
Between the Lines

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RECESSION SOLUTION

David Aronoff

Because of the growing army of jobless and homeless, the growing number of Americans in need of health care, and millions of children going to bed hungry, the statement below is most relevant and deserves your support. Please copy this statement and present it to your union, to your church, to your club. Send copies to your newspaper, to your state and federal representative. Send a copy to Bush.

A 32 hour week is not an impossible dream. If it can materialize, it can put Americans on jobs, it can rebuild our decaying cities and can bring back the pride of being able to take care of your family and secure a future for your children.

At the beginning of this century, the 72 hour work week was gradually reduced to the present 40 hour work week without any cuts in wages. This was to compensate for the labor-saving achievements of the industrial revolution. This did not come about without many years of struggle and education. To equalize, compensate and let wage earners share in the benefits of the electronic revolution, the work week must be reduced to 32 hours with no reduction in pay. This, too, will not happen without struggle and education. But when it comes, our nation will enjoy a 20% jump in employment and an end to unemployment and the recession.

Where will the extra 20% come from? The cost of unemployment pay will be eliminated. The cost of unemployment personnel and administration will become obsolete. The new wage earners will become consumers and aid the economy. Workers' added leisure time will further business, education, sports and travel. Government will be able to offer tax benefits to employers and collect more income tax money than ever before. ●

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**INSIDE: LOOKING SOUTH: CUBA, HAITI,
GUATEMALA & EL SALVADOR
UPCOMING ANTI-NUKE EVENTS**

MARCH 28: BIKES AT THE TRACKS!

On Saturday, March 28th at 9:00 am, people will gather at the tracks to send off a group of bicyclists called Peace Spokes. They will be leaving from the Concord Naval Weapons Station on their second annual ride to the Nevada Nuclear Test Site. The 30 or so Bay Area riders expect to meet with an equal number in Stockton, for the two week trip to the test site. They will meet others from So. Ca. in Barstow, and stop for 2 days of NV trainings before joining the 100th Monkey Project and the Nevada Desert Experience in Nevada.

Along the way Peace Spokes plans on holding community education forums on alternative technology and transportation, and have solar equipment for the trip that they can demonstrate. In addition to their focus on the need for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, Peace Spokes wants to use this journey through the Central Valley to support the rights of farmworkers. In this year of support for 500 Years of Indigenous Resistance, farmworkers, who are direct descendants of the original people, remain invisible to many.

Please join us at the tracks at 9:00 am to send them off! They are peddling 60 miles a day. All we have to do is show up and thank them. See you there.

For more info, Contact Tim Mercer at Seeds of Peace, 2440 16th St., Box 241, San Francisco CA 94103. 510-420-1799. ●

TESTING MORATORIUM ACT

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt (D-MO) and Rep. Mike Kopetski (D-OR) introduced in November the Nuclear Testing Moratorium Act (HR 3636), a bill to ban the testing of nuclear weapons for a period of one year unless the Soviet Union or its successor states conduct a test during that period. It has been cosponsored by 179 Reps. so far. A similar bill (S 2046) has been introduced in the Senate by Mark Hatfield (D-OR) and George Mitchell (D-ME).

Russia has announced a unilateral moratorium on testing, and the primary Soviet site in Kazakhstan has been permanently shut down and converted to peaceful purposes. The Bush administration remains the only serious stumbling block to a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. The majority of Americans have supported a ban for years. Senators and Representatives trying to outflank the administration need our fast and powerful support. This could be the step that makes the difference.

ACTION: Call or write your officials immediately to ask that they take a strong public stand in co-sponsoring these bills! ●

**WE WHO BELIEVE IN FREEDOM CANNOT REST UNTIL IT COMES— Sweet Honey
in the Rock**

MARCH 21-24: SUPPORT FOR HAITI

The situation in Haiti continues to worsen, since the coup on Sept. 30, 1991, that overthrew the President Jean Bertrand Aristide. Aristide was elected by a majority of 67% in 1990 in a closely watched election.

