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Well, it's finally here, the special 500th Peace Newsletter!! We're certainly glad that it's finished, and hope you find it to be educational and inspiring.

The introduction to the 500th Issue section, p. 9, will help orient you. The five major articles, spanning over 45 years of SPC history, provide a truly historical perspective on the Peace Council. The oral histories, interspersed throughout the section, provide a wonderfully personal touch. And for those of you who are visually oriented turn to pp. 19-22 for a photographic history.

Don't forget to check p. 7 for information on the upcoming actions at the Seneca Army Depot. Reports of various summer activities are located on pp. 34-37.

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**News from The SPC House**

This Summer, people have been coming and going so fast that we at SPC House have almost given up trying to keep track—our heads are quite collectively spinning!

A quick recap of recent departures and arrivals: Allen Smith arrived in late June, eager to begin his training for the OM staff position. He is gamely accounting for any challenges, from dealing with uncooperative computers and checkbook balances, to weathering unpleasant housing difficulties. In fact, Allen seems to be thriving on the adversity!

In July, Karen returned from two months leave working with the Women’s Peace Encampment. She got here just in time to join the rest of us in wishing Liam a fond farewell. He will be traveling to points still unknown. (He’s going “West”, he says.) We will miss him greatly.

Per Herngren, our newest intern, arrived here from Sweden via Chicago just last week. He is busy becoming familiar with Syracuse and the Peace Council: meetings, house routine, and of course, PNL production.

Thirty minutes after welcoming Per to SPC, the very newest member of our house collective arrived. It was Maura McNulty, who only two weeks earlier had called from Arkansas to say she would like the job as printer. She was absolutely right for the job, and we are all happy she’s here!

**SPC Statement of Purpose**

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antinuclear/social justice organization. It is community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of its supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. It challenges the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of all.

**SPC Collectives, Committees & Projects**

New people are always welcome to join any of these activities. Contact the person listed to find out what you can do.

**Staff Collective**

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Be the new Coordinator for the SPC Potlucks!

We are still looking for someone to replace Corinne Kinane as coordinator of the SPC Potlucks. If you are a Peace Council member looking for a project to sink your teeth into—this is it. The Potlucks are one of SPC's most consistent outreach efforts. There is great room for being creative, for learning organizing skills, meeting various people from the Syracuse community and for linking SPC up with other community groups. Please consider yourself eligible for this very valuable work. Take a giant step!!

Three new people have joined the SPC office this Summer:

Our New Staffperson—Allen Smith

My name is Allen Smith and as a new SPC staff person this is my chance to say hi and tell SPC supporters a bit about myself. My home roots are distinctly Southern, having grown up in Northern Florida and attending college in Sewanee, Tennessee. I don't however, have an accent. My initial activism began in the South, an area certainly deserving of its conservative reputation. The desire to see other regions led me to move to Madison, Wisconsin for a two year stint in graduate school. Political work soon became my main focus. The itch to move returned and after seeing the SPC opening, I applied. After what seemed like months of phone calls and correspondence, I arrived at SPC and discovered many incredibly active people.

Well, I jumped in and now as the month goes by I am quite pleased with the job; still a bit awed perhaps, but ready to work hard. I've taken up residence in the Westcott area. I like the sense of community in this, my biggest city yet. Reading and conversation are my favorite vices, along with an occasional trip to the woods to recharge myself. Feel free to drop in and say hi.

-Allen

Our New Printer—Maura McNulty

Let me say by way of introduction, that I am an inveterate Central New Yorker, having grown up here. I might have snatched the SPC Press Job for this reason alone, but since there are others, let me list them for you.

I'm fascinated by the history of (Western) Science and Technology, which I see as a cultural movement affecting not only Third World development but every part of our collective destiny. Someday I'd like to construct a marxist-feminist theory which comprehends all the ramifications of this, but in the meantime I thought I'd better get to know some machinery, since to fail to do so would be something like studying a country intensively without ever wanting to travel there.

Printing is especially interesting for me because it can be used so easily both for and against social sanity. SPC seems the best place to go through this process where I respect the political orientation and the people very much.

-Maura

Our New Intern from Europe—Per Herngren

In Sweden I worked in two different peace organizations, the Swedish Peace Movement and the Swedish Christian Peace Movement. I was a member of an affinity group which tried to stop the exportation of weapons from Sweden.

We tried different forms of direct action and organized courses in civil disobedience and non-violence. In Sweden we don't have much experience of civil disobedience, so I began to look for a way to go abroad and work for another peace movement and get other experiences than I could get in Sweden.

When the Swedish Christian Peace Movement asked me if I wanted to represent them in a newly started peace exchange, I answered, "Yes!"

In the exchange program, activists from different peace groups work one year in peace organizations in another country. If you are interested, contact International Christian Youth Exchange, 74 Trinity Place, Room 610, New York, NY 10006, 212-349-3053.

I was lucky to come to a very exciting and active peace group, the Syracuse Peace Council. And I hope I can meet a lot of you supporters at different events and in our house on Burnet Avenue.

-Per

Help still needed for our new intern.

Our interns and full time workers from Europe have always benefited SPC in unique ways. Their fresh perspective strengthens our internationalist outlook. Few local peace groups have been as fortunate as SPC to have had people from Europe aid us in our work.

So please, help us by helping Per. We already have housing for one year, so all we now need is money towards food and a small stipend. Would you be able to help him for a day? a week? a month? Creative ways of help are welcome, i.e. barter exchange.

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SPC has Canvassed over 400 households Since June. Join us this Fall.

Over 30 people have been part of SPC's canvassing project since mid-June. We have covered over 400 households, distributing as many War and Peace and gathering hundreds of petition signatures favoring Jobs with Peace and opposing the Cruise and Pershing II deployment.

Some SPC members have said that canvassing is the best thing they have done for a long time... one of the best things SPC has done in a long time too. Don't let this season pass you by! Call SPC real soon; there is a clipboard waiting just for you.

The Plowshare Craftsfair will be here before you know it.

Plowshare is a long standing tradition with SPC. It is our largest fundraiser of the year. It is a very special event where artists, craftspeople, musicians, activists and everyone else come together to celebrate the Winter season. The Peace Council wants to continue this tradition and the work is hard. Please consider volunteering some time this fall to helping the Plowshare committee - which you are welcome to serve on! We need people to telephone, write letters, distribute posters, write press releases, work with craftspeople - all the magic organizing that makes Plowshare really happen. This is very satisfying work when Plowshare finally occurs. Call SPC soon.

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September 12  The Women's Peace Camp—
What it Meant and What it Means

Women who've been at the Encampment will be on hand to share information, and talk about our perceptions and experiences there. Join us to learn more about the Summer of events, to share your experiences at the Encampment, or to join in a discussion of integrating this Summer's action into our ongoing work against nuclear weapons. For info call Karen 472-5478.

September 19  Building a Boycott Against Niagara Mohawk

Niagara Mohawk made record profits in 1982. In April of 1983, they were granted a 63 million dollar rate hike. Thirty-six days later they requested that the Public Service Commission grant them another 8.9% increase. Upsetters Against Corporate Blackmail (UACB) are organizing a boycott against this rate hike. A report on the boycott's progress appears on page 37 of this issue. For more information about the potluck discussion: 472-7573.

September 26  Computer Technology: Both Sides of Issues

Susan Schwartz, local VP of Computers for Dumac, and Regina Canuso of 9 to 5 will present the pros and cons of computer technology. Regina will include discussion of the health consequences of using computers. Susan will include her suggestions of solutions to the negative impacts of computers. For more info, please call Corinne at 422-1659.

October 3  The Soviet Union Today— A First-Hand Account

Helen Anderson will have just returned from a trip to the Soviet Union. She will have had the opportunity to talk with social workers and see first-hand how social services work in a planned economy. Also, she will have discussed peace and disarmament with Soviet people. Join us for a most informative discussion and slides. For more info: 492-0036.

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An Introduction to the 500th Peace Newsletter

The 500th issue of the Peace Newsletter is a celebration of thousands of hours of work and commitment by an impressive number of Syracuse activists.

In discussing how to commemorate this landmark PNL, the 500th PNL Committee decided to explore our history as an organization and a newsletter. Included are articles researched and written by Paul Barfoot, Dave List, Bill Griffen, Dick Cool, and Glenda Neff. Our project begins with the beginning of SPC, including excerpts from Norman Whitney's Spectator Papers, and ends with "SPC's 1980 Revolution" and Dick Cool's thoughts on recent Peace Newsletter history. Included throughout are excerpts of interviews of Peace Council members conducted by Laurie Goldman and Carol Baum.

It was an exhilarating experience, and we feel that stories of people's lives are an important resource to be treasured by us all.

Already there is talk of planning for the 50th anniversary of the founding of SPC. The October Peace Newsletter will begin a semi-regular column on what the Peace Newsletter was covering at given times in our history. If you are interested in the 50th Anniversary celebration, or SPC's history project, contact Carol or Karen at SPC.

-Karen Beetle

Long-time PNL Readers -

We are trying to pull together a complete set of PNLs. All 500 of them!! We are still missing a few, so contact SPC if you have PNLs from the past to send us, or copies that we could reproduce.

-Thank you

by Paul Barfoot

The italics in the article are excerpts from Norman Whitney's 1946 history of the Peace Council, included in Spectator Papers.

To all but a few of those currently active in the Syracuse Peace Council, the circumstances of its origins are somewhat mysterious, shrouded in the mists of half a century and belonging to that now unimaginable time before the threat of nuclear annihilation. Yet, at the same time, today's activists are the heirs of the dreams, the hopes and the energies of those men and women of the mid-1930's. The world has changed a great deal in 50 years. The World War that the early SPC people sought to prevent was not averted. But when one takes a close look at the issues they faced then and the issues we face today, it is often the similarities and not the differences that are most apparent.

Paul believes that even activists need roots.

Birth of an Idea

It was M. Lesley West who first brought the idea of a Syracuse and Onondaga County Peace Council, as it was first known, into being. A Syracuse native, Miss West had graduated from Syracuse University in 1900 with a degree in history. During the First World War she purchased the G.W. Crocker Crockery Shop and quickly established a reputation as a successful businesswoman. It was this financial success that allowed

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Wait!

Wasn't there a 700th Issue Back in 1974??

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Yes, but it was a mistake. I was compiling PNLs in January 1981 when I realized the numbers were not making sense. I discovered a typo in 1967 had gone unnoticed (see above). After a good laugh, we corrected it - 14 years late. Welcome to the Real 500th Issue.

