

# the Nuclear Resister

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## NORTH DAKOTA MISSILE SILO DISARMED



Greg Boertje-Obed, Fr. Carl Kabat OMI, and Michael Walli (l-r) hang banners and prepare to enter the missile launch site.

## PLOWSHARES IN THE PEACE GARDEN STATE

Three men now jailed without bail in North Dakota will face trial for destruction of government property at a Minuteman nuclear missile launch site. The group call themselves Weapon of Mass Destruction Here Plowshares, in the 26-year tradition of biblically-inspired direct disarmament actions. One of the three, Fr. Carl Kabat, OMI, participated in the inaugural Plowshares Eight action in September, 1980.

The following was written from the Burleigh County Jail in Bismarck. Their action statement appears on page 7.

***A brief account of goings-on at Launch Facility E-9 Minuteman III nuclear weapon of mass destruction site in McLean County, North Dakota, on the Fort Berthold Reservation of the Cheyenne Nation.***

The Holy Spirit brought three men dressed as circus clowns to the site on the morning of June 20, 2006. We three—Father Carl Kabat, O.M.I., Greg Boertje-Obed, and Michael Walli—proceeded to do the works of peacemaking that God had called upon us to do. Banners were fastened to the outside of the fence that enclosed the launch facility. These banners read:

- Weapon of Mass Destruction Here Plowshares
- Swords into Plowshares, Spears into Pruning Hooks – Isaiah
- Nuclear Disarmament Begins at Home
- It's a sin to build a nuclear weapon

We laid one banner on the ground inside the launch facility which read, "Why do you do this evil thing? Your brother's blood cries out from the ground."

We cut the chain on the gate with a pair of bolt cutters. We then entered and did various works: The entry hatch cover was found unlocked and we hammered the inside dial lock. The concrete silo lid was chipped in one spot by hammering. Blood was poured on the silo lid and the white upright motion detector, and it was visible from the road. Spray painting was done on the lid. Some of the spray-painted messages read:

- Stop nuclear terrorism here
- Disarm weapons of genocide
- Disarm our hearts • Disarm now
- It is a sin to build a nuclear weapon
- God is not the author of confusion
- Peace is the fruit of justice
- The truth shall set you free
- Oppose the Culture of Death –Pope John Paul II
- If you want peace, work for justice –Pope Paul VI

In addition, various items were left as evidence near the silo lid and around the site:

- Two New Testaments
- Two rosaries

- One copy each of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution
- A folder of legal documents pointing to the criminality of U.S. government noncompliance with its own binding obligations under the U.S. constitution.

About 45 minutes after our arrival, a military helicopter was sighted. It cautiously approached and we could see a machine-gunner in the copter. While it continued to scour the surrounding farmland, a ground vehicle approached. At this time we put bread and wine (in a bottle) on the ground, knelt, joined hands, blew whistles, and sang "Vine and Fig Tree" and "Peace Is Flowing like a River."

About 20 heavily armed U.S. Air Force employees approached us - unarmed and nonviolent Christians - and we complied with a slow, tedious arrest procedure.

Initially, two Air Force people drove up to the scene and took us into custody. As more military arrived, the confusion multiplied. At one point we had been ordered to lie face down and two sets of handcuffs were placed on us with our hands behind our backs. When a higher-ranking person came, the order was given that the three of us be marched down the road and be placed 500 feet apart so that we could not communicate with each other. Soldiers began to push us ahead, saying "Faster, faster," and then those in front were ordered to stop because we were supposed to keep together as we marched. The urgency led them to march Greg down the gravel road with only one sandal on. About 50 feet later, the county police drove up, adding to the confusion. They promptly placed Greg and Michael together in the back of a police car, where they were allowed unlimited communication.

One county officer went through the items that had been taken from us. He asked Michael and Greg what was in a small metal case. We said we thought it held Carl's glasses. We repeated ourselves, but the officer picked them up gingerly with two fingers and walked quickly about 100 feet toward the silo, put them in the tall grass by the side of the road, and ran back to the vehicles. He informed us later that the county police have different policies from the military, implying that the Air Force people were not sufficiently trained. Carl was not allowed to receive his glasses for at least another two days, as the police later said they were going to be mailed to the county jail.

A Native American law enforcement vehicle then transported the three of us through an impoverished Native American town called White Shield to a town called Garrison. At least four law enforcement jurisdic-

## More GIs Refuse Iraq Service

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

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

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

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## Five Italians Jailed on Anti-Nuke Sabotage Charges

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

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

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

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



Letters of support can be sent to the five at the addresses listed on page 3, Inside & Out. Federico Bonamici reads English well, Benedetta Galante can read English but not write as well. All can understand basic support messages in English if you do not write Italian. Galante, Ragusa, and both Bonamicis were also recently prosecuted for another "subversive conspiracy" unrelated to the anti-nuclear events. The Bonamicis were both acquitted, while Ragusa was sentenced to five years, and Galante to 32 months in prison.

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# PEACE PEOPLE BLOCKADE PORT OF OLYMPIA

The Port of Olympia, Washington, was struggling economically when the opportunity to ship war materiel for Uncle Sam came up a few years ago. Nearby Fort Lewis and its Stryker combat vehicle battalions now rely heavily on the port. Not all the neighbors are happy, of course, and in November 2004, during the post-election assault on Fallujah, some demonstrators pushed down a fence at the port as a military supply ship was being loaded.

In May, the impending arrival of the USNS Pomeroy, the largest ship ever to dock at the port, triggered a series of actions to block some of the 20 convoys of the Strykers and support vehicles driving from Fort Lewis.

On May 22, Brendan Dunn was arrested for pedestrian interference when he blocked a convoy nearing the port gate. Early the next morning, Andrew Hendricks secured one of the gates with a bicycle lock and was cited for trespass. Later that day, five people crossing slowly at an intersection were cited for pedestrian interference when they delayed a convoy.

Nine people blocked a convoy for half an hour on May 24 before they were arrested, yet a smaller group

closer to the gate was just roughly pushed aside and held down while the convoy passed.

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

The height of the protest was reached the next evening. Pepperspray was again deployed, and 22 people were arrested after the fence gate was pushed over and the resisters lay down to block the road.

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

The Pomeroy pulled anchor and departed May 31. Nearly 100 people participated in a die-in outside the port gate, but there were no more arrests.

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

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

## NOT-SO 'DIVINE STRAKE'

In a thinly-veiled quest to determine just how big a nuke it would take to rattle Iran's underground laboratories, U.S. officials announced plans in March to simulate a nuke with a 700-ton ammonium nitrate and fuel oil explosion at the Nevada Test Site in late May. Official remarks about a mushroom cloud visible again from Las Vegas brought fierce objection not only from disarmament activists but Nevada officials, concerned about adding to contaminated test site soils blowing in the wind.

Activists responded to a call from Western Shoshone spiritual leader Corbin Harney to attend a "Stop the Strake!" peace camp at the test site beginning May 27 and nonviolent direct action May 28, the original announced date of the test. Two hundred people from at least six western states gathered just as the government announced the test had been indefinitely postponed. Campers shared their knowledge of indigenous and anti-nuclear issues in a series of presentations and preparation for nonviolent direct action, and enjoyed Corbin Harney's on-going narrative about the long history of resistance to nuclear testing on the territory of the Western Shoshone.

