

Please Join:

Brian Willson

Daniel Ellsberg

Gloria Canas, CRECE

Ken Butigan, POR

Mila Thomas

John Dear, S.J.

Jennifer Viereck, NA

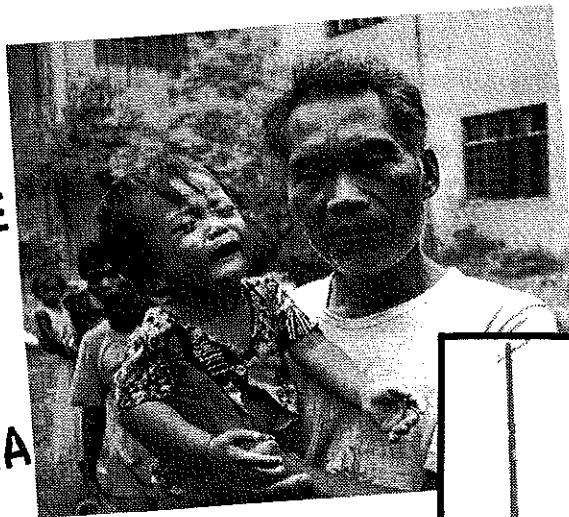
music with:

Betsy Rose

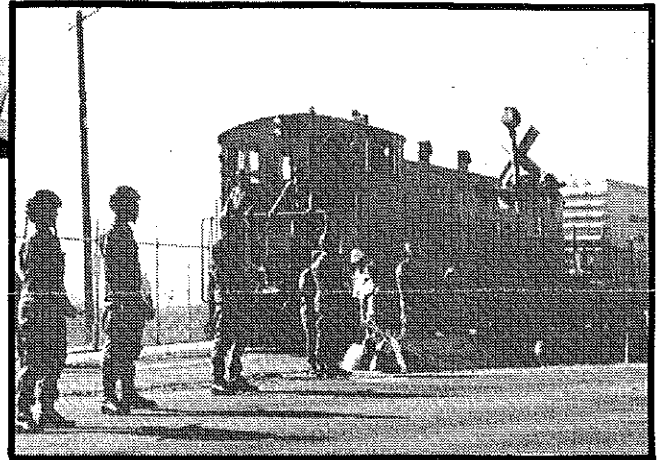
Francisco Herrera

Daniel Zwickel

& other invited guests



September 1, 1990
Saturday at 11:00 AM



A Call to end the flow of bombs & bullets from the U.S. from El Salvador & the Philippines

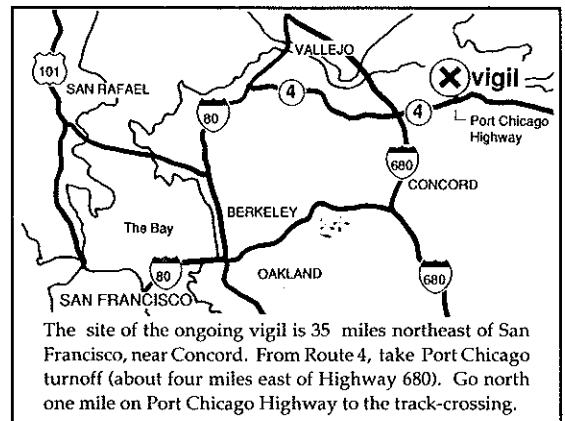
Rally & Nonviolent Direct Action at the Concord Naval Weapons Station

Weapons continue to be shipped from Concord Naval Weapons Station to El Salvador, the Philippines and other countries guilty of gross human rights violations, in violation of U.S., international and moral law.

Sept. 1st marks the 3rd anniversary of the assault on Brian Willson and 4 others by a loaded weapons train as they began a fast on the tracks, and the beginning of the 24 hour vigil that continues there today.

**Cosponsored by Nuremberg Actions, Jesuits
& students of the Jesuit School of Theology
& Bay Area Pax Christi.**

Contact John Dear, S.J. at 415-655-8933 if you need more information.



The site of the ongoing vigil is 35 miles northeast of San Francisco, near Concord. From Route 4, take Port Chicago Highway turnoff (about four miles east of Highway 680). Go north one mile on Port Chicago Highway to the track-crossing.

Philippines Wants Us Bases Out

The future of US military bases in the Philippines is of great interest to people on both side of the issue at Concord Naval Weapons Station. As the primary supplier of munitions on the US west coast, CNWS supplies the firepower in the Philippines, from nukes to napalm.

