Early on the morning of April 30, three men entered the Government Communications Security Bureau’s spy base at Waihopai, New Zealand. Unseen due to a thick fog, they padlocked the gate to close the facility, then cut through three security fences to get past razor wire, infrared motion sensors and a high voltage electrified fence. Arcing into the mist above them were two 30-meter domes that cover the satellite dishes for intercepting e-mail and telephone conversations, telexes, faxes, and computer data communications. With a sickle, they cut through the fabric to deflate one of the domes.

The three Catholic activists - organic gardener, teacher, and father of six, Adrian Leason; Australian-born Dominican Fr. Peter Murman; and subsistence farmer and laborer Sam Land - then built a shrine and prayed for the people killed by United States military activity.

In a statement, they wrote, “We are responding to the Bush administration’s admission that intelligence gathering is the most important tool in the so-called War on Terror. This war will have no end until citizens of the world refuse to let it continue. The ECHELON spy network, including Waihopai, is an integral part of the U.S. government’s global spy network and we have come in the name of the Prince of Peace to close it down.”

The men were arrested, threatened with sabotage charges, and initially denied bail. Five days later, a sabotage charge had been ruled out and they were all granted bail on the condition they stay away from each other and military bases. An appeal to modify the order was successful and the three can now meet together to prepare for trial on charges of intentional damage and entering a building to commit a crime. They also face a charge of damage to a vehicle in a vineyard neighboring Waihopai spy base.

Early in December, 2007 Weiss learned his application to be classified a conscientious objector (C.O.) and receive a honorable discharge was denied. He was assigned noncombatant duties while deployed to toward Operating Base Badari in Iraq at the time, and learned of the development immediately before traveling to the United States on leave.

As his leave expired and his December 22, 2007 return flight to Iraq drew near, his beliefs compelled him to miss the flight and avoid the combat patrol duties he would be assigned upon landing.

He eventually turned himself in to military authorities February 11, 2008, in Fort Knox, Kentucky. He was returned to Germany for the special court martial and, after serving his sentence at the U.S. military prison in Nuremberg, Germany. His expected release date is in mid-December, 2008.

Support Action
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PFC James Burmeister is currently confined to base at Fort Knox, Kentucky. In late June, military prosecuors decided to charge Burmeister with desertion, and he awaits court martial July 16.

A high school grad tired of dead-end jobs, the Eugene, Oregon native enlisted in 2005, led by a soldier friend to believe he’d do humanitarian work in Iraq. He was deployed to Baghdad in September, 2006 as a machine gunner, assigned to notorious “bait and kill” teams that have led to civilian deaths. In February, 2007, a roadside bomb blasted his Humvee, sending shrapnel into his face and damaging his hearing.

On leave while recovering in Germany, Burmeister decided to head for Canada. There he was diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder and had a seizure, possibly a result of brain injury.

Burmeister returned to the United States and turned himself in in March. Because of his PTSD, Burmeister and his family are requesting that the Army give him an other than honorable discharge in lieu of a special court martial which could send Burmeister to a military prison for up to a year.

Balloon

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SAAB Microwave Becoming2 Ploughshares

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Resistance Reflections

Arrests for War Resistance Increase Again

By Bill Quigley

We can never forget that everything that Hitler did in Germany was ‘legal,’ and everything the Hun- garian freedom fighters did was ‘illegal.’ It was ‘legal’ to aid and comfort a Jew in Hitler’s Germany, but I am sure that if I lived in Germany during that time I would have confronted my brother brothers even though it was illegal...we who engage in non- violent direct action are not the creators of tension. We merely bring to the surface the hidden tension that is already alive. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There have been over 15,000 arrests for resistance to war since 2002. There were large numbers right after the invasion of Iraq, then nonviolent direct action of Iraq, recently nonviolent civil disobedience for the U.S. war in and occupation of Iraq. There was a campaign of sustained nonviolent civil disobedience for funding for the U.S. war in and occupation of Iraq. The Occupation Project resulted in over 320 arrests in spring of 2007 in the offices of 19 U.S. Representatives and Senators in 25 states.