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

## No Prosecution for Anti-Nuke Graffiti

Six women spray painted warnings on the entrance road of the Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant on the morning of May 29, and hung a banner over its sign to rename it the Vermont Yankee Weapon of Mass Destruction.

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

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

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

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

For more information, contact the Citizens Awareness Network, 413-339-5781 or Deb@nukebusters.org, www.nukebusters.org

## Thanks

Thanks to our friends who helped to mail the last issue, and to everyone who has been patient for this one!

For more information, contact Shundahai Network, P.O. Box 1115, Salt Lake City, UT 84110, 801-533-0128, www.shundahai.org

At 4:29 a.m. on Sunday, July 16, three nuclear abolitionists drew together at the Nevada Test Site gate to mourn - on the minute - the 61st anniversary of the Trinity Atomic Test in New Mexico and the dawn of the nuclear age in 1945. In an act of transformation, they hung a "Nevada Test Site Closed" banner over the official sign, and prayed for the U.S. government to comply with international law and the spirit of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty by ending subcritical nuclear weapons testing. The three, Sr. Megan Rice SHCJ, Chelsea Collonge, and Eda Uca, are staff and friends of the Nevada Desert Experience, a faith-based group against nuclear testing founded over 25 years ago. They were cited for trespass and released.

For more information, contact Nevada Desert Experience, 1420 West Bartlett Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106, 702-646-4814 www.nevadadesertexperience.org

## Judge Jails "Delusional" Cleveland Communist

Carol Fisher, a self-described revolutionary communist who was brutalized by police last February while posting "The World Can't Wait - Drive Out the Bush Regime" flyers on utility poles in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, was convicted in April of assaulting these police.

At a hastily called hearing May 9, Cuyahoga County judge Timothy McGinty ordered Fisher to undergo a pre-sentencing psychiatric evaluation. In previous courtroom clashes, McGinty told Fisher that her resistance to the assaultive police and her fierce opposition to the President were "delusional." He began the hearing by ordering Fisher's attorney to read her political, anti-war t-shirt, then stated it was proof of her delusions. When she refused a voluntary exam to prove her sanity, the judge ordered Fisher jailed indefinitely and placed on suicide watch.

"This is Gulag stuff. Saying that people who are dissidents are crazy," her attorney exclaimed.

Fisher continued to refuse the exam and was released two days later. Sentencing on June 2 was postponed first by court officials who demanded that political t-shirts be removed before entering the court, and then by the demand that Fisher take another drug test. Certified drug-free and finally in court hours later, Fisher was told by the judge to remove her political t-shirt and apologize or she'd be held in contempt. He then adjourned court for lunch. Fisher returned later with the same t-shirt. Three supporters were escorted out during the sentencing hearing while Fisher remained calmly defiant. She concluded her own statement by telling the judge, "You want an apology? You want me to show remorse? Forget about it!"

Fisher was sentenced to two months in jail. Application for release on bond pending appeal was denied by the judge. Five weeks later, an appeals court overturned this ruling and Fisher was ordered out of jail. The next day Judge McGinty relented and said she had served enough jail time, but still demanded Fisher take an "anger management class" as part of her probation.

For more information, call 216-633-6200 or email cleveland@worldcantwait.org.

## Where We're At

Back in April, we were winding up an afternoon mailing party of the last issue when Felice took a telephone call with the news that a man I had befriended on Arizona's death row 13 years ago had died, suddenly and unexpectedly, probably from a combination of health problems and the medical neglect common in American prisons. He had been part of our family's life for many years.

Richard Michael Rossi was on death row because in the course of a robbery, during a psychotic period of cocaine addiction, he shot and killed a Scottsdale, Arizona man and wounded a neighbor who came into the room. During his trial, he claimed innocence. But over time and before I met him through a local death penalty abolition group, Richie acknowledged his guilt, expressed remorse, and eventually received some measure of forgiveness from the surviving victims.

Richie nurtured a widespread international correspondence, and the essays he wrote about where he lived eventually grew into a book, *Waiting to Die: Life on Death Row* (VisionPaperbacks, 2004).

Richie's literary voice is not particularly profound nor creative. But in its earnest, honest character, his writing makes *Waiting to Die* an unequaled primer, an instructive observation from the point of view of a resident of that peculiarly American corridor of hell. Because it is intimate, basic, and reproduces the macabre memos and documents about last meal and disposition of remains that institutionalize our ultimate revenge, it is not surprising that Richie's book was first published in translation in French, then Dutch, English, Norwegian and most recently in Italian.

As Richie's designated next-of-kin, I took responsibility for the cremation of his body as we had arranged some years ago, and received 32 boxes of his personal property from the prison. For Felice and I, sorting through his papers, contacting over 100 of his correspondents, distributing his artwork and some personal property as he wished, arranging a memorial service and now securing formal rights to his book so that further translations now underway might be published, have all contributed to the late publication of this issue of *the Nuclear Resister*, and to the fact that some action reports and many updates we have on hand have not made it into these pages. We'll catch up with the next issue.

In the meantime, I'd invite you to visit [www.Richie-Rossi.com](http://www.Richie-Rossi.com) to read Richie's essays and my eulogy, and ask for *Waiting to Die* at your local library and bookstore. At Richie's request, some of the proceeds will benefit *the Nuclear Resister*.

Jack Cohen-Joppa, co-editor

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#### ABOUT THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

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

*The Nuclear Resister* is published about every two months and serves to network this nonviolent resistance movement while acting as a clearinghouse for information about contemporary nonviolent resistance to war and the nuclear threat.

We believe that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. Behind bars, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist are essential to the movement for a peaceful, nuclear-free future.

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

Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, Editors

# Activist Jailed to be Rendered Fit for Trial

Federal authorities have held a Maryland woman in custody since last October for psychiatric treatment to render her fit to stand trial as an agent for Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

Susan Lindauer was arrested in March, 2004 (see NR #135) and accused of accepting money in 2002 and 2003 from men identified as Iraqi agents. First trumpeted as a traitor and spy, she quickly faded from the spotlight and was indicted only as an unregistered lobbyist.

Lindauer's long-standing interest in finding peaceful solutions to Middle East conflicts had led her to initiate many contacts among Muslim diplomats, and she claimed to be an intelligence "asset" working diplomatic back channels for a peaceful solution and end to the Iraq sanctions. Lindauer admits to receiving the money, but has challenged prosecutors to prove she did not pass it along as directed by her agency handlers.

At times she was described as brilliant, paranoid, and grandiose, but her phone had indeed been tapped and for more than a decade she has known a network of people with shadowy connections to spy agencies.

Attorneys found that Lindauer was difficult to work with, and after U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey read the reports of two psychiatrists last summer, he ruled her incompetent to stand trial and ordered her to surrender for treatment to render her fit.

Lindauer consented but refused medication while being held in Texas for even longer than the court-ordered four months. Doctors at the Bureau of Prisons' Federal Medical Center at Carswell AFB determined she was afflicted with the catch-all "psychotic disorder not otherwise specified," with features of paranoia and delusions.

