashinski, who refused to deploy to Iraq after being denied conscientious objector status, was sentenced on May 23 to 120 days confinement. Jashinski, who had already spent time confined to base at Ft. Benning, Georgia, pending the outcome of her court martial, was sent to a San Diego military prison after sentencing and released on July 9.

As Fort Lewis, Washington, imprisoned conscientious objector Sgt. Kevin Benderman’s application for early parole from his 15-month sentence was denied in late March. The board determined Benderman had not adjusted to prison life, nor been sufficiently rehabilitated to be released. Benderman, a decorated ten-year veteran who came to his senses about war after a tour of duty in Iraq, is due to be released this fall. He is seeking financial support to appeal the denial of his application for release from Fort Lewis as a conscientious objector. Supporters believe his successful appeal would help expand the definition of conscientious objection “to specific wars of aggression, conflicts that violate the peace, and any illegal, immoral action as defined by the Nuremberg Tribunals without fear of retribution from the U.S. Military.” Contributions should be made online via bendermandefense.org, or sent to Benderman Defense, POB 2322, Hinesville, GA 31310. For more information contact Monica Benderman at mdawb@coastalnow.net.

Two more soldiers who have publicly refused to deploy to Iraq are now also under restrictions at Fort Lewis, awaiting court martial. Neither is a conscientious objector, but the circumstances of their refusal have in both cases earned the support of anti-war activists.

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Five Italians Jailed on Anti-Nuke Sabotage Charges

On May 4, the sentences of eleven eco-activists in Pisa, Italy, were raided by police, and the activists were arrested for a “subversive conspiracy” protest against nuclear power, namely the use of explosives to bring down a major powerline pylon near Pisa on September 22, 2005. Five people remain in prison until trial, five are on house arrest, and the other has been released to his home town only, away from Pisa.

The five remaining in prison are all members of Il silvestre, a radical ecology group formed in 1998.

The action was claimed anonymously to the media as a protest against the Italian energy company’s (Enel) renewed push for nuclear power in Italy. Enel is also financing the construction of a nuclear power station in France, and already brings French nuclear electricity into Italy. After massive public protest, Italians voted in 1986 to close down the four nukes in their country.

Federico Bonamici, Giuseppe Bonamici, Benedetta Galante, Costantino Ragusa, and Silvia Guenzi all plead not guilty to the anti-nuclear charges.

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Support Action

Letters of support can be sent to the five at the addresses listed on page 3, Inside & Out. Federico Bonamici reads English well, Benedetta Galante can read English but not as well. All can understand basic support messages in English if you do not write Italian. Galante, Ragusa, and both Bonamicis were also recently prosecuted for another “subversive conspiracy” unrelated to the anti-nuclear events. The Bonamics were both acquitted, while Ragusa was sentenced to five years, and Galante to 32 months in prison.
The Port of Olympia, Washington, was struggling economically, and the dock workers who were represented for Uncle Sam came up a few years ago. Nearby Fort Lewis and its Stryker combat vehicle battalions now rely heavily on those who live in the area. The neighborhood is, of course, and in November 2004, during the post-election assault on Fallujah, some demonstrators pushed down a fence at the port as a military supply ship was being loaded. In May, the impending arrival of the USNS Pomeroy, the largest ship ever to dock at the port, triggered a series of actions to block some of the 20 convoys of the Strykers and support vehicles driving from Fort Lewis.

On May 22, Brendan Dunn was arrested for pedestrian interference when he blocked a convoy near the port gate. Early the next morning, Andrew Hendricks secured one of the gates with a bicycle lock and was cited for trespass. Later that day, five people crossing at an intersection were cited for pedestrian interference when they delayed a convoy. Nine people blocked a convoy for half an hour on May 24 before they were arrested, yet a smaller group closer to the gate was just roughly pushed aside and held down by the fence guards.

On May 29, the USNS Pomeroy arrived. Some among well over 100 protesters shook the fence and police responded with pepper spray but no arrests were made.

The height of the protest was reached the next evening. Pepperspray was again deployed, and 22 people were arrested after the fence gate was pushed over and resistance was met.

One of those arrested, Evergreen State College student Andrew Yankey, told the Seattle Times that “Whatever happens to us is nothing compared to what the troops, occupation and war machines can unleash on Iraqi civilians.”

The Pomeroy pulled anchor and departed May 31. Nearly 100 people participating in this were blocked outside the port gate, but there were no more arrests.

Those arrested during the nine days will be in court in late July and early August.

For more information, contact The Olympia Movement for Justice & Peace, 360-867-6513, omj@omj.org.