Where we’re at

Beginning on page 4, this issue of the Nuclear Resister completes our chronicle of previously unreported 2007 anti-war and anti-nuclear arrests in the United States. In order to accommodate this review in a single issue, it was necessary to hold back about three dozen new 2008 action reports from at least 25 cities and towns. They will be included in our next edition.

Several elders in the peace and justice movement in Tucson, each also a long time supporter of the Nuclear Resister, died in recent months. Lucille Burkholder, Bob Menard and Jerry Robinett were people who we knew for many years and cared for deeply. We were grateful to receive donations for the Nuclear Resister in Bob’s memory. We are also thankful that old friends of Jerry’s have pledged to continue his monthly donation. For a couple of decades, Jerry always sent a note each month filled with words of encouragement and thanks, reflections on books he’d recently read - and accompanied by a dollar or two sent to the Nuclear Resister.

Speaking of donations, they tend to slow down quite a bit during the summer. The Nuclear Resister is in need. If you are able to send a contribution this way, large or small, it will be greatly appreciated. Jackson and Felice Cohen-Joppa, editors

Jackson’s attempts to have himself thrown out of the Army were nearly successful. His out-processing paper- work was half completed when a local commander arbitrarily stopped his pending discharge last December. Jackson had concluded that the military’s C.O. appeal process was a form of harassment, banishment, or worse. He wondered how career officers could sit in judgment of his beliefs.

With his pending discharge on hold, Jackson went on an extended and successful trip with peace activists and G.I. advocates. He turned himself in at Ft. Sill on April 4, and submitted an application for discharge as a C.O. In it, he wrote, “Furthermore, I realize that my beliefs are not valid or sincere based on what any person that reads this says or thinks. My beliefs are valid because I say they are and because they are my beliefs and they compel me to be a better person.”

Jackson was ordered to return to his unit at Fort Gordon, Georgia. When he reported there he was immediately taken into custody pending court martial May 30.

Jackson pleaded guilty to all charges and was sentenced to 100 days in confinement, loss of pay, demotion in rank, and a bad conduct discharge upon release from prison. With credit for time served, he was due to be released at the end of June. Thanks

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Since 1980, the Nuclear Resister has provided comprehensive reports on anti-war and 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 the United States, plus overseas anti-nuclear and anti-war resistance with the same emphasis on prisoner support.

The Nuclear Resister is published about every two months and serves to network this nonviolent resistance movement while acting as a national clearing house for information on nonviolent direct action, resistance to the war in Iraq, and resistance to war and the nuclear threat. We believe that in any sig- nificant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned, beaten, driven away and/or isolated from their sup- porters and their own resistance activity is limited. Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activists is essential to the movement’s continuing strength.

Each issue provides the names and jail addresses of currently imprisoned- anti-war and anti-nuclear activists. Readers are encouraged to provide active support to these letters to those behind bars and in other ways by the prisoners.

Jackson and Felice Cohen-Joppa, Editors
Ten Days for Oak Ridge Blockade

by Ralph Hutchison

Two hundred people joined the annual Stop the Bombs march April 14 to the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. St. Alice Baker and Beth Rosdatter refused to leave the road in front of the factory gate and were arrested for obstruction. Rosdatter was released without bail but Baker was held. Baker’s case was heard the next morning, sparing her a return trip from her home in Michigan. She entered a “best interest” plea and was fined and ordered to probation.

Beth Rosdatter appeared for trial June 10 before Judge Ronald Murch in Oak Ridge. She represented herself, and after meeting with Assistant District Attorney Per Herngren and British ploughshares activist Stephen Schweitzer, Rosdatter abstained from any facts of the case (that she was in the road and refused to leave) but reserved the right to defend herself with an argument of “legal privilege.” This is the clause in the law that allows roads to be blocked for a good reason (i.e., doing construction work, fighting a fire, cleaning up after an accident, marching with a permit). Rosdatter’s defense was simple: the violation of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty that is ongoing at Y12 is also a violation of the U.S. Constitution’s Article VI which makes international treaties the “Supreme Law of the Land.” As a citizen she believed she had a responsibility to stop that violation, even if it meant blocking the road.