Lindauer was returned to New York last spring when the judge scheduled a hearing and began reviewing more documents from her past. Reviewing the case, Dr. Goldstein of Columbia University told the court that the proposed medications have many unpleasant side-effects, some fatal, and that they are not known to be successful

in treating the claimed symptoms Lindauer exhibits. The judge has taken the question of whether the government will be permitted to forcibly medicate Lindauer under advisement. Meanwhile, Lindauer remains behind bars in New York City.

A tenant in Lindauer's D.C. area home has visited Lindauer at the federal detention center in Manhattan. His blog at jayspolitics.blogspot.com describes Lindauer's situation at length, and includes letters and documents suggesting she may be as much a victim of U.S. intelligence operatives as she is of her own delusions of grandeur. He speculates she may be released by

## Pentagon Trials

# 30 DAYS HERE, ACQUITTALS THERE

Baltimore activist Susan Crane has been sentenced to 30 days in jail for a protest last April 13, Holy Thursday, at the Pentagon. Defending herself, Crane spoke about why torture and war violates both Divine and International laws. Just as Jesus was tortured and killed, people are being tortured and killed today by the U.S. in place like Iraq and Guantanamo. U.S. Magistrate Theresa Buchanan found Crane guilty of failure to obey a lawful order, and later told her she had no choice but to send Crane to jail because she would not pay a fine or comply with probation. Susan told the judge she does have a choice: she could "join us"!

Curiously, the next trial on Buchanan's docket was that of Crane and fourteen others from among 51 people arrested on March 20, when they crossed over a police barrier to deliver their war protest to the Pentagon. Defendant Maria Allwine delivered a detailed opening statement about the impact of the war on the people of Iraq, sparring with Buchanan, who urged her to get to the point of March 20. Pro-se defendant Michelle Grise vigorously cross-examined the Pentagon policeman sworn in as the government's only witness, and other defendants followed to challenge his inconsistent testimony.

this fall, never to face her accusers. By that time, she will have served most of any likely sentence for a first-offending lobbyist.



Letters of support should be sent to Susan Lindauer, 56064-054, MCC New York, 150 Park Row, New York, NY 10007.



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

## Inside & Out

THE WOMEN AND MEN LISTED HERE ARE IN PRISON FOR ANTI-NUCLEAR AND ANTI-WAR ACTIONS. THERE MAY BE OTHERS! PLEASE HELP US BY SENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE NUCLEAR RESISTER, P.O. BOX 43383, TUCSON, AZ 85733 • nukeresister@igc.org

Name ID (if needed) (sentence - in/out date if known)  
prison or support address  
(action & date)

### NUCLEAR RESISTERS, USA:

#### Greg Boertje-Obed

#### Michael Walli

#### Carl Kabat, O.M.I.

Burleigh County Jail, POB 1416, Bismarck, ND 58502. ('WMD Here' direct disarmament of nuclear missile silo E-9 in North Dakota, 6/20/06 - awaiting trial for damage to gov't property.)

#### Susan Crane (30 days - in 7/22/06)

Alexandria Detention Center, 2001 Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22314.

(Failure to obey lawful order at the Pentagon, 4/13/06)

#### Frank Cordaro (six months - out 8/23/06)

FPC Yankton, POB 700, Yankton, SD 57078.

(Repeat trespass at Offutt Air Force Base, 12/28/05)

#### Helen Woodson 03231-045 (106 months - in 3/11/04)

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)

#### Leonard Peltier 89637-132 (life)

USP Lewisburg, POB 1000, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

(Native American political prisoner)

### NUCLEAR RESISTERS OVERSEAS:

#### Federico Bonamici

Casa di Reclusione, via Nuova Poggioreale 177, 80143 Napoli Poggioreale (NA), Italy.

#### Giuseppe Bonamici

Nuova Casa Circondariale "San Michele", Strada casale 50/A, 15100 Alessandria, Italy.

#### Silvia Guerini

Carcere "La Dozza", Via Del Gomito 2, 40127 Bologna, Italy.

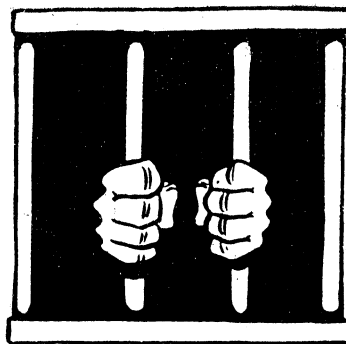
#### Costantino Ragusa

Casa Circondariale, Via Prati Nuovi 7, 27058 Voghera (PV), Italy.

#### Benedetta Galante

Casa Circondariale, Contrada Capo di Monte, 82100 - Benevento (BN), Italy.

(Eco-anarchists on remand since 5/4, charged with 9/05 sabotage of nuclear electricity pylons.)



#### Igor V. Sutyagin (15 years)

163050, Arkhangelsk; Ul. Pirsovaya, d. 27; FGU IK-1, 5 otryad; Russia. (letters only, no parcels)

(Imprisoned since 10/27/1999, now convicted of espionage for researching public nuclear weapons information - sentenced 4/07/04)

### THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE NOW IN PRISON FOR ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIVITIES

#### Kevin McKee 40886-050 (24 months - out 11/5/07)

FCI Schuylkill Satellite Camp, POB 670, Minersville, PA 17954.

#### Joseph Donato 40884-050 (27 months - out 1/31/08)

FCI-Fairton, POB 420, Fairton, NJ 08320.

(Convicted 12/04 of felonies related to religious refusal to pay war taxes)

#### Ayman Jarwan 11920-052 (18 months - out 12/25/06)

FCI Allenwood (Low), POB 1500, White Deer, PA 17887.

#### Rafil Dhafir 11921-052 (22 years - out 4/26/22)

FCI-Fairton, POB 420, Fairton, NJ 08320.

(Convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, 2/05)

#### Peter DeMott 10891-083 (eight months; now in half-way house - out 9/06)

c/o Volunteers of America, 295 Clinton St., Binghamton, NY 13905-2055.

(St. Patrick's Four blood-pouring action at military recruiting center, 3/17/03)

#### David Segal 57368-054 (six months - out 9/9/06)

FCI Fort Dix, POB 7000, Fort Dix, NJ 08640.

(Attempted arson of military recruiting station, 1/31/05)

#### Brendan Walsh 12473-052 (five years - out 7/15/08)

FCI Elkton, POB 10, Lisbon, OH 44432.

(Arson at military recruiting station, 4/02)

### SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS WATCH

#### Elizabeth Ann Lentsch 30147-074 (six months - out 10/28/06)

FMC Lexington, Satellite Camp, POB 14525, Lexington, KY 40512.

#### Jane Hosking 05331-090 (six months - out 10/8/06)

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

#### John LaForge 03213-090 (six months - out 10/8/06)

FPC Duluth, Federal Prison Camp, POB 1000, Duluth, MN 55814.

#### Jerome A. Zawada 04995-045 (six months - out 8/2/06)

FPC, POB 12014, Terre Haute, IN 47801.

#### Edward Smith 46994-083 (six months - out 10/8/06)

FCI Schuylkill, Satellite Camp, POB 670, Minersville, PA 17954.