Senator Ted Kennedy issued a statement on Feb. 21, detailing the report of a bi-partisan delegation of the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Refugee Affairs that travelled to both Haiti and Cuba, where the US is holding Haitians at its Naval Base. He states that their investigation "documents continuing widespread and brutal repression in Haiti comparable to the worst days of the Duvalier dictatorship. Massive displacement has taken place and over 15,000 Haitians have fled the country... Although an impressive operation is in place to care for the Haitian boat people in Guantanamo, the current system of screening refugees fails to admit an estimated 10-15% who are directly at risk if they return to Haiti. Coupled with the 37% currently granted entry to the US, this vulnerable group brings the number of Haitians directly at risk if they are returned to Haiti to 50% of the 15,000 who have fled since last October. The other 50% may also be caught up in the general violence and repression if they are returned under the current situation. Adequate means to monitor this risk do not now exist....

"A level of repression not seen since the Duvalier days threatens every sector of the society perceived as having supported President Aristide. Local political leaders, journalists, church officials, peasant and labor groups, and human rights workers have been targeted, harassed, threatened, and in some cases killed."

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights estimates that at least 1,500 people have been killed in Haiti since the coup. The US response to the 15,000 refugees fleeing the country has been both inadequate and illegal, under international law obligations.

A recent Americas Watch report reads in part: "The prohibition of 'refoulement' contained in the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, which the United States has ratified, requires the US to ensure that no Haitians are forcibly repatriated to face political persecution. Under the conditions of widespread political repression that currently prevail in Haiti, we believe that this obligation cannot be fulfilled by the summary procedures employed at Guantanamo."

The Bush administration insists that Haitians fleeing the country are economic and not political refugees, and is determined to send them back. On Nov. 19, a federal judge issued a temporary restraining order stopping forced repatriation, which the administration has made repeated attempts to reverse. On Dec. 3, that order was extended for a short period until the government comes up with a fairer asylum review process.

Response in the US in support of Haitians has been varied. The 82 year old legend of African American dance, Katherine Dunham, who founded the nations first Black dance troupe in 1931, began a fast on February 1 in Philadelphia. Dick Gregory joined her one week later. Ms. Durham has never fasted before, or been particularly involved in politics, but

she has spent part of her life in Haiti, studying dance, culture and religion which in Haiti are inextricably intertwined. She now cannot be dissuaded from her fast.

Rep. Mazzoli (D-KY) has introduced HR 3844, which would give 'temporary departure status' to Haitian refugees. The OAS has sponsored an embargo, which Bush has partially lifted. This is seen in Haiti as a success for the military regime.

ACTION: Groups all over the country are calling for a rapid response on the part of US citizens. The Pledge of Resistance and other groups are calling for National Days of Action in Solidarity with Haiti, March 21-24. Demands are that the US government:

- * Increase diplomatic pressure to support the OAS resolution for the immediate and unconditional return of President Aristide and the restoration of democracy in Haiti;
- * Stop forced repatriation of Haitian refugees;
- * Grant 'temporary protected status' to all Haitian refugees until Aristide is returned and democracy restored;
- * Commit to help rebuild Haiti and engage in collaborative economic development once democracy is restored.

Suggested actions are:

- * Nonviolent, creative actions at INS or Federal buildings;
- * Rush hour bannering;
- * Fasting in solidarity with Katherine Durham and Haiti;
- * Demonstrations, vigils and marches;
- * Congressional/Presidential candidate call-ins on Friday, March 21.

The National Pledge office will provide coordination of ideas and actions, a sample press kit and list of planned actions, updates, and national press work.

For more info: contact Judy Rohrer, National Pledge of Resistance Coordinator, at 510-655-1181. ©

GUATEMALAN AID AGAIN?

The report of Canny Poppin, of the Illinois Fox Valley Pledge of Resistance, on her trip to Guatemala last summer, begins like this:

"The countryside looks like paradise, the way humans were meant to live...practically anything grows in the rich, fertile soil. But the reality under the illusion is tragic. Two percent of the people own 70% of that beautiful land; one out of every three cannot meet basic needs; 613 extrajudicial executions have been reported since President Serrano took office in January 1991 (an estimated 1/3 of the murders because people are too afraid to report them).

