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ANZAC Ploughshares Puncture Waihopai Spy Balloon

Early on the morning of April 30, three men entered the Government Communications Security Bureau's spy base at Waihopai, New Zealand. Unseen due to a thick fog, they padlocked the gate to close the facility, then cut through three security fences to get past razor wire, infrared motion sensors and a high voltage electrified fence.

Arcing into the mist above them were two 30-meter domes that cover the satellite dishes for intercepting e-mail and telephone conversations, telexes, faxes, and computer data communications. With a sickle, they cut through the fabric to deflate one of the domes.

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

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

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

Waihopai and ECHELON

The Waihopai receivers intercept electronic communications throughout the Pacific region, including New Zealand, and the base is often staffed by personnel from U.S. agencies.

In 1996, researcher Nicky Hager published an expose on Waihopai and New Zealand's strong links to the U.S.-led ECHELON network of six similar spy stations around



photo by Justin Duckworth

The deflated dome at New Zealand's Waihopai spy base drapes over the dish antenna used for intercepting communications.

the world. The United Nations launched an investigation in 2003 of claims that ECHELON had been used by the U.S. government to eavesdrop on U.N. diplomats and Security Council members. A report published in 2000 showed that ECHELON had also been used by the U.S. to gain commercial advantage for U.S. corporations.

Information gathered at Waihopai is transferred to the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB) in Wellington and fed unseen directly to Washington, D.C.

The group took the name Waihopai ANZAC Ploughshares in the spirit of the 28-year-old Ploughshares movement of direct disarmament actions. ANZAC refers to the World War One era Australia and New Zealand Army Corps, celebrated in both countries on April 25, ANZAC Day, but in recent decades marked by protest against war and militarism.

For more information, e-mail ploughshares08@gmail.com, or visit ploughshares.org.nz. A history of the Ploughshares disarmament movement through 2004 can be found at plowsharesactions.org

SAAB Microwave Becoming² Ploughshares

Per Hengren and Ulla Røder climbed over the fence at SAAB Microwave's test range at Mölndal, Sweden on the evening of June 26 and planted fig trees in the area around the factory. Using blacksmith hammers, they started to disarm military radar and parts of the test range. They spoke to workers and guards about their intent until police arrived and arrested them half an hour later.

Charges may be filed in the coming weeks. Hengren is already scheduled for trial with four others August 13 for participation in the August, 2007 Vine and Fig Trees action, also at SAAB Microwave. The pair have each spent over one year in prison for past Ploughshares and other anti-war actions.

"The word of the prophet Micah makes us move", explains Røder. "We beat swords into ploughshares. We do not protest against the missile firing system of SAAB Microwave or the military radar system. We choose to drop the protest as it becomes reactive and negative. The time has come to intervene and become creative."

"We do have the ability of direct intervention," Røder

believes. "It becomes a duty when there are violence and suffering in the world. We use nonviolence. Contrary to my friend Per, I do not believe that we are practicing civil disobedience, but rather upholding international law. It is SAAB Microwave which breaks the law delivering the missile firing system used during the war in Iraq."

While preparing for the action, the disarmament activists collaborated with academic thinkers in the tradition of the 20th century French philosopher Gilles Deleuze.

"'Becoming²' (like a mathematical 'becoming-squared') in the middle of our name might look strange," says Hengren. "During the ploughshares action, we worked together with Deleuze philosophers from Gothenburg University in Sweden. We were during one day plugged into each other. Together we examined how resistance and Deleuze's philosophy will intensify each other. Deleuze highlights the double becoming rather than being: To become becoming, rather than to become something. To produce production rather than isolated actions!"

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MILITARY REFUSERS BEHIND BARS

Among thousands of soldiers who have walked away from the business of killing for one reason or another in the last five years, a small but steady stream continue to go public with their refusal. Many of their stories can be found at couragetoresist.org

The Military Counseling Network in Germany (www.mc-network.de) reports that U.S. Army conscientious objector **Robert Weiss** was sentenced to seven months confinement during a court martial May 13 at Rose Barracks in Vilseck, Germany. Weiss pled guilty to charges of desertion and missing movement, which reduced the court martial's proceedings mostly to the sentencing phase. The sentence also includes loss of pay while in prison, reduction in rank, and dishonorable discharge when he's out of the brig.

He told the court that soon after he joined the army, his sister's fiancé was killed in a fight. "I decided to make myself a better person so I didn't wind up in hell. I started reading the Bible. Everything I read told me not to kill people. There are better ways to solve problems than fighting."

In early December of 2007, Weiss learned his application to be classified a conscientious objector (C.O.) and receive an honorable discharge was denied.

He was assigned noncombatant duties while deployed to Forward Operating Base Prosperity in Iraq at the time, and learned of the development immediately before traveling to the United States on leave.

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

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



Letters of support can be sent to Robert Weiss, Unit 29723, Box LL, APO, AE 09028-9723.

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

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

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

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

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Arrests for War Resistance Increase Again

By Bill Quigley

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

There have been over 15,000 arrests for resistance to war since 2002. There were large numbers right after the run up to and invasion of Iraq. Recently, arrests have begun climbing again. Though arrests are a small part of anti-war organizing, their rise is an indicator of increasing resistance.

The information comes from *the Nuclear Resister*, a newsletter that has been reporting detailed arrest information on peace activists and other social justice campaigns since 1980. Felice and Jack Cohen-Joppa, publishers of *the Nuclear Resister*, document arrests by name and date based on information collected from newspapers across the country and from defense lawyers and peace activists.

Since 2002, *the Nuclear Resister* has documented anti-war arrests for protestors each year:

2002 - 1800 arrests
2003 - 6072 arrests
2004 - 2440 arrests
2005 - 975 arrests
2006 - 950 arrests
2007 - 2272 arrests
2008 - 810 as of May 1

"Arrests for resistance to war are far more widespread geographically than most people think," according to Cohen-Joppa of *Nuclear Resister*. "Yes, there are many arrests in DC and traditional big cities of anti-war activity - like San Francisco, NYC and Chicago, but there have also been anti-war arrests in Albany, Ann Arbor, Atlanta, Bangor, Bath, Bend, Brentwood, Burlington, Campbell, Cedar Rapids, Chapel Hill, Charlottesville, Chicopee, Colorado Springs, Denver, Des Moines, East Hampton, Erie, Eugene, Eureka, Fairbanks, Fairport, Fort Bragg, Fort Wayne, Grand Rapids, Great Dismal Swamp, Ham-

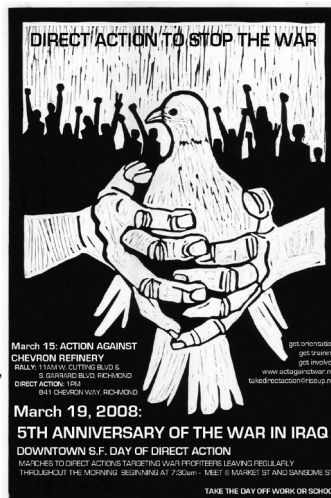
mond, Huntsville, Joliet, Juneau, Kennebunkport, La Crosse, Los Angeles, Madison, Manchester, Memphis, Newark, Northbrook, Olympia, Omaha, Pittsburgh, Portland, Portsmouth, Providence, Richmond, Sacramento, San Diego, Santa Fe, Smithfield, Springfield, St. Louis, St. Paul, Staten Island, Superior, Syracuse, Tacoma, Toledo, Tucson, Tulsa, Vandenberg, Virginia Beach, Wausau, Wheaton and Wilmington just to name a few."