-Gary Weinstein

The Hamilton White House, 307 Townsend Street in Syracuse, was the site of the Kah-Nawe-Te-Nah Club (a women's club in which Lesley West was active) where an early organizational meeting of the Peace Council was held. Onondaga Landmarks.
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her to help more people than will ever be known to seek their own dreams and goals. She was also a financial contributor to a great many struggling organizations. A feminist before the word was invented, a pacifist long before it was popular to be so, Lesley West became a driving force in every group she joined and was instrumental in the establishment of a Quaker Meeting in Syracuse. She had an absolute dedication to improving the quality of life and a unique ability to challenge people to seek excellence. So when Frederick Libby's Emergency Peace Campaign began to confront the U.S. Government's efforts to prepare the nation for war, it was Lesley West and those with whom she had shared her dream who were prepared to make a local response.

Initial Purpose

The Syracuse Peace Council, as it was originally envisioned, was to become a local forum with representatives from a variety of civic and religious organizations meeting regularly to share ideas and information on ways to work for world peace. This council was then to become part of the nationwide network of Peace Councils that the E.P.C. was hoping to establish. Among the earliest participants were Norman and Mildred Whitney, an S.U. English professor, she a high school Science teacher; Tracey Jones, the director of the YMCA; Luther Wesley Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Winifred Hughes, the S.U. Alumni Secretary. An office was set up in the YMCA building, moved to Dr. Whitney's home and then later, through the generosity of Edward Trump, to the Hills building. In January of 1936 the first Peace Newsletter was mailed, and there was soon a weekly radio broadcast of peace-related news. But public pressure to arm for war was increasing, and many members of the Council were forced by their constituents to resign. The idea of a representative council was buried and would not resurface for many years.

The group had agreed that they would emphasize action over organization and so they launched out on a campaign, then being sponsored by the NCEWM (National Council for the Prevention of War), to sell Peace Bonds. This meant neighbor to neighbor canvassing and word of mouth promotion of the new venture. It also meant "blood, sweat and tears" with the emphasis on sweat. But to the surprise of the Steering Committee the campaign succeeded and the new Peace Council was astonished to learn that it had sold the second largest amount of bonds in the nation-wide effort.

So SPC went ahead with Lesley West, The Whitneys, Horace and Emily Eaton, and a few others. Connections were made primarily with other peace groups such as the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, The American Friends Service Committee and the newly formed Syracuse Friends Meeting. Norman Whitney took on the bulk of the work in writing the articles for the PNL, preparing for the radio broadcasts, and seeking the funds to continue. His incredible knowledge and access to resources, his inexhaustible energy, and his dedication to creating a world at peace kept PNL readers up to date on peace issues and pending legislation. In many ways the success of the Peace Council in the pre-war years was the result of Dr. Whitney's ability to make large amounts of information available to people.

In the first year the SPC had consisted of a threefold Purpose: (1) A continuing program of peace education, (2) a more adequate financial support of local and national peace efforts, (3) a practical program of peace action through democratic methods; a group of organizations "unofficially represented"; a list of very dignified sponsors; a few officers; a Monthly Journal of Peace Education for College Students; a monthly Newsletter with a mailing list of 1,500; and "hopes for a two day conference in the spring."

By the third year the organizations were still "unofficially represented," the sponsor's list was still dignified (and headed by the mayor!), the purposes were unchanged there were four standing committees, some new officers had appeared and a five-point policy, embracing neutrality, reciprocal trade, and civil liberties had evolved. But the "hope for a conference" had blossomed into a PNL Newsletter, the Monthly Journal, continued; and now there were a weekly radio program, "two large public meetings annually," a community forum (LID), a speaker's bureau, a loan library, study groups, and a "peace-action" department. The dream was walking.

World War II Begins

Time Marched On. 1939: Public Meetings had grown to three and Peace Play Tournaments for young people had been inaugurated. 1941: The Four Freedoms; a Refugee and Relief Service began, and a counseling service for c.o.s. that was to become the NYS Board for CPS, Pearl Harbor. An anxious meeting of the Executive Committee. Last minute wires to Congress for the record; "shall we close up or down?" "shall we change our name?" "let's see how long we can keep going?"

So with the world about to explode into war, the Syracuse Peace Council had established itself as a place to work for and learn about peace. This was a solid beginning which laid the foundation for the education and activism that has lasted in Syracuse for nearly half a century. The dreams and hopes of the founders of SPC are alive still, and we who are their activist children have a responsibility to the energies they invested to continue the work they began.
25 Years at SPC: "It Was Always Exciting."

Lena Gray was the secretary of the Syracuse Peace Council from 1943 to 1968 -- an amazing 25 years. At her home we were treated to a glimpse of the person who typed, mimeographed, and mailed monthly Peace Newsletters and Spectator Papers, attended to the logistics of hundreds needing food and lodging during the annual Institutes for International Relations, was treasurer of SPC for years, did the office CARE tasks, coordinated the SPC booth at the State Fair every year, and sang in her church choir -- to name but a few of her activities.

Lena was not familiar with SPC when she was hired: I just had to learn day by day. Norman Whitney was a wonderful person, but he could delegate enough work for fifteen people. He knew we would get it out as soon as possible.

Norman Whitney did counseling for men wishing to obtain Conscientious Objector status. Oh dear, it was pitiful, some of the young men, they weren't sure what they wanted to do. When a young man would just cry and cry, . . . it was heartrending, I can tell you. But more than one of them did cry.

Our CARE work began in 1947. It was extra work, it was time consuming, but it was very rewarding. It was just something which we felt was needed because there were no other CARE offices in the area.

Money was sent to the Peace Council office and every order had to sent to the main CARE office in triplicate.

We were helped greatly by Margaret Noble. She was a student and contacted many other college students, and I'm sure there were many who could spare ten dollars. It was not at all unusual for her to bring in five hundred dollars at a time--she was a great "collector"!

In appreciation of this work CARE gave SPC a citation, well actually, it was given to me, but I gave it to the Peace Council, because it deserves the credit.

I liked all the work (at SPC) but this work was so worthy because it was helping people who really needed help. Quite often, the women (CARE recipients) would send me something they made, like this lace doily.

I cannot figure out where anything has ever been gained by war. What good is it? But still, so many people believe that is the only way to settle anything. I do not, and I have gotten into a few arguments, although I try not to.

There were times when you felt you were making absolutely no progress. Yet I'm sure we did: the Peace Council became known throughout a large, large area.

It was all interesting; it was all fruitful.

Lena Gray

Norman Whitney: Spectator Papers

During WWII, many conscientious objectors lived in special camps while performing manual labor in surrounding communities. These men often felt isolated and frustrated, so Norman traveled from camp to camp giving them news of each other. He started a monthly letter to them called Spectator Papers in which he "tried to share as much of the adventure of pacifist living in wartime as could be communicated across distance."

The letters continued for 25 years and were collected in a book.

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Against the Tide: 

Peacework During WWII

by Dave List

The World War II years were difficult times for the peace movement. Peace groups folded right and left after Pearl Harbor was bombed. Radio stations and former friends like The Nation and The New Republic closed their doors to anti-war voices.

Yet the Peace Council grew during the war. In late 1942, the PNL reported "our friends have never been more numerous," and a month before the war ended, the staff reported a $100 surplus on a $2,945 annual budget (no tiny amount in those days). I don't know why SPC did so well; the reader is invited to draw conclusions from the following account of what SPC was up to in those days.

The SPC wartime message favored postwar international cooperation, criticized the militarization of American society, opposed attempts to expand the draft, and denounced social injustice (especially racism) at home. There was also an ongoing effort to feed and clothe war refugees.

The first PNL after Pearl Harbor called for a "cooperative commonwealth" of nations after the war. During the period when calls for revenge were common, the expelled editor of the Nation, Oswald Villard, told an audience of 175 celebrating SPC's seventh birthday that revenge after the war would guarantee another war.

The War for Hearts and Minds

In April 1942, the Executive Committee issued a statement on the war, noting that the Peace Council "has never been an exclusively pacifist organization," and asserting that "our policy is not obstructionist..." but that "inevitably" they would offer criticism of the war. The committee also insisted that social justice was a prerequisite to peace, claiming that economic factors were the cause of war.

Dave is working on draft resistance history with the Non-Violence Program at SU, and was the first person to hand in an article for this issue.

This emphasis on cooperation and justice among nations led SPC to an anticolonial position. Gandhi was quoted proclaiming, "a real peace [is] based on the freedom and equality of all races and nations," and on an end to exploitation and domination.

This anticolonialism was applied to the US as well as other nations. The December 1941 PNL carried a Fellowship of Reconciliation pamphlet advocating self-determination for all subject nations, including Puerto Rico and the Philippines. Later in the war the Newsletter offered a warning from socialist leader Norman Thomas that "Allied plans to recolonize Asia "will cost unnumbered thousands of our sons," a prediction that was 20 years early.

In 1941 the American Friends Service Committee and SPC began an annual summer Institute for International Relations, which would draw speakers such as A.J. Muste, black labor leader A. Philip Randolph, Scott Nearing, Gandhi aide Haridas Muzumdar and pacifist author Vera Brittain. By 1944, the Institute was focusing on "Peace Terms," and that Fall a long discussion began in the PNL on the birth of the United Nations. The Dumbarton Oaks Plan, which laid the foundation for the UN, was denounced by SPC as "a military alliance for world domination under the 'good' name of world organization." The UN concept itself was supported, but changes were demanded to protect small nations and defend human rights.

World War II saw American politics and society militarized to an astonishing degree, and many thought the seeds of dictatorship were being sown. When the US Office of Education promoted an early ROTC-type program, the High School Victory Corps, the PNL observed that the Nazis had similar programs. Another item noted that wartime comic books featured fanged and horned "Japs" resembling portrayals of monster Jews in German school books. At Syracuse University, SPC activist Norman Whitney was among those faculty who refused to teach military classes when 2,000 men in uniform came to campus. Just prior to Hiroshima, the PNL relayed the Christian Century's alarm at the excitement the press demonstrated for the "goop bombs" that had levelled most of Tokyo. The goop bomb, of course, was napalm.

Against this wartime spirit of cruelty and jingoism, the Peace Council sought to nourish the fragile roots of an alternative culture. In 1943, Syracusans founded an interracial chorus that performed at SPC events.

The PNL advertised a National Council of Teachers of English book, We Build Together, a guide to "Negro life and literature" for school use. Plugs also appeared for the Co-op League radio show and for the Syracuse food co-op of the day, located at 124 Dell St. (near Westcott).