(Trespass at the School of the Americas, Ft. Benning, Georgia, 11/05)

#### Kenneth F. Crowley 90963-020 (six months - out 10/8/06)

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

(Aiding and abetting trespass at the School of the Americas, Ft. Benning, Georgia, 11/05)

#### Jonathan Robert (awaiting sentencing)

Dooly County Justice Center, POB 96, Pinehurst, GA 31070.

(Destruction of government property at the School of the Americas, Ft. Benning, Georgia, 11/05; plus prior pending federal charge of making a threatening communication)

### VIEQUES

#### José Pérez González 21519-069 (5 years - out 1/17/08)

FCI Yazoo City Medium, POB 5888, Yazoo City, MS 39194.

(Conspiracy, damage to federal property, &/or probation violation 5/1/03 - resisting U.S. Navy bombardment of Vieques, Puerto Rico)

### MILITARY REFUSERS

#### Lt. Ehren Watada (in 6/22/06)

POB 339536, Fort Lewis, WA 98433.

(Refused orders to deploy; confined to base pending disciplinary action.)

#### Pvt. Neil Quentin Lucas (13 months - out 8/22/06)

Building 1490, Randolph Rd., Fort Sill, OK 73503.

(Refused to deploy after CO claim was ignored; court martial 6/22/05)

#### Kevin Mitchell Benderman (15 months - in 7/29/05)

POB 339536, Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9536.

Please send support letters c/o Benderman Defense, POB 2322, Hinesville, GA 31310.

(Career Army NCO denied CO status, convicted of missing movement to Iraq, 7/29/05)

# Mother's Day Peace Actions

## Bangor

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

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

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

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

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

## L-3 Wescam

by Matthew Behrens

Nine peace-seekers were arrested May 15 on the grounds of military manufacturer L-3 Wescam, in Burlington, Ontario, Canada's self-proclaimed "largest" weapons manufacturer. They were seeking a dialogue with company executives on transforming the business to purely peaceful uses. During a lengthy and exhaustively mobile civil resistance action, a group of people from Homes not Bombs and the Mother's Day Coalition for Peace darted in between private security and, eventually, local police officers as they sought entry at the 125,000 square-foot facility.

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

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

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

At this point, a police sergeant stepped in and offered to go inside to see if HE could set up a meeting. After 15 minutes, he returned to say that management was not interested in a meeting and that, in the interests of sanctifying the right of private property, he would have to ask the demonstrators to vacate the premises.

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

The officer continued pleading with the group, but in the end took nine into custody for trespass.

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

For more information, contact Toronto Action for Social Change, POB 73620, 509 St. Clair Ave. West, Toronto, ON M6C 1C0, Canada; 416-651-5800, tasc@web.ca www.homesnotbombs.ca

## CODEPINK in Washington, DC

CODEPINK Women for Peace converged on Washington, D.C. for Mother's Day, and since then have kept up a steady pace of nonviolent anti-war direct actions in the heart of the empire. They've been supported locally by the Washington Peace Center, Peace Park Anti-Nuclear Vigil at the White House, DAWN (D.C. Anti-War Network), Dorothy Day Catholic Worker, and others. And from around the country, activist delegations from established groups and independent seekers of peace have migrated to the banks of the Potomac for days or weeks of engagement in public protest, lobbying and more often confronting Congress.

In the week after Mother's Day, a few unpermitted marches of one hundred or more people set off to the Washington homes of the chief warmongers. On May 18, at the home of War Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, four people approached the house with a letter that urged him to stop the torture of detainees, end the war in Iraq, not go to war with Iran, and bring all U.S. troops home now. They were arrested and face charges in two jurisdictions: disorderly conduct in D.C. Superior Court, and unlawful entry in federal court. One signed a plea agreement to serve 40 hours community service on the D.C. charge, while the others will be in court September 28. An October 3 date has been set for the federal charge.

A couple of days later, marchers stopped at the home of Intelligence czar John Negroponte, a notorious war criminal from earlier days serving the Reagan administration in Honduras. As they left, a Negroponte bodyguard came out of the garage and grabbed one man who was slow to mount his bike and leave. Despite protest from the crowd, the private cop held tight until police arrived and let the man go.

Negroponte delivered the commencement address at St. Johnsbury Academy in Vermont a few weeks later. Two people were arrested for disturbing the peace inside when they began shouting in protest as Negroponte spoke. Two others were arrested outside when they left an allegedly agreed-upon protest zone. They're charged with disturbing the peace and trespassing.

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

"When I was in Iraq, I used to dream of going home, getting on with my life. But I can't be silent now, knowing the horror of what is going on over there," said Millard. "It is my duty now to speak out against this immoral, illegal war. That's why I felt it was my right and my duty to march in the 4th of July parade."

Also arrested was Chloe Jon-Paul, who told the police, "I'm a 71-year-old woman. I don't want to be

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## WRITINGS FROM JAIL

### THE INSIDE LINE



*from Dooley County*

I received the issue of the Nuclear Resister that you sent along with the postcard. Thanks for getting in touch - it was really good to hear from y'all and read the coverage that you provide to these extremely important issues. I have to admit that prior to this period of incarceration I was ignorant of your publication. I'm from Savannah, Georgia but I actually was born in Pima County in Tucson!!! My father was in the Air Force for 30 years, retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant (the highest enlisted rank you can earn). When I was an infant my folks were stationed at that Air Force base there near Tucson. Needless to say, I was privy to the workings of military/industrial complex from day one, having grown up on or near air force bases my entire early life...

I'm currently 27 years old, my next birthday falling on August the 14th. I'll turn 28 in jail. Mine has been an interesting journey that has led to this point. The short version being a young man whose first career goal was to be a fighter pilot and who now wishes that not one more red cent should ever again be spent on military technology. At least it has been a long way from point A to where I sit now. I earned an English degree and consider myself to be a writer. A large part of my activism is cultivated in the task of using language to give shape and form to existence. I believe, at heart, that culture is a story (a mythology if you will) and in our modernist/capitalist world we are grounded in a mythology that is flawed to the point of brokenness. The goal of social activism is to create an alternate mythology - one in which principles trump profits, conscientiousness triumphs over consumerism, and compassion carries the day over cruelty. As we raise our voices, we work to create a coherent alternative to the reigning story of the day. We can ridicule the dominant way of life all we want, but until we provide a clearly articulated way of being (ver-

sus a way of acting - which is the problem of the dogmatic systems of religion) than the unconscious individuals of the world will only resent the assault on their system of values (no matter how flawed that system is). In your work publishing what you do, you have done that much more to increase the dialogue and therefore add to the alternative mythology which in turn raises the consciousness of those who might not otherwise understand the terrible acts that are being carried out in their name. Most people exist inside the dominant paradigm like fish inside water. They shop at Walmart, drive gas-guzzling SUVs, and wave the flag as young men and women march off to war because this is the story of how "things are done in America", a country that has a cultural amnesia because the mythology (the oral/written/visual history) has not informed them of a different way to BE.

How to people learn? Because they are told. The act of speaking was what created the universe, and as long as we keep telling our story of Peace & Justice - speaking truth to power, then we have done all we can, right!?! But are mere words enough? No, words are the utterance of thought and thought is what drives action and actions speak with the living power of movement, so in the end our story becomes a living, breathing drama that unfolds day in and day out. Life is a prayer you say with your feet, your legs, your arms and hands, your eyes and your smile - and the ways in which you choose to use them to affect positive, holistic, sustainable, and JUST ways of existing during our short moments here on planet earth.

