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## Why amnesty for all?



**WHY AMNESTY FOR DAVID MINUGH?**  
He left the army. Trained in interrogation and torture, he went to Sweden rather than use those skills in Vietnam. Exiled since 1970, he needs an Honorable Discharge to come home.  
— *There are 4500-30,000 "deserters-at-large" like Dave.*



**WHY AMNESTY FOR GERRY CONDON?**  
He refused orders to Vietnam after training as a Green Beret. Although "home", he needs an Honorable Discharge for a chance at a job and social acceptance.  
— *There are 792,503 Vietnam-era vets with bad discharges, many just like Gerry.*



**WHY AMNESTY FOR MARVIN WILSON?**  
He is a victim of the discharge system. Wounded and decorated, he had no due process when falsely accused by commanding officers. Stigmatized for life with a bad discharge, he needs an Honorable Discharge to get a job, and veterans' benefits.  
— *The rest of the 792,503 vets are like Marvin.*



**WHY AMNESTY FOR JANE KENNEDY?**  
She damaged draft files and de-magnetized tapes used to make napalm. She served two prison terms, and needs her "criminal" record cleared and her civil rights restored.  
— *There are thousands of civilian resisters like Jane.*

### THEY RESISTED AN UNJUST WAR

CARTER'S DRAFT-RESISTERS-ONLY "PARDON" WON'T END THE PUNISHMENT OF DAVE, GERRY, MARVIN, OR JANE, OR A MILLION OTHER AMERICANS.

**YOU CAN HELP**  
REDRESS THE INJUSTICES OF THE VIETNAM WAR  
URGE PRESIDENT CARTER TO GIVE:

### AMNESTY TO ALL WHO NEED IT— ASSISTANCE IN REBUILDING VIETNAM

Prepared by National Council for Universal Unconditional Amnesty and the Syracuse Peace Council

SIGNED: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: President Jimmy Carter, White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

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## Dear Jimmy, we totally support your goal of "nuclear disarmament". So stop the B-1 bomber!

This was basically the theme of the demonstration held Friday noon, Jan. 21, by SPC and AFSC. Over 100 similar actions were held nation-wide at the same time to challenge newly inaugurated Carter to take a step towards escalating the disarmament race by eliminating the B-1 bomber. Demo spokesperson Bob Russell spoke very clearly to Carter's unique opportunity to introduce this compelling peace initiative.

About 15 hearty souls were buffeted by freezing winds at Lincoln Plaza, but managed to present "still-drama", leaflet the passerbys and get signatures on a petition to Carter.

Ed Hayes, Chris Murray, Bob Russell and Toppie Simonfay made up the committee for the public action. As part of the outreach effort, John Maddaus was interviewed on WCNY-FM and by Elana Saizman on "As We Struggle Together" (WAER).

The leaflet of the day, a letter of invitation to Carter to take disarmament initiatives -- from grounding the B-1 to creating real employment programs -- is available from SPC. Why not stop by for a copy, and send it off today?

Photo by Neen Ditch



Demonstrator of long standing, Christian Spates Rusk exemplifies the revolutionary spirit!

## Why Support SPC?

Sometimes, the thought of writing a request for funds is not at all appealing to me! I asked myself questions like, "Why am I doing this?" and "Is this really a priority for me?" Then the ideas began to fly...

Since I've become acquainted with the Syracuse Peace Council, I've received a variety of opportunities:

- Opportunities to gain more information and awareness
- Opportunities to work and share with other people
- Opportunities to develop friendships
- Opportunities to participate in "people-oriented" activities

Even if I didn't become actively involved in any project, I still know that there is a dedicated group of people striving to promote peace and a concern for human beings. Unfortunately, these people have to deal with many obstacles and need some financial support as well as human energy.

Now I've arrived at the difficult part. The Syracuse Peace Council needs your total commitment--time, energy, and money. So please give your support--peace is a priority issue.

--Charlotte Haas

## High Times at the Lowlife!

Laura Wilansky, George Johnson and Scott Meyer packed up their flutes, guitars, a violin, and even a tambourine and journeyed up to Oswego on Jan. 22 to present a lively evening of folk music. The occasion was a benefit for the Syracuse Peace Council, arranged by Dick Reinert at the 'Lowlife Caffe'. About 85 people attended, including 2 carloads of groupies from Syracuse.

The 'Lowlife Caffe', on Water Street in Oswego, is a coffee house styled in the Greenwich Village tradition. It serves espresso, the original cappuccino, a variety of teas and pastries and incredible hot chocolate. And through folk music, drama and readings, the Caffe' makes its political statement. It's well worth the trip north, even in the winter!

We really appreciate the thought and efforts of Dick and Sue Reinert, owners of the Lowlife, and the lively consort from Syracuse!

This "happening" also inspires the thought that Peace Council members in other outlying communities might get together, perhaps do some local outreach, or just get to know each other a little better and break down that sense of isolation that tends to occur. (SPC can easily furnish names and addresses of members in your area.) Why not give it a try.

# LETTERS

## Creative Nonviolence

Community for Creative Nonviolence  
1345 Euclid St. nw  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends,

On any given day, furniture may be seen piled high on the sidewalks of this city, a mute reminder that 2,260 evictions occurred in 1975. Not far from the White House, human beings huddle through the freezing nights on the heat gratings in front of the Corcoran Art Gallery. Clusters of the homeless can be seen hovering over fires in barrels or garbage cans. An occasional death by freezing may make the newspapers.

In April, we proposed to the city government that it place a large, Re-development Land Agency-owned abandoned building in a neighborhood land trust. The Community would rehabilitate the property and maintain it as an emergency shelter for evicted families. In June, the Dept. of Housing and Community Development responded negatively. In August, several members of the Community were arrested for unlawful entry when they tried on two separate occasions to enter the house and begin the work of rehabilitation. Since that time, there have been many meetings and discussions with city officials in an attempt to resolve the situation. A decision was promised by Nov. 19. It was not forthcoming.

On Dec. 9, in a letter to city officials, we shared our feelings and plans with them. On Jan. 7, four of us "will set up cardboard boxes in front of City Hall, and that is where we will live until the campaign is ended... If we are not arrested, we will invite others to join us. If we are arrested, we will return to our 'homes' as soon as we are released. Once again we would invite others to join us. Other forms of witness and action would follow, some involving the possibility of arrest, some not. Those would be discerned as the campaign grows and matures. We will attempt to make visible and concrete what has been made invisible and abstract."

This letter is primarily an invitation, a call for help. We invite people to share some of their financial resources with us, since we are extremely short of funds. We invite

people to join us in cardboard boxes, people who are not only willing to face arrest but are prepared to shed all of the privileges that normally accompany these kinds of encounters. People who would say no to special release programs, bail, and fines. People who are willing to admit their guilt and suffer the consequences. People with organizing skills and people who want to learn. We need your ideas, criticisms, suggestions, and your prayers. Those are the needs, that is the invitation. Please join us in whatever way your conscience dictates.

Much love to you,  
The Community for Creative Nonviolence

## A Small Victory

On Jan. 5, 1977, we narrowly averted a tragedy on our street, Avondale Pl. A tree cutting crew appeared at the Westcott St. end, blocked off the street, and began cutting down a beautiful old poplar tree located between the sidewalk and street (city property). Our first response was something like "gee that tree seems pretty healthy but they must know what they're doing." That was our first mistake. And, in talking to other people on our 1 block street, we realized that was everybody's mistake. We should have trusted our gut responses and not trusted our city's unconcerned bureaucrats.

In talking to the tree crew we found out their instructions from Parks & Recreation (which is responsible for city trees) were to cut all 4 of the stately poplar trees at the end of our street. Our reaction was anger and amazement. Each person in our family walks by these trees almost every day of our lives. They make our neighborhood more beautiful and a nicer place to live. Yet Parks & Rec had arrogantly decided to cut them down without even talking to anyone who lives on our street.