In a thinly-veiled quest to determine just how big a nuke would take to rattle Iran’s underground laboratories, U.S. officials announced plans in March to site a nuke with a 700-ton ammonium nitrate and fuel oil explosion at the Nevada Test Site. The announcement is a major blow to the good will that the United States is trying to cultivate with the nuclear weapons inspection agreement.

Democracy activists but Nevada officials, concerned about the test, notified the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), but BLM officials regarded a mushroom cloud visible from Las Vegas brought fierce objection not only from disarma-

ment activists but Nevada officials, concerned about adding to contaminated test site soils blowing in the wind.

Activists responded to a call from Western Shoshone Spiritual Leader John Rich in the town of Reno to attend “Stop the Strake!” peace camp at the test site beginning May 27 and nonviolent direct action May 28, the original anniversary of the first atomic test. By May 25, at least six western states gathered just as the government announced the test had been indefinitely postponed. Campaigners shared their knowledge of indigenous and anti-nuclear issues in a series of presentations and preparation for nonviolent direct action, and enjoyed Corbin Harney’s on-going commentary about the long history of resistance to nuclear testing on the territory of the Western Shoshone.

On Sunday afternoon more than 50 people crossed the test site boundary line at Mercury, Nevada, in a mass civil resistance action. They were cited for trespass and held for about an hour before being released at the site.

No Prosecution for Anti-Nuke Graffiti

Six women spray painted warnings on the entrance road of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant of the nuclear power plant itself and to give its sign to rename it the Vermont Yankee Weapon of Mass Destruction.

A security guard told them to leave and called the police, but the women completed the job before police arrived and departed.

Their next stop was the headquarters of the nuke’s owner, Entergy, to deliver a People’s Indictment charging the corporation with putting “greed and lust for profit above the common good” by increasing the aging reactor’s output and applying for a license extension beyond its engineered lifespan, storing radioactive waste unsafe on-site, and failing to provide adequate planning for emergency situations.

A phone call from the lobby telephone was answered by Vermont Entergy president Ted Sullivan, who was told the women were there to deliver the indictment. He said he would send someone down, but it was the police who arrived instead. The six women and a male videographer recording the scene were soon handcuffed and arrested for trespass as they read the indict-

ment aloud to security guards.

For more information, contact Shundahai News Project, P.O. Box 1115, Salt Lake City, UT 84110, 801-533-0122, newsletter@shundahai.org.

At 4:29 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, three nuclear abolitionists drew together at the Nevada Test Site gate to mount a protest action. One of the activists was denied by the judge. Five weeks later, an appeals court denied by the judge. Five weeks later, an appeals court denied by the judge.

The three were found guilty of criminal trespass and applying for a license extension beyond the common good” by increasing the aging reactor’s output and applying for a license extension beyond its engineered lifespan, storing radioactive waste unsafe on-site, and failing to provide adequate planning for emergency situations.

The local prosecutor again declined to press charges, the same result that has followed each of a series of recent Vermont Yankee protests.

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ATTENDERS HAVE NOT BEEN TOLD WHERE TO SEND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT INFORMATION TO THE NUCLEAR RESISTER, P.O. BOX 43383, TUCSON, AZ 85733 – nukeresister@igc.org

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Letters of support can be sent to Susan Crane, Alexandria Detention Center, 2001 Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22314.

MILITARY REFUSERS

Lt. Ehren Watada
POB 33536, Fort Lewis, WA 98433.

Refused to deploy to deployed mission.

POB 2322, Hinesville, GA 31310.

Refused to deploy to Ft. Lewis.

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On a mission to research public nuclear weapons information.

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Argentina.

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Jeremy Goodin

FCI Pekin, Satellite Camp, POB 5000, Pekin, IL 61555.

FCI Beaumont Low, POB 26020, Beaumont, TX 77720.

Refused to deploy after CO claim was ignored. Court martial.

POB 2322, Hinesville, GA 31310.

Refused to deploy for research on Iraq.

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Mothers’ Day Peace Actions

BANGOR
Early on Monday, May 15, following a Mothers’ Day rally for peace, sixty people walked the short distance from the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action to demonstrate against nuclear weapons at the Trident Naval Submarine Base in Bangor, Washington. Thirteen people attempted to block the main highway entrance into the base and were arrested immediately.

A banner was hung from the freeway overpass of the road leading into the base declaring, Create a Peaceful World for All - Children - Abolish Nuclear Weapons - Scrap Trident. Six demonstrators briefly blocked traffic on the Kitsap County side of the main gate to the base. Seven more were later arrested by federal officers on the federal side of the highway. They were booked at the submarine base and released. Twelve more starter guns of Kitsap County sheriff were booked in Port Orchard and released.

