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Bush War Crime Verdict Delivered to U.N.

Representatives of the ad hoc International Commission of Inquiry on Crimes Against Humanity Committed by the Bush Administration (bushcommis- sion.org) delivered its verdict to the White House on September 13, and then to the United Nations in New York on September 19, the day President Bush addressed the General Assembly.

Protesters lined up across the street to manifest their statement that read in part, “We have come to the United Nations today to engage in nonviolent civil disobedience and bring the troops home quickly, cut off funding for the war, and oppose future ‘preemptive’ wars - three of the principal demands of the Declaration of Peace."

We declare to the world that President George W. Bush has been found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity. He does not speak for us.

“These crimes must come to a halt. As the Not In Our Name Statement of Conscience (January 2005) said, ‘It is our responsibility to stop the Bush regime from car- rying out this disastrous course. We believe history will judge us sharply should we fail to act decisively.’”

Police arrested 16 people for disorderly conduct, among them C. Clark Kissinger, convener of the Bush Crimes Commission; former diplomat Ann Wright; Elaine Brower, mother of a U.S. Marine stationed in Fallujah, Beth Lamont, the American Humanist Association’s U.N. representative; and disabled Iraq war vet Geoff Millard.

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Military Refusers Call for Public Support

Two more public military refusers are now in custody, while more AWOL refusers have publicly surrender and await judgment.

AWOL Iraq combat medic Sgt. Agustin Aguayo turned himself in at Fort Irwin, California on September 26, and within days was shipped to Germany, where his now-deployed Army unit is stationed. He is jailed pending court martial. Aguayo’s application for conscientious objector status had been rejected and his unit was ordered to deploy again in early September when he slipped away from his home in Germany. He then rejoined his wife and children in Los Angeles for a press conference before surrendering. He is currently held in the military prison at Mannheim, address below.

On October 12, Iraq veteran Army Sgt. Ricky Clousing pled guilty to being absent without leave and was sentenced to the non- -premises of a court-martial. Clousing did not consider himself a conscien- cious objector within the confines of the military’s definition, but after one tour of duty as an interrogator, he had seen enough abuse of power to know this war was very wrong and that he personally could have nothing more to do with it. He changed his plea to De-fection.

The army has decided to proceed with the court martial of Lt. Ehren Watada, the first commissioned officer to publicly refuse to participate in the war on Iraq. In a pre-trial victory, the Army will not pursue charges of contempt towards government officials, particularly the President. Watada is assigned to a Stryker battalion based at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and will be prosecuted there for missing movement and conduct unbecoming an officer. The court martial will occur in the new year, but date has not been announced.

A special court martial is also in the near future for Spec. Suzanne Swift. Swift, also stationed at Ft. Lewis, went AWOL because he could not accept sexual harassment and assault in addition to the brutality of the Iraq occupation. She is charged with being AWOL and with contempt.

Kyle Snyder and Darrell Anderson both recently returned from being AWOL in Canada to turn themselves in at Ft. Knox. Anderson was held for three days and then released from the local jail after a plea for honorable discharge. Snyder thought he had come to a similar agreement with military authorities, but when it quickly became clear that he had not, he again went AWOL.

Support Action

Letters of support should be sent to SPC Agustin Aguayo, Unit 297273, Box Ll, APO, AE 09028-3810 and to Walter R Clousing, Hldg. 1041, PSC20140, Camp LeJune, NC 28542.

Military resisters, their families, veterans and concerned community members have issued this call for public support action:

“It’s time for us to escalate public pressure and action in support of the growing movement of thousands of coura- geous men and women who have in many different ways, resisted the preference, upholding international law, taking a principled stand against unjust, illegal war and occupation and stood up for their rights. Widespread public support and grassroots help create true support for courageous troops facing isolation and repression, and help protect their civil liberties and human rights. We call for the following: 1) Support for War Objectors, 2) Protect the Right to Conscientious Objection, 3) Protect the Liberties and Human Rights of GIs, 4) Sanctuary for War Objectors. We urge you to join us December 8-10 for a weekend of action in support of GI Resistance and GI Rights!!”