We called P & R and talked to Stan Beers. We had met him last year when we were trying to stop the destruction of 2 lovely live sycamores by a nearby neighbor. Even though on city property, the sycamores were destroyed because the neighbor felt they were "messy". Stan Beers said at the time that he had been reluctant to give the permit, but the man had persisted, had offered to pay the costs, and plant replacement trees. As of now, there are no replacements planted. And, once again, almost no one who lived around the sycamores knew they were going to be cut.

Stan Beers was no help in stopping the cutting of the poplars. His reasons were feeble! His final reason was that the property owner had complained of some damage from the trees. It's interesting to note the owner is the influential real estate firm, Longley Jones. And, of course, the owner is decidedly not a resident of our street. With the sound of chainsaws in our ears, we frantically called every city office and representative we could think of. Finally, at Joyce Ross' suggestion we called Vince O'Neill and he called Frank Kelly (Commissioner of P & R) who stopped the cutting! We were amazed! The next day, Joyce Ross' office called to say the trees would not be cut and there was going to be a revision of city tree cutting policy.



Here are our proposals for this revision:

1. Dead trees should be given top priority for cutting.
2. If a live tree is being considered for destruction, the city should set up a neighborhood meeting and notify neighborhood residents in a 1 block radius of the tree. A notice about the meeting should be distributed door-to-door. At the meeting, the final decision should be based on the feelings of the majority of the residents. Absentee landlords should have no more weight than residents who occupy their buildings.
3. New trees should immediately be planted to replace destroyed ones.

Sincerely,  
Dik Cool for  
Grassroots/ Dandelion Collective

# SEND A MESSAGE TO CARTER!

## Amnesty



### REPORT

Jimmy Carter's first major act as 39th President of the US -- on his first day in office -- was his pardon of draft resisters. For those convicted of draft law violations, this means an end to legal liabilities. For those still under indictment, many of whom are still in exile, it means an end to prosecution and a chance to return to their families. And for those who failed to register for the draft -- by far the largest number (100,000 - 200,000, according to best estimates) and unlike the others more likely to be poor and/or Black -- the threat of future prosecution, however slight, has been eliminated.

But as even the New York Times (1/22/77) was quick to point out, Carter "offered immediate, full legal relief to a relatively small number -- estimated by the Justice Department at about 10,000 -- of predominantly white, middle-class and upper-class young men who either fled the country or refused to enter military service."

"For the nearly 100,000 men who entered but then deserted the armed forces, many of whom were poor, Black or disadvantaged, Mr. Carter's action..."

For the latter, Press Secretary Powell promised "President Carter will act immediately to initiate a study involving the military looking toward a possible upgrading by category and expanded and accelerated review process."

This compromise solution still leaves uncertain the fate of the vast majority of those in need of amnesty, primarily those with less-than-honorable discharges. This group is far more numerous than the "nearly 100,000" cited by the NY Times, since many received bad discharges for reasons other than desertion -- such as refusing an order to go into combat, anti-war organizing, or protesting racism in the military. Others got their less-than-honorable discharges in the early or final phases of the war, rather than during the limited time period recognized by Carter -- 8/4/64 (the Tonkin Gulf incident) to 3/28/73

(the troop withdrawal date set by the Paris Peace Accords). All in all, close to 800,000 Viet Nam-era veterans are still in need of amnesty.

Carter has stated his "admiration for those who 'did not know where Sweden is' and who were too patriotic or inarticulate or ill-informed to resist or evade military service." (NY Times, 1/22/77) But there is much more to be done if he is to give substance to such feelings. What can be expected from a process in which the Pentagon is involved -- along with others yet to be named, but apparently not including any of the amnesty activists whom Carter has refused to meet with in person -- is hard to say.

Meanwhile, Viet Nam veterans and their supporters are not about to wait around patiently for him to make up his mind about what more needs to be done.

On Jan. 11, the National Council for Universal, Unconditional Amnesty (NCUUA) held a press conference in Washington, DC calling for AMNESTY for VETS. The 5 spokespeople included Jane Hart (widow of Sen. Philip Hart) and Tom Wynn of the National Association of Black Veter-

ans. The special problems of Black vets were noted by Wynn, who said "There was no justice in a military justice system which awarded Blacks one third of the adverse discharges, most of which were administratively processed and without trials, hearings or counsel. Over 300,000 Black youth were returned to their communities with dishonor and without benefits as a result of unjust laws and racism." (press statement)

On Jan. 29 & 30, amnesty activists will meet in Toronto to plan a united response to Carter's pardon. This will be followed by a National Viet Nam Veterans Action, Feb. 1-10 in Washington, DC.

SPC will be organizing local events coinciding with the Veterans Action. For details, contact Dik Cool at 472-5478. And if you have not yet written to Carter about amnesty, now is the time! Write: President Jimmy Carter, White House, Washington, DC 20500.

[Note: Syracuse Rep. William Walsh has charged that Carter "has insulted the memory of all who fought to keep us free (and) has forever weakened our ability to defend this nation..."]

## B-1 Bomber

A year of intense effort by critics of the B-1 bomber has resulted in the final decision on B-1 production being delayed until after the inauguration of President Carter. What use he will make of this opportunity remains a mystery.

For those inclined to hopefulness, one could discover an end to the B-1 in the following statement from Carter's inaugural address:

"The world is still engaged in a massive armaments race designed to insure continuing equivalent strength among potential adversaries. We pledge perseverance and wisdom in our efforts to limit the world's armaments to those necessary for each nation's own domestic safety. We will move this year a step toward our ultimate goal -- the elimination of all nuclear weapons from this earth."

"We urge all other people to join us, for success can mean life

instead of death."

Clearly, production of the B-1 could only accelerate the arms race, whereas its cancellation (as a highly visible initiative towards disarmament) could help set the stage for further steps in that direction.

But the inaugural address is by no means "perfectly clear." For the skeptic, there is no lack of militarist slogans scattered through the speech -- "we will maintain strength so sufficient that it need not be proven in combat"; "we will be ever vigilant and never vulnerable"; "it is clear that a world which others can dominate with impunity would be inhospitable to decency"; etc.

All one can say for certain is that Carter has not publically committed himself -- one way or the other -- on the B-1. We must continue our struggle to stop it. Write: President Jimmy Carter, White House, Washington, DC 20500.

# BINGHAMTON: The Permanent War Economy

by Ann & Jim Clune

While WW II was raging, the president of General Electric at the time, Charles E. "Electric Charlie" Wilson, addressed a group of military men on a subject of concern: what was going to happen to our war economy in the U.S. when the war came to an end? "The revulsion against war not too long hence will be an almost insuperable obstacle for us to overcome... and for that reason I am convinced that we must begin now to set the machinery in motion ... (for a) permanent war economy." (Army Ordnance Magazine, March-April 1944, p. 287) (underlining added)

To see that this "permanent war economy" is now a reality one need only read Richard Barnet's Roots of War, an explication and analysis of the power structure and mindset of the 400 or so "national security managers" who took control of our government during the Pearl Harbor-to-Hiroshima experience and have never let it go.

As a 1967 study by the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency points out, key areas of the country are dependent upon the military economy. Most defense contracts have been concentrated in 9 areas, and Binghamton, N.Y. (Broome County) is on this select list. (cf. Barnet, pp. 166-7)

The office of the local Congressman, Matthew McHugh, recently released figures to the effect that the input of weapons contract monies to GE, IBM, GAF, Singer, Simmonds Precision (in Norwich), etc. from 1/1/75 to 6/30/76 into his district totalled \$250,000,000.

When one considers the multiplier effect of this enormous input into the local economy (that many others are dependent on this flow besides the workers in the plants), one begins to realize that our prosperity is directly tied to preparations for war -- a vested interest in Death!

And the cries of the victims are drowned out. This arms race is a crime against humanity, here and now. The unacceptable is made acceptable.