The federal arrests may be tried in federal court, but local arrests are likely. Kitsap County sheriff recently decided not to pursue a retrial after a jury hung on the charges against four people arrested last August at Bangor.

The Trident submarine base at Bangor is the last active nuclear weapons depot on the west coast, deploying an estimated 1,760 nuclear warheads on 90 ballistic missiles.

For more information, contact the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370. info@gzcenter.org. www.gzcenter.org

L-3 Wescam
by Matthew Behrens

Nine peace-seekers were arrested May 15 on the grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada’s self-proclaimed “largest” grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada’s self-proclaimed “largest” grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada’s self-proclaimed “largest” grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada’s self-proclaimed “largest” grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada’s self-proclaimed “largest” grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada’s self-proclaimed “largest” grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada’s self-proclaimed “largest” grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada’s self-proclaimed “largest”.

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L-3 Wescam is best known for manufacturing targeting equipment for the Predator, a deadly unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) designed as one of the “superstars” of the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Recent news from Afghanistan and Pakistan reports houses blown away and civilians murdered by unmanned aerial vehicles. The U.S. is viewed as “a major component of the Army Future Combat System,” especially since unmanned vehicles mean increased accountability and an ability to operate in “environments contaminated by chemical, biological, or radioactive agents.” The Pentagon admits that politics, using UAVs via video screens based in the U.S. cuts the political cost created by bodies coming home.

Private security tried to obstruct demonstrators who entered the grounds and walked towards the locked-down buildings. When they sought to physically remove one woman from the area, they were cautioned by the demonstrators with the point of contention being that police and security do not have the power of arrest. This came as such a surprise to the private security that they let her go.

When this initial attempt was foiled, a woman released on bail was offered to go inside to see if he could set up a meeting. After 15 minutes, he returned to say that management was not interested in a meeting, and that, in the interests of sanctifying the right of private property, he would have to ask the demonstrators to vacate the premises.

“What about the interests of the property that gets bombed with Wescam targeting equipment?” asked one of the group. “What about the human rights of those who are maimed and murdered?”

The office continued to plead with the group, but in the end took nine into custody for trespass.

The group was held only briefly before being released and heading to the local court to file trials for rights, likely to occur in four to six months time.

WRITINGS FROM JAIL
from Dooly County

I received the issue of the Nuclear Resister that you sent along with the postcard. Thanks for getting in touch with me. I am doing well. I have been here for a year now. I have learned to bear from Y and all and the coverage that you provide to these extremely important issues. I have to admit that prior to this period of incarceration, I had heard of the work of Plowshares, but I had not learned about the law and the way it affected the conscience of those who were involved in these actions. I have come to realize that there are many different ways to protest against the immoral, illegal war. That’s why I felt it was my right and my duty to march in the 4th of July parade.

I am currently 27 years old, my next birthday falling on August the 14th. I’ll turn 28 in jail. Mine has been an interesting journey that has led to this point. The short version being a young man whose first career goal was to be a fighter pilot and who now wishes that not one more red cent should ever again be spent on military destruction of government property. The prosecutors decided not to seek a grand jury indictment on the more serious charge of sabotage, as first reported.

Before U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland is expected to begin September 13, when the men will represent themselves.

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tions were involved in the apprehension of three downers. At Garrison, questions were asked by the FBI. Two of the fasters were arrested when they tried to join the parade. Geoffrey Millard, 25, a 13 month Iraq War combat veteran, dressed in his military jacket with “Iraq Veterans Against the War” on the back, walked into a break in the parade with a sign that read: “Support the Troops, Bring Them Home Now.” He was stopped by the police, and then arrested when he tried to enter the parade again.

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THE INSIDE LINE

The civil resistance action capped two days of nonviolent protests at Wescam. The day before, about 50 people rallied to reclaim the original intent of Mother’s Day as a day to call for disarmament. A “graveyard of headstones bearing the names of slain Iraqis and Afghans, and the Canadian soldier killed in those wars, was assembled to face the corporate sign and provide a backdrop for both days’ events, including a die-in and the reading of thousands of names of war victims.

A plane was reported to fly overhead at the beginning of the die-in, while the others will be in court September 28. An apparently agreed-upon protest zone. They’re charged with disturbing the peace inside and more often confronting Congress.