Fighting Racism at Home

Social justice in the US was nearly as much a concern of the Peace Council during the early 40's as it is today. During the war items appeared on the beating or frame-up of a
CIO organizer or on war profiteering. However, it was racism that mainly drew attention during the war.

The June 1942 issue was devoted entirely to racism, treating issues such as the internment of Japanese-Americans, the pressure on Jews to "adjust," and racial segregation of Red Cross blood, which was attacked in an editorial from the university's Daily Orange. In 1942 and 1943, SPC assisted Japanese who were not in detention camps, finding homes for 22 of them.

Pacifists in several cities founded the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) in 1943. Within a year, Syracuse had a chapter, with Marjorie Banks among its organizers. During April 1944, SPC joined CORE and FOR in sponsoring a Community Workshop on Minority Problems which brought 75 people to hear about something called nonviolent direct action, and to try some. The workshop included an "informal inter-racial dinner" by 25 persons at the Hotel Syracuse, which apparently was a whites-only facility at the time.

Domestic anti-semitism was mentioned on occasion, in a piece on "Christians only" employment practices or a plug for a book at the office called Overcoming Anti-Semitism. Surprisingly, only once during the war was the fate of European Jews addressed directly, in a January 1944 reprint of WILPF's appeal for legislation to help rescue "those who can yet be saved" from extermination.

Responses to Conscription

SPC responded to the military draft in two ways during the war. First, the organization worked closely with the Civilian Public Service Program (CPS), a system of camps where conscientious objectors did work such as digging wells, planting trees, and fighting forest fires. Also, SPC lobbied against efforts to extend the draft into peacetime.

The Peace Council became the state headquarters for the CPS program, with Norman Whitney visiting objectors in the camps. (For the story of CPS I relied on Spectator Papers, a book of Whitney's newsletters.)

Many in the peace movement and peace churches financed and helped run CPS. The issue of cooperation with the government divided peace activists, however, as hundreds of radical pacifists chose to noncooperate with the government and ended up in prison.

Whitney argued the merits of CPS, saying it was "a bastion of freedom in a totalitarian world," and a chance to build respect for pacifists, as well as "a proving ground" for future peace leaders. He was also careful to salute "those courageous ones" in prison, and the Peace Council campaigned for amnesty for them after the war.

Today's hindsight suggests those who aided CPS were coopted. But surely Professor Whitney was onto something when he said of the objectors in camp, "to preserve such values [as sensitivity and faith] in the midst of the prevailing barbarism of our times is at least something."

During the war, SPC opposed proposals to draft women (a few were drafted), to draft workers into war industries, and to militarize the schools. These ideas largely faded.

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nd a peacetime draft for all males (Universal Military Training, UMT) was the proposal that was still alive and kicking late in the war.

In the Fall of 1944, the Executive Committee declared anti-draft work their number one priority. They found an unlikely ally in Chancellor Tolley of Syracuse University (the same man who canned anti-ROTC pickets in the 1960's). Tolley described the UMT plan as "a sneak punch aimed at a public preoccupied with winning the war."

After the war, the draft lapsed for a year, but made a comeback in 1948 when Truman used the Russian Threat to breathe life into it. The anti-draft movement could only claim the small victories of preventing a universal male draft and obtaining amnesty for 10% of all resisters.

During this period, the campaign against the draft overlapped with the campaign against the onset of Cold War hysteria. In the summer of 1946 SPC sent out a pamphlet "Must We Fight Russia?" which criticized both major powers and advocated international action to outlaw conscription. In the PNL, the Truman Doctrine was labelled a path to war, and an anonymous Italian banker was quoted as saying, "If the Marshall Plan is a means of bolstering the Right, it will fail."

The "McCarthy Era" was off and running well before Tail-Gunner Joe fired his first anti-red salvo in the Senate in 1950. By the Fall of 1947, a Harper's article excerpted in the PNL described the times as "these days of purges, name calling, investigations and growing hysteria."

"These days" would last nearly a decade, and have found echoes over 30 years later. The Peace Council responded with a wry observation on the UFO craze of that era. Noting that "red, communist, soviet and Russia" had become "scare words," the PNL writer commented, "No getting upset at mere scare words for us! We are not even looking for saucers yet."

The war years were a busy time for Syracuse peace activists, and the issues they confronted were not all that different from those we face today: international exploitation and war, racism, a culture infected with militarist nationalism, and conscription. Let's hope we can persevere as they did and succeed where they didn't.
SPC in the Early 60's: Anticipating Crises

by Bill Griffen

To read what the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) was doing in the early 1960's is to experience déjà-vu. While the problems haven't gone away, our commitment, energies and programs function to "head 'em off at the pass."

As we entered the 60's, the US faced an embarrassing U-2 American spy plane incident, revolutionary changes in Cuba, civil defense proposals, the Bomb, and early indications of Black peoples' rejection of second-class citizenship.

Early indications of civil rights struggles reached Central New Yorkers as Rev. Alan B. Peabody, editor of the N.Y.S. Peace Council Newsletter (later to be changed to Syracuse Peace Council Newsletter) posted this Associated Press release from Marshall, Texas: "Firemen turned streams of water into a crowd of young Negroes (college students) to calm a demonstration over lunch counter incidents."

Texaco Aiding Cuba?
The December 15, 1960, Peace Newsletter passed along this item from the Wall Street Journal: "Texaco, Inc., which operated in Cuba for over 50 years until its properties, valued at $55 million were seized by the Castro regime last June, recently announced the gift of $100,000 to relief organizations working with refugees from Cuba's Castro regime. James W. Fole, Texaco president, called the gift a 'double-barreled' one. He said the company was interested in the humanitarian aspects and also 'we have a large investment (in Cuba) and some day expect to get it back.'"

1961 "name" speakers included Bayard Rustin and Norman Thomas. Rustin spoke at the "Round-Up of Peace Workers" that saw high school, college and adult organizing sessions. It was at this meeting that Mildred Bill is a longtime SPC member. His involvement in the peace and civil rights movements has led to several arrests. He is currently active with the Cortland Peace Council.

and Norman Whitney reported visiting 40 cities and villages in upstate New York to hold community clinics in peace education and activism. They travelled over 6,000 miles distributing literature and films, and introducing people to the concept of public witnessing for peace. One high school teacher, moved by the Whitney's efforts, left teaching to go into peacework as a full-time volunteer. An elderly upstate woman sold a treasured painting in order to contribute to peace activities. The Peace Council's "ripples" were widening.

Norman Thomas, a repeated Socialist candidate for the US Presidency, drew an enthusiastic crowd of 350, and the Newsletter observed, "wonder of wonders, a meeting sponsored by SPC was well publicized in the press." Maybe the notoriety of the speaker influenced the coverage, the Newsletter concluded.

The year 1961 brought forth SPC's early warning of "the unthinkable nuclear war" and insightful, educational background information on political changes in Cuba, the Congo and Laos.

A three day vigil was held at Griffiss Air Force Base protesting the installation of Titan ICBMs. The 125 demonstrators serve as a clear reminder that SPC's commitment to disarmament is rooted in many years of activism.

Fighting the Cold War

In the early 1960's SPC continued to sift through the reams of cold war rhetoric spewing from the media grist mills. As today, SPC effectively separated rhetoric from reality. A case in point: when almost everyone was serving up the simplistic, Communist-agitator/domino theory, the Peace Council warned "The recurring trouble in Laos coupled with recent enlarged American involvements in South Viet Nam and Thailand have probably found most Americans with an inadequate background to comprehend developments."

SPC, through speakers, panels, articles and other events, helped fill that "inadequate background" void.

Personal commitments continued to play a vital role in SPC's work, and in the summer of 1962 Mary Grooms visited Syracuse to tell of her concrete steps towards disarmament. She, along with several other women, chartered a plane to Geneva to urge American and Soviet delegates to move beyond the rhetoric of disarmament to disarmament action.

Syracuse was electrified by the appearance of Ava and Linus Pauling at the Yates Hotel in 1962. Ava Helen Pauling, Vice President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), and Linus Pauling, a Nobel prize winner

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Standing room only crowd to its feet which brought Syracusans together to its seminar and housing.

Civil Rights Activism

Late 1962 saw increasing interest in race relations and the problems of domestic racism. In December, Lillian Reiner hosted a meeting of WILPF at which CORE (Congress for Racial Equality) and the State Commission for Human Rights presented their views on de facto segregation in the Syracuse Public School System. At this time SPC noted: "Although the Peace Council is primarily devoted to the cause of peace, it realizes that peace cannot be achieved while a significant minority of our citizens must endure racial oppression." By the following year the Peace Council had identified specific race relations problems in Syracuse involving education, employment and housing.

University College joined SPC in 1962 for a series of discussions which brought Syracusans together to address issues of disarmament and world peace. SPC's and WILPF's presence were felt in downtown Syracuse as peace exhibits and literature centers were set up on the street level of the Hotel Onondaga.

Cuban Missile Crisis

In the aftermath of the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Peace Newsletter offered "two views of missiles in Cuba." The second of these views—not the Time magazine one—argued that "...the Soviet intermediate range ballistic missiles on Cuban soil are no more 'offensive' than our IRBM's in Polaris submarines, Turkey or Italy."

Central New York State peace candidates for the US Congress came forward in the early 60's and Harrop Freeman's candidacy (Elmira, Ithaca, Binghamton area) was supported by many progressives in the area. He was followed by successful educational congressional campaigns by Norman Balabanian in 1964 and Dale Tussing and this writer in 1968.

As the new year approached, SPC planned for the "Great Decisions of 1963" series. Neighborhood groups were brought together to wrestle intellectually and politically with issues of the Common Market, China, the Alliance For Progress and "Peace: What Problems and Prospects?"

A few short years in the history of SPC—a lot of meetings, a ton of leaflets, a small ocean of printer's ink, much thought, much action and a deep commitment to peace and justice making it all relevant. In the early 1960's as today, SPC was doing its thing: thinking globally, acting locally and anticipating crises.

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SPC Oral History

"When You Reach the End of Your Rope, Tie a Knot and Hang On."

We were very late in arriving at Alan Peabody's office in Utica, but he responded with good humor. He spoke of his life-long commitment to pacifism and a few of the many forms that commitment has taken — minister, sole editor of the Peace Newsletter for about 10 years (beginning in 1957), civil rights activist at Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas (where he was the only white full-time faculty member and continued to edit the PNL), outspoken opponent of the Viet Nam War, and his current work as executive director of the Mohawk Valley Council of Churches.