Polls indicate that a majority of people living in Manila oppose the US military bases for reasons of both national security and sovereignty. The bases make them a target in the event of a super power war.

The Philippine Constitution of 1987 states that foreign military bases may remain only by way of a full treaty. In 1989, the Senate passed a resolution stating that they would not approve any Bases Treaty, and stipulating that any "phased out" period must be completed by September 16, 1991.

The Philippine Constitution further states that the Philippines will be "free of nuclear weapons". The US military continues to "neither confirm nor deny" the presence of nuclear weapons. Economists maintain that the bases are actually a drain on the Philippine economy and with leadership from the government and local planning, more employment would be generated by civilian industry and agribusiness. Because of the US bases, the Philippines has been barred from membership in the Non-Aligned Movement. Although the Constitution delineates a non-aligned foreign policy, the bases have been a springboard for US intervention throughout the region. Most recently, over 60% of the supplies used by the US forces in the Persian Gulf came through Subic Bay Naval Base (and therefore CNWS).

The social impact of the bases is also a source of anti-base opinion. Drug abuse is endemic in the communities adjacent to the US bases, and over 16,000 women are engaged in prostitution. The introduction of AIDS into the Philippines has been traced to the presence of the bases.

Military Interventions from the Bases in the Philippines

- 1900 Philippines serves as staging area for US troops sent to China to crush the Boxer Rebellion.
- 1918-20 Bases used for US intervention in Siberia during Russian Civil War.
- 1950-53 Bases serve as logistical support for US forces in Korea
- 1954 Eisenhower Administration plans massive air strike on Viet Minh in Dienbienphu involving nuclear attack by bomber from Clark AFB. Plan is later dropped
- 1958 US naval units from Subic sent to Taiwan Straits to support Kuomintang forces at Quemoy and Matsu.
- 1958 Bases used for clandestine supply of US-supported right-wing rebels in Indonesia.
- 1950s U-2 flights took place from Clark
- 1950s CIA actions against China
- 1962 Air Force Units from Clark deployed to Thailand in a US show of force to support rightwing forces in Laos.
- 1971 Naval forces from Subic deployed to Bay of Bengal during Indo-Pakistani War.
- 1973 Regular deployment of Subic-based units to Indian Ocean begins.
- 1975 Subic serves as staging area for incursions into Kampuchea in relation to USS Mayaguez incident.
- 1955-75 USNavy sent warships to protect US interests in East Asia and Indian Ocean 26 times

El Salvador Diary: Concord Bombs

6/30--"This morning we woke up to the sound of planes flying overhead. As they drew near, the mother of the family where we are staying came to wake her children. As we started for the underground shelter (tatu, as people here call it) the first bomb fell some few kilometers from here. In moments we were all crouched together in the darkness of the underground cave. I asked what kind of plane it was: "A-37". Two, three, four bombs fell. Then the final pass to strafe the area with 50mm. machine guns.

As I look around me in the shelter, we are two families and myself. One mother crouches together with her three daughters, Adela (12 years old), Miriam (8) and Wilma (5). Another mother next to me watches over her 4 year old as she nurses her 18 month old daughter.

As I look around at the faces of these children and their families, and listen to the resounding explosions around us, I cannot help but think of the origin of this violence. Sounds of passing planes overhead which I have heard a thousand times in my life, for these children mean only fear, destruction and violence.

I try to imagine the pilot, and remember testimonies of U.S. pilots in Vietnam who were captured or turned against the war. Does he imagine against whom these bombs are aimed? Does he see as clearly as I do the faces of these children?

7/1--"Today we journeyed to the casario where the bombs fell yesterday. As we arrived, we could see the destruction caused by several of the bombs. Some of the people took me to see one of the bombs which failed to explode. As we approached, I could see the orange body lying harmless in the bushes. It appeared much smaller than I had imagined, perhaps four feet in length. The following data I copied directly from the bomb shell:

Transportation Control No.
DESCDC 304B 7700 XBX
From: W66E20
Umatilla Depot Activity
Hermiston, Oregon 97838
To: 3CDTONWS
Concord Cal.
DC3 Acajutla
Traffic Management Officer
El Salvador Air Force
CO US MILGP AFSEC
San Salvador, El Salvador (underlining added-ed.)

One only hopes, perhaps, that the factory workers who assemble these bombs, the depot workers in Hermiston, Oregon and Concord, California might one day realize that the fruit of their labor, the destiny of these bombs, is to destroy the civilian population in El Salvador, to destroy the lives of Adela, Miriam, Wilma, Elisabeth and Teresita who huddled together with me in the underground shelter yesterday."