For more information, contact Toronto Action for Social Change, POB 7362, 509 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M6C 1S8, 416-896-5800, tasc@web.ca www.homesnotbombs.ca

CODEPINK in Washington, DC

CODEPINK Women for Peace convened Washington, D.C. for Mother’s Day, and since then have kept up a steady stream of public protests - actions in the heart of the empire. They’ve been support ed locally by the Washington Peace Center, Peace Park Anti-Nuclear Vigil and the dawn of CODEPINK’ Anti-Air War Network), Dorothy Day Catholic Worker, and others. And from around the country, activist delegations from established and independent seekers of peace have migrated to the banks of the Potomac for days or weeks of engagement in public protest, lobbying and more often confronting Congress.

In the week after Mother’s Day, a few unprompted marches of one hundred or more people set off to the Washington homes of the chief warmongers. On May 15, at the home of War Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, four people approached the house with a letter that urged him to stop the torture of detainees, end the war in Iraq, not go to war with Iran, and bring all U.S. troops home now. They were arrested and face charges in two jurisdictions: disorderly conduct in D.C. Superior Court, and unlawful entry in federal court. One signed a plea agreement to serve 40 hours community service on the D.C. charge, while the others were in court September 28.

An October 3 date has been set for the federal charge.

A couple of days later, marchers stopped at the home of Intelligence czar John Negroponte, a notorious criminal from the Reagan era, for a 50 strong protest against the current administration in Honduras. As they left, a Negroponte bodyguard came out of the garage and grabbed one man who was slow to mount his bike and was dissuaded from protesting. Two others were arrested outside when they left an allegedly agreed-upon protest zone. They’re charged with disturbing the peace.

Back in D.C., the Capitol’s Fourth of July parade coincided with the beginning of CODEPINK’s anti-war fast. Two of the fasters were arrested when they tried to join the parade. Geoffrey Millard, 25, a 13 month Iraq War combat veteran, dressed in his military jacket with “Iraq Veterans Against the War” on the back, walked into a break in the parade with a sign that read: “Support the Troops, Bring Them Home Now.” He was stopped by the police, and then arrested when he tried to enter the parade again.

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Sit-ins Bring War Home to Congress

Kindred initiatives are underway across the country to lobby Congress in their local offices for an end to the war in Iraq. Some of the efforts encourage civil disobedience to arrest federal officials.

On May 31, more than 175 New Hampshire citizens peacefully occupied eleven local congressional offices of Senator Gregg, Senator Sununu, Representative Bradley, and Representative Bass, reading the names of every U.S. soldier who has died in Iraq since the war started in 2003, as well as the names of Iraqi civilians who have been killed.

They gathered at offices in Keene, Concord, Portsmouth, Dover, Manchester, Claremont, and Nashua to urge their elected representatives to sign on to House and Senate bills then being debated that would end U.S. military involvement in Iraq.

Some who took part in civil disobedience at Rep. Bradley’s Dover office were arrested for criminal trespass when they stayed past the normal business hours. 

“Concord 8” were found guilty of criminal trespass when they stayed past their arraignment the next morning. All to return to court August 24.

The week before, in Concord, eight people were found guilty of criminal trespass when they stayed past closing at Senator Judd Gregg’s Concord office on December 5, 2005, requesting a public meeting to discuss exit strategies from Iraq. The “Concord 8” were each given a suspended fine of $500, predisposed on “good behavior” for one year.

For more information, contact New Hampshire Peace Action, 4 Park St. Suite 210, Concord, NH 03301, 603-226-0559, info@nhpeaceaction.org

Witess Against Torture in New York and Washington

Undeterred by inclement weather, more than 60 people marched in a solemn procession from the United Nations to the U.S. mission to the United Nations. Carrying signs that read Stop Down Guantanamo, the group marched on June 26, the United Nations Day for the Victims of Torture. The procession was led by a cage containing the names of 400 Guantanamo prisoners who have died in captivity.

Upon arrival, Witness Against Torture - a Campaign to Shut Down Guantanamo - called on U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. John Bolton to heed international demands to shut down Guantanamo. Twenty five of those gathered then blocked the doors of the building, saying they would stay until the international consensus against these illegal acts is respected, heard and acted upon.

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For more information, visit www.witnessatorture.org.

Hawaii Wars

“Since about that time, war had been literally continuous, though vaguely speaking it had not always been the same war.” - George Orwell, 1984

Perhaps this endless war began in 1898 when the United States Annexed Hawaii and so expanded the territorial and sovereign independent Kingdom of Hawaii conspired to overthrow the indigenous and lawful Government (representation, self-government) which had protected the rights of the people.

Perhaps it continued with an attack without warning on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor that was described then as “infamy”, but which is now the model for the stealthy, unannounced violence of the Virginia class submarines.

Perhaps the twelve Hawaiian dead of what are now the 2500 U.S. military killed so far in Iraq, and the at least 38,000 Iraqui who have died there, are all part of this endless war.

