Canada Deports More War Resisters

Canada continues to order the deportation of U.S. military refugees who have had their asylum petitions rejected. He is getting his soldiers and their families "a big, total victory," and his spokesperson explains, "The position of the government is that they don't face genuine persecution."

Cliff Cornell joined the Army in 2002. When the U.S. invaded Iraq, Corn- nell soon realized, "I didn't like it, it was all sketchy, it was all lies. I didn't feel like killing innocent people." - Home for the holidays in 2004 with orders to deploy to Iraq in Janu- ary, family members instead drove Cornell to Orange County, where he has worked and paid taxes the last two years. Cornell was denied refugee status last April, and in December his ap- plication to stay in Canada on humanitarian and compas- sionate grounds was denied and he was ordered out. - Corn- nell crossed south into Washington state on February 4. He was arrested at the border and jailed, then released.

"A Chronicle of Hope"

"The Hands That Make Bombs Can Also Break Bombs"

British Arms Plant Decommissioned

Israel's three week long assault on the Gaza Strip, with its disproportionate use of force and widespread civil- ian casualties, sparked protest around the globe. While arrests were reported in many cities, none matched the dramatic scene on the morning of Saturday, January 17 in Brixton, England, where a factory manufactures parts for F-15s, F-16s, guided Hellfire missiles and Paveway bombs, some used by the Israeli military against residents of Gaza.

Six activists turned up at the ITT/EDO-MGM arms factory in the wee hours with a ladder and some hammers, and spent the night thoroughly "decommissioning" the plant.

Surveying their work in daylight, a police inspector admitted that, "Windows had been smashed and office equipment turned over in what I would describe as wanton vandal- ism, but with machinery and equipment so targeted that it could have been done with a view of bringing business to a standstill. The damage is significant and the value substantial." - Current estimates of the damage stand at a £250,000.

The factory has been the target of regular noisy and provocative protest by a local campaigning group, Smash EDO, since shortly after the U.S.-led and U.K.-backed invasion of Iraq in 2003. In 2005, EDO-MBM took High Court action in an attempt to curtail protest at the factory. They lost the action, which proved to be an expensive defeat as it gave the Smash EDO campaign increased exposure, and brought it national attention. In 2008, EDO Corp was taken over by FTI in a multimillion pound deal.

During this February 5 vigil by local supporters at the Whootam County Jail in Bellingham, Washington, Cornell, second right, was released to turn himself in at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. continued on page 5
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To Pat, Gerri, Jerry, Sally, Lil, Ted, Steve, Paige, Faith, Gretchen and Chan for helping to mail the last issue.

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Leonard Peltier’s family has been pressing the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) to transfer the Native American political prisoner to a lockdown closer to his North Dakota home. Despite a model prison record and reduced security rating, he continued to be held at the maximum security U.S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Then, with little notice in mid-January, and just days before George W. Bush left office, he was transferred farther away from home to the U.S. Penitentiary-Canaan in Waymart, Pennsylvania, described as a facility for young gang members. After orientation, Peltier was moved to general population, where he was immediately attacked and severely beaten. He was thrown into solitary confinement and denied proper medical care and food until supporters and family learned of his situation and responded.

They pressed the warden and Bureau of Prisons to assure Peltier’s safety, and by February he was transferred back to the general population at USP-Lewisburg. Supporters report that he was handed back well only by the Native Americans at Lewisburg, but by all of the prisoners. Peltier wishes to thank all of his supporters for standing with him during this difficult time.

Peltier became eligible again for parole in December, but timing of a new application for parole is at his discretion. The FBI responded immediately with a renewed smear campaign and pressure on the U.S. Parole Board. Shortly thereafter, Peltier was transferred and assaulted.

February 6 marked thirty-three years since Leonard Peltier was first imprisoned for the 1975 killing of two FBI agents during a military and police siege of the home of Leonard and the operation isn’t right. Which is kind of a cardinal sin as far as I am concerned, because it is important to be honest, and first and foremost, you need to be honest with yourself. So, for the last four years, I wasn’t being completely honest with myself, and it caused a number of different problems for me, you know, in my personal relationships, in work, and school and so on. And now I’ve just kinda become man enough to be truth with myself. You know, it’s not OK to go along with something that you think is wrong. It’s not OK to go along with something that’s immoral... It’s also advice my battalion chaplain over there said. I went to him and asked in a web exclusive interview with WLUK-TV why he was only now stepping away from the “im- possible of his imprisonment is found on page 4, The Inside Line.”