*[Jonathan Robert is awaiting sentencing for actions at the School of the Americas and G-8 summit in Georgia.]*

## PLOWSHARES, CONT.

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tions were involved in the apprehension of three clowns. At Garrison, questions were asked by the FBI. In the afternoon we were transported to the McLean County Jail in Washburn, North Dakota. Nine days later we were moved to the Burleigh County Detention Center.

In federal court July 5, the three refused to sign a promise to appear, and they would not guarantee to refrain from more resistance actions before their trial. They were arraigned July 18. and plead not guilty to destruction of government property. The prosecutors decided not to seek a grand jury indictment on the more serious charge of sabotage, as first reported.

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



Individually addressed letters of support should be sent to Carl Kabat OMI, Greg Boertje-Obed, and Mike Walli, Burleigh County Jail, POB 1416, Bismarck, ND 58502.

## Sit-ins Bring War Home to Congress

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

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

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

Six people who took part in civil disobedience at Rep. Jeb Bradley's Dover office were arrested for criminal trespass. One refused bail and was jailed until his arraignment the next morning. All return to court August 21.

The week before, in Concord, eight people were found guilty of criminal trespass when they stayed past closing at Senator Judd Gregg's Concord office on December 5, 2005, requesting a public meeting to discuss exit strategies from Iraq. The "Concord 8" were

## CODE PINK in D.C., cont.

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arrested. But if you're preventing our veterans from speaking for peace by arresting them, well, you'll have to arrest me too."

On her eighth day of fasting, former diplomat and retired Army Colonel Ann Wright and two others donned a "Gitmo Orange" jumpsuit and attended the confirmation hearing of William J. Haynes II to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Wright writes that "Haynes ok-ed the 'Bybee memo' that narrowly defined torture and suggested it would be legal to subject some Al-Qaeda prisoners to 'cruel, inhumane, or degrading' treatment. The memo also said that a president could ignore international and domestic prohibitions against torture in the name of national security... As a retired U.S. Army Reserve Colonel, I felt I had to voice my professional military concerns to the Senators on the Judiciary Committee that Mr. Haynes has done extreme harm to the U.S. military and to the country during his tenure as the DoD General Counsel, and should not be confirmed with a life-time appointment."

Wright was ejected from the room and charged with unlawful conduct.

For more information, call 202-265-1671 x3; or email [dc@codepinkalert.org](mailto:dc@codepinkalert.org).

## Solidarity Action Gets Charge Reduced

A protest on the steps of the Detroit federal courthouse Friday afternoon, March 17, drew attention to the human right abuses naturally accompanying the war in Iraq. Four people wore hoods and dark robes, posing quietly while standing on milk crates, as in the infamous torture photo from Abu Ghraib prison. Two supporters held a banner nearby reading "U.S. violates Human Rights. We must not be Silent."

Federal marshals threatened arrest, and pushed the four (who could see very little because of their hoods) off the crates and off the steps. The feds picked up the crates, but the three women and one man dressed as victims simply stepped backwards, up the few steps. A give-and-take ensued, the marshals getting rougher with each effort to avoid arrest and clear the steps, until John Zettner was abruptly grabbed and thrown over the railing to be handcuffed and hauled away.

Police charged Zettner with obstructing an entrance, failure to comply, and assaulting a federal officer. When the three women realized what was happening, they reclaimed the steps and locked arms around the railing. Police tried to negotiate rather than make more arrests. One woman suggested they would let go if the police dropped Zettner's assault charge. When the police agreed, the women left the steps.

Zettner was held over the weekend, and brought before a federal magistrate on Monday. His assault charge was reduced to failure to comply and he was released on a personal bond. Zettner later pled guilty to failure to comply, and the remaining charges were dropped. He will be sentenced August 28 by Judge Komivies at the Federal Courthouse in Detroit. For more information, contact [johnzettner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:johnzettner@sbcglobal.net).

each given a suspended fine of \$500, predicated on "good behavior" for one year.

For more information, contact New Hampshire Peace Action, 4 Park St. Suite 210, Concord, NH 03301, 603-228-0559, [info@nhpeaceaction.org](mailto:info@nhpeaceaction.org)

Voices for Creative Nonviolence took a Walk for Justice across Illinois in June, starting at the state National Guard headquarters in Springfield, and concluding at the Military Entrance Processing Command in Chicago on July 5 (see action report, page 6). Along the way, they vigiled at prisons, war contractors, congressional offices and the Veterans Hospital in Chicago. On June 16, several members of the group entered Senator Durbin's office in Springfield, asking that he denounce any U.S. military plans to attack the Iraqi city of Ramadi, which was in the crosshairs that week.

They were first told they could quietly recite the names of the Iraqi and U.S. military war dead in the office until 4:45, but after Durbin had phoned the office and spoken to one of the women visitors, the staff asked all of them to leave so they could return to business as usual. Kathy Kelly and Tim Keough refused and continued to recite and sing the names of the dead. Both were arrested by federal officers and released with a charge of "failure to conform." For more information, visit [www.vcnv.org](http://www.vcnv.org)



## Hawaii Wars

*"Since about that time, war had been literally continuous, though strictly speaking it had not always been the same war." - George Orwell, 1984*

Perhaps this endless war began in 1893 when the United States Minister assigned to the sovereign and independent Kingdom of Hawaii conspired to overthrow the indigenous and lawful Government represented by Queen Liliuokalani who "under protest and impelled by...force" relinquished her authority in order to prevent loss of life among her people.

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

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

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

But we can say no to this war which our government wants us to believe cannot be ended. If all of us do say no - it will end.

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

For more information, contact Stephen Kobasa, Trident Resistance Network, at [skobasa@snet.net](mailto:skobasa@snet.net)

## ARRESTS AT HALIBURTON MEETING

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

## Witness Against Torture in New York and Washington

Undeterred by inclement weather, more than 60 people marched in a solemn procession from the United Nations to the U.S. mission to the United Nations. Carrying signs that read Shut Down Guantanamo, the group marched on June 26, the United Nations Day for the Victims of Torture. The procession was led by a cage on wheels representing the Guantanamo prison cells in which over 400 men remain, some for more than 4 years.

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

Three of those arrested took on the names of men who died at Guantanamo - reportedly by suicide - on June 10, 2006.

"With humility and sadness I commit this act of nonviolent civil disobedience as Ali Abdullah Ahmed," said one of those who refused to give his own name. "Ali was 29 and originally from Yemen. Despite being held for 4 long years, no U.S. judge ever heard his case. It is our intention to bring his name, and the names of Manei Shaman Turki al-Habadi and Yasser Talal al-Zahrani, into the U.S. criminal justice system in the hopes that no more men die or are killed before justice and mercy are shown."

All were let go after about seven hours in custody.

In Washington, seven supporters of TASSC International (Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition) were arrested on the restricted portion of the White House sidewalk as they called for an end to torture. As the seven were being arrested, friends and members of TASSC, including many torture survivors from around the world, chanted "No More Torture" just a few feet away on Pennsylvania Ave. The seven were charged with "Stationary Demonstration" and have a September 20 court date.