And perhaps - just perhaps - the endless war is here in this shipyard today where $2.3 billion has been spent on a machine whose only purpose is mass destruction in the days of brutality yet to come.

But we can say no to this war which our government wants us to believe can be ended. If all of us do say no - law, but not the new one.

The Trident Resistance Network and the Hartford Catholic Worker distributed the text above at the christening of the third attack submarine of the Virginia class, USS Hawaii, at Electric Boat, CT, shipyard on Saturday, June 17. Mickey Allen, Jackie Allen-Donetz and Cal Robertson were arrested for blocking the shipyard entrance. They were charged with infractions and a warrant.

For more information, contact Stephen Kobasa, Trident Resistance Network, at skobasa@snnet.net

ARRESTS AT HALIBURTON MEETING

Hounded out of Houston by public protest at their annual meetings, Haliburton headed to its hometown of Duncan, Oklahoma in May 17, 2006, for the year’s gathering of war profiteers. A local ordinance to restrict protest was passed a few weeks earlier, and sixteen people were cited May 17 when they trespassed and violated its terms. Four of those arrested pleaded guilty or no contest and paid a fine. One woman was acquitted after the trial judge determined she had probably broken no law, but not the new one.

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N.S.A.’S NO SPEECH ZONE

Lt. Gen. Keith Alexander hadn’t replied to the most recent request by Pledge of Resistance-Baltimore activists for a meeting with his agency, the National Security Agency. So on July 8, about 25 people set out walking with down a public road to the agency’s Maryland headquarters. Along Route 32, a state police officer threatened to arrest them all if they didn’t turn back, but they kept on.

At the intersection of another public road, near the NSA entrance, security confronted them and indicated no protesting is permitted at Fort Meade. The demonstrators were given a May 12, 2005, document titled “Protests, Picketing and Other Similar Demonstrations,” that stated “protests, public speeches, marches, sit-ins, political displays, or demonstrations” are banned at Fort Meade.

Pledge members recalled they had held four different demonstrations at the Fort Meade location since that date and never seen the policy document before. In turn, thirteen activists who refused to relinquish the signs they were carrying were given citations. They were cited for “entering into military facility for purposes prohibited by law” and then ordered to leave the area.

For more information, contact Max at Pledge of Resistance-Baltimore, 325 E. 25th St., Baltimore, MD 21210, 410-323-7200x31, mothsuzewski@afsic.org
LAWRENCE, Kansas — Protesters, convicted in tomato paste to simu- late blood, entered the lobby of a Kansas, Kansas mili- tary recruiting station on June 22. In a call-and-response, one man read aloud the names of each of 24 Iraqis’ whose deaths in Haditha last November are under inves- tigation because they were, as the crowd responded, “killed by the U.S. military.”

When they approached the manager in his office, he locked the door and appeared to be calling the police. The manager poured a beverage from a dispenser and continu- ing the names of the dead until police arrived a few min- utes later. The seven who remained in the office immedi- ately fell to the ground, face down, arms locked. Most went limp and had to be carried out of the office. They were taken to jail and released on charges of disorderly conduct, trespass, and obstruction. They will be arraigned on July 26.

Many of those arrested in June were arrested at the same recruiting station last December.

CLEVELAND
Counter-recruiting activity in Cleveland resulted in another arrest by Mayor in a recruiting office. The anti-militarist pleaded no contest to trespass. Two men arrested last March at Cleveland’s Lakewood recruiting office were granted parole this past week, 50 hours community service, fines and fees, and ordered to stay away from the office for one year. Chris Knestrick paid the $100 fine, but Joe Mueller will not, and is reporting weekly for payment hearings.

MINNEAPOLIS
A student walk-out at the University of Minnesota’s Minneapolis campus August 24 preceded an anti-war demonstration at the army recruiting office near- by. Police pushed the crowd after someone threw red paint on the office window. Daniel Falla was arrested for felony damage to property and held over the week- end. Three women were arrested later as they marked peace signs on the building with the wet paint. They were released for further processing. Faris was only charged with a misdemeanor, and released pending trial.

PHILADELPHIA
Following the lead of Tucson’s Raging Grannies, busts now stand ready to enlist in lieu of the young’n’s fured to Iraq, eleven elderly women of the Granny Peace Brigade went inside the downtown Philadelphia recruiting office on July 25. Outside, a chorus of anti-warriors chantied “We Want! Let the grannies enlist!” The recruiters locked their doors early and tried, without success, to tell the visitors why they recruiting, but can’t recruit them. The grannies held their ground, and a few hours later police escorted the women - without handcuffs - to waiting vans and a trip to the police station. They were issued citations and released. All pled not guilty the next day, and were given a court date of December 6.