"In fact," notes Cohen-Joppa, "in 2007, anti-war arrests were reported during 250 distinct events in 105 cities in 35 states and the District of Columbia. So far in 2008, arrests have been reported at 65 events in 43 different cities in 19 states and D.C."

An example of the scope of resistance can be found in the Chicago-based Voices for Creative Nonviolence. They joined with other major peace groups like CODE-PINK, Veterans for Peace, and the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance in early 2007 to launch The Occupation Project, a campaign of resistance aimed at ending the Iraq War. Theirs was a campaign of sustained nonviolent civil disobedience to end funding for the U.S. war in and occupation of Iraq. The Occupation Project resulted in over 320 arrests in spring of 2007 in the offices of 39 U.S. Representatives and Senators in 25 states.

"I am energized by the dedication of so many conscientious activists across the country willing to take the risks of peace and speak truth to power," says Max Obuszewski of the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance. "We have been unsuccessful so far in stopping this awful war and occupation of Iraq, but it is not for the lack of direct action. We are taking on the greatest empire in world history, but we will continue to act."

"There are large numbers of new people being arrested," notes Cohen-Joppa, "most typically saying, 'I have tried everything else from writing to voting, but I



Where we're at

Beginning on page 4, this issue of *the Nuclear Resister* completes our chronicle of previously unreported 2007 anti-war and anti-nuclear arrests in the United States. In order to accommodate this review in a single issue, it was necessary to hold back about three dozen new 2008 action reports from at least 25 cities and towns. They will be included in our next issue, due out in early September, along with reports from upcoming Hiroshima/Nagasaki memorial actions and a summary of international resistance to war and nukes.

We're finishing this issue at the beginning of monsoon season here in the Sonoran Desert - temperatures above 100 F., rising humidity, and the first summer rains. When the lightning nears, we shut the computers down!

Several elders in the peace and justice movement in Tucson, each also a long time supporter of *the Nuclear*

Resister, died in recent months. Lucille Burkholder, Bob Menard and Jerry Robinett were people who we knew for many years and cared for deeply. We were grateful to receive donations for *the Nuclear Resister* in Bob's memory. We are also thankful that old friends of Jerry's have pledged to continue his monthly donation. For a couple of decades, Jerry sent us a note each month - filled with words of encouragement and thanks, reflections on books he'd recently read - and accompanied by a dollar bill, or sometimes five, that he'd slip into the envelope.

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

Jack & Felice Cohen-Joppa, editors

MILITARY REFUSERS, CONT.

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Please contact the post commander General Campbell c/o the Fort Knox Public Affairs Office at 502-624-7451 or knox.pao@conus.army.mil to request a speedy discharge for PFC James Burmeister now so that he can get the help that he needs.

Twenty-five-year-old PFC **Ryan Jackson** joined the Army in 2005, and aspired to join the Special Forces. While stationed in Korea, inspired by the writings of Vietnam and Iraq war objectors and reading about civil disobedience and nonviolent resistance, Jackson began to rethink his involvement in the Army. His attorney, James Branum, described Jackson's next phase.

"PFC Jackson decided to do whatever it took to be released from his obligation to an organization he could no longer be a part of," he said. "PFC Jackson wrongly believed that there would be no point in filing for C.O. status, so he instead did his best to accumulate as many negative counseling statements as possible for minor issues, such as not coming in the morning or missing P.T."

Jackson's attempts to have himself thrown out of the Army were nearly successful. His out-processing paperwork was half way completed when a local commander arbitrarily stopped his pending discharge last December.

Jackson had concluded that the military's C.O. application process was "immoral, unethical, and wrong." He wondered how career officers could sit in judgment of his beliefs.

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

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

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

have to do more to stop this war.' The profile of people arrested includes high school teenagers to senior citizens, mostly people under 30 and over 50."

Anti-war arrests are significantly under-reported by mainstream media. For example, around the fifth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq in March 2008, most news stories wrote that there were 150 to 200 arrests nationwide. Cohen-Joppa and *Nuclear Resister* report there were over double that number, well over 400, many outside the cities where regular media traditionally look.

Though arrests typically drop off in election years, as people's hopes are raised that a new President or Congress will make a difference and stop the war, this year looks like arrests are likely to continue to rise. In part, that will depend on the attitude of authorities in Denver and Minneapolis, where the political conventions are being held. In 2004, New York City authorities overreacted so much to protestors at the Republican convention that they arrested historic numbers of protestors - including hundreds who had no intention to risk arrest. If Senator McCain is elected, anti-war resistance activities are expected to rise much higher.

Why do people risk arrest in their resistance to war? Perhaps Daniel Berrigan, on trial for resistance to the Vietnam War, said it best:

*The time is past when we may be silent
when obedience
can segregate us from public risk
when the poor can die without defense
How many indeed must die
before our voices are heard
how many must be tortured dislocated
starved maddened?
How long must the world's resources
be raped in the service of legalized murder?
When at what point will you say no to this war?
We have chosen to say
with the gift of our liberty
if necessary our lives:
the violence stops here.
The death stops here.
The suppression of truth stops here.
This war stops here.*

Though war resistance activities and arrests have not stopped the war in Iraq, those struggling for peace remain committed. "None of us know what will happen if we continue to work for peace and human rights," says a handmade poster of one involved in the resistance, "But we all know what will happen if we don't."

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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

Uranium Mine Foe Freed

The Ontario Court of Appeal on May 28 reduced the six month prison sentence of Robert Lovelace to three-and-one-half months, or time served. The spokesperson of the Ardoch Algonquin First Nation was imprisoned in February for violating an injunction to cease interfering with Frontenac Ventures development of a uranium claim on the band's traditional lands.

Three days earlier, pending outcome of their joint appeal with Lovelace, six leading members of the northwestern Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug (KI) First Nation were granted conditional release. They had been sentenced in March, also to six months, for blocking development of other mineral claims on traditional lands.

The court gave no reason for reducing the sentence, and the decision does not resolve the fundamental dispute over aboriginal rights and corporate domain. Lovelace used the occasion to urge that the provincial government use the goodwill promoted by the court to pursue "meaningful" discussion and consultation with First Nations before backing private mineral claims under Canada's archaic mining law. Just the day before, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Michael Bryant had walked out of a meeting with the KI 6 when they brought up Lovelace's fate.

"This is not an isolated case," the two bands' attorney, Chris Reid, told the Canadian Press. "It's something that's going to occur again and again."

Lovelace, who turned 60 while in prison, had begun a hunger strike the week before his release, while the appeal was pending. As he left the courthouse, he told supporters, "I think I'm going to go out and put my feet in the grass. It's been a long time."

For more information, visit www.aafna.ca

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Resistance and philosophy are ongoing processes giving no final result. Deleuze forces us in the ploughshares to avoid thinking the Big Action. Actions are not the destination, but rather disobedience actions are where we get on the train. For Deleuze, resistance is about movement, speed, slowness and intensity."

Further insight on the post-protest perspective is found in a 2005 essay, Beyond protest-resistance by Per Hengren and British ploughshares activist Stephen Hancock. They wrote, "...We discerned several elements to protesting: protesting is by definition against something rather than for; it involves a tone of complaint; it appeals to others - usually political leaders - to do something about the issue. Protest reinforces both our passivity and the hierarchy's power. It leaves us, at the end of the day, with dog-eared placards and our fate still in the hands of distant leaders reassured by our protesting that they are the ones in power."