"We spoke to members of Tierra del Sur, a group of campesinos who occupied land they consider theirs at the Dлга Maria finca until the army came in and routed them out, killing one of their leaders. Her widower told us they would continue to occupy the plaza until their land was restored.

"The Communities in Resistance (CPRs) consist of at least 15,000 families in 17 communities who fled from the repression in the early 80s into the mountains, rather than to Mexico or to the United States. For the last 8 or 9 years, they've lived in hiding, trying to grow crops but always ready to leave when the army finds and destroys them, building huts out of plastic or making their homes on the

UPCOMING ANTI-NUCLEAR EVENTS:

TRINITY WITNESS: APRIL 4-5

Trinity, the site of the first atomic bomb test, is where many will pilgrimage April 4th to pray for an end to nuclear testing and proliferation. A noontime one minute silent prayer at ground zero will be joined by prayers and bell tolling at local gatherings across the nation. The Cold War is over. Now is the time for citizens to urge an end to nuclear armaments.

Later on April 4th, at 8:00 pm Mountain Standard Time, the Trinity Pilgrims will gather in Albuquerque, NM (120 miles north of Trinity) for a candlelight vigil. Supporting vigils in local communities will congregate at their state capitols or federal buildings to commemorate the event. Those that stay over in Albuquerque on Sunday, April 5, can attend a teach-in and presidential candidate forum.

For more info, contact Don Whitmore, PO Box 1105, Auburn WA 98071-1105. 206-833-2941.

INTERNATIONAL FAST: APRIL 13-18

During David Duncombe's 40 day fast in jail, (while serving time for blocking weapons shipments at the Concord Naval Weapons Station), he received correspondence from German peace activists who had also fasted and served jail terms since 1989. They are now planning an international fast for a Nuclear Test Ban. Their statement reads:

"We are fasting for a Nuclear Test Ban during Holy Week, April 13-18, 1992. We condemn the way in which Creation is being crucified by nuclear testing. We appeal to the conscience and reason of those in positions of political power to take advantage now of the opportunity to implement an immediate ban on nuclear testing...

"We therefore call on our government: Vote for an immediate worldwide ban on nuclear testing in NATO and UNO!

"We call on our parliamentarians: Place our government under obligation to vote for an immediate nuclear test ban!

"We call on all people of goodwill: Join us in our fast! Nuclear testing can only be continued as long as our indifference, and our half-hearted outrage and resistance allow it to. From April 13-18 there will be an international fast and we urge you to join it or support it in another way. Please give us an answer as soon as possible. Thanks!"

To offer support or notify them of your participation, contact Jutta Ochsenstein at FAST FOR A NUCLEAR TEST BAN, Carl-Kabat-House, Schulstrasse 7, D-7075 Mutlangen, 07171-74263 West Germany.

LENTEN EXPERIENCE: MARCH 4-APRIL 19

The Nevada Desert Experience is organizing their 11th year of events during Lent, called Healing the Earth-Healing Ourselves. They invite you to "Join the Lenten Desert Experience XI in seeking healing, and expressing prayerful protest" at the Nevada Test Site, March 4-April 19, 1992. Different denominations are scheduled for each weekend, with a Good Friday and an Easter liturgy and action at the Test Site on April 17 and 19, respectively. Call 702-646-4814.

100TH MONKEY: APRIL 10-19

The 100th Monkey project, based on concepts in Ken Keyes' book of the same name, is a series of events in Nevada, April 10-19, leading up to Earth Day 1992. It will spark awareness of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, in the hope of ending nuclear testing for all time. The weekend event takes place in Las Vegas with over 100 international environmental groups, speakers and performers, followed by a walk to the Nevada Test Site. For more info, call 510-655-6028 in Oakland or 303-442-5820 in Boulder, CO.