HONK HUSTLER HOBLED
A Ferndale, Michigan man is charged with disor- derly conduct and disturbing the peace for directing driv- ers to honk - or not. Victor Kittila regularly joins an established anti-war vigil on a downtown Ferndale cor- ner. Kittila’s sign usually read “HONK IF YOU WANT BUSH OUT!” and as Bush’s popularity dropped, the decals dountown rose. Complaints eventually led to enforcement of city code that prohibits solicitation of honks, as a public safety issue.

Police approached Kittila in June and told him the sign and bullhorn he was using disrupted traffic for the vigil on July 3, he corrected his message to read “FERN- DALE POLICE SAY DON’T HONK IF YOU WANT BUSH OUT!” Drivers got the point, police were not amused, and Kittila was arrested. Community support is strong; trial is pending.

RESISTANCE TO MILITARY RECRUITING

THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

G.I. Refusers, cont.
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L.A. FORD DEALER

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The Door Swings Open...

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School of the Americas

Many of the people imprisoned for acting last November 10 and 11 at the School of the Americas (SOA) in Ft. Benning, Georgia, were recently released after complet- ing 30-90 days time in prison.


Elizabeth Ann Lentsch, Jane Hosking, John Laforge, Jerome Zawada, and Edward Smith are still serving six month sentences for breaching the temporary boundary fence at Ft. Benning. In one case of Kenneth Cross, help- ing others do so. Jonathan Robert, arrested for cutting a hole-in-a-tape that obscured supporters’ view of the other arrests, is in negotiation with federal authorities on a separate indictment related to his role in organizing and participating in anti-globalization protests around the 2004 economic summit of the Group of Eight leaders in Geor gia.

On behalf of the School of the Americas Watch, the American Civil Liberties Union had filed for docu- ments related to SOA violations of the human rights advocate group. Documents released in early May reveal the FBI knew that nonviolence was a cornerstone of the protest, but its sole purpose in May 2001 has it engaged in extensive counter-terrorism monitoring of the annual November vigil and veterans.

Upgrading the campaign that has resulted in over two hundred people serving time in federal prison. Uruguay and Argentina have joined Venezuela in declar- ing that they will no longer send soldiers to the SOA for training. The amendment in the House of Representatives to cut funding for the SOA was defeated, 218-188, on June 9. Organizers saw hope in this, the closest vote to date, and have moved on to the task of mobilizing attendance at this November’s vigil and par- ty to war crimes.”

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Weapon of Mass Destruction Here We Blowdowns

Statement of Carl Kabat, OMI, Greg Boertje-Obed, & Michael Walli
June 20, 2006

Please pardon the fracture of the good order. When we were children we thought as children and spoke as children. But now we are adults and there comes a time when we must speak out and say that the good order is not so good, and never really was. We know that throughout history there have been immemorial wars and never-ending wars. The war of the 1990s occurred on August 6th and 9th, 1945. On August 6th, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima in Japan, killing more than 70,000 people. Use of these weapons of mass destruction on civilian populations were abominable crimes against humanity.

The U.S. has never repented of these atrocities. On the contrary, the U.S. has deepened and expanded its commitment to nuclear weapons. The U.S. built a large nuclear-instrumentation project that has cost the lives of many workers and has resulted in killing many more people by nuclear testing. Our country built thousands of nuclear weapons, making weapons-grade uranium to 43 nations. Each Minuteman III missile carries a bomb that is 27 times more powerful than those dropped on the Japanese cities. The building of these weapons signifies that our hearts have assented to mass murder. Currently the U.S. is seeking to research a new class of smaller nuclear weapons – demonstrating its desire to make invisible the bloodshed resulting from the production of weapons of mass destruction.

The U.S. is rushing down the path that leads to more death and destruction, ultimately bringing this national and international community to a place where we feel we must speak out and say that the call for national repentance. We make an urgent appeal to the people of the U.S. to change course – to place our security in the hands of nonviolent direct action. We have chosen to start the process of transformation and disarmament by hammering on and pouring our blood on the concrete of the Minuteman III nuclear missile system. We believe that the concrete that goes into making missile silos would be better used for building homes, and that the missiles themselves would be better used to serve the human rights of people around the world.

We are able to make visible the bloodshed resulting from the production, testing, and use of nuclear weapons. We believe the message in the Bible that which has cost the lives of many workers here in the U.S. have been called to begin the process of transforming the structures of destruction and death. Saint Paul said that we are "tools for God's sake," and we say that we are "tools for God's sake" who will stand in the struggle to transform the structures of destruction and death. Saint Paul said that we are "tools for God's sake," and we say that we are "tools for God's sake" who will stand in the struggle to transform the structures of destruction and death.