For more information, visit the Swedish Ploughshares website at ickevald.net/plogbill

Ten Days for Oak Ridge Blockade

by Ralph Hutchison

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

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

Judge Murch began by telling Rosdatter that he would not entertain the necessity defense that "you people" usually use. This prejudicial statement could have been avoided had the judge permitted Rosdatter to make her defense which, in fact, had nothing to do with the necessity defense. Assistant DA Maddox stepped in to remind

the judge that in her stipulation she had reserved agreement on those three words, "without legal privilege," because that would be the basis of her defense.

"Well, I've heard that before, too, and I won't consider it," said Murch, assuming it was not possible that a person could make an argument that might prove more persuasive than a previous defendant. Maddox persisted, suggesting the judge could let her present her evidence - "just a few papers to hand you" - and the judge grumbled something about how she could make the argument but he wouldn't accept it. Rosdatter, by now a little confused that the process was not going as might have been expected - where you make your defense and the court rules AFTERWARDS - composed herself and smiled at the judge. "I'm not sure what good it would do to make my argument if you've already said you're just going to disregard it." The judge realized now he was on thin ice and demurred, "Well, you could go ahead."

Rosdatter chose not to. She was declared guilty and sentenced to ten days in Anderson County jail, plus a fine and costs totaling \$650. She will serve her sentence beginning July 18.



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

BLOCKADES, BANNERS AND PRAYERS AT NUCLEAR SUB BASE

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

On Mother's Day, May 11, Kitsap County Sheriffs arrested Julia Rusk, Joy Goldstein, Thomas Hodges, and Larry Kerschner when they blocked traffic on the county side of the main gate with an "Abolish Nuclear Weapons" banner. They were booked and released in Port Orchard.

Soon after those arrests, six people entered the highway on federal property and were arrested by base security. Nicole Scott, Ann Kittredge, Mayla Siemion, Susan Borys, Daniel Norby, and Lynne Greenwald were booked and released at the base. Two of the six received citations for federal trespass on a military installation.

On June 1, the Tacoma Catholic Worker and Ground Zero sponsored a demonstration in commemoration of the Feast of the Visitation of Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. (Mary had proclaimed to Elizabeth that God will pull tyrannical forces from their thrones and fill the deprived

populations of the earth with resources for living full lives. Luke 1:46-55)

Lynne Greenwald, Sallie Shawl, Mary Gleysteen, Kim Wahl and Glen Milner were arrested by county officers while trying to display a banner on a freeway overpass. They were booked for disorderly conduct and failure to disperse, and released. Banners had been displayed there without incident over five years of demonstrations, but on Mother's Day, organizers were warned it was now off-limits.

After the banner-bearers were arrested, Fr. Bill Bichsel, Jessica Smith, Joe Power-Drutis, Thomas Karlin, Denny Moore, Joe Marinello and Rev. Anne Hall entered the highway to deliver a message to the base commander, and were themselves arrested by base security. Bichsel, Karlin and Hall were cited for federal trespass on a military installation, but the others were let go. Court dates have yet to be set.

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

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

Helen Woodson 03231-045 (106 months - out 9/9/11)
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)

ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIONS

Rafil Dhafir 11921-052 (22 years - out 4/26/22)
FCI Terre Haute, POB 33, Terre Haute, IN 47808.
(Convictions resulting from providing humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis in violation of U.S. sanctions, 2/05)

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

PUBLIC MILITARY REFUSERS

Robert Weiss (7 months - out 12/08)
Unit 29723, Box LL, APO, AE 09028-9723.
(Pled guilty to desertion and missing movement after application for discharge as a conscientious objector was denied, 5/08)
PFC James Burmeister
HHC - Building 298, Gold Vault Road; Fort Knox, KY 40121.
(Confined to base awaiting court martial for desertion, date to be set)

Andrew Hegerty (out 8/14/08)
Unit 29723, Box LL, APO, AE 09028-9723.
(Pled guilty to desertion and failure to follow a lawful order to deploy with the 173rd Airborne to Afghanistan, 11/07)

NUCLEAR RESISTERS OVERSEAS

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

PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY

RELEASED: Robert Lovelace, Edwin R. Lewinson, Ozone Bhaguan, Teri Rainelli, Stephen Schweitzer, Chris Lieberman, Arthur Landis, Joan Anderson, Augustine Roddy, Leeanne Clausen, Carna Yipe, Brendan Walsh, Jeffrey Gauntt

2007 Resistance Review

Editors' Note: Following is a summary of 2007 anti-nuclear and anti-war related arrests in the United States that were previously unreported in the Nuclear Resister. Taken together, these reports and those published in the past four issues are the source for the annual totals reported in Bill Quigley's article on page 2.

We have or will be publishing updates on many of these actions, but many others will not be updated in print because we have not received or been able to track down the news, or because, in most cases, charges were dismissed or punishment was minimal.

Looking through this tally of contemporary anti-war resistance and consequences for those involved, we see that some of the arrests were never prosecuted, or the charges were dismissed before trial. Plea agreements involving no jail time settled many of the reported cases. It is clear that only a very small percentage of arrestees were jailed even as long as overnight. Even fewer, when convicted, were sentenced to or elected to serve time in jail in lieu of a fine. And many who have refused to pay fines are never jailed. Most judges, even most prosecutors, have seemed reluctant to jail resisters. Repeat offenders may finally provoke a jail sentence, but not reliably. In sum, beyond some expense and inconvenience, the risks have been very small.

Given this situation, the question should be asked: Why are major national peace organizations with grassroots constituencies NOT educating about, promoting and supporting both local and mass nonviolent actions that are framed as legitimate acts of civil resistance and crime prevention, yet risk arrest? The global history of nonviolent resistance to effect social change suggests that within this contemporary movement, there is a great potential not yet explored.

Date	Location	# of reported arrests	Brief Narrative
1-4-2007	San Francisco, CA	15 arrests	First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.
2-1-2007	San Francisco, CA	20	First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.
2-17-2007	Washington, DC	1	Midge Potts was arrested after declaring out loud as she walked out of the Senate gallery, "The American people voted to end the war in Iraq." In October, she was convicted by a jury of disrupting Congress and fined \$500.
3-1-2007	San Francisco, CA	20	First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.
3-2-2007	Pittsburgh, PA	14	As a prelude to anti-war demonstrations on the fourth anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, the Pittsburgh Organizing Group (POG) and supporters shut down the National Robotics Engineering Center (NREC). The Center is a Pentagon-funded venture of Carnegie Mellon University and a world leader in warfare robotics. Despite the public call to "Barricade the War Machine", police were absent when four affinity groups arrived early at 5 a.m. Using lockboxes (long pipes through which people's hands are locked together), u-locks, and a tripod, 34 people quickly barricaded the front and rear entrances to NREC's collection of buildings, blocking all vehicle access and disrupting pedestrian traffic. The public piece of the action began at 7:30 a.m., with a march from Friendship Park to support the blockades at NREC. While FBI agents filmed from an observable window across the street, police moved first on the smaller blockade at the rear gate. It took more than three hours to cut through the lockboxes, arrest 13 adults and one juvenile, and reopen the gate. Protesters at the front barricades unlocked and dismantled around noon after learning that they had successfully shut the facility down for the day. All of the arrestees were arraigned and released by early Saturday morning. In court two months later, the 13 adults agreed to 25 hours of community service in return for dropping charges of possession of the instruments of a crime with criminal intent, failure to disperse, and obstructing a public highway. The judge commended them for doing their part to end the war.
3-4-2007	Nevada Test Site	34	The first gathering of a revitalized Pacific Life Community (PLC) brought together over 100 people committed to ending nuclear weapons and war making through nonviolent direct action. They came from communities based in the Catholic Worker and other radical discipleship and peacemaking traditions from the Rockies westward, gathering at the community center at Indian Springs, Nevada for a weekend of reflection, worship and action. (The original PLC was a network of predominantly Christian resisters who opposed nuclear war prepara-

tions more than three decades ago.) Daniel Berrigan SJ offered reflections Saturday afternoon at the Test Site, where the group returned on Sunday morning for a liturgy and line crossing.