For more information, visit courageotresist.org

A Declaration of Peace

Nonviolent Resistance at Post Occupation Peak

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University Tackles Free Speech

When corporations team up with universities to promote the most harmful and secretive crimes of state, is it any wonder free speech ends up bound and dragged, away from embarrassing earshot? On September 10, 2004, the University of New Mexico’s Office for Policy, Security, and Technology (OPST), an entity entirely funded by Lockheed Martin, Sandia National Laboratory, and Boeing, created an Internal Security booklet a half at UNM for a public panel discussion about new nuclear warheads and “responsible” H-bomb proliferation.

Greg Mello of the Los Alamos Study group noted that “the six presentations ... were very one-sided, in my view amounting to less than a sales pitch for the Reliable Replacement Warhead (RRW) program. They brought in pro-nuclear-weapons, but anti-RRW, views were entirely suppressed, as were of course all perspectives which gave full credence to U.S. nuclear disarmament obligations under law.”

The academic lipstick on this pig was quickly smudged when Bob Anderson, a former UNM professor and a war protestor arrested at the G8 summit, “You are talking about genocide!?” and suggested they should place Greg Mello on the panel for balance. Campbell student David Anderson and pushed him toward the door, knocking him to the ground where they handcuffed him, then hauled him away to jail. Two other men were also arrested after displaying banners, but they were not charged. After a night in jail, Anderson pleaded not guilty to the charge of battery on a police officer, posted bail and was released with a November 30 court date.

For more information, contact stopthewarmanchine@comcast.net, or visit stopthewarmanchine.org.

“People’s Signing Statement” Rejects New Torture Law

If you believe President Bush, the “terrorists” hate us for our freedom. The terrorists won on October 17, when he signed the Military Commissions Act, legitimizing torture and unlimited detentions for anyone deemed a “prisoner of war,” a U.S. citizen or not; suspending habeas corpus; and granting immunity from prosecution for military and CIA agents who tortured detainees described in the past as “terrorists.” Al-Ameen Vigil was held in front of the White House that day, around a coffin with the inscription “Here Lies the Corpse of Habeus Corpus.” Sixteen people were arrested blocking the entrance as they sought to deliver “People’s Signing Statement” rejecting the Act. They were charged with interfering with a agency functions and released pending a January 17 trial.

While Congress considered the Act during the Declaration of Peace week of actions, three Code Pink women were arrested September 27, speaking out on the House floor during its debate. Leah Bolger was jailed overnight. The next day, members of the Torture Abolition and Safe Alternatives Campaign (TASSC) disrupted a Senate hearing on the subject of detainee abuse.

On September 29, at the end of the Catholic Worker’s “weekend vigil,” TASSC volunteer director Harold Nelson was arrested after holding a protest sign in the restricted area in front of the White House for an hour, until security personnel demanded he leave. Nelson was released several hours later.

Four of the seven people arrested in front of the White House last June during a TASSC protest of war detainees abuses forfeited their bond while the charges of “stationary protest” against the other three were later dismissed.

Thanks
Thanks to Nathan, Cindy, Ted, Jim, Polly, and Pat for helping to mail the last issue.
Most SOA Prisoners of Conscience Released - One in Legal Limbo

Elizabeth Ann Lentsch, Jane Hosking, John LaForge, Edward Smith and Ken Crowley have all completed six-month sentences and walked out of prison in early October.

As thousands converge again this week on Fort Benning for the annual School of the Americas Watch vigil and nonviolent action, the last remaining prisoner from last year’s civil resistance arrests is expected to be released by November 20. Maybe. Jonathan Robert’s arrest at Fort Benning triggered his prosecution on outstanding protest charges, and a 1-month prison sentence that was ordered to be served concurrently to six-month Benning bit. But if he arrived at FCI Tallahassee in September, he began asking about his release date. More than a month later, the computer print out came to his cell. He got a release date of May 21, 2007. At press time, Robert is in touch with the Georgia public defender who worked out the concurrent sentence, hopefully the matter will be resolved by November 20th. His outside supporters are also involved.