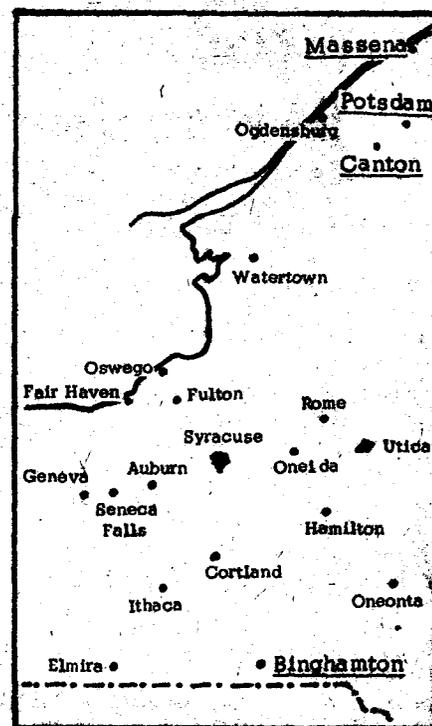
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Slaughter has become legitimate politics, legitimate civil religion. The poor are not given bread, but stones instead -- sharpened stones, projectile stones, exploding stones, fissionable stones, imprisoning stones, tombstones. We cannot change stones into bread, we can only share bread, real bread and fellowship. And this last we refuse to do because we do not want to become fully alive, be human, rejoice -- and our children look at us in wonderment at our insanity, at our self-inflicted destitution.

We laid bare some stones from the covering sod back on Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Holy Innocents. We dug a mock grave for a mock casket and tombstone on the front lawn of GE's "Air Force Plant #59: Aerospace Controls and Electronic Systems Department," Main St., Westover, Johnson City -- beside the flagpole, in front of the holiday decorations.

While Ann passed out leaflets, Jim proceeded to dig in the snow-covered lawn with our newly-bought Army surplus WW II trench shovel. In about 25 minutes of digging, Jim had made a 3' X 2' X 1' hole, and was beginning to get out of breath because of the stones. He started to throw fewer shovelful -- mainly to look busy at that point -- a moment of truth. As the deputy sheriff approached, he was contemplating the stones -- hence the preceding ruminations.

The charge: 4<sup>th</sup> degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor. The plea: "not guilty". We were merely making visible the graves our military-industrial complex is already digging for us in our mass suicide trip. Bail was set by Town of Union Justice Woodruff Gaul at \$200, which we posted, and we await a pre-trial hearing set for Feb. 17.



The hole is still there, covered over with snow until Spring.

This Act of Resistance took place simultaneously with a larger, similar action by the main body of the Atlantic Life Community, among whom we count ourselves. About 70 sisters and brothers went to the two main entrances to the Pentagon, looked the generals and civilians out, and drenched the pillars with their own blood. "The blood upon this building today recalls torrents of bloodshed planned here. The chains upon its doors recall the shackling of Americans to Pentagon and BOMB; and the enslavement of humanity to violence and war."

The 29 arrested have since received jail sentences ranging from one to six months.

## Workshop for Power Line Activists

Sponsored by:

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Upstate Community Resource Institute

Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology

Location: Holland-Patent/Utica area

Registration Fee (all expenses): \$25

Purpose: to broaden and strengthen the struggle of the Ft. Covington women recently arrested for opposing the 765 kV line, to firm up a state-wide strategy for groups opposing the line and to learn practical skills for direct action. The workshop leaders trained the organizers of the successful occupation of the Seabrook, NH nuclear power plant site.

Begins Friday at 6:30 pm **Feb 4 - 6, 1977** Ends Sunday at 12 noon

Registration forms available from SPC; or call UCRI at (607) 277-3505.

## NORTH COUNTY: Stop the Power Lines!

(LNS) Farmers, landowners and their supporters in northern New York State are currently embroiled in a fierce fight with the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY) over the proposed construction of a high voltage power line.

Since early December, in sub-zero weather, opponents of the line have physically blocked attempts by PASNY to clear land for the line. Fifteen people have been arrested so far, including several Mohawk Indians and a 65-year-old blind woman who lives on a farm which would be affected by the line.

The Ft. Covington-Massena-Marcy power transmission line plan was first hatched several years ago. The idea: to alleviate New York City's stupendous energy needs by importing additional electricity from Canada during the peak summer months. Consolidated Edison proposed that the 765 kilovolt (kV) line -- one of the world's largest -- run 155 miles through the state's prime dairy and farm land. But Con Ed ran into money troubles, and PASNY took over the project in 1973, thereby assuring that \$150 million in public, tax-free bonds would finance a power line whose revenues would go to a private utility company.

But upstate people asked: Why shouldn't New York City try to cut back its energy needs (for instance, all those air-conditioned skyscrapers that continue to be built) rather than put upstate land, health and livelihood in jeopardy?

And jeopardy there is. Aside from physically obstructing access to pastures and meadows, there is considerable evidence that ELF (extremely low frequency) electric and magnetic fields created by the power line's presence can cause sterility in dairy cows -- the major industry in St. Lawrence County.

In addition, citing over 40 scientific studies, research scientist Dr. Andrew Marino states that there is evidence beyond reasonable doubt that ELF fields can cause biological effects. These effects include: altered pulse and blood

pressure; fatigue; headache; malfunctioning of vital organs and glands; and adverse effects on the human central nervous and cardiovascular systems.

Marino also says that the 765 kV line could increase the amount of ultra-violet light which strikes the earth, causing an increase in the incidence of human skin cancer.

PASNY claims that the 765 kV line is necessary to carry the 800 megawatts of power it will be importing from Canada, even though the line's capacity is 1200-1400 megawatts and the 800 from Canada could be carried on a much smaller line.

However, there is evidence that the real reason for wanting the bigger line is that PASNY plans to construct several 765 kV lines in northern New York to be tied to nuclear power plants it intends to build on the St. Lawrence River. One source of this suspicion is the 100-page report of the National Energy Board of Canada discussing the deal. According to the citizen group UPSET (Upstate People for Safe Energy Technology), the report makes numerous references to PASNY's "need" for the transmission facilities for "other purposes" by 1991.

In addition, the New York State Power Pool Report for 1975 says St. Lawrence County is slated for two nuclear power plants. The 765 kV line would fulfill one of the basic require-

ments for siting a nuclear power plant. These requirements include: low population density, available acreage, a large body of water and a transmission facility for getting the power to urban centers.

Still, PASNY is stonewalling the charge. "We have no plans nor do we know of any plans for nuclear power plants in northern New York," PASNY chairperson James Fitzpatrick told area residents in October.

Opponents of the line have organized themselves into several groups up and down the power line's proposed path. Their actions have been strong and visible, whether marching by the hundreds or protecting a tree from PASNY's chain saws in groups of two or three. Fifteen people have been arrested so far, and some have spent time in jail, with bail as high as \$2000, for violating a court injunction prohibiting them from obstructing the chainsaws.

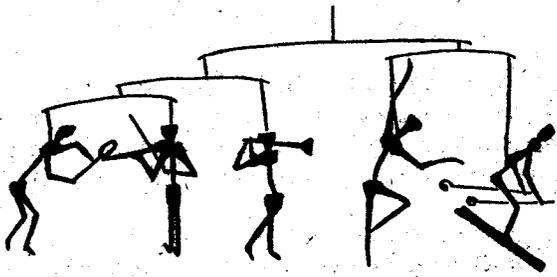
The defendants went before State Supreme Court Judge Harold Soden in Plattsburgh Jan. 15, accompanied by 150 supporters. Ten to twenty armed sheriffs prevented all but 40 people from entering, but there was much jubilation inside and out when the judge was forced to drop all charges against the 15 due to a technicality in the arrest procedure. The injunction still holds, however, and more arrests are likely in the future.



State Police dragged two defenders of this tree to jail. Local residents were seeking to prevent PASNY chain saw crews from cutting down trees at Fort Covington, NY (just east of Massena) preparatory to construction of a controversial 765 kV power line from Fort Covington to Marcy (near Utica).