I was a peacenik beginning when I was about 18 years old. A friend of mine named Mark Shaw had a father who worked for the National Council for the Prevention of War. Through this friendship my latent interest in international affairs was developed and my active participation in the church in which I grew up began to take on a little different meaning. We had graduated in 1942 from high school and I can remember the debate topic that year was, "Should the U.S. adopt universal military conscription?" Mark and I were on the negative side. We debated it before 1500 students and we won. By the time I went away to college it was quite clear that I was a conscientious objector — this was the time of WWII — and I never had to face the issue like some people did because I got student exemptions. Finally I had a student church. The dean of the college got so darned sick and tired of filling out papers every few months for the draft board that he told him I ought to be classified as a minister, so that took care of that.

Alan's DeRuyter peace activities were not always very public. During the time of air raid drills:

Even in DeRuyter the sirens went off. The Town Supervisor who was an ex-deputy sheriff got out and directed traffic and looked very pompous. That afternoon I made a point of going out to call, but I called outside the village where I wouldn't run afoul of his nonsense. It was just my own personal way of being rebellious.

Alan worked at Paul Quinn College from 1960-1965 and was very supportive of his students' activism. This is but one example:

I had arranged for a speaker to come to our campus. Some of the students at Baylor (a white school nearby) wanted to meet some of our students, so they came over that night. After the meeting there were clusters of students talking about racial injustice. The word got out downtown that I was organizing demonstrations. The President called me up to the campus and my stomach did a little churning when he told me this. But he said, "Don't get excited. It's having a great effect downtown!"

We asked him how he feels after all these years of often being in the minority:

I get discouraged like a lot of other people do and yet you keep on fighting, you keep on saying the things you believe. It's fun.

Alan Peabody
It Was Just the Sort of Thing You Did Because You Felt it Was Important.

Jane Feld was reluctant to be interviewed by us. She felt she had little to offer in the way of concrete activism. She hadn't even been involved with SPC that long, she said, only since she'd been married—over thirty years ago!

Jane became politically active while a graduate student in Illinois. When she returned to Syracuse with her husband (who had been blacklisted because of his activities), she began to work with SPC.

I've always gone to all SPC functions, since 1949. It was much smaller then, much more Quaker oriented. There was a little dissension between that kind of person and those who wanted SPC to be very radical. But SPC was nice and friendly, and very peaceful—generally. They were doing things, if only educating themselves.

Jane also worked with Syracuse Women for Peace and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She was active in organizing against A-bomb testing and joined the local civil rights movement. One project she participated in was the Downtown Peace Center (1962), one of the many joint efforts of WILPF and SPC.

It was financed by this strange old man who owned the Onondaga Hotel. No one quite knew what he believed in except free speech. He gave us a room which at one time had been some sort of Right Wing reading room. The Peace Center was both a reading and sales room. It was very visible downtown and it got a lot of play.

Jane has been involved with certain causes that SPC did not pursue, such as the defense of the Rosenbergs. Jane's memories of the McCarthy era are particularly disturbing:

It was in Syracuse that the Johnson Supermarket chain started the "Red Channels" blacklisting. That's how it all began. I went to school with Johnson's daughters, they were good friends of mine.

It was a terrible period. A lot of people had their lives, if not ruined, at least warped forever. Yet you never quite believed that anything bad was going to happen to you. I don't know why not, because bad things were happening to lots of people I knew.

We were very involved in the fight for the Rosenbergs. I think SPC was afraid to take a stand. I know there were problems, but I really don't know exactly what. It was a very, very frightening time. There were just a handful of people who were against what was happening.

I remember very distinctly having FBI people come to my door. The words "we're from the FBI" were enough to give you a terrible fright. They wanted to talk. My response was always, "I have nothing to say to you." I have friends who thought they could reason with the FBI and did talk to them, but of course, the minute you say anything, they want more.

Now I call myself a feminist. At one time I didn't know the word, but I also think I didn't know the feeling.
PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY
Compiled by Paul Germano

Norman Whitney, one of SPC's founders, in his English class at Syracuse University.

Federal Building, May 1980. Carol Baum holds message of support for Akwesasne Traditionalists and Dissidents who took 6 chiefs to court. The chiefs, "elected" under the BIA system were refusing to step down after being impeached.

SPCers clown around with their AWOL pals from the military.

Speaking out against the B-1 Bomber, Columbus Circle, October 1974

Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki

The location and method of reminding the public of the horrors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, may change from year to year, but the message of this long-standing Peace Council observance remains the same: Future Hiroshimas and Nagasakis must be prevented from ever happening.

Hanover Square 1979

Clinton Square 1974

Hiroshima-Cambodia Action 1973

April 1980, Gail Wassil brings the Peace Council’s message to Washington D.C. in this March for a Non-Nuclear World.

Former War Resisters League Chairperson, Igal Roodenko, gestures during speech at SPC’s 41st Annual Dinner, June 1977.

 Appearing in the July 1972 PNL, this photo (at Left) illustrates SPC's need for more office space. In that issue, plans were announced to purchase the house at 924 Burnet Ave. for a mere $8,000.

1964 Thanksgiving Vigil, at far right is David Miller, who would later gain national attention as the first American to burn his draft card.

The national buzzword of 1974.

September 1977, Henry Kissinger visits Syracuse and is "greeted" by SPC.

The Spectre of Death hovers outside Richard Nixon's re-election headquarters.
People's 1980 Energy Committee attempts to extricate SPC from NiMo's meter. Clockwise from Upper Left: Dik Cool, Sally Brule, Karen Kearney, Glenda Neff, David Goldman and Jack Manno.

At Right: Donna Gans adds her name to a long list of people encouraging draft age men not to register, and pledging to aid and abet any person refusing to cooperate with registration and/or a draft. January 1981.

A grim reminder of the bloodshed in El Salvador, Haig Action, Syracuse University, May 1981.

Native American Rally, Columbus Circle, October 1975.

Columbus Circle, March 22, 1968. A silent vigil for Ronald Brazee, held three days after he immolated himself in front of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in protest of the Viet Nam war.
Dik Cool was on staff at the Peace Council from 1970 to 1980, times of intense activism and transition. He has played a major role in almost every big SPC project over the last 13 years such as the calendar, PNL, Viet Nam Art Show, Direct Action Project, Front Room Bookstore, and SPC Press. He is a wonderful storyteller and as was the case with all of our interviews, selecting portions to excerpt was extremely difficult.

Dik's confrontations with injustice began while he was a student at Michigan State:

It was in 1964 when I first dissociated myself from the selective service system. I told them the only correspondence I would have with them would be as individuals, not as representatives of selective service. I had a student classification, but I decided that I wasn't going to accept that kind of favorable treatment. It was just this basic gut feeling of inequality and a kind of traditional pacifist view.

Selective service sent a notice to report for a physical and an induction notice. Dik failed to report for either. He knew he would be doing time — which almost paralyzed him. There was little political activism then and no support systems for resisters. In 1965 the FBI busted him and he returned to Syracuse for his trial.

Ben Shove, a prominent SPC member, was his lawyer. The Peace Council, however, took no part in Dik's support.

Ben kept delaying the trial because he kept wanting me to apply for CO status. I had decided that I wasn't going to do that — I felt that CO status was also preferential treatment. He sort of understood, but at the same time he didn't agree with it. A resister was a very outlandish position in those days. It was understandable too — Ben and people like him had felt they had fought a good part of their lives to get the government to provide CO status to people, and to have young people come along and say, "Well, that's a bunch of shit" wasn't very pleasing to them.

Dik began his two years of prison in 1967. During that time he was transferred twice, played a lot of basketball, and challenged the system.

In some ways my life on the outside at that point had been very withdrawn, but when I got into prison, I somehow realized that the best way to survive was to relate to people.

Basketball is one of the major things people do in prison. The black guys that dominate the sport in prison tend also to be the leaders. They're sharp guys who are in prison simply because they don't want to go along with the program that's been laid out for them. Playing basketball allowed me to get to know these guys very well. Between that and having a little more education and acting a little like a jailhouse lawyer, I was able to gain quite a bit of respect and influence.

We started to challenge the segregation in this one cell block. This was in 1967 and supposedly such things hadn't existed since the Civil Rights Law was passed. But there was this two-man cell block that, in the book where they kept track of who all the people were in each room, there was a little "N" and a little "W" next to everybody's name. For some unknown reason there was never an "N" and a "W" in the same room. So this black guy and I decided to challenge that in a very low key way. Four or five days after we applied for a room together, I found myself in the transfer unit.

When Dik got out of jail he worked at Bristol Labs for a short time. In early 1970 he was hired as SPC's second full-time staffperson. This was his first experience with the Peace Council. Activism increased and by 1971, SPC erupted. In the space of five months, there were five staff, the newsletter grew, and the calendar, Community Magazine, and Plowshare began.

Around that time Dik and Sari Knopp started the Direct Action Project, a draft resistance group which later became part of SPC. One of their more effective activities focused on the induction center downtown:

We had this really elaborate network that we built up over a year or so. Every morning we leafletted the induction center. We would have several people there to meet the bus coming in and also to meet the employees. We got to be on a first name basis with all the employees. Ultimately one started giving us information. We felt that was a real coup, a real sabotage operation! That allowed us to have people in about ten different points around upstate New York where the induction center buses would leave. The one in Jefferson County was in Lyons Falls. The draft people were just freaked out when our people showed up at the exact time that the bus from Lyons Falls left, because it only came out of there once a month. They just couldn't figure out how we knew that. We showed up at both ends, for example in Lyons Falls and in Syracuse. We had a counselor and activists in all of those areas. We had a leaflet that had the name and number of a counselor in each of the cities. We had a map that had little dots on areas where we needed a little more work — just like the military has. We felt that it was really, really an accomplishment.

I vacillate between being an anarchist, and a socialist, or being neither. It's never been a big issue for me. Gandhi said that probably nothing you do in your life will make any difference, but it is absolutely essential that you do it anyway. Faulkner said that there's only a certain number of things you can do in your life and you might as well do what you do and enjoy as much as you can. I could relate to that.

Dik Cool
500th Peace Newsletter

It has been an awesome, frustrating yet strangely rewarding task to try to report on 14 years of PNL's—about 150 issues! Time and energy limitations have both been major problems. I've tried to maintain a focus that separates the PNL from most SPC program work. The chart on page 25 provides a quick, understand-

by Dick Cool

I think it was Mao-Tse-Tung who said the most important attribute of any journal is regularity—consistent information that people can depend on. In the last 14 years the Peace Newsletter, "Central NY's Antiwar/Social Justice Paper" has been a model of dependability even though money, time and resources have almost always been scarce. The PNL has become a source of truth for many people, a beacon, an inspiration, an alternative to our corporate-blandified media. Just how did all this come to pass?