For more information, contact the School of the Americas Watch, POB 4566, Washington, DC 20017, 202-234-3440 or visit www.saw.org.

Christine Gaunt writes: “On 9/21 (International Day of Peace), after fasting on liquids for 31 days, I chose to paint peace signs on a railroad bridge near our home 2 miles north of Grinnell [Iowa]. A Sheriff came to his home on July 31 and carried him away. He was cited for disorderly conduct and released again. He didn’t return to court the next day for arraignment, so police instead released him from jail last summer, awaiting trial following two arrests. I was convicted on all counts and sentenced to time served.”

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Jonathan Robert 92558-020 (12 months - out 11/06) FCI Tallahassee, 501 Capital Circle NE, Tallahassee, FL 32301 (Convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, 2/05)

Michael W. Blackburn also refused their motion to terminate supervised release, his request for commutation was denied, he was sentenced to 18 months in prison, if their respective probation officers report parole violation with anti-war protest at the federal courthouse.

The alternative restitution plan proposed by the federal probation office has completed the pre-sentencing investigations of Greg Boertje-Obed, Fr. Carl Kabat and Michael Walli, convicted of damaging a North Dakota missile silo near Stanton. June Kabat did not cooperate with preparing the investigation. Because the investigations are complete, sentencing has been moved to mid-December of this year.

To learn of their sentence, contact Nukewatch at 715-472-4185 or Michele Naar-Obed at 218-726-0629, or visit johunthouse.org

Letters of support should be individually addressed and sent to Greg Boertje-Obed, Fr. Carl Kabat and Michael Walli, Burleigh County Detention Center, POB 1416, Bismarck, ND 58502.
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formed a line to prevent further movement. Adrenaline was flowing in both sides, as we demanded our right as citizens to lobby Congress. Fr. Jerry Zawada, recently released from a prison term for protesting at the School of Americas, got down on his knees and tried to crawl through the police line. It was too tight.

"Some pushing began, and the police line knocked down Eve Tetaz, from the District of Columbia, our most senior member. This forced me to the police that we were people of nonviolence, that we desire our resistance as we have utmost respect for them and that we were not tolerating the misbehaviour. There were no further problems with the police..."

Another attempt to out-flank the police on the mud went over poorly as a number of people were arrested crossing the police line. Donny Gann was the last of the coffin-bearers to be arrested. As others were taken into custody, one police officer came forward to help him hold the prop up, and then gently set it on the ground."

Meanwhile, because all of the police had pursued the Baltimore group, over 200 remaining marchers simply turned around and headed east on Constitution Ave. to the Senate office buildings. NCNR coordinator Jordan Clark picks up the narrative: "...some of the police realized their mistake, came roaring back and set up a line to stop us as in front of the Russell Senate Office Building, one block short of our ultimate goal.

A small group of us negotiated with the Capitol Police for 15-20 minutes. They continued to insist that our procession was illegal and could not continue - if we wanted to visit the Senate, they said, we had to return to Upper Senate Park (where we did have a permit), leave all our signs and banners behind and break up into small groups... Our decision was to stay put. We intended to proceed as a group, no matter what, and if they felt compelled to arrest us they would have to do it right there.

"The police gave a five minute warning, but that passed and nothing happened. Ten of our number managed to cross the police line and get to the Russell building entrance, where they were promptly arrested. Others called their senators' offices to demand to know why weren't being allowed in to see them.

"A giant Gandhi puppet, carrying a sign that said 'Be the change you want to see in the world,' came rolling down Constitution Avenue and evoked a huge cheer from our crowd, all the more so because the same puppet had earlier been stopped by police who refused to allow it near the Capitol complex. Interestingly, Gandhi was now being given an entire lane of traffic on Constitution Avenue.

"While all this was happening, Rick Ufford Chase, Director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship and just past Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, was coming to negotiate with the police. Rick is a pretty darn friendly guy himself, and apparently a heck of a negotiator, since after a few minutes he returned to us saying that if we left our large banners behind, we would be allowed to proceed as a group, enter the Hart Senate Office Building, and reassemble after passing through security. Rick had re-emphasized our commitment to nonviolence, and had patiently explained that our planned action in the Hart atrium was a protest, indeed a lawful protest of the war in Iraq. The police explained that if we did that, we would likely be arrested inside the Hart building.