3-15-2007 Washington, DC 10
During the week-long Encampment to Stop the War, eleven were arrested inside and outside an Appropriations Committee meeting at the Rayburn House Office Building.

3-16-2007 Washington, DC 222
On the eve of the massive anti-war march, the Christian Peace Witness brought more than 3,500 people to worship at the National Cathedral, before more than 700 processed in the rain to pray at the White House for an end to the occupation of Iraq. Hundreds knelt illicitly on the front sidewalk with their spiritual petition, where police began to slowly arrest them just before midnight. Arrests continued into the wee hours of Saturday. Hundreds more may have been cited had the downpour not driven them away before police did.

3-17-2007 Grand Rapids, MI 4
Police broke up an anti-war march after it departed from outside the home of Rep. Vern Ehlers. They pursued and arrested Samuel Mendez for violating the local noise ordinance with a megaphone, and three others who allegedly got in their way. Three were convicted and fined, and charges were dismissed against local university professor Hermann Kurthen, who had joined the protest with his 11-year old daughter.

3-17-2007 Pentagon 5
ANSWER-sponsored march on the Pentagon.

3-18-2007 Colorado Springs, CO 7
The St. Patrick's Day Parade turned ugly when police drove peaceniks out of the parade like so many demon snakes from Ireland. Just as they had the year before, about 40 members of the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission (PPJPC) wore green t-shirts and some carried peace signs and banners as part of a registered entrant, Bookman bookstore and its decorated van. The local bookstore's owner is also the current chair of the PPJPC. Frank Cordaro, in town from Iowa to give a public talk that night about the American tradition of civil

disobedience and the need to nonviolently resist the war against Iraq, sums up what happened: "All went well until we fell in line with the other parade entries, one block into the parade. We were greeted by a man who identified himself as a parade organizer who told us we were not a legitimate parade entry. [The regulations forbid 'promotion of social issues.'] The police were immediately called into the fray. And before any clarity and due process was afforded us, we were thrown off the parade route - some of us literally. Seven of us were arrested, cited with failing to desist or disperse and released. We feel we have a good case for police brutality." Video and photos show police dragging one woman when she falls and can't keep up with her "escort" cops, leaving huge pavement abrasions on her hip and stomach. One cop has Cordaro in a choke hold and another points a taser at the wife of an arrestee. The incident rekindled a wide-ranging community debate about free speech and police brutality against war protesters in the historically conservative and hypermilitarized city. A mistrial was declared in late August, after the jury could not reach a verdict about whether those arrested meant to block the parade. The city eventually decided not to retry the defendants.

3-18-2007 Portland, OR 15
Portland police prefer pepperspray, or so it seems. Ten thousand people marched against the war and police let loose with the irritating aerosols when a few hundred formed a breakaway march. Several people were arrested, and when hundreds later converged on the justice center, a face-off with police resulted in several more arrests. A total of 15 face charges ranging from harassment to disorderly conduct and vandalism. One person was held overnight.

3-18-2007 Seattle, WA 1
Police tackled and arrested a man for allegedly splashing water on a couple of counter-demonstrators during an anti-war rally.

3-19-2007 Erie, PA 9
The Erie Peace Initiative initiated a blockade of the federal courthouse. Nine people were arrested, and fined \$500. Richard Quiggle, Anne McCarthy, Katie White, Robert Johnson, Jim Wise and Beth Rockwell

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WRITINGS FROM JAIL

by Ryan Jackson

Statement for Peace Vigil, written in the Charleston Naval brig and shared with supporters who gathered the evening before his trial.

May 22, 2008

My fellow men and women of peace,

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

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

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

All of your dedication, perseverance and support is admirable, and truly appreciated. I hope to walk away from this and join the street teams, to peacefully cause havoc. The events of tomorrow lie in the education of today, and we must begin with our youth. I am committed to this cause. If I could take the profound characteristics of Henry David Thoreau, Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr., and combine them, you would find the man I strive to be. I recently became familiar again with

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

I am comforted by your love, and feel as one with your intent. I ask that you pray that I may prevail in this endeavor, and upon my release remain with the courage to be an inspiration to the world. Through peaceful resistance may we make an everlasting impact. To live an unscrupulous life, seems ever so frivolous to me. I am but a wave, a small ripple in a vast ocean. While I remain not alone, but without unity, I shall be swept upon the sand. Unity and solidarity may bring the first peaceful tsunami. Shall another man die to feel a bit more just, lest we should all feel so ashamed?

[PFC Ryan Jackson was convicted at court martial May 30 on several charges of being absent without leave before he filed for C.O. status, and sentenced to 100 days confinement.]

JUDGE & JURY SAY RAYTHEON 9 NOT GUILTY

A court in Belfast, Northern Ireland acquitted nine men on charges of affray and criminal damage for rubbishing files, a mainframe server and computer workstations at Raytheon Corporation's Londonderry offices on August 9, 2006. Raytheon's hi-tech venture into Northern Ireland was offered as a plum for the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, with the power-sharing government's then solemn, but now shattered, vow that no military software development would be done there. During three weeks of trial in May and June, Raytheon corporate witnesses revealed their chilling disregard for the known use and lethal effect upon innocents by their overseas client.

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

Colm Bryce:

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

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

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

Eamonn McCann:

"The outcome of this case has profound implications.

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

have, the effect of hampering or delaying the commission of war crimes.

"We have been vindicated.

"We reject entirely and with contempt the statement by Raytheon this evening suggesting that the result of the trial gives them concern about the safety of their employees. This is an abject attempt to divert attention from the significance of the outcome. Not a shred of evidence was produced that we presented the slightest danger to Raytheon workers. The charge of affray was thrown out by the court without waiting to hear defence evidence.

"Our target has always been Raytheon as a corporate entity and its shareholders and directors who profit from misery and death...

"We call on the office of the Attorney General and the Crown Prosecution Service, in light of this verdict, to institute an investigation into the activities of Raytheon at its various plants across the UK, with a view to determining whether Raytheon is, as we say it is, a criminal enterprise.

"We believe that one day the world will look back on the arms trade as we look back today on the slave trade, and wonder how it came about that such evil could abound in respectable society. If we have advanced by a mere moment the day when the arms trade is put beyond the law, what we have done will have been worthwhile.

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

"We have not denied or apologised for what we did at the Raytheon plant in the summer of 2006. All of us believe that it was the best thing we ever did in our lives."

For more information, visit raytheon9.org



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refused to pay, and were jailed for five days last October. Rockwell was given house arrest due to her health. The Erie Times-News reported that Wise, 67, told the court, "I have an abiding feeling of guilt for the things our government has done. The federal government of the country that I love and served has become something that I can no longer support."