The Concert & Event	April 10-12
The Walk to the Test Site	April 13-18
The Action at the Test Site	April 19

HEALING GLOBAL WOUNDS: OCTOBER 2-12

The next planning meeting for the October 2-12 events hosted by the Western Shoshone in Nevada will be during the 100th Monkey events in Las Vegas. On Saturday, April 11, organizers will meet from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, location still to be determined. Newcomers are asked to come at 9:00 am to be briefed on what has been done so far. For updated information, contact NDE, APT or the Nuremberg Actions office.

ELF GATHERINGS: APRIL 4-5, MAY 9-10

From northern Wisconsin, the Navy's ELF facility is in one-way communication with Trident submarines around the world. The extremely low frequency (ELF) waves are able to pass through water and allow the nuclear submarines to remain submerged and undetectable, forming a quick first-strike capability.

A series of loving 'closings' by taxpayers no longer willing to foot the bill in a post-Cold War world has been taking place, and will escalate this year. Monthly events are planned for April 4 and 5, and Mothers Day, May 9 and 10.

Contact Nukewatch for info, at PO Box 2658, Madison WI 53701. 608-256-4146.

PACIFIC NETWORKING: APRIL 10-12

April 10-12 are the dates for the Pacific Networking Conference and Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific (NFIP) Support Network annual meeting, at the Cowichan Lake Education Centre on Vancouver Island, BC.

The general theme of the conference and Saturday's program will be the roles and impact of transnational corporations in Canada and in the Pacific region. Of the 100 largest economies in the world, 47 are now transnational corporations, not countries. Pacific Island economies are dwarfed by the economic power of many transnationals. Sunday, the Southern Pacific Peoples Foundation of Canada (SPPF) will host the annual NFIP meeting. It will be an opportunity to network, share information and plan areas of action for the coming year.

Anyone wishing to participate should contact the Nuremberg Actions office for more information.

TRACK RECORD

March 1st marks the 1725th day of consecutive witness at the Concord Naval Weapons Station to US complicity in war crimes, as defined by international law. Concord admittedly ships weapons that are used against civilians: 80% of all munitions used in Vietnam and 1/3 of all munitions used by the US and allies during the Gulf War.

The base continues to restock at a rapid rate, with most weapons inbound, coming from outside the base. 17 train movements were recorded in 21 days, with a total of 153 loaded boxcars, 21 headed to the docks and 132 inbound. 133 were Type A (detonates on impact), 14 Type b (ignites on impact, mainly propellants), 1 Dangerous (bullets, land-mines), and 5 Inert (failfins, parts). Arrested for blocking weapons shipments this month were: David Duncombe, Dorothy Brownold, Greg Getty, Maylie Scott, Betty Black, Abe Zwickel, Russ Jorgensen, and David Hartsough.

On February 13, after successfully closing the front gate to weapons traffic, Sonoma County and others vigilers decided to make a pre-Valentines Day foray into the waterfront Nuclear Bunker, (or Q Bldg.) out of love of life. After a half hour walk along the west fence of the compound, Larry Harper, Duncan Murphy, David Hartsough, Abe Zwickel and David Duncombe held a vigil at the rear gate of the nuclear compound, until arrested by Sheriff's Deputies for trespassing.

David Duncombe stated, "I feel that our action at the nuclear site that day was quite important. Not only did we get further into the area than we probably ever have, but we conducted our second vigil at the inside gate through which the nuclear materiel comes into CNWS. It was quite a moving experience to just be standing there in silence, thinking of all the potential destruction shipped through that spot."

The destruction is more than potential. At least one author claims the Hiroshima bomb was shipped from Concord. Total arrests we have recorded since June, 1987 are 1631.

Events scheduled this month are: Ash Wednesday Service on March 4, and Peace Spokes sendoff of bicyclists going to the Test Site, on March 28. (See front page). Please join us if you can, and bring your friends!

CALENDAR



AT THE TRACKS:

- 3/4--9:00 am Ash Wednesday Ceremonial Witness Bring ashes to share. Call NA Marin at 415-868-1359 for more information.
- 3/12--9:00 am Sonoma Co. Taxes for Peace, Redwood Friends Morning circle, orientation and weapons blockade.
- 3/28--9:00 am Peace Spokes Bike Trek '92 Leaves From Tracks Gather at the vigil site to send bike group to the Test Site on 2 week ride. See page 1. Bring your friends! Each Thursday morning, discussion and training is available.