The story begins in 1969 with the hiring of David Easter as a full time organizer. The PNL was one, sometimes two, legal size sheets edited by Alan Peabody who lived in Utica. David had added a staff report page by the time Sally Brule' and I joined him on staff in early 1970. The changes, born of an urgent necessity to keep pace with the movement around us, came quickly. Both Sally and I have a fair amount of ink in our veins—the love of putting out a paper—so necessity began to mesh with individual proclivities. (Over the years there have been other key people with this love and vision: Tony Avirgan, Chris Murray, John Maddaus, William Sunderlin, Lisa Johns, Glenda Naff and now Karen Beetle and Andy Mager.)

By July '70 we had a new masthead and had switched to a two column format with a magazine page size; but more importantly the first written indication appeared that the PNL was becoming a paper—a Publication—in its own right.

By March '71 there were 10 pages and the first photo appeared in connection with local Martin Luther King activities. The multi-issue content of the PNL began to emerge as local groups in May '71 were asked to submit their news with the comment, "peace is not an isolated social issue." The vision at that time, though not formally recorded, was that the PNL provided SPC an ongoing vehicle to link the various progressive movements, while leaving program work to properly emphasize peace and disarmament organizing. There was also a sense of responsibility, as a developing paper, to cover all the relevant news, especially the radical, activist items which had little exposure otherwise. The first reprint, a WIN piece on the Panther 13 acquittal, appeared in July.

November '71 carried another indication that the PNL was becoming a paper. The issue date was moved ahead a month to coincide with the period of circulation. Other ambitious publishing ventures began here too: the annual wall calendar; the Community directory; and holiday cards. No doubt our experience with the PNL paved the way for these efforts. December '71 brought the first regular feature, the Middle East Forum, as well as the first tiny table of contents.

In January '72 the PNL published the "subversive" 7 point peace plan of the PRG of Viet Nam, taking the risk of being branded "commie dupes."

The April '72 issue was pivotal to the current form of the present-day PNL as the first offset, newsprint issue, complete with photos on the cover, was published. Three major factors were responsible: we were mimeoing 3,000 copies with 18 pages—the machine ran night and day 36 hours straight plus the collating; we had newly acquired newsprint experience from publishing our first directory; Tony Avirgan had offset experience from work in Philadelphia.

Additional high-tech improvements followed: the IBM executive, carbon ribbon typewriter—"poor people's typesetting"—on which I type at this very moment!; reducing the type; a lay-out room when we moved to 924 Burnet in September '72; a fan; a mechanical pen; reasonably sharp razor blades; a pencil sharpener; our very own blue-lined lay-out paper. Yup, we were (and are) on our way to the big time!

Kudos began to roll in as the PNL consistently improved its quality, produced special topical issues, and linked people's history and national events to its schedule. International Women's Day, Gay Pride Day and the end of the Viet Nam war are examples. In 1976 the Wilson Library Journal recommended the PNL to all NYS libraries and earlier, Maris Cakars, then a WIN staffer, had sent a note saying the PNL was "perhaps the best such publication in all the land."

The recognition was nice because frequently we felt the common curse of periodicals—being taken for granted. We even did it to ourselves. I can remember staff meetings in '73, '74 when none of us would list the PNL as a major project we worked on! It was given, an all night toss-off. Yet the PNL had become an example for other groups, with at least one paper, Cambridge AFSC's "Peacework", modeled after it.

And of course the fun and humor. The time, in '76, when I took a break and the staff sent me a specially lissiped by the War Resisters League) had a national focus, of course, but over the years there was considerable cross-fertilisation between the nonviolent, activist magazines. WIN's money problems simply became too severe. Contributions to their huge debt can be sent to WIN, 326 Livingston St. Brooklyn, NY 11217.

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The People

* Indicates staff of SPC
The Front Room or SPC Press


- Murray*, Marilyn Miller 2/73 Letters to editor; 6,000 circ. highest ever 5


The "Firsts"

1/70 4 legal size pages
3 First calendar—4 dates! 7 pages
7 New masthead; 2 column format; 1 page for calendar
9 8 pages; Bill Huxley, longtime PNL mimeoer, cracks out his first

2/71 10 pages; Dominic DiToro resident artist
3 First photograph, using electronic stencil
4 "Newsletter Growing Pains"—appeal to members to submit information
6 First graphic (cartoon) as a major cover element
9 Back cover becomes calendar
11 14 pages; first Plowshares Fair announced
12 16 pages; first table of contents

1/72 18 mimeo pages; Near East group accuses SPCers of apathy in full page article
4 First newsprint, offset edition; 16 pages
6 First paid ads & classifieds; 3500 circ.
9 Move to 924 Burnet—a lay out room!
10 Women's INFO Center opens

2/73 Letters to editor; 6,000 circ. highest ever 5
5 24 pages; entire issue has type reduced

2/74 "CNY's Antwerp Paper—Est. 1936" joins mast head; "Social Justice" added 5/74
9 First special issue 32 pages

1/75 New masthead; "advertisers offerings"
5 32 pg. Indochina issue—war ends!
9 Tribute to Jane & "Whit" Whitney

5/76 The Pentagon in Onondaga Co. 1st supplement
8 First Poetry issue; subscriber to LNS

3/77 From 2 to 3 columns at 75%; explanation of newsletter/paper role
4 40 pgs. Nuclear Power & its Alternatives
8 Ben Shove memorial; resident artist Karen Kerney
9 Censorship by 7 Advertisers over gay/lesbian rights; Brown/B'ville new printer

2/79 People's Energy Primer, 56 pgs. largest ever 4
Sub goes to $6; 2/82 to $8
9 First and only erotic stuffer by Chris Murray attention grabber for an "errata" sheet

6/80 Editorial Comm. members other than staff; Alternative Press Index adds PNL

2/81 PNL debates tabloid—magazine format kept
4 Masthead (current one); pgs. 3 & 4 redone
8 War & Peace peacekeeping handbook—20,000

2/82 Under new SPC structure, first PNL staffer, Karen Beetle coordinates 32 pager with first culture section
3 Laurie Goldman becomes resident artist

9/83 First 500th issue

The Issues

A Sampling of cover themes
7/70 Hiroshima Downtown
12 35th Birthday Party
2/71 SPC signs People's Peace Treaty
3 Berrigan's conspiracy indictments
6 Indochina—My Lai massacre
12 Daily Death Toll—Indochina
1/72 New Year's Poem/Sally Brule
3 Trial of Catonsville 9
10 Nixon's "peace" in Indochina
1/73 Viet Nam peace talks
3 Nixon's "Peace with Honor"
5 Universal unconditional amnesty
3/74 Nixon in Syracuse? (never showed)
4 Northrop fighter plane ad
7 Saigon's tiger cages
10 PNL #700—oops 400!
1/75 Assembly to Save Peace Agreement—Viet Nam
5 Special Indochina issue—Freedom and independence!
11 Viet Nam 1976 Wall Calendar, SPC's 5th annual
1/76 Angola: Another Viet Nam for US?
2 Kissinger: justifying US intervention in Chile
3 Ireland: B-1 bomber
7 Cobb cartoon: "The bicentennial is a time to celebrate our rights... not use them!"

12/76 & 1/77 Nuclear Waste
6 No nukes in Seabrook
5 Workers strike/Skaneateles Falls

2/78 FBI's SPC dossier (since 1943)
6 Stop the Sterling nuke
7 Gay & Lesbian rights

1/79 Genien keb/Indian sovereignty
2 People's Energy Primer—56 pages
3 International Women's Day
5 Three Mile Island special section

2/80 Third World/Chile; the draft
5 Iran held hostage 322 months (under the Shah)
6 Poetry section
11 Women's Pentagon Action

3/81 El Salvador: Another Viet Nam?
5 Demo against Haig/S. U. graduation
6 Lillian Rainer—80 Relevant years!
9 Prisons—Plowshares 8, Peltier

2/82 Poland—just "right" for Reagan's ideology
4 Resist War Taxes! Militaryism
5 Manning Marable speaks on jobs, freedom, peace
11&12 Peace on Earth—now

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"SPC is sinking. Who's going to jump ship next? I'll hang on if you'll hang on!"

Sounds extreme, but this is how it felt to William Sunderlin and myself in 1979 - 1980. The SPC program staff shrank from four to two people, the IRS was seizing money from SPC and Front Room bank accounts, the steering committee was overburdened with financial and decision making crises. This is not to belittle the landmark changes of those years, particularly the payroll system which since 1979 has delivered regular salary checks to staff. It was obvious to the staff and steering committee that we had to make our jobs liveable, stimulating, empowering, or how could we ever honestly recruit others to take on the responsibilities after us?

Besides the hardships felt by staff and steering committee members, the activists within SPC observed how high impossible it was to put ideas into action. We had become immobilized, stuck in a vicious cycle of reacting to crises. These activists asked questions such as: how is a proposal for an SPC program presented to the SPC membership? How does it get a fair hearing? Who makes the final decisions about projects? Staff? Steering Committee? Individuals? How do SPC members have any say? We need to prioritize within our program, and focus our energies on fewer projects, but how? Which group of people makes the final decisions?

Such questions about political program decisions paralleled concerns from the steering committee about the autonomy of SPC projects with regard to financial accountability. Who decides the political merits vs. financial risks of large scale projects such as the SPC calendar or the special issue, War and Peace? Who approves projects like the Monday Night Potlucks, which cannot raise funds to cover expenses?

**The Retreat**

Out of this confusion was born the idea of a retreat, a weekend away from the day-to-day hectic pace, where we could consider some new ways for the Peace Council to work. The SPC Retreat took place in late October, 1980, at Camp Whitman on Seneca Lake. Almost 25 people came, and many others sent written statements with their concerns and ideas.

At the Retreat we named the key aspects of SPC which needed clarification: what kind of decisions are made on the project committee level and what kind of decisions need to be made by a larger group of SPC members? How do we involve more people in decision making and in the projects? How can the staff roles be redefined so that staff are not always in the center of everything and consequently exhausted? How do we articulate SPC politics and focus our energies? We saw as the common goal of any reforms to make it easier (and more rewarding) for all kinds of people to be involved in the Peace Council's work.