Inside & Out

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NUCLEAR RESISTERS OVERSEAS

Igor V. Sutaygin (15 years) 165-23, 2009, Allies of the G.I. resistance movement are writing to show support for war resisters, March 16-23, 2009. The die is cast.

We are a group of 165-23, 2009, at any time, letters of support can be sent to jailed resisters Robin Long, Miramar Naval Consolidated Brig, P.O. Box 452136, San Diego, CA 92145-2136, and Anthony Michael Anderson, P.O. Box 305, Fort Sill, OK 73503-5305.

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Anthony Michael Anderson (14 months - out 11/09) P.O. Box 305, Fort Sill, OK 73503-5305. (Pled guilty to desertion and disobeying an order, 11/08)

ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIONS

Elijah Smith VP7551

Robert Alford VP7552

HM P Leeves, 1 Brighton Road, East Sussex BN7 1EA, England. (Jailed pending trial for disarmament of EDO/ITT arms factory in Brighton, England, 1/17)

Raffe Daha VP7551

(Convoctions resulting from providing uranium and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, 2/05)
RESISTING THE SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

More than 100 people gathered in Washington, D.C. just after Christmas for the annual Feast of the Holy Inocents – Faith and Action for Innocents. December 28 is the Christian holy day observing the massacre reported in the Bible’s Gospel of Matthew (2:1-18). At the time of Jesus’ birth, the hated King Herod of Judea ordered the murder of all boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under" after he learned that the magi had visited the newborn King of the Jews, who was prophesied to take his throne.

During the second half of the 20th century, a number of contemporaneous encounters with victims of the American empire. Clare Grady reflected on her time in Iraq; Paul Rehm spoke of his career in law in Herborn. Several young people shared their rare experiences of the D.C. and Common Allen-Doucet gleaned insights from their time in Darfur and Guatemala respectively, Justin Colville spoke of what a Guatemalan trip meant to him, and in another session, Bernadette and Maura Ryder-O’Neill shared the ups and downs of life in a Catholic Worker community.

Monday morning, December 29, several people were arrested attempting to block entrances to the Pentagon. Beth Brockman, Danny Burns, Peter DeMott, Bill Frankel-Streit, Mary Grace, Brian Hynes, Mary Jo McCarthy, Sr. Margaret McKenna, David Ryle, Kim Williams and Steve Woolford were all charged and soon released to appear in federal court in Alexandria, Virginia on March 6.

The children at the retreat helped create the scenario for the afternoon witness, a visit to the embassies of Iraq and Afghanistan. No one was home at the Iraq embassy, where the children sang, read a statement, and held a die-in. At the Afghan embassy all were welcomed by the staff, and brightened by the songs the children sang.

Then it was off to the Embassy of Israel, to protest against that country’s assault on Gaza. After a time of picketing on the sidewalk in front of the building, the group was ordered to cross the street. Ellen Grady, Clare Grady and Heidi Schloegel soon returned to the embassy side, where she sat down, read a statement, and held a die-in. At another location, nine were eventually arrested, for unlawful entry and crossing a police line. They remained in jail until the following afternoon.

When the March 7th release the next day, retreat participants lined the sidewalk outside the headquarters of the president’s election transition team with signs declaring “Yes we can! Si se puede!” “Create peace without weapons” “End the war in Iraq” “Bring peace to Af- ghanistan” “Kids are everywhere” “Care for veterans rather than create them” “Dismantle nuclear weapons” “Lead the world in nuclear disarmament” “Halt nuclear weapons research” “Stop making and selling weapons” “Stop war” “Raze children in a nonviolent world” “Practice nonviolence!”

For more information, contact Jonah House at 410-233-6238 or Dorothy Day Catholic Worker at 202-882-9649, or visit jonahhouse.org.

FT. MCCOY

Three Wisconsin anti-war activists were arrested on trespass charges at the main gate of Ft. McCoy on Monday, December 29, during a protest of the U.S. war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The action was a condemnation of the “killing of innocents.”

More than 3,000 Wisconsin National Guard members are set to be sent to Iraq in 2009. The State’s 32nd Brigade Combat Team will be part of the call-up.

Bonnie Urfer, who was among those arrested, said, “Like any war, the U.S. is killing mostly civilians. This is criminal, and our National Guard shouldn’t be forced to commit these crimes.”