3-19-2007 New York City, NY 44

Wall Street Action targeted the New York Stock Exchange.

3-19-2007 Portland, OR 1

The day after police arrested 15 anti-war demonstrators, a downtown peace rally of about 50 people was corralled by almost as many police on bikes and horses. Pepperspray again was directed on demonstrators just trying to get out of the way. Shawn Biggers was arrested and charged with assaulting an officer, disorderly conduct and interfering with an officer after he allegedly kicked a policeman in the knee.

3-19-2007 Providence, RI 1

One person arrested during anti-war demonstration at Textron Corporation.

3-19-2007 San Francisco, CA 56

Anti-war marchers shut down the financial district during lunch hour with die-ins at several intersections. At Market and Montgomery Streets, 44 arrests were made, including one juvenile, while at Market and Powell, another 13 were taken into custody. The juvenile was admonished while the others were released with citations for refusing a police order and being a pedestrian in a roadway.

3-19-2007 Shepherdstown, WV 1

About 30 people held a picket for peace during morning and evening rush hour, and one woman was cited for standing in the street.

3-19-2007 Valley Forge, PA 10

The Brandywine Peace Community strung CRIME SCENE tape across the driveway at Lockheed Martin's weapons complex and then attempted to serve an indictment on the corporation for aiding and abetting war crimes in Iraq. All ten were cited and released, unlikely to face prosecution. Lockheed Martin's Lacrosse and Keyhole satellites assist the aerial bombardment of Iraq, often with the #1 war corporation's F-16, F/A-22 and F-117 warplanes.

3-19-2007 Wilmington, DE 3

Gemma Buckley, June Easley and Sally Milbury-Steen staged a commemorative die-in at the door of the federal building. Police determined they were "unreasonably obstructing the use of entrance" but no trial date has been set.

3-20-2007 Syracuse, NY 2

A score of activists demonstrated outside the federal building and also inside the lobby and the office

of Sen. Chuck Schumer. There they read aloud the names of war dead. Late in the afternoon, Cynthia Banas and Paul Frazier were arrested when they refused to cease the protest.

3-23-2007 Washington, DC 2

Lori Perdue and Tighe Barry were arrested for shouting opposition from the House gallery to a war funding resolution under consideration. Tina Richards was escorted from the gallery earlier (and not charged) for holding a photo of her Marine son in front of her as she stood quietly.

3-29-2007 Washington, DC 7

The Tombstone action recreated a graveyard in the atrium of the Hart Senate Office Building. In July, Eve Tetaz, David Barrows, Gordon Clark, Joy First, Ellen Barfield, Samuel Crook and Malachy Kilbride, representing themselves, won a jury acquittal by arguing that their protest as the Senate voted \$95 billion more for war was no more disruptive than a comparable sized group of tourists, school groups or others. Tetaz, at 75 an undeterred elder among D.C. resisters, declared, "I will not remain silent as long as people are being killed in this illegal and immoral war."

4-1-2007 Nevada Test Site ~45

The annual Sacred Peace Walk from Las Vegas was greeted six days later upon their arrival at the gate by a "We Won't Be Fooled" rally. The Nevada Desert Experience's ecumenical gathering concluded with Martin Sheen leading dozens of activists across the line, where they were held briefly until issued citations and released.

4-5-2007 San Francisco, CA ~20

First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.

4-6-2007 Livermore, CA 64

Over 200 people marched to the gate of the nuclear weapons laboratory for the annual Good Friday demonstration. Two juveniles were among those arrested for blocking the road, and all were soon released from custody and not prosecuted.

4-6-2007 Valley Forge, PA 10

On Good Friday, people gathered in front of the Lockheed Martin weapons complex where the arms giant produces battlefield computers used in Iraq and components for cruise missiles. For the 30th consecutive year, the Brandywine Peace Community held its Stations of Justice and Peace demonstration, modeled on the traditional Stations of the Cross, and "paralleling the last steps and crucifixion of Jesus Christ with the contemporary crucifixion of Jesus and the human family that is war." Each Station along the procession was accompanied with a reading on the war in Iraq, militarism, social and environmental neglect, Lockheed Martin's obscene war profits, and examples of nonviolent resistance to war. Crosses bearing the names of Iraq war dead and Lockheed Martin

logos at the crucifixion nail points were carried into the entrance driveway. At the last station, "Jesus Dies on The Cross", a bell tolled and ten people continued on up the drive behind a tall cross and a banner reading "Lockheed Martin - War and Weapons - Christ Crucified." They were all arrested and released with a charge of disorderly conduct. Prosecution is not expected.

4-17-2007 Washington, DC 1

At a hearing of the Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on International Relations and Human Rights, European witnesses testified about how extraordinary rendition has affected U.S. standing with the European Community. Col. Ann Wright (Ret.) stood up behind the witnesses to reproach Rep. Dana Rohrabacker's aggressive questions in defense of extraordinary rendition and torture. "I didn't serve 29 years of my life in the Army to sit and listen to this..." Wright said, before the chair banged the gavel and ordered police to remove her. She was briefly detained but not charged after she and supporters agreed to leave the building.

4-26-2007 Washington, DC 14

As the Senate passed the latest war funding bill, a funeral for the Next War Victim ended with arrests in the atrium of the Hart Senate Office Building.

5-3-2007 San Francisco, CA 5

First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.

5-6-2007 Glen Ellyn, IL 2

Jeff Zurawsky and Sarah Hartfield displayed their discontent by hanging the U.S. flag upside down from the Great Western Trail pedestrian bridge over I-355. After awhile, a state trooper stopped and politely asked them to take it down. Jeff writes: "We took down our signs and were just about to leave when three DuPage County Sheriff's Deputies arrived and detained us. One Deputy, obviously angry [...], said he'd received a call that Sarah and I were throwing things onto the highway. He described our peaceful protest as 'mayhem', then told us he was a Veteran, had a son fighting in Afghanistan, and that our protest was disrespectful of the troops. We denied the false accusation about throwing stuff and tried to explain [...] that our country is in distress because our leaders have betrayed us. The angry Deputy wouldn't hear it. Two other officers took our personal information and checked it out on the computer back at their squad car. We were released shortly after that. Before we left, the irate Deputy threatened to arrest us then said he'd be sure to call the State's Attorney and that he hoped to see us again soon. I was arrested three weeks later and jailed for over seven hours. Sarah turned herself in a few days after that..." Charged first with disorderly conduct, prosecutors piled on reckless conduct and unlawful display of a sign, then dismissed them when the two would not plea bargain. Trial for disorderly conduct is set for August 20.

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5-11-2007 Portland, OR 2

Denied a registered place in the parade because their entry was "too political", ten CODEPink women nevertheless joined the tail end of the annual St. John's Parade, carrying pink umbrellas that spelled out the word "I-M-P-E-A-C-H". Over the cheers of the crowd, police ordered the group back onto the sidewalk, and cited two women for "Improper Position On Highway".

5-14-2007 Washington, DC 33

The Mother of a March from Peace (Lafayette) Park to the Capitol launched the "Swarm on Congress" campaign. Arrests were made when a group of marchers stopped at the intersection of Independence and New Jersey Avenues and in mourning and distress, raised to half-mast an upside down American flag. One person faced trial; the others paid a citation.

5-15-2007 Washington, DC 4

On the occasion of Attorney General Gonzales' breakfast appearance at the National Press Club, CODEPink women were removed and briefly detained before being barred.