Brilliant and exciting ideas evolved during the weekend. We thought to alleviate the burdens of the steering committee by breaking it up into two entities: one group to focus on the administrative/financial responsibilities (an Organizational Maintenance Committee, or OM as it is now called); the other group to discuss the long range guidelines and focus of SPC program, that is, our goals and projects (Program and Evaluation Committee, now called P&E). After the Retreat we decided to specialize staff roles along the same lines; each staff person has a primary area of responsibility which relates to the work of either P&E, OM, or the Peace Newsletter (PNL) editorial committee.

**Councils**

We left the Retreat most inspired by the concept of an SPC "Council", a regular gathering of representatives from SPC projects (such as NVS Films, the Stop Nine Mile II work), the steering committees, PNL, SPC House collective and any interested members of SPC. The Council is a structured, publicized forum which takes place three or four times a year. There we can exchange updates and evaluations, hear new ideas and proposals, and take stock of long-range plans. It allows a discussion of
SPC's activities to be opened up to the broadest range of supporters. By participating in the Council we hope that a wider circle of SPC people will feel a sense of ownership and commitment to SPC projects.

As the Council model was refined after the Retreat it was perceived that Council meetings would not be viable decision making bodies, primarily due to the infrequency of meetings and the large number of people expected to attend. Instead the staff and two steering committees are charged with making decisions about SPC finances, projects and strategies, keeping foremost in their minds what they have heard expressed at the Councils. To not expect decisions from Council meetings (and therefore not structure the agenda in a way which will bring about decisions) is perhaps the most controversial and criticized aspect of SPC's new structure. At present the Council facilitators attempt to summarize discussions so that we leave with some clarity of what viewpoints gathered agreement and momentum. This is very important for the P&E and OM committees in their biweekly meetings. The sense of Council meetings (or of ad hoc planning meetings as occurred this past April to map out the summer events) is, in effect, a mandate to P&E and OM to develop and implement the ideas.

Has the new Council structure made SPC more accessible and useful to both new volunteers and experienced activists? Is a greater sense of empowerment evidenced by attendance at Council meetings or participation in projects?

For sure a greater number of people participate in the discussions which precede decision making by any group within SPC. The two steering committees and PNL editorial committee conscientiously gather opinions by sending notes and agendas of their meetings to interested people, holding Monday Night Potluck discussions, reporting in the PNL, and sending out questionnaires (such as in the last fund appeal, complete with stamped envelope!). Yet it is a group numbering only 40 or so activists who are presently involved in either SPC decision making or projects. Ever fewer people from the general SPC community have attended Council meetings. Councils have been mainly gatherings of members of P&E, OM, PNL and the SPC House collectives (which includes The Front Room and the Press) with a few project representatives. After stimulating discussions on such big topics as "Strategies In Disarmament Work," the same over-extended activists are left to carry the enthusiasm into the work of organizing. Obviously a gap still exists between the concept and the reality of Council meetings.

SPC "style"

In considering SPC's effectiveness to reach and involve people we have recently turned our attention away from the question of structure and focused on SPC's organizing style and image. Why does it take persistence, even determination, and a good deal of flexible time before one feels comfortable and in touch with the SPC office? Is it necessary to put in the time and energy with meetings, agendas and minutes before getting to the actual work of a project? The commitment of time and energy often scares away interested people who have full time jobs or families, or homes to maintain. Peace work becomes an occupation left to those who live "alternative lifestyles"—usually younger people without children, with flexible jobs, sharing houses, cars and incomes. These descriptions are oversimplified but there is truth to the criticism of supporters and would-be supporters that the image of the SPC activist is a caricature of the Westcott Nation resident.

This criticism has been listened to and considered with openness which is indicative of the spirit in SPC since the Retreat. The status quo in SPC has little of the passive acceptance it enjoyed five years ago. Even as we watch the new Council/P&E/OM structure take shape we are aware of the new problems and new questions before us. The shape wants to change already! For example, the separation of the political program work, the PNL, and the administrative, nitty-gritty tasks has bred discontent. OM members and the OM staffperson feel left out of the more satisfying work and are sometimes plain bored. The staffperson who shoulders the coordination of PNL

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You are what you eat

Animal Factories

by Jim Mason and Peter Singer

The American animal farm has become Big Business. Small, diversified family farms are giving way to large, systematized "confinement systems," where animals live indoors for their full life spans crowded into cages, stalls, and pens; their needs tended by mechanized systems designed to permit large-scale production with little labor.

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production every month (tracking down headlines, ads, lay out workers, etc.) has similar complaints. As regards Council meetings, we are prepared to change to shorter, more inviting formats. But again, it is more than a question of structure. We challenge ourselves to create a consciousness of self-government. What can we do in SPC to develop our abilities to strategize, prioritize and develop long range programs? After all, here is our practice field for community decision making such as we hope to extend into workplaces, neighborhoods and wider economic and political spheres.

These years of evaluating, testing out, reevaluating, leaves us with a deeper awareness of the strengths of the Syracuse Peace Council. We are a community of sensitive and strong-minded people. Working with our heads and our hearts, we take time to listen closely to each other, yet strive to keep a perspective of the organization as a whole. Our activism for peace and justice is limited only by the inspiration and power we ignite in ourselves and the Central New York community.

Available through the SPC office:
1. A written description and flow chart of the SPC "Council" structure.
3. Minutes of Council Meetings I-IV.
4. Description of SPC Program Areas and "How an idea can become an SPC Program.*

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50 years ago, when Angus MacDonald was a junior in high school, his teacher asked the class whether any of them really were going to try to make things better for the world. Two boys raised their hands. One was Angus ("which was pretty arrogant of me," he says). The teacher simply told them they were sure to find themselves in the minority.

Since then, Angus has indeed found himself in the "minority" many times in his struggles for peace and social justice. Since 1936, when Angus mimeographed one of the first Peace Newsletters (although he was not an active SPC member at that time), he has been involved in many of the progressive causes of the last fifty years. Some of these fights were won, some lost, but all in all, Angus says the experience has been "not bad at all, very exhilarating."

On the hot, soggy afternoon that Angus and his wife greeted us at their home with zucchini bread and an iced pitcher of lemonade, it was this exhilaration and joyfulness which emerged as the greatest inspiration for us. We hope this strong spirit might help to "charge the batteries" (as Angus puts it) of other peace workers.

The reason I'm working for peace is the reason you're working for peace: people are the most important thing. We are all people in the web of life. Not people as conquerors, but as guests and friends in this web of life.

I remember when I returned to Syracuse in 1964 I was thinking of starting something called the Humanitarians. The idea was to have a group of people who realized the basic value is life. And then I came to the Peace Council and found people who were living the way I thought people should live. I've always felt that Peace Council people are like the early Christians: their sharing, peacefulness, courage and communal way of life. And so, I became fairly active in the past six or seven years. Never been a bit sorry. Something very solid about the Peace Council, I mean, all those forty-five years...

I often think of Abu Ben Adam in Browning's poem. He wakes up and sees an angel writing in a book of gold. He asks "What are you writing?" and the angel says "I am writing the names of those people who love the Lord." "Is my name there? Put me down as one who loves my fellow man." The next day he wakes up and sees his name at the top of the list. This is how I feel about the Peace Council.

What Angus has to tell us becomes all the more significant when we learn that he has also felt terrible despair. The process of overcoming this hopelessness was long and hard and private, but can give a better perspective to our own, sometimes overwhelming sadnesses:

Around 1948 all the initiatives I'd taken seemed so completely defeated, so crushingly defeated, that I completely gave up. I refused even to read newspapers for eight to ten years. Never once after that one time (and then I had been partially self-defeated) have I felt defeated.

Since his retirement in 1980, Angus has devoted most of his time to peacework. He works with a special urgency these days, because he feels that Reagan policies aimed at destroying constitutional rights and escalating an already genocidal arms race have created a danger completely without precedent:

We are at an absolutely unique moment in history. Every moment is extremely precious. For everything we do, we can't wring our hands and say, am I doing it right? But we must certainly give it our best thought. Keep our sense of humor and our sense of proportion above all things. Realize our limitations, but not be daunted by them.

I used to read about these early Christian sects giving away all their possessions and waiting for the destruction of the earth. I think it's important to believe no, it's not going to be this way. I am going to plan for this year and next year. Keep your white plumes flying, you know? We shall overcome, we shall continue to exist, and we shall be happy doing it!

Angus MacDonald
What SPC means to me

Squeezed in

I write this in the car on my way to an action at Griffiss Air Force Base. This is a perfect instance of how I do my SPC work: squeezed in but underlying almost everything I do. What does SPC mean to me? Work and struggle! It's been frustrating, upsetting, depressing and ineffective. It's also been the most positive, empowering growth force in my life. My values and ideals and the attempts to live them are supported by the unique SPC community. I can't envision Syracuse anymore without the Syracuse Peace Council people.

--Kath Buffington

We shall prevail

My association with SPC dates to the early 1960's. At that time the issue driving most social activists was the Black civil rights struggle. On the horizon loomed the massive Viet Nam War protests. It was a time calling for the best in citizen involvement; a time thrusting SPC to center-stage; a time for resistance to official madness. SPC rose to the challenge and played a significant role in galvanizing people against power. A dedicated, informed and tirelessly courageous staff was ever-present with advice, networks, slide shows, leaflets, posters, films, bodies, spirit, organizing know-how and the persistence to force the media to do what they are supposed to do in a democracy -- report, not distort. This, to me, was one of SPC's crucial contributions to peace and justice. They were effective in countering the conventional media distortions with incisive analyses that laid bare the banalities of TV and press coverage. Recall the times the Syracuse Post Standard and the Herald felt obliged to anticipate SPC's position on a social issue and protect the public by explaining that "war is peace" and "repression is justice."

It is with pride that I recall the number of times SPC would call me immediately following a crisis precipitated by U.S. interventionist foreign policy. We would huddle hurriedly, a position would be hammered out, news media would be corralled and Central New Yorkers would now have a choice, not just official versions of the Christmass 1972 bombing of Hanoi, the Iranian hostages crisis, lost peace initiatives, Central America interventions and the list goes on.

--David Easter

A continuing inspiration

My times of working with the Peace Council continue to be my proudest. Their staff and members kept me going when the murmur, at times the cry, of "What's the use?" surfaced. Their model of commitment inspired me to organize a Cortland Peace Council.

So here's to my demonstration-mates, my network-mates, my civil disobedience-mates and, yes, my cell-mates (remember Tennessee, Syracuse, Washington, D.C., Auburn?)

We shall prevail.