IN THE BAY AREA:

- 3/3--7:00 pm Rodney King Anniversary: Forum on Police Abuse Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission, SF. 510-548-0425
- 3/8--7:00 pm Work Brigade to Nicaragua info night, for July trip. NICCA, 4228 Telegraph, Oakland. 510-428-2146.
- 3/22--2-6:00 pm Video of the International War Crimes Tribunal of Feb. 29, 1992 Women's Bldg. 3543 18th St., San Francisco 415-821-6545. \$5-10 donation, no one refused.
- 3/29--7:00 pm Work Brigade to Nicaragua, see above.
- 4/22-5/6--23rd Venceremos Brigade to Cuba. especially for organizers committed to building solidarity movement. For info: Venceremos Brigade, 415-267-0606.
- 4/26--Oakland Earth Day Celebration Ongoing meetings each Sunday at 5 pm, Uhuru Solidarity Center. 510-655-6868
- Every Thursday at noon--Parents Against the War Vigil at 14th and Broadway, Oakland. Support Resisters. 510-644-8021
- Every Thursday at noon--National Campaign for Amnesty for War Resisters, SF War Memorial, VanNess and McAllister.
- Every Friday at noon--Women in Black Vigil for Palestinian peace, Cody's Bookstore, Telegraph Ave. & Haste, Berkeley

SAN JOSE/MONTERREY AREA:

- 3/14--7:00 pm This Promised Land, El Salvador Photos, slides and talk by Steve and Beth Cagan on the history and future of the Segundo Montes community. San Jose Unitarian Church, 160 N. 3rd, SJ. Free.
- 3/1 and 4/5--12 noon to 2 pm Vigil For A Lasting Peace, Window on the Bay Park, Monterrey. 408-754-1705

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ground or in trees. Last fall they decided to go public and with the help of various church groups put an ad in the papers announcing their existence and inviting visitors. Two delegations have travelled to meet them. We spoke to members of those delegations, who raved about the organization and courage of the CPRs. In spite of their sufferings, disease and malnutrition, they're determined to play a part in the new Guatemala, as are the refugees organizing a repatriation from Mexico and other groups that represent the oppressed."

The US can take responsibility for most of the repression that has gone on in Guatemala for the last 40 years. An elected progressive government in 1954 was initiating land reform and other changes that would have turned back the history of colonialism, land theft and servitude of indigenous Mayan people, but a CIA orchestrated coup left a brutal military either overtly or covertly in charge ever since.

The United States had suspended military aid at the end of 1990, not over the 100,000 Guatemalans dead, but over an American, Michael Devine. \$15 million was still in the pipeline at that time. Last month, rumblings in Washington indicated that new requests for aid may be forthcoming soon. Repression against church, human rights, labor, student and indigenous groups continues to be widespread, brutal, and often fatal. US citizens must not let that happen.

For more information, contact the Guatemala News and Information Bureau, PO Box 28594, Oakland CA 94604. 415-835-0810. ●

WILL US RESPECT ACCORDS?

For the 75,000 already dead in the 12 year Salvadoran civil war, the Peace Accords formally signed on January 16, 1992 will be of little help. But for the living, after two years of negotiation there is new hope, and for everyone within and without El Salvador who fought so tenaciously toward this moment, success is sweet indeed. Key points of the accords are:

- * A ceasefire from Feb. 1 to Oct. 31, 1992;
- * Land guarantees in FMLN zones and redistribution to campesinos;
- * Reduction of the military by 50% in two years;
- * Purging of military human rights violators;
- * Dissolution of security forces and elite battalions;
- * New civilian-controlled police force, including ex-FMLN combatants.