Also arrested were Cassandra Dixon and Gail Vaughn. The three were summoned to appear in federal court on March 10 in Madison.

In November, legislation was introduced in the state House of Representatives challenging the legality of using state National Guard troops in unlawful foreign deployments. Fifteen of the state’s 156 legislators are likewise challenging the warfare use of Guard troops.

Mt. McCoy update

Twelve people were on trial January 12 in the Madison, Wisconsin federal courtroom of Magistrate Stephen Crocker. Initially, they were charged with violating federal trespass for trying to enter Ft. McCoy and speak with soldiers on their way to war. In court, the federal count was tossed out in favor of a local statute. Crocker noted that it was no longer a criminal charge, but he would treat it as one to give the defendants more rights in the proceedings. After the prosecution concluded its case, Crocker permitted each defendant to speak for five minutes, while admitting to one that her testimony would be used against her. No witnesses were called for the prosecution.

Twelve of the defendants will be in Watford magistrates court on March 19. For more information, contact the London Catholic Worker, c/o 14 Deal Street, London E1 5AH, England.

NORTHWOOD

Two people were arrested on Monday morning, December 29, after cutting through a perimeter fence at Northwood Permanent Joint Headquarters in suburban London. Northwood is the command center for all British forces deployed in Afghanistan. Fr. Martin Newell and Susan Clarkson, respectively, from the London and Oxford Catholic Worker community, both live and work with refugees from wars in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Africa. While the two were arrested praying inside the base, other members of Catholic Worker communities held vigil at the front entrance, reading the names of British and Afghan war dead.

Former British Marine Les Gibbons was also arrested while engaging police, guards, and base employees making their way to work. During the arrest, stress and public address messages from within the base could be heard announcing “Operation Round Up” and a return of all staff to buildings as the base’s security response was put in place.

The anti-war direct action followed a weekend of reflection and liturgy by several Catholic Workers, and a march to the Northwood on Sunday of “The Feast of the Holy Innocents.”

Gibbons’ charges were dismissed; Newell and Clarkson will be in Watford magistrates court on March 19.

Eight Champ Faces For Borough Anti-War Graffiti

It was simple, anonymous anti-war graffiti that showed up in late November. A peace sign. The circle-A anarchy symbol. “No War” and “No Poverty” in bold spraypaint strokes across several stone columns of the state Capitol building in Olympia. The act of nonviolent resistance to the shipment of war supplies in the Pacific northwest, police had no suspects.

Not until the December 29 issue of ESPN The Magazine did the state police catch up with the crime. An image of graffiti at the Capitol, with a photo of world champion grappler and mixed-martial arts fighter Jeff “The Snowman” Monson. The caption read, “On a recent night in Olympia, Monson was suddenly pulled out a spray can and tagged the state Capitol.” The Olympia native is clearly shown completing the circle-A graffiti.

Fuzzy security video showed three people present, with one taking photos. ESPN’s photographer and writer had followed Monson for a couple of days for their profile of the fighter.

On January 14, a state warrant was issued charging Monson with first-degree malicious mischief, a felony. Monson, who was out of state, learned of the charge when his daughter phoned to tell him that police in seven patrol cars were at the family’s home.

Minutes after he had learned of the warrant, Monson was reached by The Olympian, which reported that he “thought this was an elementary step to protest the war in Iraq and economic inequality at home and abroad.

“Every great movement in the United States, from civil rights to us people — every great move- ment, has been the result of people standing up and breaking the law, refusing to stand at the back of the bus, refusing to stand aside when the gov- ernment asks you to get off your property,” Monson said. “And now, these people are seen as criminals — they are literally criminals: I’m not here to advocate for myself — at some point you have to take a stand.”

Monson, who said he participated in protests at
Acting on Conscience

Trial statement of SOA Watch defendant
Sr. Diane Therese Pinchot

Columbia, Georgia, January 26, 2009

Images are truth tellers for me. The 1980 image of the broken, raped and murdered bodies of Dorothy Kazel, M. Joseph and Jean Donovan are pictures of the shallow grave in El Salvador continues to tell the truth even in 2008. There is no getting around this image. It would be too simple to view our culture as insulating myself from the destruction and devastation of what happened to the women and the Salvadoran people for years. It is this culture that is killing the suffering people in my own country and within this Earth community. But Dorothy Kazel’s death tore open my small, insulated, protected world and showed me the suffering of my brothers and sisters and that of creation. Even more, it impels me to speak out about her death and so many others; to do anything less would make me, as a U.S. citizen, complicit in the suffering of the Salvadoran people and now, of innocent people being killed in our country’s war on terror. These images from the past are images of truth living in me now. Today, images of war and torture continue to abound, and in them I see history repeating itself. How much more suffering will occur before the cycle of violence is ended?