"When this agreement was announced, it was immediately apparent how remarkable and unprecedented it was. The Capitol police would allow us to continue what they considered an unpermitted demonstration, and then enter a Senate office building -- for the express purpose of carrying out another illegal demonstration. (The charge given those arrested inside was "unlawful assembly.")"

"While some continued a protest outside, more than 100 of us entered the Hart building. Unlike any other Capitol solicitation attempt, approximately 40 people gathered in a large atrium, with senate offices lining the seven stories facing in on the atrium. If you control the atrium, you essentially control the building.

"And that is precisely what we did. Some read the names of the dead or held up signs of the balances of the Doomsday Clock. Others lined the floor for nonviolent witness against the war. As it went on, the balconies filled with onlookers, until finally all seven stories, on all four sides, were lined with senate staffers and visitors watching the protest and eventual arrest of 33 of us. Several appealed and gave thumbs up."

With the addition of another affinity group arrest outside, a total of 71 people were taken into custody that day.

A few paid a $50 forfeiture, so they would not have to return to Washington with most of the others for November court dates.

Don Muller refused to cooperate after his arrest, and was held overnight. At his arraignment the following day, his failure to appear at trial for an arrest at the Pentagon last March was brought up, and both cases were settled after another night in jail and a hearing on the Pentagon charge in Alexandria, Virginia the next day.

Thanking supporters after his release, Muller wrote, "I was not/lued. I didn't believe very many people who have been pushed aside by our society and the political system."

While still supporting the war, the congressman nonetheless had his staff welcome the demonstrators, and arrange a 45-minute telephone conference call with him in Washington. The rest of the afternoon was marked by conversation with Boswell's aides, times of silence, and reading the names of Iraqis and U.S. war dead. Seven people held to the Department of Home Affairs then joined their opposition, but were arrested for trespass when the office closed for the day. Three pled guilty and were fined $50; four will face a jury December 6.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Greater Cincinnati Declaration of Peace vigilied in front of Carew Tower downtown before taking the eleva-
tor 30 floors up to Rep. Steve Chabot's office. His staff welcomed about a dozen people, and after five or six hour sit-in. A meeting with Chabot was arranged for another 15-20 minutes but, with no commitment to the Declaration of Peace, seven people were given 15 minutes to request a meeting. At 8 p.m., a force of some fifty police officers arrived and arrested the group with trespass charge, police upper stories and gave a jury December 6.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

More than 100 people processed through down-
town on September 25, bearing a coffin and pho-
tos of war dead, chanting "Bush Won't Listen, Congress Must Act." They stopped at the fed-
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Those prepared to risk arrest in an attempt to meet with the Senator entered the building at sev-
eral locations. Four people had reached the ele-

tator before police intervened and stopped others in the lobby, then turned off power to the ele-

vators. On the ninth floor, the small group had to open the elevator doors, step aside, and allow Sen. Santorum's office locked tight. When the four-

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fits of being in this society that I take for granted. This is not a profound observation, but it is easy to forget and always astonishing."

The next day, signers of the Declaration of Peace again rallied in Upper Senate Park, then processed with twenty coffins to the Rayburn House Office Building. Police made no effort to impede the march. The coffins were placed at the entrance, and 26 people arrested after a die-in. Three who had been arrested the day before - Eve Tetaz, Fr. Louise Vitale and Fr. Jerry Zawada - were held overnight in jail.

Des Moines, Iowa

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San Fe, New Mexico

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Winona, Minnesota

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Wisconsin

Activists staged sit-ins at the local office of Sen. Herb Kohl in at least three cities, seeking his endorse-
ment of the Declaration of Peace. In Milwaukee on September 21, fifty people demonstrated, many in the
crosswalks blocking traffic at the intersection of 3rd and Wisconsin, outside the Senator’s office. Four people
refused a police order to leave the street and were cited for blocking traffic and disorderly conduct. They will
plead not guilty on November 15.