A recent Neighbor to Neighbor report begins: "Under current law, the signing of a permanent settlement of the conflict on January 16 requires the [US] President to transfer all withheld military aid to the 'Demobilization and Transition Fund'. Approximately \$21 million from FY92 plus \$13 million unspent from FY91 would become available solely to support the costs of demobilization, retraining, relocation and reemployment of former combatants and to monitor a ceasefire and permanent settlement. An estimated \$50 million in undelivered military aid remains under Administration control.

"The next round of [US] votes On El Salvador must take place before March 31, 1992, when the current Continuing

Resolution or foreign aid funding bill expires."

As the right wing faces the proposition of losing its power on at least an institutional level, threats of violence have increased as expected. Many questions now arise. Will the dismantling of the military also wipe out the death squads or merely drive them underground? How serious is the economic and land reform, and to what level is the power of the oligarchy truly compromised? What will be the role of US military advisors still in place? What happens to the Salvadoran refugees in the US, whose temporary status expires on June 30th? How destabilizing would their return be, if the INS sends them back as threatened? What we have before us is a good beginning, but there are many treacherous spots upon the path.

Into this situation, comes the incredible White House request for \$14 million in new military aid for El Salvador for FY92 and \$40 million for FY93, in order to stay "engaged with the Salvadoran armed forces...during a period of traumatic institutional change." In other words, for a war-ravaged country the size of Connecticut finally on the brink of peace, the US taxpayer is supposed to shell out another \$55 million dollars to a military that is by law, disbanding, not growing, so the Pentagon can keep one hand in the pie.

ACTION: Because of the current appropriations deadline of March 31, it is imperative that people act quickly to inform their representatives that this is outrageous and impermissible. Not one more cent for military aid to El Salvador! The 'engagement' is broken! ●

PEACE FOR CUBA!

Alice Walker has stated, "I have watched Cuban children grow out of poverty to become healthy, well-educated and compassionate participants in world affairs. Now, as Cuba suffers, we are called upon to act." thousands gathered in New York on Jan. 25 and in San Francisco on Feb. 1 for coordinated events calling for peace for Cuba now. A recent letter from the sponsoring group began:

"This is a critical moment for Cuba. Sept. 22, President Bush signaled his aggressive intentions against Cuba in a UN speech. Invasion exercises have been conducted at Fort Chafee, AR. 45 illegal overflights were carried out recently in Cuban airspace. More Marines have been sent to Guantanamo Naval Base, despite the departure of the Soviet Union's training brigade. New legislation to tighten the economic blockade of Cuba has been introduced that will inflict severe suffering on the Cuban people.

"At a Cuban American National Foundation meeting, Jeb Bush and Ronald Reagan announced a \$15 billion fund to purchase 60% of Cuba's land and assets. UN delegates received a State Dept. memo warning that a vote against the blockade would seriously damage relations with the US.

"Whatever your view of Cuba's social system, their progress in health, education, literacy, nutrition, science, arts, equality for African-Cubans and women, is respected throughout the world. The destruction of these benefits is viewed as inevitable is the US invades or starves Cuba."

A number of pieces of US legislation are currently being proposed simultaneously, leading to confusion for some people. (Continued on page 4)

Berman Travel Bill (HR 1767): YES!

Under current US law, travel to Cuba is severely limited. This means that US citizens who want to go to Cuba to visit friends, cultural programs, beautiful beaches or to study Spanish are not allowed. Berman's (D-CA) Bill, called the Free Trade in Ideas Act, would loosen travel restrictions to Vietnam, North Korea, Cuba, Cambodia, and Libya.

Weiss Medical Supplies Bill (HR 434): YES!

In introducing this bill Weiss (D-NY) stated, "People in need of medical supplies should not be denied our help simply because we do not agree with their leaders... The legislation I am proposing today- which was originally introduced by our late colleague Micky Leland- would make a special exception to the US trade embargo against Cuba and would allow the export of medicines or medical supplies, instruments and equipment."

Toricelli Trade Bill (HR 1458): NO!