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The annual Hiroshima Day Action for Peace at the Y 12 nuclear weapons plant in Oak Ridge Tennessee will include a peace rally and march from the gates of Y 12 to August 5, and a memorial vigil and nonviolent direct action immediately before on the morning of Hiroshima Day, Sunday, August 6. For more information, contact the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, P.O.B. 5743, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, 863-483-8202, orerp@earthlink.net

bangor

Direct action is planned for August 6 and 7, 2006, at the Naval Submarine Base in Bangor, Washington, as part of commemoration of the 61st anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. For more information, contact the Code Pink Peace Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW Poulsbo, WA 98370. 206-365-7865, info@gazetteer.org

bechtel

A coalition of groups declaring No Nukes! No Wars! Support Indigenous Rights! have planned a legal demonstration on August 6 at the University of California’s Livermore nuclear weapons laboratory, and a ceremony and civil resistance action at Bechtel corporate headquarters (50 Beale St, San Francisco) (half a block from Embarcadero BART), beginning at 10 am Nagasaki Day, August 9. That day has also been declared by the United Nations as a World Day of Remembrance for Victims of the World Indigenous Peoples. For more information, contact Tri- Valley CARES, 925-443-7148, www.altus.org.

faith and resistance

Jonah House community will host a Faith and Resistance retreat at Brandywine 3 pm Saturday-Sunday August 5 with a Celebration of the Life of Elmer Maas, Liturgy and Interment of Ashes. A potluck dinner will follow the service, and at 7 p.m., an interfaith service in Baltimore, will be the East Coast premiere of Conviction, the documentary about the Sacred Earth and Peace playwrights presenting their newest work at the American Indian Community House. Vigil on Sunday August 6, Hiroshima Day, at the Udvar-Hazy Museum where the Enola Gay - the B-29 that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima - is permanent display. 6 pm August 9 at St. Stephen and the Incarnation, Washington D.C.16th and Newtown St. follows a film of the bombing of Nagasaki and plans for August 9 vigil and direct action. Tent space available at Jonah House. Call 410-233-6238 for directions or other info, or email disarmnow@joinhouse.org.

Stratcom

The annual Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorations will take place outside the main entrance of Air Force Base near Omaha, 8 am - 8 pm, August 6-8, and 8 am - 11 am August 9, ending with a prayer circle and possible line of defense. For more information, contact Jerry Ebner, Omaha Catholic Worker, 402-510-2899, or Franklin at 515-282-4781.

lockedhead martin

Nagasaki Day Remembrance & Resistance will begin behind the Lockedhead Martin’s weapons complex at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Brandywine Peace Community POB 81, Swarthmore, PA 19081; 610-544-1818, brandywne@juno.com www.brandywnepeace.com

duluth

Anchuth Community Farm and Loaves and Fishes Catholic Worker in Duluth will host a Hiroshima Day direct action at a time and place to be announced, preceeded Sunday afternoon, August 5, with nonviolence training and support at Friends Meeting House, 1802 E. 1st. St., Duluth. Call 218-724-2054 for more info.

stop the merchants of death

The Honeywell Project, in conjunction with the Resisters League, Alliant Action, Nukewatch, Des Moines Catholic Worker and others, will host a three-day Strategic Conference for Grassroots Activists, September 29 - October 1 in the Twin Cities, followed by civil resistance at Alliant TechSys on Gunders' birthday, October 2.

Goals for the conference include bringing together people from various strategies to present an environment to witness who are focusing on war profiteers at the grass roots, and provide an opportunity to develop and share strategies with examples of corporate campaigns clashing with the 40-year-old Honeywell Project. Clarify goals and help create a network of groups working to stop merchants of death. Confirmed interviews will include Utah Phillips, and from speakers Medea Benjamin, Paul Krasnner, Winona Duke, Frida Berrigan, Jack Nelson

Palmyre and more. For more information, contact G. Simon Harak, National Anti-militarism Coordinator, War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St., New York City, NY 10025, 212-228-050x104, amc@warresisters.org

national campaign for nonviolent resistance / declaration of peace

Consider coming to Washington September 26 for the next mass action organized by the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance (NCNR). Final action scenario has yet to be determined, but the target is Congress, for an expected refusal to set a date to withdraw from Iraq by September 21. This action will be part of the Declaration of Peace initiative. Declaration of Peace is also organizing civil disobedience in Washington D.C. after September 26 - details forthcoming. Local groups affiliated with the NCNR will take action at local congressional offices in September.