I continue to ask myself why Dorothy died, what purpose her death held, if today the same school (the SIU WHISONS) is training her killers, is the US government training and sending soldiers to be puppets in governments that keep their own people poor? Dorothy’s death and the thousands of deaths and disappearances tell us nothing, if today the same U.S. government is still training soldiers the skills of torture and war.

Today the Urunalis of Cleveland still seek the whole truth regarding the brutal deaths of the Churchwomen and the killings of 76,000 Salvadorans who died during the civil war. The truth must be told in order for justice, healing and reconciliation to follow, bringing transformation to all of those involved in these deaths.

Dorothy believed in nonviolence. She struggled with nonviolence as she saw those she loved slain and left at her door as a warning. Still, in the midst of this terror, Dorothy and the Churchwomen proclaimed the gospel message of hope, love, respect, and dignity for all. Dorothy found the path to El Salvador, as a compassionate sister. When a war weapon made of stone came from Cleveland in the summer of 1980, she was hopeful, full of life, and especially full of love for the people of El Salvador. She loved them unconditional-ly. This love motivated her to the end and is her legacy and challenge to me: to speak the truth with steadfast love even in the time of war and oppression.

Honoring King's Nonviolent Action Legacy

Boeing/Chicago

Fifty years of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) and their supporters carried cardboard coffins covered with Palestinian flags through downtown Chicago on Monday, January 19. Participants in the January 19 Martin Luther King Day witness sought to honor Dr. King’s call to end racism, militarism and poverty.

Mourners dressed in black shrouds and white face paint to symbolize death slowly led the two block-long silent procession through the frigid streets for about 3/4 of a mile from the Federal Building to the headquarters of Boeing. At the front door, where four of the mourners were arrested.

Boeing makes the GBU-39 small diameter bombs and the Apache helicopters used by the Israeli military during its recent war on Gaza. More than 1,300 Palestinians, mostly women and children, lost their lives, and thousands more were injured when bombs fell on neighbor- hoods, schools, hospitals and United Nations food warehouses.

“Taking this step to expose one of the biggest perpetrators of militarism is a fitting memorial to Dr. King,” said CPT training participant Janie Stein. “The people of Palestine and Israel will have a greater chance for peace and security when corporations like Boeing stop sending weapons to the region.”

The group attempted to enter the building to request a meeting with Boeing executives. Stein gained entry before police and security guards moved to block the doorways. Mourners then placed the coffins at Boeing’s front door, where four of the mourners were arrested.

Boeing personnel repeatedly denied Stein’s request to schedule a meeting, so she rejoined the group outside and proceeded to lay her body down next to the coffins along with Tracy Hughes and Joe Wyse. Martin Bates knelt in prayer beside the coffins.

When Chicago police ordered everyone to leave Boeing property, vigilgers continued singing and praying as they slowly moved onto the public sidewalk. The four remaining with the coffins. Shortly before 5:00 p.m., they were arrested for trespassing and spent the next six hours in jail.

Hughes had her charge dismissed on February 3. They were one-by-one arrested, then transported to the Upper Merion police station where they were summarily released on disorderly conduct citations.

Those arrested and cited were Vinton Deming, Mary Jo McArthur, Bernadette Cronin-Geller, Beth Friedland, M.J. Gentile, Sylvia Metzler, Sr. Margaret McKenna, Robert M. Smith, Fr. Patrick Sieber, Tom Mullian, and Theresa Cameron.

For more information, contact Brandwine Peace Community, POB 81, Swarthmore, PA, 19081, 610-544-1818, brandwynie@juno.com

Trident/Bangor

Holding a large banner quoting Dr. King, Jessica Artega, Larry Kerschnel, Gilberto Perez, and Jessica Smith were arrested for blocking the entrance to the Naval Base Bangor on January 19. Bangor is home port for the U.S. Trident nuclear missile submarine fleet.

The banner quoted Dr. King’s “A Time to Break Silence” speech of 1967: “When scientific power runs spiritual power, we end up with guided missiles and misguided men.”