Judge Murch began telling Rosdatter that he would not enter the case into evidence that “you people” usually use. This prejudicial statement could have been avoided had the judge permitted Rosdatter to make her facts, which, in fact, had nothing to do with the court’s decision. Although Rosdatter chose not to. She was declared guilty and sentenced to ten days in Anderson County jail, plus a fine and costs totaling $650. She will serve her sentence beginning July 18.

Blockades, Banners and Prayers at Nuclear Sub Base

Twice in three weeks, the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action hosted demonstrations against Trident nuclear submarines at the Naval Sub Base Kitsap-Bangor, in Washington. Blockades and line-crossing on both occasions led to 22 arrests by federal or state authorities.

On Mother’s Day, May 11, Kitsap County Sheriff’s arrested Julia Rusk, Joy Goldstein, Thomas Hodges, and Larry Kerschner when they blocked traffic on the county side road to the sub base with an “Abolition Nuclear Weapons” banner. They were booked and released in Port Orchard.

Soon after those arrests, six people entered the highway on federal property and were arrested by base security. On Mother’s Day, officers with an “Abolition Nuclear Weapons” banner. They were booked and released in Port Orchard.

On June 1, the Tacoma Catholic Worker and Ground Zero sponsored a demonstration in commemoration of the Feast of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. (Mary had proclaimed to Elizabeth that God will pull tyrannical forces from their thrones and fill the deprived populations of the earth with resources for living full lives. Luke 1:46-55.)

Lynne Greenwald, Sallie Shawl, Mary Gleysteen, Kim Wilson and Glen Milner were arrested by county officers while trying to display a banner on a freeway overpass. They were booked for disorderly conduct and failure to disperse, and released. Banners had been displayed there without incident over five years of demonstrations, but on Father’s Day, organizers were warned it was now off-limits. After the banner-bearers were arrested, Fr. Bill Bichsel, Jessica Smith, Joe Power-Druits, Thomas Karlin, Denny Moore, Joe Marinello and Rev. Anne Hall entered the highway to deliver a message to the base commander, and were themselves arrested by base security. Bichsel, Karlin and Hall were cited for federal trespass on a military installation, but the others were let go. Court dates have yet to be set.

For more information contact Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action at (360) 377-2586, e-mail: info@gzcenter.org or visit gzcenter.org

letters of support should be sent to Beth Rosdatter, c/o Riverside Nonviolent Community, 4627 Martin Mill Pike, Knoxville, TN 37920.

Nuclear Resisters Overseas

Igor V. Sutuykin (15 years)
163050, Arkhangelsk; Ul. Pirsovaya, d. 27; FGK U-1, 5 otryad; Russia; (letters only, no parcels)
(Denounced since 10/27/1997, now convicted of espionage for researching public nuclear weapons information - sentenced 4/7/04)

Daniele Casalini
Casa Circordariale, Via Burla 59, 43100 Parma, Italy
(Eco-anarchist on remand for another alleged crime, and awaiting trial for 9/05 sabotage of nuclear electricity pylons)

Previously Listed, Recently Released:

Public Military Resurfers

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Nuclear Resisters

Beth Rosdatter (ten days, 7/18/08 - 7/27/08)
C/O Riverside Nonviolent Community, 4627 Martin Mill Pike, Knoxville TN 37920.
(Obstructing a highway at Y-12 nuclear weapons plant, 4/13/08)

Leonard Peltier
FMC Carswell, Max Unit, POB 27137, Ft. Worth, TX 76127.
(Parole violation with anti-war protest at the federal courthouse, Kansas City, Missouri 3/11/04)

Anti-War Related Actions

Rafiq Dhahir 11921-052 (22 years - out 12/2006)
FCS, Terre Haute, POB 33, Terre Haute, IN 47808.
(Convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, 2/05)

Address
Name ID # (if needed) (sentence - in/out
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offered reflections Saturday afternoon at the Test Site,

the St. Patrick’s Day Parade turned ugly

by Ryan Jackson

WRITINGS FROM JAIL

by Ryan Jackson

Statement for Peace Vigil, written to the Charleston pacifists and other supporters who gathered the evening before his trial.