5-17-2007 San Francisco, CA 13

During a public meeting of the University of California Board of Regents, a group of about 40 hunger-striking students again called the governing body to account for the nuclear weapons produced by the national weapons labs that they manage at Livermore and Los Alamos. A new 7-year government contract with the University to continue this management with corporate partners was formally announced at the meeting. When the Regents moved through the agenda of the labs' oversight committee without any comment on the moral and legal objections raised by the student disarmament activists, the students began calling out for a response to their demand that the University sever ties to the labs. Soon a chant of "Give peace a chance!" was taken up by the students and an overflow crowd of supporters. The regents left the room and called police to clear it. The students who remained locked arms and were soon arrested and removed to jail, where they were cited and released.

5-25-2007 Washington, DC 1

During a day when many activists were lobbying against the latest war funding bill, Eve Tetaz was arrested trying to enter the Hart Senate Office Building, violating a stay-away order imposed after previous arrests on Capitol Hill.

5-28-2007 Louisville, KY 1

Vietnam veteran Carol Trainer was arrested at a Beatles tribute festival - billed as a 40th anniversary celebration of the "Summer of Love" - while holding a sign that said "End the War". After several other Vietnam vets had already left the Iraq anti-war vigil, police accosted her, alleging she yelled at another person in the crowd. Two officers grabbed Trainer to take her away, and she momentarily resisted, only to be charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and felony assault on a police officer. "They were very aggressive," reported her husband. "It was really scary." One month later, Trainer entered a plea to resisting arrest in return for dismissal of the other charges. She was sentenced to 40 hours community service, and her record was expunged after its completion.

6-7-2007 San Francisco, CA 9

First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building. Prosecution of these arrests has stopped, with one defense attorney reporting the district attorney's complaint: "They don't know what to do with you, they have no space in jail - they give you community service and you 'just change places' for a couple days and have it done - they fine you and you don't pay, and by the time they set up court dates you've done it again!"

6-29-2007 Washington, DC 1

Eve Tetaz, dressed in burlap sackcloth and smudged with ashes, was arrested as she sat in mourning in front of the White House, holding a sign that read "Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because her children are no more." She was released within 90 minutes, and proceeded to the Hart Senate Office Building. Still in burlap and ashes, Tetaz requested a meeting with Sen. Clinton. She was arrested for violating a stay away order.

7-5-2007 San Francisco, CA 12

First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.

7-8-2007 West Terre Haute, IN 1

Christian peace walker Elliot Nesch was arrested en route from Denver to Washington, DC, when he refused to identify himself. Acting on a tip about a suspicious person, police accosted Nesch, who wore an orange jumpsuit and carried a sign declaring "Real Christians Don't Choose War." Respectful and citing the law, Nesch refused to identify himself and was taken into custody. He was released four hours later, after police had

searched his unattended support car at a nearby intersection. In court the next day, the charge of "false reporting" was dismissed.

7-9-2007 Washington, DC 1

Leslie Angeline, on the 22nd day of a hunger strike to meet with Sen. Joseph Lieberman over his threats to Iran, was arrested when she refused to leave the Senator's office. Two days later, he met and broke bread with Angeline and her guest, an Iranian bicyclist, biking for peace in the U.S.

7-10-2007 Washington, DC 2

Visiting California CODEPink activist Janet Weil and Heather were arrested for disrupting Congress, after they stood in the Gallery and applauded Sen. Barbara Boxer's anti-war speech, calling out "Thank you Senator!" The two women were released a few hours later.

7-23-2007 Washington, DC 46

Sit-in at Sen. John Conyer's office, demanding impeachment hearings on charges related to the Iraq war.

7-25-2007 Asheville, NC 2

The Buncombe County sheriff and district attorney had to back down and dismiss all charges of flag desecration, obstruction and assaulting a government employee against Mark and Deborah Kuhn. The couple were flying an upside-down U.S. flag on their home, a universal signal of distress, with a photo of the President pinned upon it, on which was written "Out Now!" City police investigated a complaint but issued no citation. A week later, a zealous deputy sheriff overstepped the city beat and took personally a fresh report of desecration. He knocked at the Kuhn's door. The couple came out on the porch and read the statute he presented. They took down the flag, but then refused a demand to show identification. Deborah asked if they were under arrest, but the deputy again demanded their ID. They walked back inside and put the deadbolt on the door. Witnesses agree that the deputy tried to force and then kicked repeatedly at the door, finally breaking a window and reaching in to unlock it. He chased Mark into the kitchen as Deborah called 911 to report the break-in and assault. The couple ran outside with the deputy in hot pursuit. By then, a back-up cop had arrived and the two cornered Mark, forcing him to ground with the threat of tasers. The couple were hauled off on two counts of assaulting a government official, resisting arrest, and desecrating an American flag. Their son posted \$1,500 bail. North Carolina's 1917 flag desecration statute had only been prosecuted twice before, and in 1971 it was declared unconstitutional. The deputy "probably shouldn't have been there to begin with," the sheriff admitted.

7-30-2007 Peoria, IL 1

Protesters decrying the lack of judicial review for alleged enemy combatants wanted to meet with Michelle Obama, but were instead ordered to leave the Civic Center event. One woman refused to leave and was arrested for trespass.

8-2-2007 San Francisco, CA 8

First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.

8-9-2007 Nevada Test Site ~10

Nagasaki Day action at the nuclear weapons test site.

8-13-2007 Asheville, NC 5

The Southeast Convergence for Climate Action promoted a vision of a "just, rapid, nuclear-free transition away from fossil fuels" with a weekend teach-in and nonviolent direct action. A sit-in and blockade targeted the Bank of America for bankrolling major coal mining and power plant projects in the region. "No Coal, No Nukes, No Kidding."

8-23-2007 San Francisco, CA 5

A score of CODEPink women were joined by a few men in blocking the doors of the federal building, protesting House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's refusal to meet with anti-war constituents and peace groups. Only after two hours did police move in to make a few arrests and open a doorway.

9-6-2007 Idaho Falls, ID 5

Three juveniles and two teens, Craig Bakker and Alexander Piet, were charged for spraypainting "War" beneath "STOP" on at least 155 of the town's red octagonal signs over the summer. The minors were referred to juvenile court, and originally, felony charges were filed against the 18- and 19-year-olds. Guilt was concluded on a reduced charge, and Bakker and Piet were sentenced in February to 180 days in jail, with 178 days suspended.

They were fined \$1,000 and must serve 40 hours of community service plus two years of supervised probation. Restitution to the City of Idaho Falls is yet to be determined, but damages were estimated at over \$8,000.

9-6-2007 San Francisco, CA 15

First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.



Blockaders arrived before dawn, outwitting police and shutting down the National Robotics Engineering Center in Pittsburgh, March 2, 2007.

9-6-2007 Washington, DC 3

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

9-10-2007 Washington, DC 11

While peace activists and others waited to get into a House Armed Services Committee where Gen. Petraeus reported on the "surge", police assaulted and arrested Rev. Lennox Yearwood, tearing ligaments in his leg and spraining his ankle. After a trip to the hospital, he was arrested and charged with assault on a police officer and disorderly conduct. Desiree Fairouz, Cindy Sheehan and Dede Miller were arrested for disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly after protesting this abuse. Inside the hearing, eight more people were arrested for disorderly conduct. Yearwood's assault charge was dismissed first, and when he appeared for trial in February, the charge of disorderly conduct was also dismissed.