--Bill Griffin

I worked as a staff person for the Syracuse Peace Council from 1968 till 1974. They were very full and satisfying years of my life. I felt a great deal of support from the wider Peace Council community. Like today, those were years of urgency, conflict and controversy, within both our society and our own organization. It was immensely sustaining to be able to work with so many others who were doing what they could to work for peace and social justice.

I wanted to work to end the war in Vietnam, to stop the draft, to confront the arms manufacturers, to study nonviolence, to challenge economic injustice. The Peace Council helped me do all of these. Isn't it wonderful to be part of an organization that struggles, even if imperfectly, for the realization of our highest ideals? I learned so much from my co-workers at SPC, both staff and volunteers. This teaching function of the Peace Council is probably not often counted in assessments of SPC accomplishments.

One of the things I learned is the importance of steady year in and year out work. Working for peace and social justice is just plain hard. It is discouraging. It is sometimes painful. It is easy to focus on our failures, our mistakes, our inadequacies. It never seems we are doing enough. But can we quit? Can we give up? Wouldn't it feel terrible to know that one had become passive and apathetic? For me the Syracuse Peace Council is a continuing inspiration.

In the years since leaving Syracuse I have tried to put these lessons to use, first with the Men's Resource Center in Portland, with AFSC in Tokyo, and with the Committee for a New Korea Policy and the Social Action Center in Albany. I'm proud to remain a member of the Syracuse Peace Council. The Peace Council will always be a part of me.
Focus for activism

Syracuse Peace Council's longtime commitment to non-violent activism for peace has meant a lot in my life. As a member of the Peace Council High School Committee, I worked on the mimeographed Peace Newsletter. The PNL gave me a focus for my activism in junior high and high school during the Vietnam War. One Moratorium Day, I went to a local peace rally downtown with other student Peace Council members. I vividly remember stirring speeches, chanting, protest songs and colorful banners calling for an end to war, racism, oppression and poverty.

More recently, working on the Editorial Committee, I enjoyed the chance to work together collectively with other members to make decisions about the PNL. I also learned layout at a production party. I've enjoyed conversation and shared vegetarian dinners at many monthly mailing parties. There are always new aspects and skills to learn at mailings, but most of it is mindless fun. Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp, Emma Goldman, the Middle East, and the Seneca Women's Peace Encampment are the exciting and challenging topics discussed at Monday night potlucks I've attended this year.

The potlucks gave me a chance to meet new activists, and to share dinners and discussions, as well as to educate others and learn relevant facts on current issues.

Syracuse Peace Council, keep on working hard and "Educate, Agitate and Organize!"

Opportunity for growth

What could cause a young woman, who was educated in the art of conformity - wearing a "uniform" every schoolday, etc. - and taught not to "make waves," to become an activist with the Syracuse Peace Council? Several reasons.

SPC has given me a way "to do something" about issues that seem untouchable. The first issue for me, chronologically, is a prime example: nuclear power. Five years ago, when I became involved with this organization, SPC was educating people on this issue. Our views were not popular. I cringed at the idea of telling people that we worked against nuclear power. The nuclear industry was saying that our views were unfounded and not in the best interests of the country. They assured us that the chances of an accident were so remote that it wasn't even worth contemplating. Then there was Three Mile Island. I felt fortunate to be among the foresighted.

Another primary reason that SPC has become increasingly important to me is that it is a collection of very fine people. I have been lucky enough to become friends with some of them. They have enriched my life immensely.

SPC has provided the avenue for me to learn organizing skills. It has given me such diverse opportunities as organizing an Inter-faith peace service, dealing with local TV stations about Patience Doctrine issues, arranging housing for the visits of 50 or 70 peace advocates, being an organizer of a gigantic garage sale, and much more.

A fringe benefit of learning organizing skills is the familiarity I gained with group process. Collective decision-making now feels like the natural way to make decisions. Using timed agendas in meetings has caused me to be conscious of my time in general and the need to prioritize.

Personal sharing - those few minutes in the beginning of a meeting given over to how people are feeling - has not only reaped benefits for me in meetings where people are better able to concentrate. It has also carried over and helped me to become clearer on feelings in the rest of my life.

The Peace Council, in addition to focusing on what I consider to be the ultimate world goal - peace, has provided me with opportunities and lessons that are invaluable.

-Corinne Kinane

Two-way support

For over 301 years - Syracuse Peace Council has been a great and important support group to me. I used to drive through Oswego County blizzards, in flight from McCarthy-era middle-America, to find intellectual and emotional sustenance by attending Peace Council conferences and forums.

As the anti-war movement gathered strength in the sixties, it was helpful to read in the Peace Newsletter analyses that corroborated my own intuitions but went further making connections that I might not have thought of by myself.

Sometimes SPC's support was very explicit: Tax resistance had become something I needed to do to stay consistent with my own beliefs. Happily there was a tax-resistance group, at that time a Peace Council project, to check technical information with and for mutual encouragement.

By myself, I might never have had the courage to vigil and witness against the draft and war but, in a Peace Council group, vigils were challenging adventures. At one anti-draft vigil, I heard a surly character scream "Grandfathers!" out of a car window; instead of feeling demoralized, I was curious what this new "four-letter" epithet meant - minutes later realizing that the epithet had actually been only "Draft-dodgers!"

The neat thing about a support group is that, sooner or later, the support is two-way. I'm glad that, during the seventies and since, I've helped make some of the connections between traditional peace work and our treatment of the earth and its other living beings, and between goals and appropriate means, that now are so obvious, but weren't in the bad old days - now remembered with a wry smile.

-Narge Rusk
While we are not newcomers to the SPC, nevertheless our involvement over the past 17 years is but a short time, compared to the length of time problems of peace and war have faced us all. We became active with the SPC at a time when our children were still young, and we had the opportunity to have them see us become involved with these issues, and develop their own attitudes along with ours. We have found the SPC to be our contact with changing attitudes, changing structures, and changing approaches to fundamental issues. In the process of this change, we recognize that it is possible for us to think that the way things were was the best way, but also it is possible for the younger activists to try to solve every problem they see and thus miss the central issue of the SPC. The people in the SPC challenge us to think about our values, and as we refine them, to try to communicate them to others. The SPC has always been one more foothold of sanity in this sometimes crazy world, and when it would seem that the war-makers were being particularly frightening, we had the SPC to work with. So, the SPC to us has been a family involvement, an exposure to change, and a vehicle to work with in attempts to make the peace.

-Sally and John Brulé

It took me a long time to become aware of the need for action for non-violence. It was in the middle of the carnage of World War II that it became clear to me that killing could not be tolerated. Wherever people were talking peace I wanted to be. How happy I was to join in the activities of the Syracuse Peace Council. Dr. Whitney, its executive secretary, was a wonderful role model as was Lesley West and the dedicated young people who were peace-interns. In the Peace Council were people whose vision was clear and unclouded by hate and vengeance. The Peace Council, through the pages of the Peace Newsletter has served as a steadfast antidote for cynicism. The idealism and dedication of the men and women who are the Peace Council and get out the Peace Newsletter continue to be an inspiration to me. I am deeply grateful that it exists.

-Lillian E. Reiner

The pitcher cries out for water to carry
And a person for work that is real

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-Marge Piercy

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On July 19, 12 people gathered at the Canadian border to start a peace walk to Griffiss Air Force Base. We came from different backgrounds and countries. Some of us have been active for a long time, others had just joined the peace movement. But we all agreed that we don't want Cruise missiles tested in Canada.

All along the walk, people showed support for the walkers. People waved from cars, offered drinks, and let us rest in their backyards.

The media was with us almost every day. Hundreds of leaflets were passed out. And most important, the walkers made personal contact with people along the way, even while walking single file through Fort Drum.

On Saturday July 23rd, all the walkers were joined by over 200 people, living south of Lake Ontario. Together they crossed the border to meet the people, living north of Lake Ontario. After a picnic, everybody went back to the Southern Lake Ontario Land. Some presented their Lake Ontario Commonland Passports, many sang songs and somebody explained his entry with: "I am coming to overthrow the US government." "Have a good day," the customs people replied, and off everybody went towards Griffiss Air Force Base.

- Marco Bürkli-Vils

FAST FOR LIFE

Nine peace activists from Germany, France, Japan, USA and Canada started an open ended fast to reverse the arms-race, on August 6th, Hiroshima day.

"The threat of nuclear holocaust hangs over us all. The preparations for that holocaust consume enormous resources dooming thousands to starvation each day. In response to this intolerable situation, we believe we must use the most powerful non-violent method available."

The fasters will end their fast when they see signs of an end to the arms-race. The two kinds of action, seen by the fasters as most urgent are:

- Stopping the deployment of the Cruise and Pershing II missiles to Europe and the dismantling of the SS-20 missiles.
- An end to the testing of nuclear warheads and delivery veh. vehicles.

For support and more info. write: Fast for Life, 942 Market St #710, San Francisco, CA 94102.

- Christa Franter

RESISTANCE ESCALATES

Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, N. Y. has been a site of frequent Peace Council demonstrations over the past 2 decades. This summer has seen an increase in both the frequency and the militancy of our actions.

On July 4, four affinity groups of activists (Americans, Canadians and English) blockaded the entrances to the base and attempted to block the runway—to actually stop the B-52s (Cruise missiles have been deployed on B-52s at Griffiss since December, 1980). 44 people were given "ban and bar" letters. 28 of us who went onto the base were also charged with criminal trespass. One, Carolyn Mow of Ithaca, was charged with re-entry. Joanne Young, a Canadian who refused to cooperate in any way with her detainment, was finally released on Aug. 15 after fasting for 19 days in jail.

On August 6, Hiroshima Day, Griffiss held their annual Open House. In addition to a vigil of 50-100 people, 22 people, who demonstrated on the base, were given "ban and bar" letters. People held banners, leafletted, and some threw blood on a B-52 and staged a die-in. Two of those held were charged with re-entry on a military facility (they had received "ban and bar" letters on July 27).

As the scheduled date for the deployment of Cruise and Pershing II missiles in Europe approaches more people may be moved to take personal risks in the struggle to prevent the deployment.

- Andy Mage

DRAFT RESISTER WARNED

On July 29, Andy Mager received a letter from Fred Scullen, the US Attorney for the federal district that includes Syracuse, informing him that if he doesn't register for the draft by August 31, the "Justice" Department will begin prosecution.

Andy has no intention of registering, and he is now in the process of responding to Fred's letter. Upstate Resistance will keep people informed about actions around the possible upcoming trial. To find out more, or offer support: contact Karen or Andy at 472-7010.