May 22, 2008

My fellow men and women of peace,

I must first make known that I gratefully thank you for all of your support. I have truly been humbled, and I have been enriched by the kindness in your hearts. To think, many of you have never met me can still unite for a common ground, and a dream, is possible to achieve. I stand with solidarity in our beliefs, and ambitions of a peaceful environment. As I stand trial tomorrow, I will think of the hundreds upon hundreds that believed in me, and I will think of you who so diligently stand here today on my behalf.

John Bunyan said, “I will stay in jail for the rest of my days before I make a butchery of my conscience.” I no longer live in fear. I have been changed to the effect of transformation undergone in the process of being born again. I rest here in this box, a physically confined being, but as liberated as his nation ever been, and I find no shame in my boastful testimony. I stand proud as a United States Army conscientious objector. I know I must endure the present adversities to prosper in the facets of the future, for I will emerge a voice of convic-

tion, determined to administer change for the betterment of humankind.

I used to hold contempt for my commander and his apparent ignorance, but meditation and sincere words from many supporters has brought me to forgiveness. I pray that the malice will be rid from his heart and he may understand the errors he has made, and realize the need for peace through means that are of a nonviolent approach.

All of your dedication, perseverance and support is admirable, and truly appreciated. I hope to walk away from this and join the street teams, to peacefully cause

the “Little Rock Nine,” the first in black/white school desegregation. They endured gruesome times, and it seems the whole nation was against them. A woman, Daisy Bates, helped them, was adamant in their safety, and ensured they would indeed enter Central High School unharmed. On that day, September 25, 1957, Minnie Jean Brown, one of the nine black students, said, “For the first time in my life, I feel like an American citizen.” I revered this story and thought of these brave young souls and relatively compared to all those brave war resisters of the past and present and was filled with tears. This was done to our own people in the last 50 years. When we look at our history, we gather big enough mass to simply say, “No, the violence, discrimi-

nation and corruption ends now!”

I am comforted by your love, and feel as one with your intent. I ask that you pray that I may prevail in this endeavor, and upon my release remain with the cour-

age to be an inspiration to the world. Through peaceful resistance may we have an everlasting impact. To live an unencumbered life, seems ever so frivolous to me. I am but a wave, a small ripple in a vast ocean. While I remain not alone, but without unity, I shall be swept away by the tide. Unity and solidarity may bring the first peaceful tsunami. Shall another man die to feel a bit more just, lest we all should feel so ashamed?

[PPC Ryan Jackson was convicted at court martial May 30 on several charges of being absent without leave before he filed for C.O. status, and sentenced to 100 days confinement.]
A court in Belfast, Northern Ireland acquitted nine men on charges of affray and criminal damage for rubbing files, a mainframe server and computer workstations at Raytheon Corporation’s Londonderry offices on August 9, 2006. Raytheon’s hi-tech venture into Northern Ireland was offered as a plum for the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, with the power-sharing government’s then solemn, but now shattered, vow that no military software development would be done there. During three weeks of trial in May and June, Raytheon corporate witnesses revealed their chilling disregard for the known use and lethal effect upon innocents by their overseas client.

Leaving court on June 10, defendants Eamonn McCann and Colin Bryce addressed supporters and the press on this and other significant points:

Colin Bryce:

“This victory is welcome, for ourselves, but we wish to dedicate it to the Shaloub and Hashem families of Qana in Lebanon, who lost 28 of their closest relatives on the 30 July 2006 due to a Raytheon ‘bunker buster’ bomb.

“Their unimaginable loss was foremost in our minds when we took this action. It took place on 9 August, and the injustice that they and the many thousands of victims of war crimes in Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan have suffered, will spur us on to continue to campaign against war and the arms trade that profits from it.

“We said from the beginning that we came to this court not as the accused but as the accusers of Raytheon.”

Eamonn McCann:

“The outcome of this case has profound implications.

“The jury has accepted that we were reasonable in our belief that the Israeli Defence Forces were guilty of war crimes in Lebanon in the summer of 2006; that the Raytheon company, including its facility in Derry, was aiding and abetting the commission of these crimes; and that the action we took was intended to have, and did have, the effect of hampering or delaying the commission of war crimes.

“We have been vindicated.

“We believe that one day the world will look back on the arms trade as we look back today on the slaughter in Sierra Leone, and agree that such evil could abound in respectable society.