9-11-2007 Washington, DC 1

David Barrows was arrested for unlawful conduct in Congress during testimony given by Gen. David Petraeus and Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker before the Senate Armed Services Committee. He was convicted in April and sentenced to eight months supervised probation, six months imprisonment suspended, 100 hours of community service and a \$1,100 fine with \$500 suspended. Prior to his sentencing, Barrows said, "Our voices must be heard - not the silence of apathy or the silence of cowardice; not the silence of selfish profiteering but the tears of families of young Americans who volunteered for war under false information."

9-15-2007 Albuquerque, NM 1

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

9-15-2007 Washington, DC 192

At least 50 Iraq Veterans Against the War led hundreds on a march from the White House to the Capitol, where most were arrested during a die-in. Others protesters who tried to cross police barricades were met with pepperspray. Most were jailed overnight, and at least five were jailed until Monday on outstanding warrants. Most paid a citation fine, but 11 appeared for trial in January. In their opening statements at trial, the defendants argued that the police line was unconstitutionally set up, since it was formed to prevent protected speech without sufficient cause for a time and place restriction, and no crimes were committed as the police helped or pulled protesters across the line. The government's case collapsed during the testimony of a Capitol Police officer when it became evident that the government failed to provide adequate discovery to the defense. One of the documents which was withheld included a "police sensitive document related to terrorism." A motion for judgment of acquittal was granted.

9-18-2007 Washington, DC 5

Leah Bolger, David Barrows, Christine Rainwater, Anne Kitridge, and Anne Katz were arrested

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by Capitol Police while counter-demonstrating at a pro-war rally in Upper Senate Park on Capitol Hill. Barrows was convicted in February of assaulting a pro-war demonstrator and sentenced April 8 to 14 days imprisonment, suspended; six months of unsupervised probation plus fines and fees totaling \$400.

9-20-2007 Washington, DC 37

The National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance (NCNR) and The Declaration of Peace, along with the Baltimore Pledge of Resistance, Peace Action Montgomery, and others, carried out solemn, powerful nonviolent "Die-In" actions inside the U.S. Capitol Crypt (below the Rotunda) and outside the Capitol building on the west (front) steps. The Rivers of Blood action in the Crypt resulted in 34 arrests for disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly. At trial January 31, the disorderly conduct charges were dropped when all sides realized they had been improperly applied. But Judge Ann O'Regan Keary convicted 31 defendants of unlawful assembly, explaining that the painted tee shirts worn by the defendants and the Rivers of Blood banner were provocative and a breach of peace. She claimed that the die-in could have caused others to engage in violence, although the government never presented any such evidence. The defendants were sentenced to 3-10 days in jail, suspended, plus six months unsupervised probation and payment of \$50 or \$100 to a crime victim's fund. Upstairs in the House chamber on September 20, Mike Ferner and Linda Weiner stood up in the gallery and shouted "Congress! Congress! Funding the war is killing our troops. Please stop." Ferner was convicted of disturbing Congress by a Superior Court jury. He refused to pay a \$100 fine and was sent to jail. Ferner was released after serving less than 24 hours. An additional arrest was reported during a support action outside the Capitol.

9-21-2007 Duluth, MN 10

Activists had an appointment at the office of Rep. James Oberstar (D-MN), which is in the federal courthouse. Duluth police and Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents barred activists from entering the courthouse while allowing other visitors in. The activists sat at the doorway, and were arrested and jailed when they refused to leave. At the start of their trial in February, two motions for dismissal were filed by nine of the defendants, alleging the police had violated their Constitutional rights to free speech and association, peaceful assembly and the redress of grievances. St. Louis County Court Judge Gerald Maher granted the motion. A tenth defendant, Bonnie Urfer, never went to court and had a warrant issued for her arrest last fall.

9-21-2007 Washington, DC 1

On International Peace Day, several CODE-Pink women visited the Presidential memorials around Washington to vigil with photos of Iraqi war dead, and sing and chant for peace. At some point, all were stopped for identification and one woman was cited.

9-25-2007 New York City, NY 11

Up to 1,000 people joined a demonstration outside of United Nations headquarters during President Bush's address there, then half that number marched under heavy police presence for an unpermitted rally at Washington Square Park. At least ten who crossed the barricades at the UN were arrested, and one man who had used a bullhorn during the march was cited for violating sound restrictions when they got into the park.

10-4-2007 San Francisco, CA 10

First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.

10-10-2007 Omaha, NE 3

Peg Gallagher, Fr. Jack McCaslin, and Jerry Ebner were arrested for refusing to leave the Space Defense Conference at the Qwest Center, where they staged a die-in protest of the nuclear and space warfare directed by conference sponsor, the U.S. Strategic Command at nearby Offutt Air Force Base. Ebner and McCaslin were convicted and sentenced to their choice of a \$75 fine, community service or 2 days in jail. Ebner served two days in January, and McCaslin paid the fine. Gallagher pled to six months probation.

10-10-2007 Washington, DC 2

After an unsuccessful effort to arrange hand-delivery with the White House's public liaison office, Rev. Linda Jaramillo and Rev. John Thomas tried to deliver a peace petition with 60,000 signatures to the President's front gate. After ignoring three warnings from police, the ministers were taken into custody for refusing to leave the no-protest zone near the gate.

10-12-2007 Eugene, OR 5

Seven local Quakers visited Sen. Gordon Smith's office in the federal courthouse and presented staff with a packet of personal statements urging him to oppose Iraq war funding bills. When they were ordered to leave, two juveniles did. Lisette Ewing, Laurie Knackstedt, Max Knackstedt, Peg Morton and Paul Qualtere-

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Witness Against War 2008

Voices for Creative Nonviolence is sponsoring a peace walk beginning July 12 in Chicago to conclude on August 31 in St. Paul - in time for the start of the 2008 Republican Party convention. Witness Against War will include acts of nonviolent civil resistance aiming to bring about an end to the Iraq war. Potential locations may include the offices of Congressional Representatives who continue to vote to fund the Iraq War and Fort McCoy, WI, where some units train before being deployed to Iraq. To become involved e-mail witnessagainstar@vcnv.org or call (773)878-3815.

Urban Action Camp

No War No Warming hosts their first Urban Action Camp, July 21-24 in Washington, D.C. Training will focus on theory, building skills, and practicing Direct Action tactics on the streets of D.C. Visit nowarnowarming.org for more information and camp application.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki

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

Bangor

The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action will host a weekend of film, speakers, regional networking, street theater and nonviolent action preparation, August 9-10, followed by nonviolent resistance to the Trident nuclear submarines at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, Monday morning, August 11. A Peace Walk begins August 3 at Bainbridge Island and will be present in Tacoma for the Hiroshima Day federal court trial of Bangor resister Fr. Bill Bichsel, before proceeding on to Bangor. For more information contact Ground Zero at (360)377-2586, e-mail: info@gzcenter.org or visit gzcenter.org

Livermore

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

Nevada Test Site

The Nevada Desert Experience (NDE), together with representatives of the United Methodist Board's Peace with Justice Committee from Southern California and Hawaii and other local interfaith groups, will commemorate the 63rd anniversary with a vigil, listening and acting at the Test Site on August 8, 7 - 10 p.m. This will be part of NDE's 2nd Environmental Justice Teach-in, August 7-9, at Christ Episcopal Church, Maryland Parkway and St. Louis Ave. in Las Vegas. For more information, contact NDE, 1420 W. Bartlett Ave, Las Vegas, NV 89106, (702)646-4814, e-mail: megan@NevadaDesertExperience.org www.NevadaDesertExperience.org