- Karen Beetle
"We are Missile-Stopping Women!!"

The Women's Encampment for a Future of Peace and Justice is well underway! Thousands of women have joined our presence at the Seneca Army Depot. Over 200 women have risked arrest.

If you haven't been to the Encampment, please stop by! The Peace Camp will continue at least through Labor Day. If you want to hear more about the events of the Summer, or want to participate in a discussion on the Women's Peace Camp—what it meant and what it means—come to the first SPC potluck of the season, Sept. 12 (see page 8).

-Karen Beetle

We know we don't need to explain this rosebush to you; it simply is, and we want it to keep on being with all of us.

-Jane Begley

I had never facilitated a workshop before, so I was nervous. But it felt so important to get people to realize what the Deployment will mean.

I never thought I had anything to teach others and I don't think I would have dared to do it at any other place, or if I didn't have the support of the wonderful woman I was working with. It was a very important day for me.

-Christa Pranter

The August 1 action was the first time I was willing to place myself in an arrest position. Our affinity group wanted to bury the airstrip with earth from our gardens and plant spiderplants on top. Our message: Plant the seeds of peace. Stop deployment of Cruise and Pershing II.

-Carol Baum

The women were very nice (at the Encampment). Because of what they were doing there, more people want to get rid of nuclear bombs. I like the Encampment, because it is all women. I am a little woman. They gave up things themselves by putting flowers and things that are important to them on the fence, so that we don't have to give up the world.

-Jessica Cullen

Women working together build a new space at the Encampment. Experienced women carpenters shared their skills with women who had rarely lifted a hammer before, and no one was made to feel stupid or clumsy. Little tricks of the trade like tapping a nail point before driving it were revelations. And what a sense of accomplishment and belonging when the boards fit together and something useful for the camp came into being.

-Pat Finley

We are Missile-Stopping Women!!

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Concert Raises Money, Consciousness

On June 22, 1983, Syracuse was the site of a wonderful concert, organized by local activists, to benefit Dennis Banks. Holly Near, Odetta, the ThunderBird Sisters, Floyd Westerman and Cris Williamson entertained 2,000 people who came from New York City and throughout the Upstate region. The concert began and ended with traditional Native American drum ceremonies and featured a variety of speakers. In addition to raising nearly $4,000 for Dennis' family and for work on behalf of Dennis, the concert was an important cultural, spiritual and political event. Peace activists and other progressives were brought together with Native Americans in an atmosphere which allowed us to share and learn from one another. Let us hope that the trust built through working together on this event can be expanded to other areas.

Special thanks go to the producers: Kathy Collins, Katherine Davenport, Susie Gaynes and Karen Mihalyi, as well as the dozens of others who worked on the event.

- Andy Magee

Browne Gives Benefit for Native Groups

On July 14, Jackson Browne gave a benefit concert in Syracuse for three Native American organizations. The proceeds were shared by The City of Refuge Farm, KILI Radio and The International Indian Treaty Council.

The City of Refuge Farm is a traditional Native Community. It provides a healthy atmosphere for healing and guiding of Native youth in need of an alternative to negative environments.

KILI-FM is a Native American radio station based in South Dakota. It is Indian staffed and controlled. The station broadcasts in both English and Lakota with programming of Indian music, issues, culture and history. It serves the Pine Ridge reservation and a large portion of south-western South Dakota and northern Nebraska.

The International Indian Treaty Council represents 98 Indian Nations from North, Central and South America. It concerns itself with the existing treaties between Indian Nations and the recognized countries of the Western Hemisphere. It has brought the oppressive conditions of Indian people to the attention of the world community.

The benefit concert opened with a Native drum ceremony, given a simple introduction by Browne himself, who appeared on stage unannounced to tell a cheering crowd: "I'd like you to meet some friends of mine." At the completion of the drum ceremony Browne returned and paced his way through a set of his songs.

- Paul German

Students Receive 2 Diplomas

Over 2,000 Syracuse area high school students were surprised to receive 2 diplomas at their graduations last Spring.

The unexpected diploma was handed out by Upstate Resistance activists. It gave the students information about draft registration and military recruiting, as well as offering free draft and military counseling.

Upstate Resistance will be continuing our counter-militarism work this fall, focusing mainly on high schools. To become involved or learn more call: Karen Beetle 472-5478 (days), or Andy Magee 472-7010 (eves).

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NiMo Boycott Gathers Momentum

The Rate Hike Boycott Against Niagara Mohawk continues to gather strength. On July 13, a "Speak-out Against the Rate Hike" attracted about forty people. Members of Upstaters Against Corporate Blackmail, the group which is organizing the Boycott, also had a strong presence at the Public Service Commission hearings on July 21. At one point, the entire audience was waving BOYCOTT signs, furnished by UACB, at the PSC officials. Members of UACB testified at the hearings, encouraging people to stop expecting relief from the PSC and to start taking responsibility for standing up to NiMo and challenging their greed.

More than 1000 families have pledged to refuse to pay the rate hike which is expected to go into effect next April. Niagara Mohawk is asking for an increase of 8.9%. By next spring we expect to have several thousand families pledged to boycott.

The Boycott campaign has brought together a racially diverse group of people -- black, white, Hispanic and native -- throughout the city and central New York. We are now solidifying our structure and setting up neighborhood committees to build and carry out the boycott in their communities.

To find out how you can get involved in the Boycott, call Barb Kobritz or Diana Ellis at 472-7573, or come to the SPC Monday Night Potluck on September 19.

Barb Kobritz

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration

August 6 & 9 marked the 38th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Several events in Syracuse commemorated the atrocities inflicted upon these cities. On Sunday, August 7 an Inter-Faith peace service took place in Hendricks Chapel. Several speakers, including several religious leaders, offered thoughts and prayers concerning the first atomic bomb, and war in general. Topics ranged from radiation effects to the futility of mothers raising children only to be continually conscripted away. Stories were read; some read from the Bible, some more recent. A World War II veteran's first-hand views on the effects of bombings and a recounting of a Japanese girl's struggle for life haunted us with the reality of individual suffering.

The service was followed by a Maryknoll film, "Gods of Metal," and an open discussion. The movie focussed on religious views of the current surge in militarism at the expense of the world's underprivileged.

On Tuesday, Nagasaki, an hour-long silent vigil was held at Columbus Circle. Good weather and a very healthy turnout (over 100 people attended, joining hands and remaining the full hour!) made for a solemn yet inspiring vigil.

The Inter-Faith peace service, film, and vigil were sponsored by the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of CNY, Pax Christi, UCAM and the Peace Council.

Gary Haber

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28  People for Animal Rights (PAR) mtg 7pm, 478-8621, 475-0862
   Every Sun. Mental Health
   All mtg 3pm Plymouth Ch.
   6/27-8/5 Rel. Coal. for Abortion Rights
   Booth 10pm

29  "Cancer Prevention Diet" 7:30pm E.W. Ctr.
   9/26-8/28 Bike for Peace & Sovereignty, Tony Del
   Plato (607) 792-3040, Tues. 10-12, Wed. 7-9pm.

30  Baking w/ Whole Grains discussion & dinner 7:30
   pm E.W. Ctr.
   Advocates for Choices in Abortion Mtg 7:30pm
   100 Berkeley 422-7791
   Macrobiotics & Nutrition Class, 2 Thurs 7:30pm
   E.W. Ctr., 415-475-7230

31  OM mtg Peace Council Steering Comm. 472-5478
   "The Spiritual Universe" 6pm E.W. Ctr., 58, 475-7230
   Demo Agst Beach Boys 8:30. Advice professional for
   more info, 475-4822

3  Every Sat. Cambridge Forum public affairs program 11:30
   am, WRVO-FM1050

2  Every Sat. Westcott Recycles glass, aluminum 1-4pm
   301 Peat St., 472-4157

7  Nuclear Freeze mtg 7:30
   pm, May Mem Ch 458-6266
   Women's Pot. Caucus mtg 7:30pm Martine Midland
   446-1869
   Every Tues. Veg. dinner 6-8:30 Westcott Cafe
   53, 10

6  Uptake Resistance mtg 7:30pm, 100 Trinity Pk.
   Andy 472-7010
   Calendar Items? Mail to Corrine c/o SPC
   before 9/22!

8  Gay/Lesb Conf mtg.
   6:30pm Ice Cream Social Benefit for Joann Newak
   Church Ch, 472-5732
   Every Thu Kunda Shakti Yoga, 7:30pm E.W. Ctr
   55, 475-7230

10 New Env. Ass. Potluck 5:30pm

11  SPC Potluck
   Women's Peace Camp &
   pin Friends Mtg Hse 428-
   1659, see p. 8
   Phys. for Soc Rdp mtg
   7pm 3 Standish Terrace
   Syracuse, NY
   FOCUS girls mtg 7:10pm
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13  S.W. Food Coop membersh
   ship mtg, 8pm 401 Cran-
   dook St., 423-5851
   Children's Support &
   Communication Mtg.
   Plymouth Ch., 472-7791

14  Oct. 24 CD affil mtg,
   7:30pm, 100 Trinty Pk.
   Andy 472-7010
   P.E. mtg 6:30pm E.W. Ctr,
   472-5478
   S.Y.R. Real Food Coop
   Council Mtg, 472-1295

15  NAACP mtg 7:30pm E.W. Ctr.
   471-3891
   OM mtg 472-5478
   Visual Diagnosis class
   Thurs, 7:30pm E.W. Ctr.
   55, 475-7230

16  Grapes of Wrath
   S.W. Films 7:30pm, SU
   Kittredge Aud., 52
   "Where Are You?" dinner 6pm
   E.W. Ctr., 58, 475-7230
   Kate Clinton
   Concert
   "Making Light" 8pm E.W.
   Ctr.

17  Richard Pryor—Live in Concert
   S.W. Films 7:30pm, SU
   Kittredge Aud, 52
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18  New Env. Ass. Potluck
   5:30, Square Dance, 6:30, Camp
   Madeline, 446-5009

19  S.P.C. Potluck
   Nimo Boycott, 6pm
   Friends Mtg Hse 428-
   1659, p. 8
   9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/2
   10/24 Rape Crisis Ch.
   Woman Counselor training
   422-7733

20  Gr. Syr. NOW mtg 8pm
   May Mem Ch 460-5754
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21  Congress Mtg, 8pm E.W. Ctr.
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   versial Issues" 7:30pm
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   sion, 7-9pm Petit Lib.
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   lear Issues" 8wk course
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