For more information, visit [www.witnesstorture.org](http://www.witnesstorture.org). (Report by Witness Against Torture)

## N.S.A.'S NO-SPEECH ZONE

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

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

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

For more information, contact Max at Pledge of Resistance-Baltimore, 325 E. 25th St., Baltimore, MD 21216, 410-323-7200x31, [mobuszewski@afsc.org](mailto:mobuszewski@afsc.org)

# RESISTANCE TO MILITARY RECRUITING

## MEPCOM-CHICAGO

On the last day of a 30 day, 320 mile Walk for Justice across Illinois, three members of Voices for Creative Nonviolence entered the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command (MEPCOM) to nonviolently resist the war in and occupation of Iraq. They were immediately met by base security forces. Diane Hughes, Ceylon Mooney and Jeff Leys began reading the names of the war dead and were quickly arrested. They face a charge of trespass when they return to court August 25.

A fourth person, Mike Ferner, was arrested as he took photos from the sidewalk. Ferner objected that on this day he was working as an independent journalist, which earned him the additional charges of obstruction and resisting arrest. He'll be in court August 25, also.

For more information, contact Voices for Creative Nonviolence, 1249 W. Argyle St., Chicago, IL 60640, 773-878-3815, info@vcnv.org, www.vcnv.org

## LAWRENCE, KANSAS

War protesters, covered in tomato paste to simulate blood, entered the lobby of a Lawrence, Kansas military recruiting station on June 22. In a call-and-response, one man read aloud the name of each of 24 Iraqi civilians whose deaths in Haditha last November are under investigation because they were, as the crowd responded, "Killed by the U.S. military!"

When they approached the manager in his office, he locked the door and appeared to be calling the police. The protesters pounded on the door and continued chanting the names of the dead until police arrived a few minutes later. The seven who remained in the office immediately fell to the ground, face down, arms locked. Most went limp and had to be carried out of the office. They were taken to jail and released on charges of disorderly conduct, trespassing and obstruction. They will be arraigned on July 26.

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

## CLEVELAND

Counter-recruiting activity in Cleveland resulted in another arrest in May, inside a recruiting office. The anti-militarist pleaded no contest to trespass. Two men arrested last March at Cleveland's Lakewood recruiting office were sentenced to one year probation, 50 hours community service, fines and fees, and ordered to stay away from the office for one year. Chris Knestrick paid the fine but Joe Mueller will not, and is reporting weekly for payment hearings.

# The Door Swings Open...

## St. Patrick's Four

The St. Patrick's Four have all been released from federal prison. Peter DeMott was let out May 18 after serving four months behind bars, yet he remains at a halfway house in Binghamton, NY, for the remaining four months of his eight month sentence. He goes home September 17. Co-defendant Teresa Grady was cut loose May 19, after serving her four month sentence at Danbury, Connecticut. Clare Grady and Danny Burns each completed a six month sentence and were just set free by Uncle Sam on July 17. The four, all parents affiliated with the Catholic Worker movement, were convicted of trespass and damage to property (pouring blood) during a March 17, 2003 protest at a military recruiting office in Ithaca. For details, visit [stpatricksfour.org](http://stpatricksfour.org).

## School of the Americas

Many of the people imprisoned for acting last November to close the WHINSEC (aka, the School of the Americas) foreign military training academy at Fort Benning, Georgia, were recently released after completing 30-90-day sentences.

Those recently released include Louis Vitale, Anika D. Cunningham, Joanne Cowan, Samuel Foster, Christine Gaunt, Rita Hohenshell, Dorothy Parker, Judith Ruland, Delmar Schwaller, Michael Lee Gayman, Sarah C. Harper, Cheryl Sommers, Robin Lloyd, Buddy R. Bell, Fredrick Brancel, Robert Call, Stephen D. Clemens, Scott Dempsey, Joseph DeRaymond, Linda Mashburn, Gail S. Phares, Dont'e Smith, David A. Sylvester, Francis Woolever, and Liam O'Reilly.

Elizabeth Ann Lentsch, Jane Hosking, John LaForge, Jerome Zawada, and Edward Smith are still serving six month sentences for breaching the temporary boundary fence or, in the case of Kenneth Crowley, helping others do so. Jonathan Robert, arrested for cutting a view-hole in a tarp that obscured supporters' view of the other arrests, is in negotiation with federal authorities on a separate indictment related to his role in organizing and

## MINNEAPOLIS

A student walk-out at the University of Minnesota's Minneapolis campus April 28 preceded an anti-war demonstration at the army recruiting office nearby. Police rushed the crowd after someone threw red paint on the office window. Daniel Falla was arrested for felony damage to property and held over the weekend. Three women were arrested later as they marked peace signs on the building with the wet paint. They were cited for disorderly conduct and released. Falla was only charged with a misdemeanor, and released pending trial.

## PHILADELPHIA

Following the lead of Tucson's Raging Grannies, busted last summer after trying to enlist in lieu of the young'n's lured to Iraq, eleven elder women of the Granny Peace Brigade went inside the downtown Philadelphia military recruiting center on June 28. Outside, a chorus of anti-warriors chanted "We insist! Let the grannies enlist!" The recruiters locked their doors early and tried, without success, to tell the visitors why they recruit, but can't recruit them. The grannies held their ground, and a few hours later police escorted the women - without handcuffs - to waiting vans and a trip to the police station. They were issued citations and released. All pled not guilty the next day, and were given a court date of December 1.

# HONK HUSTLER HOBBLED

A Ferndale, Michigan man is charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace for directing drivers to honk - or not. Victor Kittila regularly joins an established anti-war vigil on a downtown Ferndale corner. Kittila's sign usually read "HONK IF YOU WANT BUSH OUT," and as Bush's popularity dropped, the decibels downtown rose. Complaints eventually led to enforcement of a city code that prohibits solicitation of horn honks, as a public safety issue.

Police approached Kittila in June and told him the sign would have to go. When he showed up for the vigil on July 3, he'd corrected his message to read "FERNDALE POLICE SAY DON'T HONK IF YOU WANT BUSH OUT." Drivers got the point, police were not amused, and Kittila was arrested. Community support is strong; trial is pending.

participating in anti-globalization protests around the 2004 economic summit of the Group of Eight leaders in Georgia.

On behalf of the School of the Americas Watch, the American Civil Liberties Union had filed for documents related to FBI surveillance of the human rights advocacy group. Documents released in early May reveal the FBI knew that nonviolence was a cornerstone of the protests, yet particularly since 2001 it has engaged in extensive counter-terrorism monitoring of the annual November vigil and its organizers.

Updating the campaign that has resulted in over two hundred people serving time in federal prison, Uruguay and Argentina have joined Venezuela in declaring that they will no longer send soldiers to the SOA for training. The amendment in the House of Representatives to cut funding for the SOA was defeated, 218-188, on June 9. Organizers saw hope in this, the closest vote to date, and have moved on to the task of mobilizing attendance at this November's vigil and participation in line crossing or other nonviolent direct action. "Our ability to pressure this government and broaden the work of the movement depends on our collective ability to mobilize," they write in the Summer 2006 edition of the *SOAwatch* newsletter. The issue includes many suggestions for local organizing as well.