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Taken from the diary of a lay missionary who travelled in Chaletenango in June and July of 1983. According to CNWS internal documents, the Concord base sent four shipments of munitions to El Salvador, totalling 3,954 metric tons, in 1983.



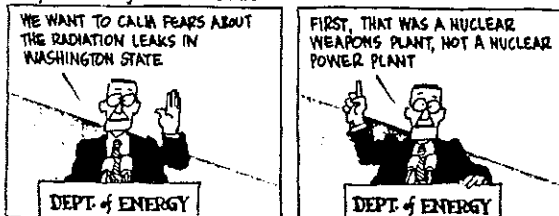
Between the Lines

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ALERT ALERT ALERT!

Just when you thought the B2 Bomber was dead--the U.S. is saving the world again. Not content with just boycotting Iraqi oil exports, the U.S. is sending the boys in. No we don't mean Humbolt County, we mean Saudi Arabia. During most of the summer, one lone ammo ship, the Mauna Kea, has graced the piers of the Concord Naval Weapons Station. But on Monday, August 6th, there was a full house. At the piers were also the Kiska, the Santa Adela (a commercial ship) and the Shasta. The Kiska was being furiously loaded at the 'nuclear' pier, under the red flag, indicating the presence of 'special weapons', as they're called.



SEPT. 1ST RALLY & DIRECT ACTION

Plans are in their final stages for Saturday, September 1st at the tracks. The Rally will begin at 11:00AM with Brian Willson, Daniel Ellsberg, and music by Betsy Rose, Francisco Herrera and Daniel Zwickel. Other speakers include Mila Thomas, of the Church Network on the Philippines, Gloria Canas of CRECE, Ken Butigan of the Pledge of Resistance and Jennifer Viereck, Nuremberg Actions. Program MC will be John Dear, S.J., recently returned from both the Philippines and El Salvador.

The theme of the rally is to stop weapons shipments to both the Philippines and El Salvador from Concord Naval Weapons Station. In addition to the well-documented human rights violations being committed daily by these two governments with the help of U.S. aid, there is an added urgency. The next vote for aid to El Salvador will be coming up shortly after Congress reconvenes in September. Also, September is a month of designated actions world-wide (see calendar) to bring attention to the deadline of getting U.S. bases out of the Philippines by Sept. 16, 1991. (See back of Rally flyer for related stories.)

Following the Rally, those who are moved to will participate in nonviolent direct action to carry our message to the Concord Naval Weapons Station. Prop-making workshops will take place soon, with the guidance a friendly prosthetics maker. If you are intrigued and want to help, volunteers are badly needed. Call Elizabeth Hallett at 415-751-5772 to sign up.

"At a time in history when massive democratic movements are sweeping aside established dictatorships throughout the world, the American people are being challenged. They are being challenged to pause and re-examine the toll which covert political operations have exacted abroad-and here-now."

Howard C. Hughes, Sonoma County CA Rainbow Coalition



David Hartsough & David Duncombe block a train.

OFF THE TRACKS & INTO THE JAILS

Rev. David Duncombe was sentenced on July 27, by Judge Douglas Cunningham, after a four day jury trial. He was charged with 17 counts for blocking weapons vehicles at CNWS, and convicted of 15. Duncombe chose to defend himself, but was advised by Western States Legal Foundation, a non-profit foundation with expertise in political cases and international law.

Rev. Duncombe is the Director of the Landberg Center for Health and Ministry at UCSF. He is a two-time Army veteran, and a former weapons designer. While still believing deeply in the armed forces as a defensive peacekeeping force, he has come to believe that the U.S. is guilty of war crimes as defined by the United Nations Charter, the Nuremberg Principles, and other bodies of international law. By supplying weapons to governments that turn them against helpless civilian populations, such as El Salvador and the Philippines, the U.S. is complicit in those crimes.

Duncombe stated during the trial, "What I am doing at CNWS is my way of being patriotic...of restoring my country to its greatness."

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Duncombe has been a weekly participant of the 24-hour vigil and blockade at CNWS for almost three years. He was on the tracks beside Brian Willson on September 1, 1987 when Willson was struck by a weapons train. Unlike Willson who was sitting, Duncombe was standing when the train hit, and was able to leap to the side.

Duncombe stated after sentencing, "The four day trial proved an exhausting and frustrating experience for me, because of the way the court limited the scope of the testimony."