On November 8, eight Madison area residents, wearing red gloves symbolizing the blood on all of our
hands, laid down first on the sidewalk, and then in the street in front of Sen. Kohl’s home, shouting, “We
someone would get back to us, but no one ever did,” said Sally Milbury-Steen as she joined a couple of dozen peo-
ple on September 22, outside the bank building which houses Castle’s office. “It feels like our first amendment
right for the redress of grievances against our government is curtailed when public officials are gated in or
prive
property and their constituents have so little access to them.” Milbury-Steen and two others were the only
ones permitted to enter the building, deliver another letter to Castle. Five others sat down in the doorway in
protest, and were promptly arrested for trespass. In court October 9, the two men had their charges dropped
because their paperwork never arrived from the police. The three women will be in court on November 20.

Oregon

A delegation seeking Sen. Gordon Smith’s endorsement for the Declaration of Peace was turned away by
entering his Portland office on September 21 but were turned

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Indian Island, Washington

The Naval Magazine Indian Island, near Port Townsend, Washington, is the only west coast ammuni-
tion depot, a critical shipping terminal for the U.S. war machine. It was the destination for over 300 people who
marched four miles on September 23, following a Peace and Justice Festival in nearby Chimacum. When they
arrived at the entrance, 37 people acted on their pledge to support the Declaration of Peace by sitting down in
the road to block access to the depot. Arrestees were handed an arrest report and released, still permitted to
resume reading the names of war dead while waiting in vain for the Senator’s change of heart. At the end of the
day, six were arrested for refusing to leave the office without a peace commitment from the Senator. The trespass charges were dismissed a month later at the request of the Senator.

Sen. Kohl has consistently upheld all the Declaration provisions except a firm date of withdrawal.

Just one week before the start of the Faslane 365 campaign, tensions over the continued existence of the Trident nuclear submarine fleet, ten British nuclear abolitionists joined a citizen’s inspection of the French nuclear testing center of Les Landes, in Bordeaux. Up to 2,000 people attended the September 23 demonstration against French development of the new M-51 submarine-launched intercontinental nuclear missile. Ten British nuclear activists joined the about the same number of activists from Belgium and Sweden to infiltrate the site. Police later denied the activists had been inside, but nonetheless fined one organizer.

The Faslane 365 campaign seeks to nullify the Trident dreads of self-sufficient affinity groups into daily blockades and other nonviolent direct action of the British’s premier submarine-launched nuclear base at Faslane, Scotland. Over 50 groups have so far signed on. Participating groups have pledged to stay for at least 48 hours. This means vacating the site, and the invitation is out for any group in agreement with the Faslane 365 goals and tactics to come to Scotland and participate this coming year.

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Greenham Common Women’s Peace camp, a women’s only blockade of the Faslane base led by Greenham Women for Peace, five women were arrested on October 2, held overnight and released.

Angie Zelter, Faslane 365 campaign initiator, told The 6-per-
son Storytelling Committee, “I’m so proud of the work that we’re doing.”

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Wilmington, Delaware

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Oregon

A delegation seeking Sen. Gordon Smith’s endorsement for the Declaration of Peace was turned away by
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Indian Island, Washington

The Naval Magazine Indian Island, near Port Townsend, Washington, is the only west coast ammuni-
tion depot, a critical shipping terminal for the U.S. war machine. It was the destination for over 300 people who
marched four miles on September 23, following a Peace and Justice Festival in nearby Chimacum. When they
arrived at the entrance, 37 people acted on their pledge to support the Declaration of Peace by sitting down in
the road to block access to the depot. Arrestees were handed an arrest report and released, still permitted to
resume reading the names of war dead while waiting in vain for the Senator’s change of heart. At the end of the
day, six were arrested for refusing to leave the office without a peace commitment from the Senator. The trespass charges were dismissed a month later at the request of the Senator.

Sen. Kohl has consistently upheld all the Declaration provisions except a firm date of withdrawal.