On the highway bridge above them, over the entrance to the base, other Ground Zero supporters held another banner: “CREATE A PEACEFUL WORLD FOR ALL CHILDREN: Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Scrap Trident.”

The four blockaders were arrested by Kitsap County deputies, booked for trespass and released. No court date has been set.

Bangor Update: Feds Strike Out In Court

It started badly for the prosecution and then got worse at the first federal trial in nearly twenty years for nuclear resisters arrested at the Trident submarine base in Bangor, Washington. Fr. Bill Bichsel, SJ, Rev. Anne Hall, and Tom Karlin appeared before Judge Kelley Arnold of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Oregon in Portland, OR, on January 13, on criminal trespass charges from entering the main gate of the base last May 31, in celebration of the Roman Catholic Feast of the Visitation of Blessed Mary’s birthday.

Early in the trial, Judge Arnold granted a motion to dismiss charges against Anne Hall and Tom Karlin because the trespass statute requires a defendant’s knowledge of debarment, which the government had not demonstrated. She dismissed the charges against Fr. Bichsel, the judge invited a motion for a directed verdict, and then declared the Jesuit priest not guilty.

Of note, despite an earlier ruling to deny a defense un-derstanding, the judge noted that the American trial record the expert testimony affidavit of John Burroughs, executive director of the Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Policy.

For more information, education, training, and action for a world free of nuclear weapons, contact the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370, info@gzacenter.org, www.gzacenter.org

Kitsap County deputies move in to arrest Martin Luther King Day blockaders outside the nuclear submarine base at Bangor, west of Seattle.
March of the Dead
Guests New Congress

David Swansson (www.afterdowningstreet.org) writes:

As the 111th Congress was being sworn in on January 6, a seemingly endless line of figures dressed in black walked down Pennsylvania Avenue while placards marched single-file around Capitol Hill. Each wore a placard bearing the name of someone who had died in the ongoing war in Iraq. Most also wore a small Palestine, their age, and the date of their death. This March of the Dead was meant to extend another Congress that we elected to end aggressive wars, and to announce that the peace movement will be a presence on Capitol Hill until the wars are ended.

About an hour after the march ended, a group of the dead in masks and black clothes gathered in the interior of the Hart Senate Office Building. A few of us began reading aloud lists of those who have died in the wars, including U.S. soldiers. Five large banners were unfurled at the atrium, the largest being a huge banner that appeared on the south side of the atrium reading “We Will Not Be Silent.”

A half dozen of us continued reading the names of the dead aloud with a dozen figures in masks around us, dozens of onlookers and members of the media around them. While we read the names, some of those who had skillfully unfurled and tacked the banners were eskorted out of the building by the Capitol Police -- and thanked by spontaneous applause. Eventually, the police gave our group the ultimatum, “You may leave or be arrested.” We left, acknowledging with humility and hand-shaking us as we continued to read the names of the dead.

Seventeen people were charged with unlawful assembly, and released. They will be in D.C. Superior Court for a status hearing on April 3.

Arms Plant Decommissioned, cont.

lamy, who was outside the factory, was released that day, while Ona Wasabian was taken to the hospital for a hand that she said was injured in the protest. As we continued reading the names, another huge banner appeared on the south side of the atrium reading “We Will Not Be Silent.”

Seven people were charged with unlawful assembly, and released. They will be in D.C. Superior Court for a status hearing on April 3.

Another concluded on camera, “If the law and the police can’t do anything about it, it’s about time somebody did.”

In mid-February, the burglary charges were replaced with charges of conspiracy to commit criminal damage. The next court date for the activists is May 8. For more information, visit the blog at decommissioners.wordpress.com.

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Fight Champ, cont.

The Port of Olympia in November 2007 and in other protests against the Iraq War, added that he wants to make his political beliefs known... Monson said he just got back from Nicaragua, where he saw some of the worst poverty he has ever seen. He said his international travel has opened his eyes to issues of poverty worldwide...

Monson turned himself in two weeks later, entered not guilty plea, surrendered his passport, and was released after posting $20,000 bond. At a subsequent hearing, Monson’s passport was released so he could keep two overseas fights date in the coming weeks. A trial date has not been set.

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Lakenheath

Seven people who cut their way into the Royal Air Force (RAF) base at Lakenheath, east of London, were given conditional discharges, despite being convict-ed of criminal damage and trespass in a special protected area.