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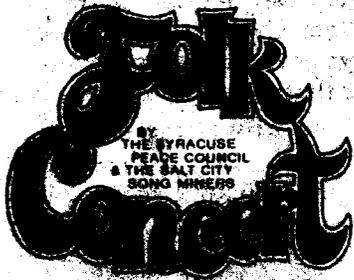
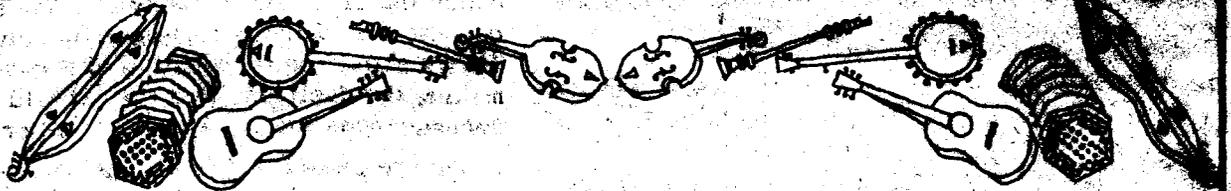


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# UNAC Supports North Country Protesters by William Sunderlin

The Upstate Nuclear Action Coalition (UNAC) held a plenary meeting in Syracuse on January 22 for the purpose of adopting some by-laws and specific long-term goals. The agenda also included two educational reports: a discussion on the philosophy of civil disobedience by Ruth Mueller of the American Friends Service Committee, and a report on the 765 kv powerline issue by George Hunt of the North Country Defense Committee. The subject matter of the latter report proved to be so compelling that the agenda was restructured to give it due time and consideration.

Hunt announced that warrants had just been re-issued to fifteen North Country persons accused of contempt of court for violating an injunction prohibiting obstruction of kv-line construction. (See "Central New York Reports," page 7.) Many UNAC members were unaware of developments in the North Country; the coverage of the issue by local media has been low-key, if not intentionally oblivious. The fifteen defendants are expected to appear at the Franklin County Court House in Malone on January 28. Hunt urged that UNAC members try to attend a protest rally to be held at the court house on the 28th, and lend support in whatever form possible.

After discussing, member groups of UNAC made their declarations of support, which included commitments to make press statements (in Ithaca, Syracuse, Oswego and Sterling), have members

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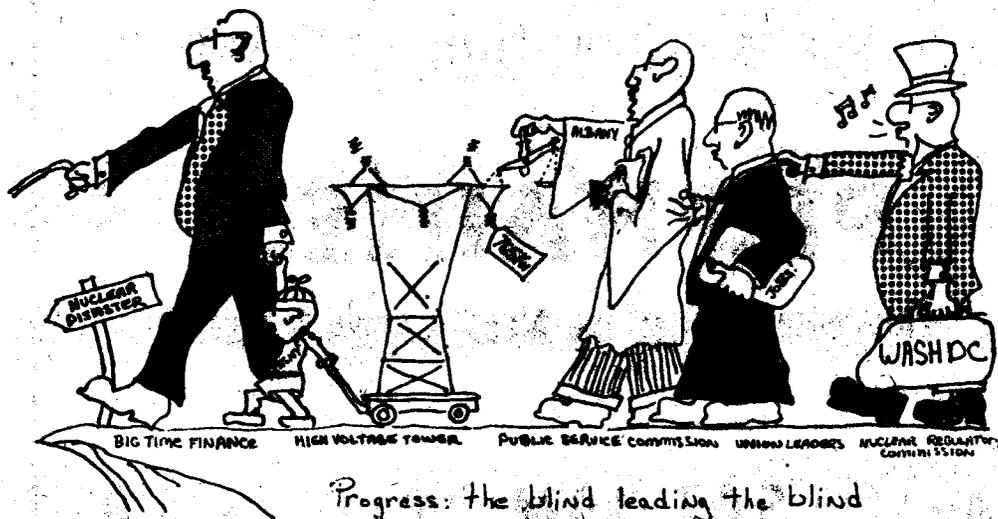
attend the protest on the 28th, and solicit funds for the North Country legal fees. Hunt will speak at a press conference held by the Syracuse Peace Council's Nuclear Power Committee on the 28th.

In the limited amount of time devoted to discussing UNAC by-laws and goals, more questions were raised than answered. Among the questions left unresolved were: should UNAC vote as a coalition of individuals, or of member groups? Should UNAC address just regional issues or have a state-wide thrust? On the pressing matter of developing an efficient internal communications system, it was decided to have a radial phone-tree and bulletin network. Bulletins will be mailed by the SPC Nuclear Power Committee to other member groups of UNAC once a week, until this responsibility (and that of maintaining phone communications) is rotated at the next plenary meeting.

In her educational report, Ruth Mueller said that a well-intentioned and executed act of civil disobedience should be viewed not as disobedience, but as obedience to a higher law with which the civil law is clashing. She expressed a concern that persons contemplating civil disobedience should be responsible to themselves in making the decision, that they should assess the consequences freely, without coercion.

Ruth remarked that in a more ideal world than our own, democracy would operate much in the same way that a traffic light operates. A traffic light can be seen as a symbol of non-discriminatory justice to the extent that it treats all people

equally at the intersection. Marge Rusk modified Ruth's analogy by commenting, "...the light is now stuck on green for the nuclear power industry, and red for nuclear power critics."



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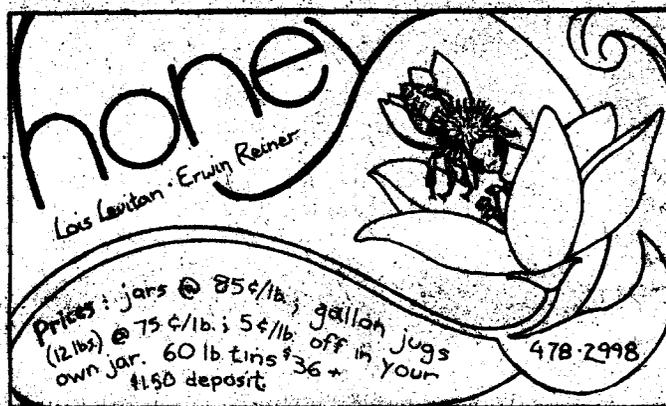
Bill Dunn, whose business is home repair and remodeling, leading the first of two Potlucks this month. The first is about the joys and sorrows of being self-employed--as well as about the everyday, practical aspects of running your own business and surviving. Being self-employed is one alternative to having someone else run your life; this Potluck is for folks who already are, or think they might like to be.

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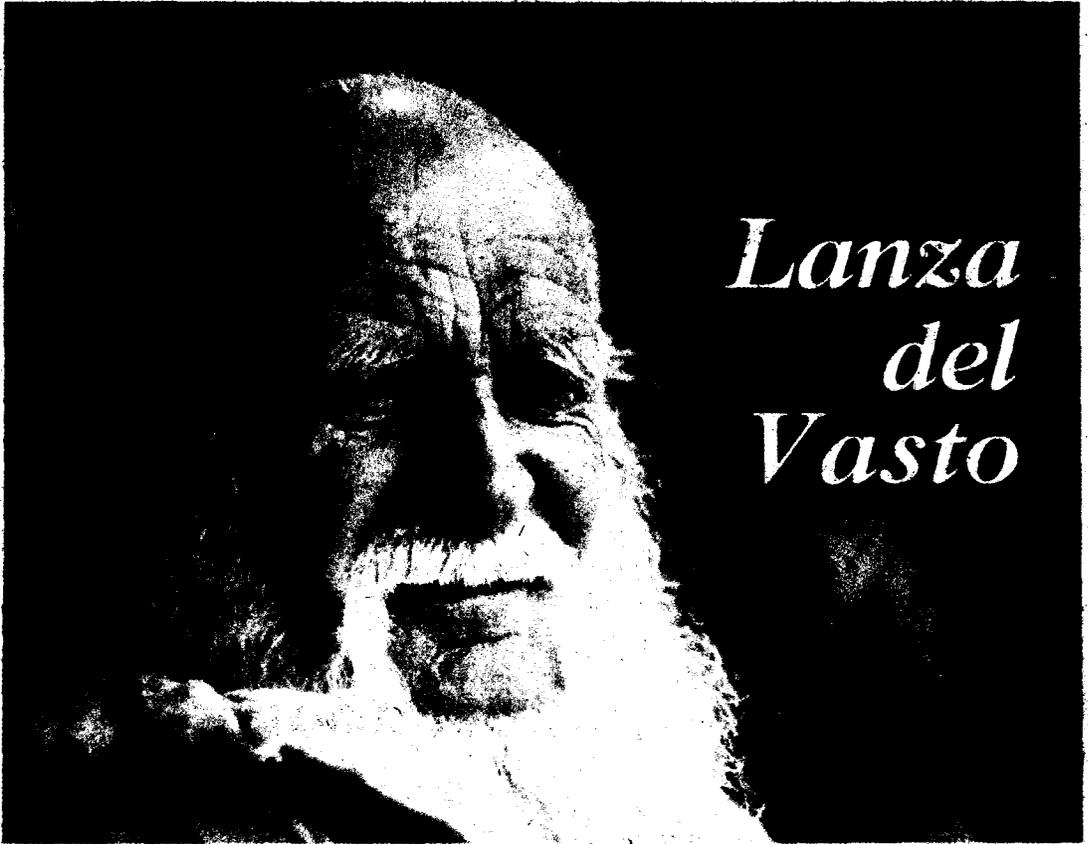
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Lanza del Vasto, named Shantidas (Servant of Peace) by Gandhi, is the foremost leader of the nonviolent movement in Europe. In 1948 he founded the Community of the Ark in France -- a community which attempts to live a communal life based upon nonviolent principles, simplicity, spirituality and support for peace and justice campaigns around the world. There are now many related communities in different parts of the world. Shantidas has authored many books which include: Return to the Source and Gandhi to Vinoba, the New Pilgrimage.