Just one week before the start of the Faslane 365 campaign, tensions over the continued existence of the Trident nuclear submarine fleet, ten British nuclear abolitionists joined a citizen’s inspection of the French nuclear testing center of Les Landes, in Bordeaux. Up to 2,000 people attended the September 23 demonstration against French development of the new M-51 submarine-launched intercontinental nuclear missile. Ten British nuclear activists joined the about the same number of activists from Belgium and Sweden to infiltrate the site. Police later denied the activists had been inside, but nonetheless fined one organizer.

The Faslane 365 campaign seeks to nullify the Trident dreads of self-sufficient affinity groups into daily blockades and other nonviolent direct action of the British’s premier submarine-launched nuclear base at Faslane, Scotland. Over 50 groups have so far signed on. Participating groups have pledged to stay for at least 48 hours. This means vacating the site, and the invitation is out for any group in agreement with the Faslane 365 goals and tactics to come to Scotland and participate this coming year.

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Greenham Common Women’s Peace camp, a women’s only blockade of the Faslane base led by Greenham Women for Peace, five women were arrested on October 2, held overnight and released.

Angie Zelter, Faslane 365 campaign initiator, told The 6-per-
son Storytelling Committee, “I’m so proud of the work that we’re doing.”

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Bellingham, Washington

A series of sit-ins at the office of Rep. Gene Larson began on September 28, resulting in seven arrests to date. But September 29 was to be a fateful day, to read the names of the war dead is relegated to the hallway because the office door is locked, and one activist has been barred from the building for life.

Although Larson voted against authorizing the Iraq war, he has voted to fund it ever since. He was pre-
sented with a National Declaration at a public meeting but has not signed it despite almost daily lobby-

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On Mahatma Gandhi’s 137th birthday, in an act of nonviolent direct action, 74 activists were arrested in Edina, Minnesota, while attempting to deliver a subpoena to Daniel J. Murphy, CEO of arms maker Alliant Techsystems. The subpoena ordered Murphy to testify at an upcoming trial of 42 AlliantACTION activists arrest- ed last May while trying to work with police to prevent war crime lia- bilities under international law. Among those cited was Mike Miles, Wisconsin Green Party District 7 congres- sional candidate. Four more arrestees were pulled from the edge of supporters who were “weaving” a web of assistance. The event was planned by AlliantACTION as a celebration of ten years of nonviolent resistance at Alliant Techsystems, and to condemn the three-day Stop the Merchants of Death conference organized by the War Resisters League at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

Last August 2, three AlliantACTION members who also own stock in the company arrived, ticketed in hand, to attend the annual shareholders meeting. Local police and security guards, well-acquainted with the organizers, met them and refused them entry. The three refused to forfeit their right as shareholders, and were arrested, ticketed for trespass, and released.

The pending arraignment was adjourned after a brief hearing.

For more information, visit alliantaction.org.

Keep Space for Peace

Maria Allwine and Max Obuszewski went out to Fort Meade, Maryland on October 7 to observe Keep Space for Peace Week by holding signs and vigiling out- side the National Security Agency headquarters. Eight security vehicles responded, and without warning or opportunity to leave voluntarily, the two were indicted for the crime of “disturbance of public order.” The arrestees were then brought into custody in U.S. district court in November 17. For more information, contact Max Obuszewski at 410-336-1637 or email mobuszew@myway.com

When the Regents of the University of California visited the Santa Cruz campus for the first time in four years, a coalition of student groups held a speak-out and protest demanding action on a number of issues, among them “immoral UC weapons research, including Nevada bomb tests at Lawrence Livermore and Los Alamos.” When the crowd of students and their community supporters swelled to more than 1,000 people, the police held court on the afternoon of October 18, police responded aggres- sively. Police dragged three people inside the building, then arrested and charged them with obstructing police duty.

The perfunctory meeting was adjourned after only 20 minutes. For more information, visit www.b52two.org

The World Still Waits

“The World Can’t Wait - Drive Out the Bush Regime!” network sponsored nationwide demonstrations and school walkouts on October 5. In Portland, where over 800 people marched, police demanded one group of marchers get back to the sidewalk. In Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday night, the crowd of students and their community supporters numbered in the many thousands. In Portland, where over 800 people marched, police demanded one group of marchers get back to the sidewalk. In Charlotte, North Carolina, on Saturday night, the crowd of students and their community supporters numbered in the many thousands.