“If we have advanced by a mere moment the day when we are able to adjudicate over the law, what we have done will have been worthwhile.

“We took the action we did in the immedi- ate aftermath of the slaughter of innocents in Qana on July 30th 2006. The people of Qana are our neighbours. Their children are the children of our neighbors. We trashed Raytheon to help protect our neighbors. The court has found that that was not a crime. This is what the Raytheon case has been about.

“We have not denied or apologised for what we did. We did it. We will do it again in the summer of 2006. All of us believe that it was the best thing we ever did in our lives.”

For more information, visit raytheon9.org
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5-11-2007 Portland, OR 2
Denied a registered place in the parade because their entry was "too political," ten CODEPink women nevertheless joined the tail end of the annual St. John’s Parade, carrying pink umbrellas that spelled out the word "L-M-P-E-A-G-H." Over the cheers of the crowd, police ordered them back onto the sidewalk, and cited two women for "Improper Position On Highway.

5-14-2007 Washington, DC 33
The Mother of a March from Peace (Fayette) Park to the Capitol launched the “Swarm on Congress” campaign. Arresting a监事会 of marchers at the intersection of Independence and New Jersey Avenues and in mourning and distress, raised to half-mast an upside down American flag. One person faced trial; the others paid a citation.

5-15-2007 Washington, DC 4
On the occasion of Attorney General Gonzales’ break-in of the No Nukes, No Kidding. programme, the CODEPink women were removed and briefly detained before being barred.

5-17-2007 San Francisco, CA 13
Students of the University of California Board of Regents, a group of about 40 hunger striking students again called the governing body to account for the nuclear weapons produced by the national weapons labs that they manage at Livermore and Los Alamos.

5-25-2007 Washington, DC 1
During a day when many activists were being arrested for trespassing or other anti-war acts, one woman was arrested as she sat in mourning in front of the White House, holding a sign that said “End the War.” After several other Vietnam vets had already left the Iraq anti-war vigil, police accused her of blocking access to the White House and arrested her. The crowd. Two officers grabbed Trainer to take her away, and she momentarily resisted, only to be charged with disorderly conduct and felony assault on a police officer. “They were very aggressive,” reported her husband. “It was really scary.” One month later, Trainer entered a plea to resisting arrest in return for dismissal of the charge and to complete 80 hours of community service, and her record was expunged after its completion.

7-25-2007 Asheville, NC 2
The Buncombe County sheriff and district attorney had to break up an anti-war action of flag desecration, obstruction and assaulting a government employee against Mark and Deborah Nesch. The couple were flying an upside down U.S. flag on their home, shouting with anger and distress, with a photo of the President pinned upon it, on which was written “Out Now!” City police investigated a complaint of “people taking over their home” and arrested the couple. Days later, a zealous deputy sheriff overturned the city code and took personally a fresh report of desecration. He knocked at the Kuhn’s door, where he asked questions of the couple and took a photo of the flag. The couple were arrested for disorderly conduct, obstructing an officer, resisting arrest, and desecrating an American flag. Their son posted $1,500 bail. North Carolina’s 1917 flag desecration statute had only been voided in 1969, and it was determined to be unconstitutional. The deputy “probably shouldn’t have been there to begin with,” the sheriff admitted.

7-30-2007 Peoria, IL
Police conducting the lack of judicial review for alleged enemy combatants wanted to meet with Michelle Obama, but were instead ordered to leave the Capitol’s bar. One woman refused to leave and was arrested for trespass.

8-2-2007 San Francisco, CA 8
First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.

8-9-2007 Nevada Test Site ~10
Nagasaki Day action at the nuclear weapons test site.

8-13-2007 Asheville, NC
The Southern Convergence for Climate Action promoted a vision of a “just, rapid, nuclear-free transition away from fossil fuels” with a weekend teach-in in Asheville. Police targeted the Bank of America for bankingroll major coal mining and power plant projects in the region. “No Coal, No Nukes, No Kidding.”

8-23-2007 San Francisco, CA 5
A score of CODEPink women were joined by a few men in blocking the doors of the federal building to protest the closure of Interior’s Office of Policy. The group refusd to meet with anti-war constituents and peace groups. Only after two hours did police move in to make a few arrests and open a doorway.