by Bob Russell

On December 16 Lanza del Vasto visited Syracuse as part of a two week tour of the United States. (His visit locally was organized by the Unity Community.) For many of those fortunate to meet with him or hear him speak that evening at the Civic Center there was the experience of being in the presence of a truly "holy" man.

Shantidas is an emphatic teacher of non-violence, which he declares is not merely the refusing to do evil, but "the solution of human conflicts, the human solution." He speaks openly as a Christian who sees Jesus Christ as a foremost example of the nonviolent person and quotes Scripture often as one basis for a radical pacifist lifestyle.

Much of Shantidas' talk centered on the principles of non-violent living: discipline, a willingness to sacrifice all for the truth, recognizing evil in the world while at the same

time upholding the goodness of all peoples. "Your strength," says Shantidas, "is in the fact that others need justice... Justice has a force by itself-- the force of truth, people continue to fight because they do not recognize this." While much publicity in our society centers on the violence within the poor community, Shantidas held that the violence of the poor and oppressed paled before that of those in power: "The evils of the world do not depend upon the wickedness of the 'wicked', but upon the systematic concentrated wickedness of the 'good people'-- those who prepare for world wars."

The program of the Ark Community is simple: the development of communities as self sufficient as possible, unity with the oppressed, and support for direct action nonviolent campaigns. Their focus has been on nuclear power issues, disarmament, the expropriation of peasant lands by the military in France, and support for conscientious objection. In practical terms Shantidas

spoke of their community Rule-- "We attempt to see if the two hands given us can feed the mouth." They live in close harmony with nature: without electricity, growing their own food, weaving cloth for their clothes, boiling their wash, developing their skills in crafts.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of Shantidas talk was its hopefulness despite all. Quoting Gandhi he said: "We believe in the power of truth. We need courage to hold truth up. We must have faith in its power." His message stands in stark opposition to the planning in military "think-tanks" where, says Lanza del Vasto, "they clown on a mountain of bombs."

For information concerning the Community of the Ark write:

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## SPC, Gay Rights, and Social Justice

by Lisa Johns

THE NEED for a specific statement from SPC in support of gay rights was not immediately apparent several months ago when the question first came up. The Peace Council has, after all, long supported movements on behalf of the oppressed--blacks, Third World peoples, women, Native Americans, the poor, prisoners--the list goes on. Probably some of us assumed it went without saying that the issue of gay rights would receive the same support. And in fact, we did go without saying it, until an SPC member wrote to inquire why the Peace Newsletter had not printed a letter of his on the subject of gay rights, pointing out that we do, after all, describe SPC as a "peace and social justice" organization. As it turned out, the first letter was not printed through simple oversight, but the two letters prompted a discussion at SPC which in turn uncovered differences of opinion on the gay rights issue. And what made those differences particularly pressing to resolve was that, as our conversations continued and deepened, three people close to the Peace Council openly stated that they were gay. Clearly, it was no abstract political issue "out there," but a very personal and emotional one which affected the way all of us work together day-to-day.

It has taken months for us to work through the issue, and reach some semblance of unity and accord on one point: that the Syracuse Peace Council does support the full rights of gay people, and will make its energies and resources--the Peace Newsletter, Potlucks, and whatever else seems appropriate--available on behalf of the gay rights movement. We don't yet know the precise form this will take, but we're open to ideas. One person has already expressed an interest in forming a gay rights committee of SPC.

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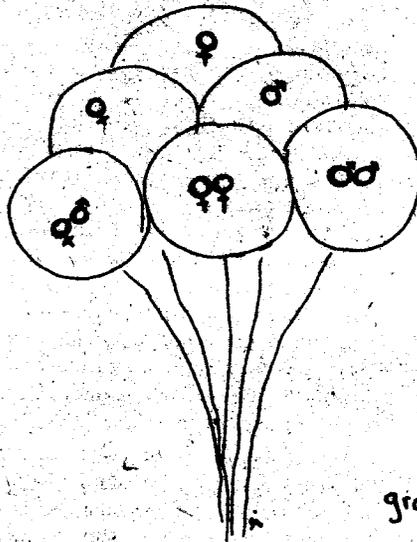
The point in mentioning this lengthy and difficult process is that it seems likely that the questions and apprehensions we encountered are not all that different from the unresolved questions and feelings many people in the "straight" (heterosexual) world experience around the subject of homosexuality. It would perhaps be more comfortable, if less honest, to announce our support--or pretend it had been there all along--omitting the very real struggle it took to reach that position. We hope that having described the process, we will encourage others to examine their feelings, recognizing that for some it is a difficult and emotional issue, but one which compels active awareness and support.



It makes sense, too, to begin to raise some questions about society's attitudes toward homosexuality. What's at the bottom of the fear and rejection, both subtle and overt, that so many straights project onto gays? What is the impact of those feelings ("homophobia" is an apt term) on gay people?

Trying to stay for a while out of the realm of abstraction and theory, I'll mention one or two personal encounters with the issue that I think are not altogether different from experiences others may have had, but which may help clarify what's at stake here. When the subject of homosexuality (not yet gay rights) first crossed the threshold of my awareness as an "issue," I started out with a classically liberal (and not terribly helpful) attitude: what consenting adults want to do in private doesn't harm anyone, so it's all right with me. (And underlying this, the tacit assumption: it doesn't affect me.)

I didn't have occasion to think about it any further--until, that is, a close friend I'd known for close to ten years told me she was a lesbian. For ten years, in other words, she'd concealed her identity, and during all that time I somehow remained blissfully ignorant. She didn't tell me, or others of her straight friends and acquaintances and business associates, because she felt she'd be rejected. And I, without even having to think about it, helped impose that deception on her. And then, when the whole thing became



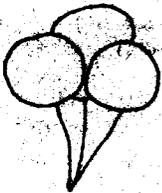
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intolerable, finally imposed on her the indignity of a "confession." The point is that I should have known, and could have if I'd been a bit more aware.

I also remember a few years ago going home, meeting again a high school friend with a teaching degree and a job in an elementary school. Somehow the conversation turned to homosexuality, and whether homosexuals should be allowed to teach in the public schools. (A local teacher had been fired, and his case was in the news.) No, she thought, smoothly reasonable: on balance, one couldn't risk that they might affect the children.

The children... A divorced woman in Syracuse last year lost custody of her child when it was discovered that she was living with her lesbian "lover." (No more dignified term is allowed for such relationships.) Gay people cannot ordinarily even express affection in public, a privilege straight people so take for granted it isn't even thought about. Gays are in jeopardy on their jobs, with their families and friends, if their identities are discovered. And if public opprobrium weren't enough, there's the full force of the law standing as the ultimate threat in most states.