The Declaration of Peace is a pledge to take non violent actions for the immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, and to engage in peaceful protest if a comprehensive plan to end the war is not established and begun by September 21, 2006, International Peace Day, just days before Congress adjourns for the fall elections. This summer, local groups are asking members of Congress and all candidates in the fall elections to “declare peace” by publicly pledging to support and vote for legislation that brings the troops home and cuts off funding for the war, and engaging in marches, vigils, and nationally coordinated phone-ins and email campaigns leading up to September 21, and participating in public Declaration signings, organizing Declaration-inspired events, and attending nonviolence trainings that will be scheduled across the country.

For more information, contact the national Declaration of Peace campaign at 773-777-7858 or info@declarationofpeace.org.

For more information about the September 26 civil resistance actions directed at Congress, sign on to the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance announcement e-list by sending a blank e-mail to ncnrnotices-subscribe@lists.riseup.net, or contact Gordon Clark, Convener at pledgecoordinator@starpower.net or 311-589-2355.

ft. benning

The annual Vigil and nonviolent direct action to close the School of the Americas/WHINSEC will take place Friday through Sunday, November 17-19. For hotels, travel information, and more, call 202-234-3440 or visit www.sowaw.org. If you are considering joining in the nonviolent direct action, please email Eric at eclectic@soaw.org.

FUTURE ACTIONS

THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

July 24, 2006
VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE: MacGregor Eddy was sentenced in June to two years probation and a $2,500 fine for trespasses at Vandenberg last October. Prior to sentencing, she told Magistrate Rita Feldman in Santa Barbara, California, that she went to Vandenberg to ask the U.S. government respect international law. After quoting an international jurist on the damage done to international law when superpowers disregard it, Eddy concluded, "It is not just the responsibility of diplomats and judges. Upholding international law is our job, the ordinary citizens. As residents of the world power that is waging illegal and immoral wars of aggression, we have a heavy responsibility. When the United Nations, world opinion and international law have failed to stop these crimes there is nothing left but for us to act." A short time after her sentencing, it was revealed that the California state Office of Homeland Security had monitored a federal courthouse rally in support of Eddy before her trial. The event was listed among many legitimate and peaceful public gatherings in a daily briefing prepared by the office that was leaked to the press. The Governor and Attorney General both condemned the Office’s informative memos and ordered a halt to the questionable practice.

MORDECHAI VANUNU: The trial of the Israeli nuclear whistleblower on charges he has violated post-prison restrictions placed on his liberty is in recess. Vanunu’s defense will be presented when the proceeding resumes September 21. On September 6, the Israeli Supreme Court will hear his appeal against last April’s renewal of the restrictions....

RAFIL DHAIFIR: A fund has been established to help cover the cost of the appeal of the New York doctor prosecuted for violation of the Iraq sanctions with his charitable activities. Donations can be sent to the lawyers: Dhahir Appeal Fund, c/o Peter Goldberger, Esq., 50 Rittenhouse Place, Ardmore, PA 19003. Please note that donations are not tax exempt....

LAPO NICOL: Tempe, Arizona activist Laro Nicol returned home to his family from a half-way house in June. He completed a federal sentence on trumped-up gun charges after police targeted him for his Copwatch activism, then raided his home several days before the 2003 invasion of Iraq, telling the press they had snared a domestic terrorist....

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bike for Peace is seeking cyclists to help organize and join for all or part of the journey, and local sponsors from New York to Washington, D.C. May 1-7, 2007. Bike for Peace has organized rides from China to Norway, and this U.S. segment is the beginning of a longer international ride through Europe and Asia. The goals of Bike for Peace are 1) No to nuclear weapons East or West, North or South; 2) Support the victims of Semipalatinsk, Nevada, Chernobyl; 3) Bike for peace and disarmament: 4) Bike for health, happiness and environment; 5) Sport for all! Cooperation is sought from peace organizations, bicycle organizations, local communities, churches. For more information, contact Tore Nærland at Bike for Peace. Maurice Kartewolds veg 17, 4323 Bryne, Norway, +47 51487777, e-mail tore.naerland@brynnae.com www.bikeforpeace.no

WMD, Nukes & Nuns by William Strabala ($28.95, Algora Publishing, New York) tells the story of the three nuns - Sisters Carol Gilbert, Jackie Hudson and Ardeth Platte - who exposed and disarmed a nuclear missile silo in Colorado and served time in prison, in the context of the search for elusive “weapons of mass destruction” in Iraq. Strabala lives in Denver and supported the three women following their action.