9-6-2007 Washington, DC 3
During a press conference near the White House to promote the upcoming September 15 anti-war mobilization, military mom Tim Richards and Iraq vet Adam Kokesh were arrested for pasting up posters for the protest. Attorney Ian Thompson was also arrested.

9-10-2007 Washington, DC 11
While peace activists and others waited to get into a House Armed Services Committee meeting with Gen. Pershing, protesters who tried to cross police barricades were met with hot pursuit. By then, a back-up cop had arrived and the two cornered Mark, forcing him to ground with the threat of tasers. The couple were hauled off on two counts of assaulting a government official, resisting arrest, and desecrating an American flag. Their son posted $1,500 bail. North Carolina’s 1917 flag desecration statute had only been voided in 1969, and it was determined to be unconstitutional. The deputy “probably shouldn’t have been there to begin with,” the sheriff admitted.

9-11-2007 Washington, DC 8
David Barrows was arrested for unlawful conduct in Congress during testimony given by Gen. David Petraus and Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker before the Senate Armed Services Committee. He was convicted in April and sentenced to eight months supervised probation. Month later, he was arrested again after he pasted up signs with police officer and disorderly conduct. Desiree Fairouz, Cindy Sheehan and Deed Millner were arrested for disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly after protesting this abuse. Inside the hearing, eight more people were arrested for disorderly conduct. Yearwood’s assault charge was dismissed first, and when he appeared for trial in February, the charge of disorderly conduct was also dismissed.

9-15-2007 Albuquerque, NM 1
Police harassed an anti-war march with derisive comments, including the demand that one woman remove her burka. After speaking to a police sergeant, she was allowed to put the garment back. Rob Chavez was cited when he kicked a police barricade after a provocateur exchange with officers.

9-15-2007 Washington, DC 192
At least 50 Iraqi Veterans Against the War led hundreds on a march from the White House to the Capitol, where most were arrested during a die-in. Others protesters who tried to cross police barricades were met with pepper spray. Most were jailed overnight, and at least five were jailed until Monday on outstanding warrants. Most paid a citation fine, but 11 appeared in trial in January. In their opening statements at trial, the defendants argued that the police line was unconstitutional set up, since it was formed on a prearranged speech without sufficient cause for a time and place restriction, and no crimes were committed as the police helped or pulled protesters across the line. The collapsed barricade had included a "police sensitive document related to terrorism." A motion for judgment of acquittal was granted.

9-18-2007 Washington, DC 5
Sarah Brigel, Sarah Barrows, Christine Rainwater, Anne Kitturige, and Anne Katz were arrested

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by Capitol Police while counter-demonstrating at a pro- war rally in Upper Senate Park on Capitol Hill. Barrows was convicted in February of assaulting a pro-war demonstrator, suspended; six months of unsupervised probation plus fines and fees totaling $400.

9-20-2007 Washington, DC 37 Several people were arrested for Nonviolent Resistance (NCNR) and The Declaration of Peace, along with the Baltimore Pledge of Resistance, Peace Action Montgomery, and others, carried out solemn, powerful nonviolent “Die-In” actions inside the U.S. Capitol Crypt (below the Rotunda) and outside the Capitol building on the steps (near the doors of both action areas). The Crypt resulted in 34 arrests for disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly. At trial January 31, the disorderly conduct charges were dropped when the defendants realized they had been improperly applied. But Judge Ann O’Regan Keary convicted 31 defendants of unlawful as- sembly, explaining that the paint-tied shirts were worn by the defendants to hide their identity, which is the intent of the statute.

10-1-2007 Duluth, MN 10 Mike and Linda Barrows, who were arrested for standing and an appointment at the office of Rep. James Oberstar (D-MN), which is in the federal courthouse. Duluth police and Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents barred activists from entering the courthouse to prevent Barrows and others from visiting the defendants. The activists sat at the doorways and were arrested and jailed when they refused to leave. At the start of their trial in February, 10 motions for dismissal were filed by nine of the defendants, alleging the police had violated their Consti- tutional rights to free speech and association, peaceable assembly and the right of petition under Louis Cohn of the U.S. District Court Judge Gerald M. Fahnestock granted the motion. A tenth defendant, Bonnie Ufer, never went to court and had a warrant issued for her arrest last fall.