At some point, one is forced to step back and ask, Why? What on earth is so threatening in the existence of homosexuality that causes straight society to marshal such powerful forces against it? If, after all, the social stigma it carries were removed, many of the arguments now used against it would evaporate. For example, if it were acceptable, homosexuals would not fear losing their jobs, or be forced to live double lives at the margins of society. At least parents would not have that to fear on behalf of their sons and daughters. What prevents society, then, from simply lifting the stigma?



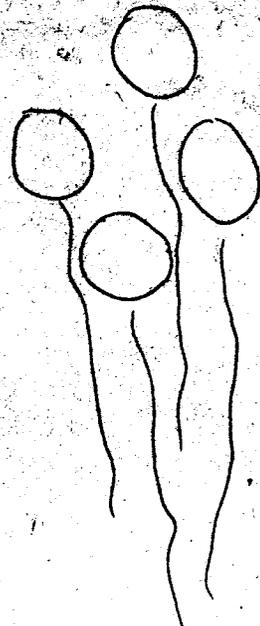
Here, if we are not careful, we descend into a thicket of theory with touching points in all sorts of sensitive areas--religion, sexuality and sex role identities, family relationships, psychiatric theory. All of them have been used to buttress and justify society's non-acceptance of the homosexual.

It is said, for example, that homosexuality is immoral--but how? Whom does it hurt? Or that it is "unnatural"--a charge that assumes, among other things, that the prevailing norms in heterosex are natural and healthy, and as the feminists have successfully shown, there's a great deal wrong with that assumption. What is thought to be normal may only be what is habitual, and for reasons we begin to comprehend only when we begin questioning the values and assumptions underlying our behavior. Another common argument is that sex was designed for procreation, or variants on that theme, but one worry we don't have is an underpopulated world.

The arguments grow more subtle and complex, to be sure, and dealing with them fully is beyond the scope of this particular article. But I mention the above because of a suspicion that all of them are ultimately beside the point, that what it really comes down to is a question of freedom--for all of us. What is it that denies people the complete freedom to live their lives as they deem best, to develop in their own ways, free and equal to all others? This isn't the trite question it appears to be, because the lives of heterosexuals are controlled by society's pressures and expectations just as homosexuals' are. As long as it is hazardous to feel affection for persons of the same sex, to express warmth and closeness with them, then it seems to me that none of us is truly free. These strictures put undue emphasis on gender at the expense of person, do they not? and it is the resistance of the homosexual to those strictures that makes them visible for everyone to see, and challenges what we have unconsciously accepted as the norm. In this, homosexual people have something to teach heterosexual ones--about why these values and assumptions exist, and whose interests they serve. The

task is to accept the challenge of change, to be open and willing to begin asking those questions.

The coming of yet another liberation movement is bound to be greeted with private groans by some, who have to, if they operate in good faith, sort through the mental chest of drawers and rearrange everything to accommodate. Yet what we're talking about is not simply "another" in a series of movements, it's part and parcel of all of them, all the disfranchised, the labeled-as-different-to-be-treated-as-different. As we advance together in a movement that links all of us, we will learn more about the divisions that exist in our society, why they exist, and about the shapes of the changes we must make to create a better one.



# John Hill Denied Parole

John Hill, the last Attica defendant behind bars, was denied parole by the NY State Parole Board on Jan. 18. The Board's decision was a startling repudiation of Gov. Carey's grant of clemency to Hill less than three weeks earlier, and came as a surprise to Hill's supporters who had considered the hearing a mere formality.

"In the light of the Governor's action, the Parole Board's refusing to grant him parole is so cruel it's unbelievable," commented attorney Daniel Alterman, a long-time activist on behalf of the Attica prisoners.

Carey had issued clemency in an attempt to "close the book" on the assault on the prison and the subsequent coverup. "The conduct of the investigation and the prosecution" Carey stated on Dec. 30, "has been such that we now confront the real possibility that the law itself may well fall into disrespect."

John Hill is now serving a 20-year-to-life term, and will not be eligible for parole again for two years. A statement from his defense team said that he was in danger of reprisals from prison authorities at the Ossining Correctional Facility, where he is currently being held.

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Carey can override the parole board's decision by granting Hill a pardon. Letters -- preferably telegrams or mailgrams -- should be sent immediately to Carey, pointing out that the board's action is in flagrant violation of the spirit of his clemency and urging him to reverse the decision of the parole board and

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by Linda Maddaus

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and 6 other groups sponsored a National Conference on Government Spying Jan. 21-23 in Chicago. A work-packed weekend included recoups of blatant government violation of constitutional rights -- often filed by the people who were the victims.

One of many examples comes from Frank Wilkinson of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL). A victim of the House Un-American Activities Committee, Frank spent a year in prison (1961). He told the conferees how the NCARL office was broken into in 1963 and 1969, the latter time by thugs who threatened to kill the people in the office. Both times, names of people in the files were taken, but no money or equipment was stolen.

Lobbying is the main tool NCARL uses in trying to control abuses of the intelligence agencies. But Wilkinson warns that both Democrats and Republicans, conservatives and liberals, share a bad voting record in this area: "Maybe we'll be the first nation to go fascist by democratic vote."

Through lawsuits or grand juries, the spy units can be forced to reveal their files. The report of the Cook County Grand Jury on Nov. 10, 1975 says "The evidence has clearly shown that the security section of the Chicago Police Dept. assaulted the fundamental freedoms as speech, association, press and religion, as well as the constitutional right of privacy of hundreds of individuals." The scope of the jurors' investigation did not include the entire Police Dept. nor intelligence on persons or groups proven to be involved in criminal activity. The jurors only investigated intelligence activities against

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"law-abiding citizens for political purposes."

People were included in police files for such actions as writing a letter critical of the government, attending a convention or giving money to an organization. These files were shared with the FBI; false or irrelevant data on a person became self-enforcing, for example: "One police officer testified that it was his practice to list any person who attended two public meetings of a group as a member of that group. The conclusion that this person was a 'member' of the group was forwarded as a fact to the FBI. Subsequently, a law enforcement agency seeking background information on that person would be told that according to FBI files, that person was or is a member of that group."



Besides spying, the intelligence units tried to disrupt organizations. In one instance, the infiltrator became president of the group, and subsequently the group began to lose membership and money! "All the targeted community groups... represented people coming together to solve problems, and at one time or another were critical of some policies of the Chicago Police Dept."

While the police were spending time and money disrupting non-violent, non-criminal groups, they apparently gave scant attention to a group which publically admitted committing violence, the Legion of Justice. Apparently, the Legion had

the right political perspective so it was not harassed.

Chicago is only one unit in a vast spy network of many cities and the Federal government. The various names of the local units provide clues as to their purposes. In NYC, the unit has the following desks; oriental, socio-economic, Black student and extremist. Historically, the names of the units have changed as the suspect and 'out' groups have changed; such as, the Italian Squad in 1904, the Radical Bureau in 1912 to 1941, and now the "red squads".

Many conference speakers hammered away at the idea that government spying and harassment is only part of a repressive structure which falls most heavily on minority groups (Blacks, gays, Spanish-speaking, Native Americans) and thus the problem must be dealt with as a whole. This means that lawsuits, lobbying and public inquiries must be supported by community education and organizing to bring about fundamental changes in the class structure.

How close we may be to a police state is revealed by dossiers which implicate the government in assassination; such as, that of Fred Hampton while he slept in bed. And the same apparatus still exists. Even while people are in the process of bringing suit against the spy units, their lawyers have been spied on! (Alliance v. Rochford)

But there have been successes against this tyranny, such as the lawsuits which brought out much of this information. And the stoppage (at least thus far) of repressive proposals S.1 and the Ford wiretapping bill. And the public meeting in Detroit where enough people spoke out against the shredding of files so that the police backed down on destroying this evidence before it can be used in a suit against them.