For more information, contact School of the Americas Watch, POB 4566, Washington, DC 20017. 202-234-3440, info@soaw.org. See Future Actions, page 7, for vigil information.



Letters of support should be sent to Elizabeth Ann Lentsch, Jane Hosking, John LaForge, Jerome Zawada, and Edward Smith at their addresses listed on page 3, Inside & Out.

# INTERNATIONAL NOTES



## pitstop ploughshares verdict pending

As this issue goes to press, the case of the Pitstop Ploughshares is headed to a jury in Dublin, Ireland. On February 3, 2003, the five Catholic Worker activists took direct action to disrupt the illegal flow of U.S. war supplies and troops through Ireland's Shannon Airport, pouring blood on the runway, painting "pitstop of death" on the hangar door, and damaging an American warplane inside. They then prayed together until they were arrested. Two previous trials were abandoned due to questions about each judge's impartiality, but this third trial appears headed for a verdict.

A report on the trial and verdict will appear in the next issue of *the Nuclear Resister*. For more information now, visit [www.warontrial.com](http://www.warontrial.com)

## G.I. Refusers, cont.

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At a well-planned press conference in Tacoma, Washington, on June 7, Lt. Ehren Watada publicly declared his allegiance to the U.S. Constitution by refusing deployment to Iraq with his unit. As a new college graduate, Watada had enlisted in March, 2003, on the eve of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. He told the media that his own observation and dutiful study as an officer since then had convinced him

"...that the war in Iraq is not only morally wrong but a horrible breach of American law... The war in Iraq violates our democratic system of checks and balances. It usurps international treaties and conventions that by virtue of the Constitution become American law. The wholesale slaughter and mistreatment of the Iraqi people with only limited accountability is not only a terrible moral injustice, but a contradiction to the Army's own Law of Land Warfare. My participation would make me party to war crimes."

Watada had first sought reassignment and expressed his willingness to serve in Afghanistan. When this was rejected by his superiors, he tried in vain last winter to resign his commission in protest.

When his combat brigade was ordered to ship out on June 22, Watada refused. He was confined to Fort Lewis and forbidden to have any more contact with non-military personnel other than his civilian attorney. On July 5, Watada was formally charged with missing movement (Article 87), contempt towards officials, specifically President Bush (Article 88), and conduct unbecoming of an officer (Article 133). A military pretrial hearing is set to begin August 17 or 18 at Fort Lewis.

For more information and support actions to take, visit [www.thankyoult.org](http://www.thankyoult.org) or call 866-797-0967.

A few days after Lt. Watada's press conference, police in Eugene, Oregon, arrested another Ft. Lewis soldier who had gone AWOL in January rather than redeploy to Iraq. Specialist Suzanne Swift was taken into custody from her family home late Sunday evening, June 11. She was jailed in Eugene for a few days before being shipped back to her unit at Fort Lewis, where she is now confined to base pending disciplinary action.

Swift was subjected to sexual harassment and a coerced sexual relationship with her immediate superior during and after her previous one-year deployment to Iraq. When Swift's complaints to the appropriate Army authorities were ignored, she refused to return to the war zone with the same commanders who had abused and humiliated her.

After seeing how her daughter had been wooed by recruiters and falsely promised that she would not be deployed to Iraq, Swift's mother Sara Rich became a counter-recruiting activist in Eugene. She had spoken of her daughter's predicament at an anti-war rally last March.

For more information and support actions to take, visit [www.suzanneswift.org](http://www.suzanneswift.org)

## OIL WAR PROTEST AT L.A. FORD DEALER

On April 19 in West Los Angeles, two CODE-PINK women were arrested after chaining themselves to an oil barrel that was itself chained to the fence rail of a Ford dealership. A sign on the barrel read "30,000+ Killed in a War for Oil." They were cited and released.

# Weapon of Mass Destruction Here Plowshares

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

June 20, 2006

Please pardon the fracture of the good order. When we were children we thought as children and spoke as children. But now we are adults and there comes a time when we must speak out and say that the good order is not so good, and never really was. We know that throughout history there have been innumerable war crimes. Two of the most terrible war crimes occurred on August 6th and 9th, 1945. On August 6th, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan, killing more than 100,000 people (including U.S. prisoners of war). Three days later the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on the city of Nagasaki, Japan, killing more than 50,000 people. Use of these weapons of mass destruction on civilian populations were abominable crimes against humanity.

The U.S. has never repented of these atrocities. On the contrary, the U.S. has deepened and expanded its commitment to nuclear weapons. The U.S. built a large nuclear-industrial complex which has caused the deaths of many workers and has resulted in killing many more people by nuclear testing. Our country built thousands of nuclear weapons and has dispersed weapons-grade uranium to 43 nations. Each Minuteman III missile carries a bomb that is 27 times more powerful than those dropped on the Japanese people. The building of these weapons signifies that our hearts have assented to mass murder. Currently the U.S. is seeking to research a new class of smaller nuclear weapons – demonstrating its desire to find new uses for weapons of mass destruction.

The U.S. is rushing down the path that leads to more death and destruction, ultimately bringing this nation and other nations to ruin. Therefore we issue a call for national repentance. We make an urgent appeal to the people of the U.S. to change course – to place our security in God and not in weapons of mass destruction.

We have chosen to start the process of transformation and disarmament by hammering on and pouring our blood on components of the Minuteman III nuclear missile system. We believe that the concrete that goes into making missile silos would be better used for building homes. We know that total disarmament of our first-strike system of nuclear weapons will require national repentance with a change in the hearts and minds of the people of the U.S. The pouring of our blood is meant to make visible the bloodshed resulting from the production, testing, and use of nuclear weapons. We believe the message in the Bible that after Cain killed his brother Abel that Abel's blood "cried out from the ground." We hear our sisters' and brothers' blood crying out from the ground. We believe that God hears these cries and grieves deeply over every person whose blood is shed.

We call ourselves the "Weapon of Mass Destruction Here Plowshares" to highlight that our nation has thousands of horrific weapons of mass destruction. U.S. leaders speak about the dangers of other nations acquiring nuclear weapons, but they fail to act in accordance with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty which commits the U.S. to take steps to disarm its weapons of mass destruction. We act in order to bring attention to people's responsibility for disarming weapons of state terrorism. We can begin the process of exposing U.S. weapons of mass destruction, naming them as abominations that cause desolation, and transforming them to objects that promote life.

We dress as clowns to show that humor and laughter are key elements in the struggle to transform the structures of destruction and death. Saint Paul said that we are "fools for God's sake," and we say that we are "fools for God and humanity." Clowns as court jesters were sometimes the only ones able to survive after speaking truth to authorities in power.

Is there hope for the world? Yes – if people begin to live the truth now. We believe that Jesus reveals who God is, and that God is a God of love and nonviolence, teaching us to love all people, even our enemies. Furthermore, the prophets Isaiah and Micah prophesy that there will come a time when people will learn the ways of God and

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more."

By our plowshares/pruning hooks action we have tried to make visible God's will for disarmament and peacemaking. By living this truth we hope to shorten this murderous age – closing the gap between the future hope for universal peace and our present reality of endless violence and war-making. We begin to bring hope into the present moment.