He continued, "In talking to a number of the jurors afterwards, they admitted their frustration with not being able to consider my purpose. Most telling, though, was their admission that they would have voted for acquittal had we been allowed to use our international law defense."

Throughout the trial, Duncombe referred to an image now etched in history, that of the lone Chinese man blocking the path of a column of tanks in Tienanmen Square. Duncombe addressed the jury, "If this man survived, he would probably have ended up in a courtroom like this one, charged with the equivalent of 647c, blocking a public thoroughfare...It is my defense that this law is a yardstick too short to gauge the magnitude of these acts."

Judge Cunningham stated at the time of sentencing, "I am humbled by the responsibility of imposing a sentence upon you. I find you completely unselfish in your motive, and responsive to a higher command than that of the legislative branch of the state of California."

With credit for time already served and time off for good behavior, Duncombe should be released around Sept. 5.

WHAT'S IN A NAME...

You may have noticed that we've had a name change. Actually we've finally got a name after several years as Nuremberg Action News, for lack of a better idea. Our new name, Between the Lines, was chosen to more accurately reflect the varied issues that Nuremberg Actions members have addressed, both on these pages and in person. This summer, many NA people have been involved in Redwood Summer, Homeless rights issues and the Anti-Nuclear Movement as well as continuing the 24-hour vigil at Concord Naval Weapons Station to demand a sane lawful U.S. foreign policy. We feel that these are all related, as different symptoms of a world-wide illness based on consumerism and power addiction.

Future issues will continue to include updates on current events and new issues such as new evidence that the 7/17/44 Port Chicago Explosion was a deliberate nuclear experiment.

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Nuremberg Actions is a member of the Coalition for Peace and Sovereignty in the Asia-Pacific, the Nicaragua Solidarity Coalition, and an affiliate of the National Mobilization for Survival.



BEST ORGANIZING VIDEOS:

A RUSTLING OF LEAVES: INSIDE THE PHILIPPINE REVOLUTION

Excellent documentary by Canadian Nettie Wilde. Incredible footage of both sides delineating what 'low intensity conflict' really means. Available through the Empowerment Project (the people who brought you 'Coverup'), 1653 18th St. #3, Santa Monica CA 90404. \$39.95 plus \$4.50 shipping.

REDWOOD SUMMER

A well done fast paced video, 20 minutes long. Good graphic imagery and clear facts about the fate of the environment in the Pacific Northwest. Ecovideographe, POB 2215-R Market St. #464, San Francisco CA 94114. 800-783-8888 or in S.F., 995-4685. \$15-25.

A DECADE OF ABUSE: HUMAN RIGHTS IN EL SALVADOR

A compilation of material assembled by the Non-Governmental Human Rights Commission of El Salvador, and then smuggled out of the country. All 8 founding members of the Commission have been murdered or disappeared. Show this to your Congressperson or anyone else who is still an unbeliever. Marin Interfaith Task Force on Central America, 1024 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. San Anselmo CA 94960. 415-454-0818. \$19 postpaid.

WHERE TO BE, WHEN TO BE THERE:

8/6 & 8/9---8:AM Hiroshima/Nagasaki Days at the Tracks. Memorial service, march to the Nuclear Bunker and direct action.

8/8---9:00 AM Ecumenical Peace Institute, Mustardseed AG at tracks.

8/9---9:00 AM Sonoma Co., Redwood Friends & War tax Resisters at the tracks.

8/15--Pre-trial hearing for Geronimo Garcia, trial probably to start the following week. Mt. Diablo Municipal Court, Concord.

8/19--10:00 AM Buddhist Peace Fellowship Meditation at the tracks.

9/1---11:00 AM Rally & Action at the tracks. Please post enclosed flyer!

9/8---11:30-5:00 International Peace Festival, Susanna Park in Martinez. Music, Food, Crafts, Games, Raffle. Come to NA table!

9/17--7:30 PM Town Hall Meeting: Should U.S. bases in the Philippines be removed? Humanist Fellowship Hall, 411 28th St. Oakland. Additional parking at 390 27th St. Wheel chair accessible, child care provided.

Every Friday from 12:30 to 1:30---Women in Black. at Cody's Bookstore in Berkeley and City Hall in S.F. to protest Israeli occupation of Palestinian people. Please wear black. Signs provided.

There will be no Nonviolence Study Group in August. It resumes in Sept. on the 13th, or second Thursday of the month. Truck blocking trainings will resume after Sept. 5, when David Duncombe gets out of jail.