Hang Juries

For the second time in as many months, a British jury has failed to convict activists who attempted to sabo- tage U.S. military shipments through RAF Fairford in 2003. In September (see NR #143, p. 7), a mistrial had been declared after a jury could not reach any judgment against Margaret Jones and Paul Milling, a pair who dis- abled two dozen ground support vehicles. On October 11, Phil Pritchard and Toby Olditch also defended their way to a hung jury on charges of conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

The two men argued that their arrest inside the base on March 18, 2003, in possession of simple tools to damage bombs and engines and aiming mechanisms, was a mis- guided interruption of legitimate activity. Though they were never charged with possessing U.S. use of cluster bombs and depleted uranium munitions in the ominous invasion of Iraq because both are illicit weapons of indiscrimi- nate effect, both pairs of activists are likely to face trial again next year.

For more information, visit www.b52two.org

Pine Gap Resistance

Four people who face special charges for a December 8 citizen weapons inspection of the U.S.-run spy base at Pine Gap, along with some of their support- ers, took a trek into the Australian outback in October. On the 7th, they were seen walking away from police after staged a demonstration at the Pine Gap gate. Many sat down to block the road and five remained to face arrest when police moved in at the end of the day. On October 17, four of the five pleaded guilty and paid a $220 fine, while an American man pleaded not guilty and will return to court in two months time.

On October 12, a court in Alice Springs ruled against the citizen inspectors’ motion that the government must prove the base is vital to national security. It is enough, the court said, for the government to simply make the declaration of a “prohibited area” to justify a possible seven-year prison sentence on a conviction of trespass. Other pre-trial motions are still pending, with no trial date set.

For more information, contact Jim Dowling at penangke@octact.net.au

In Seattle, police initiated an altercation when one officer grabbed the black and red flag of a Students for a Democratic Society group and walked away, taunting the student to follow. In the ensuing dispute, some tried to un- anchor the first person taken into custody, leading to at least three arrests. “Seattle Flag Three” were released the next day, two charged with obstruction of justice and resisting arrest, and the third for investigation of assaulting an officer. For more information, email flag3egaldefense@yahoo.com

The Nuclear Resister

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ON "OBAMA"

Al Gore won’t be there to tell us how, in the absence of any will to end the war in Iraq, that our next president should, like Ronald Reagan, resign the nuclear weapons in our arsenal, according to the members of the National Lawyers Guild. Their theat- rical protest last March 20 blocked the intersection of Market and Montgomery Streets for about 15 minutes...
RAFIH DHAFIR: The government has appealed the federal court’s provision that it must discontinue the criminal trials necessary for filing an appeal of the Syracusan oncologist’s conviction and sentence. Meanwhile, Meadus, the Derf was true. They have established the Dr. Dhahir Support Committee (P.O. Box 5789, Salinas, CA 93915-5789, www.dhahirtrial.net) to begin educating the peace and social justice communities about his outrageous prosecution and 22-year sentence for dubious white-collar criminal charges that were piled on to the highly politicalized charge of violating the embargo on Iraq by providing charitable aid to its people. In public statements, prosecutors and politicians repeatedly tarred Dhahir’s charity as having funded terrorism, yet never presented any such evidence in court...

VOICES IN THE WILDERNESS: A federal appeals court has also upheld a $10,000 fine, plus interest, against Bert Sacks of Seattle. As a participant in the now dissolved entity Voices in the Wilderness, Sacks delivered humanitarian and medical aid to Iraq nine times in violation of the same embargo at the root of Rafih Dhahir’s prosecution...