# FUTURE ACTIONS

## oak ridge

The annual Hiroshima Day Action for Peace at the Y-12 nuclear weapons plant in Oak Ridge Tennessee will include a peace rally and march to the gates of Y-12 on August 5, and a memorial vigil and nonviolent direct action there on the morning of Hiroshima Day, Sunday, August 6. For more information, contact the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, POB 5743, Oak Ridge, TN 37831, 865-483-8202, orep@earthlink.net

## bangor

Direct action is planned for August 6 and 7, 2006, at the Trident nuclear sub base in Bangor, Washington, as part of commemoration of the 61st anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. For more information, contact the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW Poulsbo, WA 98370. 206-365-7865, info@gzcenter.org

## bechtel

A coalition of groups declaring No Nukes! No Wars! Support Indigenous Rights! have planned a legal demonstration on August 6 at the University of California's Livermore nuclear weapons laboratory, and a ceremony and civil resistance action at Bechtel corporate headquarters, 50 Beale St, San Francisco (half a block from Embarcadero BART), beginning at 10 am Nagasaki Day, August 9. That day has also been declared by the United Nations as International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. For more information, contact Tri-Valley CAREs, 925-443-7148, www.august6.org.

## faith and resistance

Jonah House community will host a Faith and Resistance retreat in Baltimore, beginning 3 pm Saturday, August 5 with a Celebration of the Life of Elmer Maas, Liturgy and Interment of Ashes. A potluck dinner will follow the service, and at 7 p.m. at the University of Baltimore, will be the East Coast premiere of Conviction, the documentary about the Sacred Earth and Space plowshares action at a Minuteman III missile silo in Colorado.

Vigil on Sunday August 6, Hiroshima Day, at the Udvar-Hazy Museum where the Enola Gay - the B-29 that dropped the bomb on Hiroshima - is on permanent display. 6 pm dinner August 8 at St. Stephen and the Incarnation, Washington D.C. (16th and Newton St) followed by a film of the bombing of Nagasaki and planning for August 9 vigil and direct action. Tent space available at Jonah House. Call 410-233-6238 for directions or other info, or email disarmnow@jonahhouse.org.

## Stratcom

The annual Hiroshima and Nagasaki commemorative vigil takes place outside the main entrance of Offutt Air Force Base near Omaha, 8 am - 8 pm, August 6-8, and 8 am - 11 am August 6, ending with a prayer circle and possible line-crossing. For more information, contact Jerry Ebner, Omaha Catholic Worker, 402-510-2899, or Fran Fuller at 515-282-4781.

## lockheed martin

Nagasaki Day Remembrance & Resistance will begin at noon, August 9, at Lockheed Martin's weapons complex at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Brandywine Peace Community POB 81, Swarthmore, PA 19081; 610-544-1818, brandywine@juno.com www.brandywinepeace.com

## duluth

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

## stop the merchants of death

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

Goals for the conference include bringing together people with a broad analysis and commitment to nonviolence who are focusing on war profiteers at the grassroots, and provide an opportunity to develop and share strategies using examples of corporate campaigns, beginning with the 40-year-old Honeywell Project. Clarify goals and help create a network of groups working to stop merchants of death. Confirmed entertainment from Utah Phillips, and from speakers Medea Benjamin, Paul Krassner, Winona Duke, Frida Berrigan, Jack Nelson

Pallmeyer and more. For more information, contact G. Simon Harak, National Anti-militarism Coordinator, War Resisters League, 339 Lafayette St., New York City, NY 10025, 212-228-0450x104, amc@warresisters.org

## national campaign for nonviolent resistance / declaration of peace

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

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

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

For more information about the September 26 civil resistance actions directed at Congress, sign on to the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance announcement e-list by sending a blank e-mail to ncnrnotices-subscribe@lists.riseup.net, or contact Gordon Clark, Convener at pledgecoordinator@starpower.net or 301-589-2355.

## ft. benning

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

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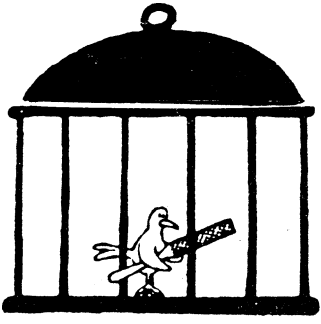
# Update Files

**JERRY TEXIERO:** The legal odyssey of a Vietnam-era military refuser who after 40 years AWOL was arrested and jailed for five months last year may soon be over. The Florida man pled no contest May 10 to using a fake name on his driver's license, fraudulent use of a Social Security number, and violation of an unrelated probation. He was sentenced to one year of "community control" (a form of house arrest) and four years probation, concurrent with the unrelated probation he was already serving at the time of his arrest last August...

**AUSTRALIA:** Four Christians Against All Terrorism will face a jury of twelve in Alice Springs beginning October 3, on special national security and criminal damage charges resulting from their public inspection of the remote Pine Gap military spy base last December. One of the defendants, Jim Dowling, was recently found not guilty of obstructing police operations in a separate anti-war related arrest, because police had no lawful reason to remove him from a pro-war politician's public speech in the first place...

**HUMBOLDT "CRITICAL MASS":** Two bicyclists have pled no contest to a reduced traffic infraction. Two other people still face misdemeanor charges following the California Highway Patrol crackdown last November on the wheeled herd of alternative transportistas as they pedaled from Humboldt State University in Arcata to an anti-war rally in Eureka. Student Amanda Barker, who pled no contest, told the *Arcata Eye*: "Given the nature of this particular war, it's really difficult to separate anti-car culture statements from anti-war statements"...

**TIMES SQUARE MILITARY RECRUITING CENTER:** In late April, after a six-day bench trial at which they all testified at length, eighteen "grannies" were found not guilty of disorderly conduct for their sit-in outside the center last October. The judge heard testimony that convinced him the platoon of Raging Grannies had left sufficient room for people to enter and leave the offices...



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

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

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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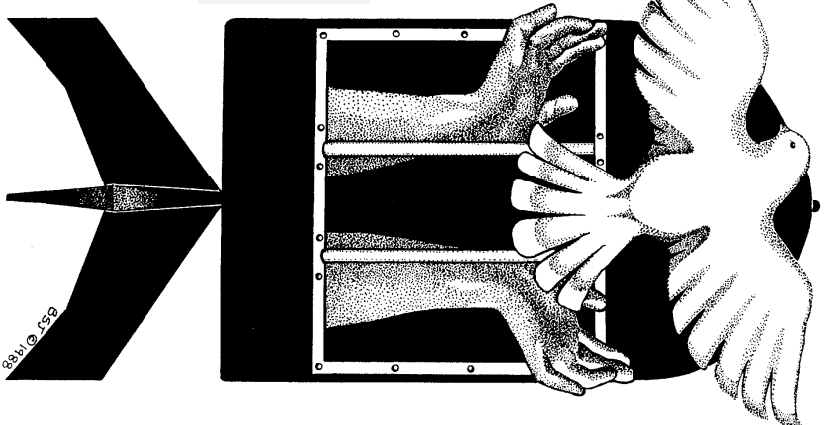
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