Pittsburgh

Duncan and Porter Catholic Worker is hosting "From Nagasaki to Fallujah, a gathering of peace and civil disobedience" at the Software Engineering Institute, Fifth Ave., across from St. Paul's Cathedral, 2 p.m. Saturday, August 9. Contact vincenteirene@gmail.com

Washington, DC

The annual Faith and Resistance Retreat will reflect and act at the Pentagon, White House, etc. on the theme of Empire and Nuclear Weapons - How nuclear weapons keep the empire going. Gather from the evening of August 5 through August 9 at St. Stephen and the Incarnation Church at 16th and Newton, in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Jonah House, 1301 Moreland Ave. Baltimore, MD 21216; 410-233-6238; disarmnow@jonahhouse.org

Southeast Convergence for Climate Action

Join people of all ages and backgrounds from throughout the Southeast and beyond for the second annual Southeast Convergence action camp, August 5-11. This year's convergence will be hosted in Virginia (at Sophia House in Louisa County) where communities are fighting uranium mining, nuclear power, mountaintop removal coal mining, and new (as well as old) coal plants. Unite to fight the coal industry's stranglehold on the region while rejecting the deadly nuke industry's attempt to position itself as the solution to the climate crisis. Visit www.climateconvergence.org or e-mail risingtide@mountain-rebel.net

There are also convergence events in Oregon and New York State (see website) but the one in the southeast has the greatest focus on nuclear issues.

Büchel, Germany



From August 24-31, German peace and disarmament groups are coming together for an action camp in Büchel, with new resolve for civil disobedience to rid their country of U.S. nuclear weapons. The air base at Büchel is the last deployment site of nuclear weapons in Germany. The

German group GAAA (Gewaltfreien Aktion Atomwaffen Abschaffen, or Nonviolent Action for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons) is collecting declarations of intent to "nonviolently find my way into the military base Büchel on August 30...to disturb the smoothly working situation [which makes] use of these weapons possible at any moment." For more information, visit europeanpeaceaction.org/events.

Young people are especially invited to come early and stay late for a work camp from August 16- September 3 in support of the Büchel gathering. Participants of the work camp will set up tents, mark paths, cook, paint and hang up banners, and play street theater. They will help to build up peace camp for the action week, and help to feed arriving groups and support them in their activities. A good knowledge of English is important! For information and work camp registration, e-mail workcamp@pressehuette.de

Malmö, Sweden

As part of the European Social Forum in Malmö, Sweden, September 17-21 the Swedish network Ofog will host a forum to bring together different active peace movements from all over Europe. They will work to develop common strategies and campaigns among peace campaigns in Europe, with a focus on direct action and grassroots organizing. The overarching theme for the entire forum will be how to strengthen our resistance against militarization. During the forum there will be also be a day of direct actions against arms companies in the region. For more information visit europeanpeaceaction.org

Salina

The Heartland Speaks is a three day teach-in leading up to Hawgsmoke '08, an A-10 bombing and strafing competition which begins at Salina Regional Airport on October 15. Learn about increased militarization and its effects on the heartland, meet and dialogue with those of diverse views, train, plan, and carry out a nonviolent direct action to celebrate all life. Monday through Wednesday, October 13 - 15, at the Quality Inn and Suites, 2110 W. Crawford, Salina, Kansas. Visit salinapeace.org to register, or contact Salina People for Peace, 141 S. Clark St., Salina, KS 67401, (785)643-5334, e-mail s4p@cox.net

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

10-22-2007 Washington, DC 68

No War, No Warming action arrests began by 8 a.m., when activists blocked the Capitol Hill intersection of New Jersey and Independence Avenues, where more than 30 people were arrested. More arrests were reported in the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building. Others were arrested outside the building, including the Polar Bear 7, who had dressed up as polar bears and sang and danced their way down sidewalks to remind Congress of the connection between war and global warming. In November, Eda and Mike Uca-Dorn pled guilty to unlawful assembly and incommoding (inconveniencing) and were sentenced to three months unsupervised probation, 3 days of community service, 5 days suspended sentence and a \$50 assessment fee. In February, two of the Polar Bear 7 had charges dismissed and five others were convicted of failure to obey a police officer. Many others had charges dismissed, in contrast to Rev. Lennox Yearwood, who wasn't even arrested at the protest that day. In April, 2008, he was cited for disorderly conduct and unlawful assembly during this protest.

10-24-2007 Washington, DC 5

CODEPink's Desiree Fairouz confronted Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice at a congressional hearing, holding out red-stained hands while telling Rice, "The blood of millions of Iraqis is on your hands!" and calling her a war criminal. Chairman Tom Lantos ordered the pinksters evicted, and police quickly grabbed Liz Hourican and dragged her from the hearing room. After being subdued on the floor of the hallway, they charged her with three counts of assaulting a police officer, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. Lori, who came to Hourican's aid, was also arrested, as were Paul Zulkowitz and Medea Benjamin later during the hearing. Benjamin, Hourican and Fairouz were jailed overnight, and barred from the building. At her bench trial in January, Hourican was acquitted by a judge who found evidence on all the charges lacking. Fairouz was convicted

of disorderly conduct May 2. The government asked for 90 days in the can. While the judge said there is a price to be paid for civil disobedience that included jail time, he suspended a five-day sentence, gave her three months of unsupervised probation and ordered her to pay \$50 to the violent crime victims' fund.

11-1-2007 San Francisco, CA 10

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11-6-2007 Washington, DC 1

Gandhi Peace Brigadeer Jes Richardson, addressing California Sen. Diane Feinstein just after her Judiciary Committee vote to confirm Michael Mukasey as Attorney General, shouted "Shame on you Senator, shame on you. I live in California ..." and was arrested. He was cited and released a few hours later.

11-11-2007 Boston, MA 18

Fifteen members of Veterans for Peace and three supporters were arrested after they refused to move away from the podium at an American Legion Veteran's Day event outside City Hall. The group, including 92-year-old WWII veteran Paul Brailsford, had lined up with anti-war placards as military and ROTC color guards filed into the plaza, and were led away in handcuffs as the Boston Fireman's Band played The Marine Hymn. Prosecutors were willing to reduce the charge of disturbing a lawful assembly to a civil citation, but the municipal judge heard the facts of the case and dismissed it entirely.

11-12-2007 Washington, DC 1

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

11-19-2007 Gainesville, FL 2

At his first public appearance since quitting, former Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez was joined on stage at the University of Florida by students Richard Gutierrez and Kevin Hachey, who wore orange jumpsuits and black hoods on their heads. Both men were removed by police and charged with disrupting a public event. Other protesters stood in the audience and revealed the

word SHAME printed on their yellow tee shirts as they turned their backs on Gonzalez.

12-6-2007 San Francisco, CA 8

First Thursday die-in and blockade of Federal Building.

12-7-2007 Washington, DC 1

Tighe Barry, just deported from Pakistan, was arrested at a Senate hearing and held for five hours after protesting military aid to the Musharraf regime.

12-17-2007 Fayetteville, NC 2

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

12-19-2007 Washington, DC 2

Gael Murphy and Desiree Fairouz from CODEPink were detained again at the Rayburn Office Building, and removed.



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