9-21-2007 Washington, DC 1 On International Peace Day, several CODE- Pink women visited the Presidential memorials around Washington, DC, and the Washington National Cathedral. At House chamber on September 20, Mike Ferner and Linda Weiner stood up in the gallery and shouted “Congress! Congress! ‘No more Firing Bombs, Peace!’ Smother any attempts to stop.” Ferner was convicted of disturbing Congress by a Superior Court jury. He refused to pay a $100 fine and was sentenced to six months probation. Ferner was arrested after serving less than 24 hours. An additional arrest was reported during a support action outside the Capitol.

9-21-2007 New York, NY 11 Activists of the New York City borough of Brooklyn took part in a demonstration outside of United Nations headquarters during President Bush’s address there, then that half number marched under heavy police pressure for an unplanned rally at Washington Square Park, where a police barricade extended to the entrance to the park. The activists sat at the doorways and were arrested and jailed when they refused to leave. At the start of their trial in February, 10 motions for dismissal were filed by nine of the defendants, alleging the police had violated their Consti- tutional rights to free speech and association, peaceable assembly and the right of petition under Louis Cohn of the U.S. District Court Judge Gerald M. Fahnestock granted the motion. A tenth defendant, Bonnie Ufer, never went to court and had a warrant issued for her arrest last fall.

10-4-2007 San Francisco, CA 10 First Thursday die-in and blockade of Fed- eral Building.

10-10-2007 Wimbley, OR 3 Peg Gallagher, Fr. Jack McCaslin, and Jerry Eber were arrested for refusing to leave the Space De- fence Conference at the Qwest Center, where they staged a die-in and sang. Fr. Jack McCaslin, a Catholic priest, was arrested after he sat on the floor of the conference and refused to leave. He is an aspiring monk and spent four years of his life work- ing in Iceland, where he is a Catholic in his own right. He was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and public intoxication in the city of Portland.

10-10-2007 Washington, DC 2 After an unsuccessful effort to arrange hand- delivery with the White House’s public liaison office, Rev. Linda and Ray Golden of the National Catholic War Veterans, and Jon Kabat-Zinn tried to deliver a peace petition with 60,000 signatures to the President’s front gate. After ignoring three warnings from police, the minister and his wife were arrested for refusing to leave the non-peace zone near the gate.

10-12-2007 Eugene, OR 5 Seven local Quakers visited Sen. Gordon Smith’s office in the federal courthouse and presented the staff with a packet of personal statements urging them to oppose Iraq war funding bills. When they were ordered to leave, two juveniles did. Liwsie Ewing, Laurie Knack- stein, Sue Hoga, Peg Morgan and Paul Qualeks were given six months probation.

Witness Against War 2008

Voices for Creative Nonviolence is sponsoring a peace walk beginning July 12 in Chicago to conclude on August 31 in St. Paul - in time for the start of the 2008 Republi- can Party convention. The group will take part in acts of nonviolent civil resistance aimed to bringing about an end to the Iraqi War. Potential locations may include the offices of Congress to ask Congress to promise to con- tinue to vote to fund the Iraq War and Fort McCoy, WI, where some units train before being deployed to Iraq. To become involved, mail witnessagainstwar@cvcr.org or call (773)887-3815.

Urban Action Camp

No War No Hosting their first Urban Action Camp, July 21-24 in Washington, D.C. Training will fo- cus on Nonviolent Direct Action and civil disobedience tactics on the streets of D.C. Visit nowonwarming.org for more information and camp application.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki

Civil resistance will be part of Hiroshima/Naga- saki commemorative activities at these U.S. nuclear sites:

Bangor

The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action will host a weekend of film, speakers, regional networking, street theater and nonviolent action preparation, August 9-10, 6002 Bridgeport Road, Bangor, WA. The event is free. There may be a small registration fee. For more information, contact the GZC at 360/742-699 or groundzero.org.

Livemore

Tri-Valley CAREs and allied groups are planning a commemoration at the gates of Livermore Lab, Livemore, California, on August 9 at 11 a.m. The former mayor of Hiroshima, Mr. Hiroaka, will join the event. For more information, visit trivalleycare.org or call (925)443-7148.

