

PEACE PILGRIMAGE '88

CONCORD TO LIVERMORE

To overcome Racism, Militarism, and Materialism

MARCH 27 - APRIL 1

Concord
Naval Weapons
Station

Special Observances

Interfaith Prayer Service

1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 27
Concord Naval Weapons Station

Remembrance for Timothy Lee

and all victims of racial violence
4:00 p.m., Sunday, March 27
Concord BART Station

Good Friday Witness

A service of repentance and commitment
6:45 a.m., Friday, April 1
East & Vasco, Livermore

Evening Programs

Sunday, March 27 - *"Making The Connections"*
led by Ecumenical Peace Institute * Pleasant Hill

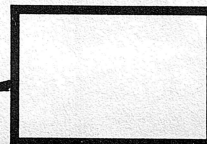
Monday, March 28 - *"Buddhist Prayer Service"*
"Rabbinic Reflections On Peace"

led by Rabbi Mark Gopin, Congregation Beth Israel * Alamo

Tuesday, March 29 - *"Buddhist Prayer Service"*; film *"Hopi Prophecy"*
led by Rev. Taigen, Buddhist Peace Fellowship * Dublin

Wednesday, March 30 - *"Sharing of American Indian Perspectives"*
led by Dennis Jennings, CALC, International Indian Treaty Council * Pleasanton

Thursday, March 31 - *"Christian Prayer Service"*
* Livermore *



Livermore
Nuclear Weapons Lab

People wishing to join in all or part of
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March 27 to April 1, 1988

People of faith and good will who are committed to witness and work for peace and justice will begin this pilgrimage at the gates of Concord Naval Weapons Station at 1:30 p.m., March 27, and arrive at the gates of Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory on April 1, Good Friday, at 6:45 a.m. We are walking to show the connections between the wars exported from Concord and the nuclear weapons originating in the Labs of Livermore.

- * Peace Pilgrimage '88 will be a prayer for justice and peace, made in many languages and from many traditions.
- * Peace Pilgrimage '88 will be a witness against violence and destruction and to our faith that justice and peace can be realized.
- * Peace Pilgrimage '88 will be an opportunity to learn and to share for both the participants and concerned members of the communities along the way.

Peace Pilgrimage '88: Concord to Livermore is a chance to challenge the three evils Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. told us we must overcome: Racism, Materialism, and Militarism. In this pilgrimage we integrate our opposition to the threat of nuclear annihilation, our opposition to intervention in Central America, and our hope to build a just and lasting society with the full participation of the women and men of all the world.

Peace Pilgrimage '88 will begin March 27 at 1:30 p.m. with an interfaith prayer service at the gates of the Concord Naval Weapons Station. Later that afternoon, at the Concord BART Station, we will remember and mourn the lynching there in 1985 of Timothy Lee, one victim among many of racial violence. Each evening there will be a prayer service and discussion beginning at 7:00. We will conclude April 1 at 6:45 a.m. with the sixth annual Good Friday Witness at the Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab.

Nuclear weapons planned at Livermore are the key component of the military machine that maintains U.S. dominance over large portions of the world. That dominance supports the system whereby the poor and oppressed of the world are required to sell their resources and their labor to the rich of the world at rates that often do not even support a meager life.

The Livermore Labs are the point of origin of the apex of U.S. military strength. Even as the numbers of some nuclear weapons are being reduced by recent treaties, new weapons are conceived by the fertile minds at the Livermore Labs. The Concord Naval Weapons Station is a major distribution point of U.S. military might. Because of the continuing nuclear rivalry between the two superpowers, the rightful struggle of poor people for control over their own lives and resources is transformed, in the eyes of U.S. policy makers, into a part of the contest between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

Nuclear bombs are stored in the bunkers of the Concord Naval Weapons Station. Their presence in that deportation center indicates the possibility of the use of tactical nuclear weapons in combat in Central America as was seriously considered during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Nuclear weapons from ships harboring at Alameda are taken to Concord, checked over at Concord, and returned to Alameda.

Non-nuclear weapons are part of the military conglomeration used to maintain U.S. economic domination. White phosphorus bombs and fragmentation bombs are shipped from the Concord Naval Weapons Station to El Salvador. These bombs are dropped on civilians who live in areas where guerillas are active as part of a policy of depopulation, following the practice used in Vietnam, in an attempt to eradicate popular support for opponents of the Duarte government.

As we walk between these two focal points of world-wide destruction, we will take special note of the on-going destruction taking place in our communities. At the Concord BART Station, we will remember and mourn the lynching there of Timothy Lee in 1985, one victim in a long history of racial violence in this country. We will point out the key role of racism as a motivating force informing U.S. policy of expansion and domination.

As we walk in towns and valleys we will remember the earth whose resources are plundered for profit and in the building of the war machine. We will hear from the people who first lived on this continent and whose special relationship to these lands is threatened by the expanding needs of militarism and materialism.

As we walk in towns and valleys we will remember the decay of our cities and the destruction of U.S. society as the resources required to meet human need are diverted to the mushrooming military-industrial complex and to increase private profit for those already rich. We will see the extent to which military-related business has replaced productivity serving people, scarcity fueling the fires of racism and adding to the ranks of people who are hungry and homeless.

Peace Pilgrimage '88 will pass through the Diablo Valley, into the San Ramon Valley and eastward to Livermore. Each day's walk will cover approximately 10 miles. At overnight stops, in local houses of worship, there will be time for reflection, prayer, and dialogue.

People interested in participating in all or part of Peace Pilgrimage '88 are urged to contact the Ecumenical Peace Institute as soon as possible.

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