PITTSBURGH: Legal fallout from the August 20, 2005 police dog, taxer, and pepper spray attack on 11 protesters at a timer armed military recruiting office has not yet ended. Six people were originally arrested and four spent a day in jail before arraignment. Some charges were dismissed and at a trial last May, two defendants rejected a plea and then accepted the offer of a slightly lighter sentence, including no fine or court costs. Carele Wiedmann, who was charged with failure to disperse after a police dog intercepted her exit from the scene, had the charges dismissed last December because the K-9 officer who arrested her had skipped court. Then in April, a certifier informed Wiedmann that the officer had refiled charges. The officer was again absent from her first court date, and in August she was summarily issued a citation for disorderly behavior despite not being present. An appeal is pending, and also a civil suit on behalf of Wiedmann, both women who was tasered, and two children who were pepper sprayed at a protest against torture.

ULSTER, NEW YORK: Last May, prosecutors dismissed trespass charges against two Veterans for Peace members who have been vigiling and leafletting outside the Federal Power Plant at a ranch at a shopping mall every week for over a year and a half. The prosecutor said it was not a criminal matter and recommended civil relief. So as they continued to vigile until September 9, the Kingman Mall management served notice on Jay Wenk and Joan Keefe. They were summoned to answer a suit for summary relief. So as they joined in a blockade of the missile and bomb plant last March were not charged with any offense, despite initial protest of the Iraq war and a campaign to support resisting soldiers...

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away at the door. Nine people were arrested. Tom Hastings explained, “We’re past the point of tolerance on this. This is an intolerable, illegal war...” Only Michele Darr pled not guilty, and goes to trial November 20. Hastings and Clyde Chamberlain were sentenced to two days of community service, and everyone else to a single day.

On September 26, two people were arrested at the Senator’s Eugene office, which they had refused to leave without his signature on the Declaration. They were cited and released pending trial.

**Bangor, Maine**

Maine’s two Republican U.S. Senators, Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe, were both invited to sign the Declaration of Peace and both declined. On September 21, several dozen people gathered in front of the federal building in Bangor to affirm the Declaration. Because Sen. Snowe was facing re-election, they only briefly vigiled outside Sen. Collins’ office, then marched into Sen. Snowe’s suite to extend the invitation one more time. Most spent the afternoon packed into her office and the hallway outside, singing and sharing with office staff the many reasons they believe the Senator should also declare for peace. Shortly before 5 p.m., they were ordered to leave. Eleven who remained behind were arrested and charged with trespass, before a ride to the federal building in Bangor to affirm the Declaration.

**Future Actions**

More information and local contact details for the actions above can be found at declarationofpeace.org

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**PLEASANT HILL, CALIFORNIA:** Five Grandmothers for Peace who tried to enlist at the recruiting center last summer but were instead cited for trespass had their charges dismissed before they got to court.

**SYRACUSE RECRUITING OFFICE:** In June, nine people were convicted of trespassing last March 23, when recruiters refused to speak with them as a group.

**DULUTH:** Four women arrested for trespass inside an Army recruiting office last March 8, International Women’s Day, were convicted in June and fined $50.

**COLUMBIA, MISSOURI:** In October, a trespass charge against Catholic Worker Steve Jacobs was dropped without comment. Three others arrested with Jacobs last April 3 inside the downtown military recruiting office pled guilty, one paying a fine and the other two performing community service.

**LANSDING, MICHIGAN:** Three people who pled not guilty were convicted of trespass at a military recruiting center March 20 and fined.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.:** Evidence mounts for the existence of a Black Hole in the Capitol’s court. Iraq war vet Geoffrey Millard and CODEPINK septuagenarian Chloe Jon-Paul showed up for trial at the appointed hour in October, only to be told there was no record on file of their arrests at the Fourth of July parade. Eve Tetaz also showed up for her October trial, only to find she was not on the docket. Four codefendants who, with Tetaz, brought the Troops Home Fast pray-in to the White House last summer paid a $50 forfeiture.

**CANANDAIGUA, NEW YORK:** Alia Souissi had her day in court for a disorderly conduct arrest when George Bush came to town in March. She writes: “I watched a bunch of brown and black skinned people and - I’m guessing by their clothing - poor whites get sentenced by a white judge. When it was my turn, I came forth and the charges were read by cops. The judge asked me how I plead. I said guilty. (It’s true, I was guilty of the charges: I had said that police intimidation at protests is ‘fucking bullshit’) There seemed to be a twinkle of mer... continued on page 6