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# Coffee: Addictions & Contradictions

by Chris Murray

... muse on all the ways that have been tried to disrupt, demoralize and destroy the Left in this country -- break-ins, conspiracy trials, provocateurs -- is to marvel at the government's perversity and the Movement's tenacity. But a plot is about that represents the most serious threat to us yet -- the coffee connection. The plug has been pulled on the Peace Council's coffee pot, and if our response to this deprivation is typical, the Movement for Social Change is in deep trouble. At the height of caffeine withdrawal, Marilyn Austin wrapped herself up in her printing press no fewer than 3 times; Lisa Johns has been observed crouched in a corner, muttering about Watergate revisited; nonviolence is put to the test daily; and I'm having an incredibly hard time sitting, typing&\$\$ and laying out this article.

Philosopher Theodore Roszak, describing our technological society's devastating effect on the human psyche, suggests coffee is necessary to super-charge the society. Good citizens of technocracies dose themselves with coffee in order to be practical, productive and wide-awake. Ironically, good revolutionaries apparently depend as heavily on coffee to turn our society around.

Noble as we are, we boycott. Well almost -- a cache of instant coffee was recently discovered (and seized); contraband in thermos bottles occasionally turn up; and the hardcore addicts among us have been caught imbibing on the back porch. But where our nobility leaves off, simple economics -- coffee at \$2.49/lb -- takes over!

Indeed we are told that this deplorable situation is the result of "simple economics": supply is down and demand growing. Hmmp. We know that a mid-1975 frost killed a good portion of Brazil's coffee trees and Brazil, producing 1/3 of the world's supply, harvested only a quarter of its normal crop last year. The shortage may be legitimate, but there's nothing like a shortage to invigorate the profiteers right down the line. In the last 18 months, the price of Brazilian coffee beans has shot up from 69¢/lb to \$2.30. Drawing on

Chris Murray used to mainline coffee. Now she only drinks it.



its reserves to export close to its normal volume, Brazil increased its 1976 sales revenues by 158%. Colombia also increased its coffee earnings last year -- up 30%. No one -- but no one -- is underselling. In fact, Brazil bought 3/4 million bags of coffee beans from El Salvador and the Malagasy Republic last year to prevent them from selling at cheaper prices on the world market (NY Times, 1/12/77). Oh, the free market system at work.

Brazil justifies its price hikes, by pointing to its low reserves of 20 million bags and the fact that newly planted coffee trees will not mature until '79-80. Simple arithmetic shows that just selling the reserves at current prices would produce annual revenues over the next 3 years that are double pre-frost sales.

Angry congressperson Fred Richmond has demanded a full investigation of the world's coffee supplies, and has accused coffee producing nations of exploiting the shortage by sharp increases in coffee export taxes and tariffs. He's even charged collusion between the US and Brazil, suggesting that the US State Dept. has encouraged the higher export taxes to

increase Brazil's economic aid. Considering that Brazil's trade deficit with the US has been \$1 billion yearly for the last 3 years, Richmond may have a point.

Not immune from public distrust are the US coffee "makers". Is the present and predicted cost of putting coffee on the table explained by the increase price of unroasted coffee beans? Or is it the result of the game called "passing the cost on to the customer", i.e., increasing the sale price of a commodity by the percentage increase of a single cost item. Boggle your mind and think about each person in the coffee processing chain hiking his selling price to the next person by the percentage increase in the price of the coffee he purchased.

Consumers are angry that in one more way, we are being made the victims of opportunism. The coffee boycott may not succeed in bringing coffee prices down to a reasonable level, but it is a public statement that we have not yet been fully acclimatized to manipulation by profit seekers.

Now for the real heavy part -- the hard contradiction. (I wince as I write these words.) Should we -- in

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true social conscience -- be buying coffee under the best of economic circumstances? How loudly we point out that cash cropping is a major cause of hunger in the world. Let's face it, folks -- the resources employed to produce coffee are not being used to produce nutritious food for the very people who provide these resources. It would salve my conscience if the people of Brazil, Colombia, etc. were the ones making the decision to grow coffee, who owned the resources and were reaping the monetary rewards. But that's far from the truth. The poor people -- the vast majority -- are getting hungrier while a tiny elite in these countries (and a few multi-nationals) are getting fatter.

So what are we to do -- now that we have been mercilessly forced to come face-to-face with our addictions and contradictions? Well, undoubtedly, there will soon be a plethora of coffee substitutes on the market (never underestimate the ingenuity of capitalism). And there's some easy ways of conserving coffee. Try recycling: enhance old grounds -- even better if you let them dry first -- with half as many fresh grounds. (Theoretically, this process can be carried ad infinitum, but 2 or 3 go-arounds is about it.) If you have a blender, use it to literally pulverize your coffee beans/grounds.

There are natural coffee substitutes really worth trying. If you're into experimenting, the following plant parts (wild in this area) can be roasted, ground and brewed: chufa or nut-grass tubers, chicory root, dandelion root, and asparagus and hawthorn seeds. And then there are some fine teas. Noteworthy is roastaroma mocha spice which has a base of a rich coffee-like blend of roasted grains and roots. (We recommend contacting herbalist Carol Germek - see "Mother Nature" ad on p.10).

So let's all hang in. And join us when we celebrate the rites of spring by brewing up a cauldron of witch-grass rootstock!



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## Military Bases & Human Rights

Today, almost four years to the day after the declaration of martial law, there are thousands of political prisoners in the Philippines held without specific charges, without trial of the issues, and without the right to bail -- simply locked up under unchecked executive authority.

The plight of these prisoners, many of whom have been detained now for several years, is compounded by the fact that the formerly strong and independent civilian judicial system has been almost completely undermined by a series of martial law decrees which have effected a massive shift of jurisdiction from civil courts to military commissions, particularly for offenses which are political in nature...

Aside from these grave problems of indefinite detention, AI found convincing evidence that the torture of martial law detainees was widespread and systematic. AI conducted interviews with 107 prisoners in 8 detention centers, all in Luzon. 71 prisoners reported that they had been subjected to brutal treatment and torture.... Torture of women, although apparently less widespread, had occurred, and intimidation involving threats of sexual assault was commonplace.

A particularly insidious pattern of interrogation/torture which emerges from the interviews is the use of "safe houses" as they are called -- they are in fact torture centers which are used by the National Intelligence Service Agency or NISA.... It should be noted that NISA is an intelligence agency answerable only to President Marcos and under the command of the President's personal head of security, General Fabian Ver.

In the four years since the declaration of martial law, avowedly for the purpose of suppressing rebellion, the government of the Philippines has failed to establish the legal culpability of any individual in the central cases of alleged rebellion.

--- Thomas C. Jones,  
Amnesty International,  
Sept. 15, 1976

We are profoundly disturbed by the recent offer of \$1 Billion in rent payments for the US bases in the Philippines.

Respected organizations such as Amnesty International and the International Committee of the Red Cross

have determined that the Philippine government engages in consistent and gross violations of the internationally recognized human rights of its citizens.

The fact that the US government increased its military assistance to this regime by over 100% since the imposition of martial law in 1972 adds to a growing body of evidence that US foreign policy does not, in fact, reflect those ideals and principles which the American people value. This most recent offer of \$1 Billion again underscores this sad truth.

It has been argued by the State Department and the Pentagon that our bases in the Philippines are essential for US national security and must be preserved at any cost. That a thorough re-examination of these basic assumptions was not conducted before or during the US-Philippine renegotiation talks points up the inability to adjust to regional and global changes. It further reflects the lack of understanding that a foreign policy based, not solely on military supremacy, but on a respect for the freedoms, sovereignty and human rights of other people will best serve our long-term and genuine national interests.

In addition, massive payments of this nature to the Marcos regime not only weighs against the efforts of the Filipino people to lift themselves up from their oppression; such payments also swell up our extravagant military spending and exacerbates the domestic consequences of such spending.

We believe that a re-examination of our basic assumptions regarding US national security interests is long overdue. We urge the US government under the Carter administration to undertake this important, fundamental reassessment; and begin to integrate US foreign policy with our deeply-held values by rejecting any demands from the Marcos regime for more military arms and hardware for the further repression of the Filipino people.