Authored by Toricelli (D-NJ), this bill violates the most basic norms of sovereignty for Cuba, and any country trading with Cuba. The bill's statement of policy calls for sanctions and other economic and political measures against Cuba. It demands that all countries' relations with Cuba be "consistent with US policy", meaning the end of trade with Cuba. Among other things it:

- * Prohibits trade with Cuba by US owned subsidiaries in 3rd countries;
- * Bans any vessel which enters a Cuban port from also docking in the US within 180 days;
- * Conditions assistance to the former Soviet republics on their termination of all assistance and trade to Cuba;
- * Targets 3rd World countries trading with Cuba with denial of debt forgiveness or reduction, or access to assistance programs or trade agreements;
- * Illegally interfere in Cuban internal affairs by funding opposition groups with US funds.

The Mack Amendment (to Export Administration Act): NO!

Sponsored by Connie Mack, (R-FL), this attachment has already passed both House and Senate. It bans trade by any US owned subsidiary in third countries and is incorporated in the bill above.

For more information, contact the International Peace for Cuba Appeal, 2489 Mission St. #2B, San Francisco CA 94110 415-821-7575 or the Nuremberg Actions office. ©



TO VIGIL OR NOT TO VIGIL?

We had hoped for more responses to our open letter to the community last month, to initiate a debate-by-letter on our feeling about changes in the world, and how the vigil and office should best respond. We hope that more of you will send letters for next month's issue.

Richard Yurman, San Francisco CA:

1. The vigil should have an ending point, with a celebration/festival and major gathering with media outreach.
 2. The vigil should continue through the 1992 elections with a celebration perhaps at Thanksgiving featuring 500 Years of Resistance/Exploitation/Native American Response.
- Great job, much luck and love.

Gracia Fay Ellwood, Pasadena CA:

Regarding the issue of whether the vigil should continue, my humble opinion is yes, stay on the tracks until the Empire ceases to oppress and attack the defenseless.

I miss you all and wish I could be there.

Barbara and Bill Christwitz, Kelseyville CA:

Whatever you do, be as loving as you can. Thanks for all you do!

Hercules Morphopoulos, DDS, Kensington CA:

I vote for the vigil to continue as long as there are persons who can and will lend their bodies/lives to perpetuate it.

Almost daily I think of those with the conviction to maintain this vigil. That gives me incentive and encouragement to do as much as I can to make my life- and that of other persons I may reach- as conscious and meaningful as possible. The vigilers give support and physical validation to those of us who will, because of the vigilers' work, help spread the ideals promoted in the educational and coalition work of Nuremberg Actions. ©

KIDS AS TEACHERS

A group of children in New Mexico are planning to design and build a Children's Peace Statue in Los Alamos, with a dedication on August 6, 1995, the 50th anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing. These young people hope to collect the names of one million US children who support them, with \$1 for each name. There will be a five year plan to educate and involve children across the country in creative global peace activities. The final scale model will be chosen in 1993 from the statue designs of 100 children (2 from each state). Send Name, age, state and \$1, (and design, if you wish) to Kid's Committee, Children's Peace Statue, PO Box 12888, Albuquerque NM 87195. Checks made out to 'ACF Peace Statue'. ©

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February 1, 1992

Dear friends of Nuremberg Actions:

Today is the 1696th consecutive day of nonviolent witness against US war crimes at the Concord Naval Weapons Station. I have just been catching up on my reading, and I'm struck by what an appalling month this has been to be an American. First, in shame and rage, we look back on our nation's relentless, apocalyptic bombardment of Iraqi soldiers and civilians one year ago, around the clock, day after day, of whom thousands are still dying. (See newsletter for Brian Willson's trip to Middle East). And with the corpses still stacking up and the evidence of myriad atrocities just released in book form by Ramsey Clark's Tribunal, this war has already been written off by many as just one more sound bite in human history. We have ordered a copy of the Tribunal's book in the Weapons Station's name.

And what pageant of video splendor has our head of state wrought this year to take our mind off our domestic woes? He has travelled to Japan, peddling Ken and Barbie dolls at a Toys R Us store, parading overfed CEOs who's combined salaries could completely retool the US auto industry, and barfing at the banquet. Really humiliating. US CEOs make 160 times more than the average US worker, the Japanese only 16 times more. And the election hype hasn't even started yet.