The Lakenheath Eight had disrupted operations for three hours until police cut through the chains that bound them to the munitions compound in a protest of U.S. cluster bombs stockpiled there.

Their trial began on December 1 in Ipswich Crown Court, with the administration of paragraphs at the door in remem-brance of all victims of cluster munitions and also Mar-garet莫斯, one of the defendants who has since passed away. The special trespass charges were the only one of the set of prosecutions brought under provisions of the Seri-ous Organized Crime Prevention Act (SOCPA), a special statute affecting military installations that threatens to criminalize organize dissent.

The seven all denied trespassing on October 2, 2006, saying their actions were lawful because they had pre-vented U.S. fighter jets from taking off to bomb Iraq with outlaw weapons, namely U.S. cluster bombs. The United Kingdom recently signed the Convention on Cluster Munitions, but the United States has not.

After years of “We can neither confirm or deny”, the U.S. Air Force admitted for the first time during the four-day trial that cluster munitions are present at Lakenheath and that they base was a present on the day of the action.

While there was no criminal penalty for their conviction, Mell Harrison, Peter Lux, Lesley Graham, Richie Rushmire, Irene Willis, Lesley Anderson, and Emma Bateaman were also ordered to pay £250 in court costs.

After sentencing, campaigners submitted letters calling on the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) and Ministry of Defence police to investigate the U.S. Air Force for crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Mell Harrison told the Eastern Daily Press, “We will continue to campaign in every way we can to stop the kill-ing of innocent men, women and children. The U.S. needs to end the threat of cluster bombs from our country. They are committing war crimes that the U.S. government cannot do anything about.”

Derry

Israel’s three-week assault on Gaza drove thousands around the world to protest.

The Derry Anti-War Coalition (DAWC) marched on the Northern Ireland office of Raytheon corporation once again on January 12. Nine women slipped into the office building before the bulk of the demolition arrived. Once inside, they chained themselves together to the doors leading to Raytheon’s offices.

Police agreed to allow the women to walk free from the building after three hours, after also agreeing to re-ceive women’s war crimes complaint for possible referral to prosecution.

Unfortunately, while the women were negotiating, po-lice outside roughed up the crowd and arrested four when a few men also tried to enter the building. A fifth man was arrested for allegedly spraypainting “Raytheon Kills” on the side of the building.

A spokesperson for the DAWC claimed: “Supplying the weapons that are used in a war crime is a crime in itself. We hold Raytheon responsible for supplying the weapons used by Israel in the murder of civilians in Leba-non and Gaza, as well as by the U.S. and U.K. govern-ments in the illegal wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“We believe that a prima facie case that Raytheon is complicit in the commission of war crimes was estab-lished in the Raytheon Nine [acquittal at] trial in Belfast last year...”

Four hundred people rallied January 19 outside New Zealand’s Rakon factory in Auckland, splattering its two-story white and glass facade with a dozen red paint ballons. The crowd then saw Catholic Worker Tyler Cul-pepper, who had climbed up on the roof of the two-story building. Reaching over the top edge with a wide brush and red paint, he entered the large corporate signage to read “RAKON KILLS.”

“Wars today are no longer fought using simple weapons like swords and spears,” Culpepper wrote in a statement. “Instead, complex weapons, capable of much greater damage, are used. These weapons require complex components from all over the world, even from here in Auckland.

“If we are to participate in the fulfillment of this an cient prophesy – the beating of swords into ploughshares – we must know where to find these modern swords and spears, including the components essential to their operation.

“It is my intention to reveal the fact that Rakon is help- ing to manufacture weapons of war, for those that have forgotten and those who never knew. Then the process of beating these swords into ploughshares can begin.

“The red paint symbolizes the blood that Rakon helps to shed by selling components to the weapons companies. It stands in contrast to the sterile white walls of the Rakon factory and the sterile white walls of the Rakon factory that we write...”

Police followed Culpepper up on the roof and arrested him.

Direct actions opposing Israel’s attack on Gaza also resulted in arrests in Israel, the United States and England.

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In 2010, the world will gather at the United Nations to review the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty, ratified by the United States in 1968. In the NPT, countries that had no nuclear weapons promised not to build them, and nuclear weapons states promised to disarm. An empty shell.

Yes, the United States is still building nuclear weapons in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. And they are making plans to build a new $5 billion dollar bomb plant in Oak Ridge.

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