--- James E. Drew,  
Friends of the Filipino  
People,  
Dec. 9, 1976

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She will talk about the changing status of women since the revolution in a country whose stated goal is the equality of women and men. She will also suggest what she sees as the lessons American feminists can learn from the Chinese experience.

Wednesday, February 9, 1977 8 p.m.  
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"Draft evaders pardoned," screams the Post-Standard front page headline. "Draft dodgers let off," says the Herald-Journal. A New York Times story talks about "draft dodgers." Nowhere in the establishment media do we see the term draft or war resisters. Why? The term resister (remember the heroic WWII French resistance?) suggests a struggle against evil or injustice. It also suggests that those who were resisters acted out of principle, not cowardice or a save-my-own-skin attitude.

But the US policymakers and their unquestioning mouthpieces, the big money media, cannot afford to accept that people who resisted the war were right or principled. Because that would mean the war and their policies were wrong.

Some people say this is just a minor semantic point. It is not. Words are weapons. We cannot build a just society if we accept an unjust language. It is a subtle yet critical struggle.

## Commendations

To Jane Hart, for her outspoken support of amnesty for Viet Nam war resisters. When President Ford placed a sympathy call to her, on the occasion of the death of Senator Philip Hart December 26th, and asked if there were anything he could do to help, she promptly replied that he could grant amnesty. In a press conference on January 11, she spoke for NCUUA (National Council for Universal & Unconditional Amnesty), saying, "Perhaps, the question all of us must ask is: How is the memory of a loved one better served? By a concerned and caring attitude or by one that seeks revenge? ... Certainly we have cared and we do care about those who died in Viet Nam. All we ask is to have that caring translated into a humane public policy, rather than one that is hostile and antagonistic toward those who had nothing to do with the decisions that led us into that war in the first place. ... We urge President Ford, the Congress, and President-elect Carter to grant unconditional, universal amnesty."



## Tax Resistance

Peacemaker (1/16/77) notes that the newly-enacted Tax Reform Act exempts from IRS seizure a \$50/week salary, plus \$15 for each dependent. IRS must also notify a taxpayer when it asks a third party (bank, employer) for information about her or him. While hardly the sweeping tax reform our system needs, this small provision could prove quite helpful to tax resisters, particularly those deliberately earning incomes below the taxable level. Every bit helps!

## Crime Stats

An article about street crime in the new socialist periodical *In These Times* (1/5-11/77) shows that victimization by serious crime, like other societal ills, disproportionately affects minorities and the poor. The article states, for example, that black women are more than twice as likely to be raped as white women--at present rates, close to 1 in 5 black women can expect to be raped during their lifetime, and the chances are higher if they are poor. Murder is said to be the leading cause of death for young black men living in urban areas, and one in six males born in Harlem will be murdered by the age of sixty-five!

In response to the alarming rise in crime rates, says *IT*, law enforcement officials and criminal justice "experts" are abandoning as "utopian" any serious attempts to address the root causes of crime, and are instead resurrecting the old supposed cure-alls, punishment and deterrence. It's a trend that can only bring more authoritarianism and repression to American life. Yet because progressives have often seen crime as a largely conservative, law 'n order issue, no other coherent response to rising crime rates has been developed, making repressive measures appear attractive and workable to people frightened by the threat of crime.

## How to Succeed In Business

A recent article in *Business Week* (12/20/76) focusing on the financial troubles of the American Motors Corp., included this repellent characterization of AMC President William Lunsberg by another top executive: "He has the 'great ability' to cut a subordinate 'into little pieces so fast that you can hardly see the knife moving.'" Describing the teamwork of AMC's two top executives, a third said, in an unintentional pun, "It's impossible to tell just where policymaking ends and execution begins."

## Friedman in Sweden

When Milton Friedman was awarded the Nobel Prize in Economics last fall, an unprecedented controversy arose because of his role as an advisor to the Pinochet junta in Chile. Consequently when Friedman arrived in Stockholm in December to accept the prize, reporters were waiting to question him about his Chile connections and his economic philosophies. He was asked, at one point during a press conference, what country was ideal for practicing his economic theories. Friedman's reply was the US in the 1800s--a period he described as one of great individual freedom, conveniently forgetting that slavery existed for 2/3 of the century, and much of the rest was a period of stealing land from the Indians. Several days later, Gunnar Myrdal, Sweden's most famous economist and himself an Economics prize winner in 1974, published an article critical of the Nobel Prize committee's selection process, because of the political value judgments inherent in the Economics prize. "As I see the question of the Nobel Prize today," he wrote, "I should by all rights have refused the Prize..."

# Upcoming Peace Newsletters

## March

"The Peace Movement's Viet Nam Controversy"

by Chris Murray

"Syracuse Cable TV--The Debate Is Over, What Next?"

by Bob Burns & Lance Wisniewski

"Chemical Warfare Against Native People"

Part 1: Guatemala

by Carlos Rainclouds

## April

Nuclear Power--A Special PNL Issue  
edited by John Maddaus

## May

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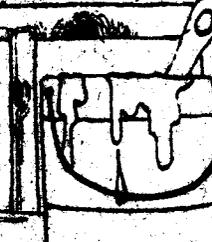
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29 Big SPC Benefit Folk Concert! Jean Ritchie (Cumberland, Ky) & Peg Haines, Everson Aud. 8 pm \$2.50, kids free. Delightful music!

30 Mental Patients Liberation Project (MPLP) mtg. Univ. Meth. Church (cor Univ. & E. Genesee) 8 pm. Debbie 476-3067.

31 Conf. on Life Styles (in the context of world hunger), 2 pm Mon. to 2 pm Thurs (2/3) at Watson Homestead, Painted Post, N.Y. John 472-5478

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2 People's Housing Coalition mtg. 7:30 pm, Plymouth Church 232 E. Onon. 476-2891.

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3 11 am SPC-UNAC press conf. in front of State Office Bldg. see p 7 & 9 for details.

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Conf. on Life Styles

4 Workshop for Power Line Activists in the Holland-Patent/Utica area 6:30 pm Fri to 12 noon Sun., For details see p 7 or call Jinx Dowd or Dan Leahy (607) 277-3505

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7 Conf. Report: "The US & the Middle East: Arms, Oil & the Multi-national corps." by Judy Bjorkman & Rose Fleischman, 8 pm 65 Ely Dr., F'ville. for info call Judy 475-4822 475-9469

8 7:30 pm Nuclear Committee mtg. 1511 E. Fayette St.  
SPC Key Contact mailing. 1-4pm at 924 Burnet, Mindless fun. Dik 472-5478.

9 N.O.W. mtg. 8 pm Grace Church, 819 Madison, 472-2406.

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11 Walt Disney's "Peter Pan", one of the greatest animations. NVS Films, Grant Aud. SU 6, 8, 10 pm \$1.50, kids 75¢ open to public.

12 9:30 am - 2 pm - SPC Steering Com. mtg. call Carolyn 475-7888 for details.

13 Tomorrow's Valentine's Day. Have you gotten your lover a present yet? 20% off all items in The Front Room bookstore. (What a coincidence!)

14 SPC Mon. Potluck "Self Employment" with Bill Dunn. 8pm at ECOH. see p. 10  
3:30 pm Editorial Com. mtg for special PNL issue on nuclear power.  
Feminist School Open House & Registration 7:30 - 601 Allen St.

15 Feminist School Registration 9am-4pm  
The Front Room bookstore's 20% off sale ends. 6pm.

16 Feminist School Registration 9-9

17 Military Spending & Hunger Project mtg. 1st Presbyterian Church, 620 W. Gen. - discussion of How We Live and Why Do We Spend So Much Money?  
Feminist School Registration 9 - 4

18 11 am - Upstate Peace Network mtg. in Buffalo

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Feminist School Registration 9 - 7 pm.

19 CALC Conf. in Cleveland, Ohio. see p. 22 for details.

Feminist School Registration 10 - 2 pm  
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26 **NVS Films Schedule**  
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