The Japanese have no Pentagon prospering on half the national budget. The Japanese Constitution reads, "The Japanese people forever renounce war as a sovereign right of the nation and the threat or use of force as a means of settling international disputes." Actually, we are spending \$6.2 billion to maintain 20 bases and 48,000 US troops in Japan. 600,000 tons of ammunition are stored at Hiroshima alone, shipped, most likely, from the Concord Naval Weapons Station.

In fact, Concord has been doing so well since the war began that their newsletter crows that munitions sales shipped from Concord have brought the Weapons Station out of an \$18 million deficit, to a \$3 million profit, a 'spectacular year'. We may have finally found those jobs Jim Baker was talking about.

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While the furor rolls on about when Iraq may or may not have been able to produce a primitive nuclear weapon if not bombed back into the stone age, the one nation ever to detonate two, not one, and against civilians, is stacking them up at a fast clip at the Concord Naval Weapons Station. Bush has given the order to round up short-range tactical nukes, but he has yet to tell us what happens next. The Center for Defense Information estimates that Concord will house about 400 by the end of the month.

Piers at the base are so crowded that, as reported in the Chronicle, the Astral Rainbow, carrying 4,260 tons of munitions destined for Concord, is illegally moored off Hunters Point until mid February. The safety zone for such cargo is 1.75 miles; this ship is one mile from San Francisco, in a heavily travelled area.

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But what about the positive? As activists, it is important, to give us strength, and to give us wisdom, to evaluate our accomplishments. We are very happy that these weapons are no longer aimed at anyone, and we celebrate this as the success of all anti-nuclear activists. When we began talking about cutting the military budget in half, people thought we were crazy. Now, San Francisco has passed Proposition Q which asks that this take place within five years. House Speaker Thomas Foley has talked about cutting the military by 1/3.

We take great pride in the fact that peace accords have been reached, however tentatively, in El Salvador and discussion at least continues in the Middle East. Tensions seem to be easing in Korea. There were no victory marches the US this year, no yellow ribbons. The truth is becoming known.

We must take strength from these successes, because as people on the front line of nonviolent peacemaking, we are part of a global movement that is making these changes possible. We must keep up the pressure, now, while we have an advantage. The former USSR has closed its nuclear test site. We must close our own. These nuclear weapons have been brought back to Concord. We must demand that they are dismantled. We must demand that no more are designed, produced, tested or deployed, not with our tax dollars, not in our name.

We must demand that the policy of genocide be removed from our country's arsenal. No more East Timors, with civilians attending a funeral gunned down by American M-16s. As long as Concord is shipping bullets, there is no way of knowing where they will turn up next. American citizens do not need to pay for 300 US bases on foreign soil. To protect us from what? What is killing us is the corporate welfare at home. We need to educate our children, feed and shelter them, bring them up with pride and dignity, give them a future without nuclear waste, genocide and hatred wherever they go.

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There have been several very powerful gatherings and actions at the base, which are detailed further in the newsletter. On January 16, over 100 people gathered at the base to grieve. They installed 100 wooden tombstones on the lawn in remembrance of the dead in Iraq and Kuwait, read a litany, and voiced their concerns. Twenty-seven were arrested. Other events have included an offering of food for shipment to the needy on Thanksgiving, The Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28, and the greeting of the transcontinental Spiritual Walk: 1992 and Beyond when they stopped at the Weapons Station on the second day of their 5,400 mile journey to Washington DC.

June of this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Israel's occupation of Palestinian lands. We hope to use our 5th anniversary on June 13th to honor all the victims of this policy, Arab and Jew alike, to demand Israel's compliance with UN Resolutions, and to seek an end to the US aid which makes it possible.

As always, we deeply appreciate the support you have given us in the past. From checks in the mail to used tires to newsletter subscriptions to hours in the cold wind at the tracks, it is you who make Nuremberg Actions possible. Thank you, and please, if you are able, give what you can.

For peace through justice,