Pittsburgh

Duncan and Porter Catholic Worker is hosting “From Nagasaki to Fallujah,” a walk beginning July 12 in Chicago to conclude on August 30 in St. Paul’s Cathedral, Maryland, PA. For more information and camp application, visit nevadadesert.org.

Southeast Convergence for Climate Action

Join people of all ages and backgrounds from throughout the Southeast and beyond for the second annual Southeast Convergence action camp, August 5-11. This year’s convergence theme is “Soil and Sun” to celebrate the Sun, the Soil and the Sun’s energy in the form of solar energy. The convergence will be a day of direct actions against arms companies in the region. For more information visit southeastclimate.org.

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Burcher refused and were taken into custody, where they sang peace songs for guards while waiting for citations to be written. All were cited except Max Knackstedt, due to his age (17).

10-22-2007 Washington, DC  68
No War, No Warming action arrests began by 8 a.m., when activists blocked the Capitol Hill intersection of New Jersey and Independence Avenues, where more than 30 people were arrested. More arrests were reported in the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building. Others were arrested outside the building, including the Polar Bear 7, who had dressed up as polar bears and sang and danced their way down sidewalks to remind Congress of the connection between war and global warming.

In November, Eda and Mike Uca-Dorn pled guilty to unlawful assembly and incommoding (inconveniencing) and were sentenced to three months unsupervised probation, 3 days of community service, 5 days suspended sentence and a $50 assessment fee. In February, two of the Polar Bear 7 had charges dismissed and five others were convicted of failure to obey a police officer. Many others had charges dismissed, in contrast to Rev. Lennox Yearwood, who wasn’t even arrested at his protest that day. In April, 2008, he was cited for disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly during this protest.

10-24-2007 Washington, DC  5
CODEPink’s Desiree Fairooz confronted Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at a congressional hearing, holding up red-stained hands while telling Rice, “The blood of millions of Iraqis is on your hands!” and calling her a war criminal. Chairman Tom Lantos ordered the pinksters evicted, and police quickly grabbed Desiree Fairooz and draggged her from the hearing room.

11-11-2007 Boston, MA  18
Fifteen members of Veterans for Peace and three supporters were arrested after they refused to move away from the podium at an American Legion Veteran’s Day event outside City Hall. The group, including 92-year-old WWII veteran Paul Brailsford, had lined up with anti-war placards as military and ROTC color guards filed into the plaza, and were led away in handcuffs as the Boston Fireman’s Band played The Marine Hymn.

Prosecutors were willing to reduce the charge of disturbing a lawful assembly to a civil citation, but the municipal judge heard the facts of the case and dismissed it entirely.

11-12-2007 Washington, DC  1
On Monday morning, three days after Desiree Fairooz got her court-ordered ban from Congressional office buildings lifted, she was back in the halls, lobbying for peace, until Capitol police erroneously arrested her for violating the stay-away order. She was released a few hours later without being charged.

11-19-2007 Gainesville, FL  2
At his first public appearance since quitting, former Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez was joined on stage at the University of Florida by students Richard Gutierrez and Kevin Hachey, who wore orange jump suits and black hoods on their heads. Both men were removed by police and charged with disrupting a public event. Other protesters stood in the audience and revealed the word SHAME printed on their yellow tee shirts as they turned their backs on Gonzalez.

12-6-2007 San Francisco, CA  8
First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.

12-7-2007 Washington, DC  1
Tighe Barry, just deported from Pakistan, was arrested at a Senate hearing and held for five hours after protesting military aid to the Musharraf regime.

12-17-2007 Fayetteville, NC  2
Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) Jason Hurd and Steve Casey set up a table outside Ft. Bragg’s Mini Mall and began handing out holiday gift packages to soldiers and family members. Attached to each bag was an IVAW newsletter. After they had given away more than 100, military police handcuffed the vets and took them into custody. Supporters from Fayetteville’s Quaker House and others besieged the MP office with phone calls until the two young men were released without charges, four hours later.

12-19-2007 Washington, DC  2
Gael Murphy and Desiree Fairooz from CODEPink were detained again at the Rayburn Office Building, and removed.