

Nonviolent Civilian Defense The Freeze and Beyond

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S.P.C. Statement on Massacre

Our hearts go out to those Palestinians who lost their families and friends in the horrible massacre of September 17, as we grieve for the thousands of people who have died in these months of senseless slaughter since the invasion began. The outrage against all this killing is growing all over the world. In Israel itself, during the holiest days of the Jewish year, thousands are protesting, marching, and rallying to condemn this newest wave of carnage. Those who work for peace should give their full support to these voices of sanity in the Middle East.

Our own government, though, continues to fan the flames. We must not be deceived by Reagan's interventionist maneuvers; sending US Marines into Lebanon is not intended to secure peace, but rather to secure increased US control in the region. Millions of dollars worth of military equipment will be given to Israel by the US in the coming year. We call on the US to permanently halt sales of military equipment to Israel and other Middle Eastern nations. A cessation of the flow of arms into the region would do more to promote peace than the Marines ever will.

Murder of civilians is but an extension of murder of uniformed soldiers; mass murder is a logical consequence of militarism. As long as the belief prevails that killing is an acceptable solution to a problem, that life is not sacred but just a means to an end, massacres like that of September 17 will continue to occur.

We demand that Israel withdraw completely from Lebanon. We call on Israel and the PLO to sit down and negotiate. Mutual recognition and a homeland for both peoples are prerequisites for any steps towards peace.

This issue should be a priority for anyone concerned with militarism and the arms race. Given the huge economic interests the nuclear powers have in the region, as well as Israel's probable nuclear capability, the threat of a large scale, even a nuclear, war is nowhere greater than in the Middle East. We can and must work for a peaceful defusing of tensions in the Middle East.

But what can we do? It's easy to feel helpless or ineffective, but we can't allow such doubts to prevent us from acting. We need to act, and action begins with education. SPC urgently requests that you attend Allan Solomonow's talk this Saturday, October 2nd, at our Annual Dinner(see below). We need to begin our own dialogues to come up with creative ways to work for peace.

SPC's 46th Annual Dinner SATURDAY OCTOBER 2, 1982 with Allan Solomonow of the Middle East Peace Project "Israel and the Palestinians: What Route to Peace?"

at the Harrison Center 1342 Lancaster Avenue Syracuse 5 pm wine and cheese reception 6 pm dinner Menu: spinach lasagna, garlic bread, autumn salad apple crisp and assorted beverages \$4-6 sliding scale; half-price for children childcare provided during the program

Getting the Cruise Out of Canada

This fall, Canadians will be stepping up their opposition to Canada's role in the testing and production of Cruise Missiles.

When we think of the Cruise Missile, most of us probably don't think of Canada being involved in any way. Canada's involvement, however, is extensive. The guidance system (or "brain") for the Cruise is being developed in Toronto at Litton Systems, and flight testing is likely to take place at Cold Lake, Alberta in 1983.

Over the next two months there will be three anti-Cruise actions in Canada. The first is a women's peace camp which will be set up any day now at Cold Lake, the probable testing site.

The second action is a large-scale demonstration on October 30th in Ottawa, to protest the production and testing of the Cruise Missile. Organizers are expecting this to be the largest demonstration in Canada so far against the Cruise. United States presence at the demonstration is very important. The Upstate Peace Network has already begun organizing buses and carpools to go to Ottawa from across New York State. If you are interested in going, or would like more information, contact John Ragusa through the American Friends Service Committee office in Syracuse, 315-475-4822.

The third action planned in Canada this fall is a civil disobedience at Litton Systems on November 11th. This action falls on Remembrance Day (or Veterans' Day, as it is referred to in the United States). The theme will be "To Remember Is to End All Wars." Organizing is beginning in New York State to form affinity groups to participate in or support this action. For general information, contact the Cruise Missile Conversion Project, 730 Bathurst Street, Toronto MRS-2R4, Canada (Telephone: 416-532-6720). For information on local organizing, contact Karen Beetle at the Peace Council, 472-5478. Let's join the Canadians in saying No to the Cruise!



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The grim events in the Mideast this past month have compelled us to express our outrage and grief once again. October's PNL, however, also contains articles to give us hope for a more peaceful future. Marty Blodgett writes about an inspiring alternative to "national security" as we know it: nonviolent civilian defense. Steve Lapham looks at the Freeze and Beyond.

On the local level, Betty Jo Whiting discusses the political diversity of our district's candidates for US Representative. Linda Boyd, member of the Southwest Community Center and the PNL Committee, reports on Arab and Black relations in Syracuse,

Carol Baum offers her thoughts on SPC at the State Fair, as well as one of her inimitable poems. She is not our only able versifier, however, as our Poetry Page proves yet again.

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Mon. Oct. 25, Tues. Oct. 26

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Space Requests: October 11 Display Ad Deadline: October 18 Classifieds/Calendar: October 23

35 Years of Warmaking - As Many Years of Resistance

* On September 25, 1982, the Air Force celebrated 35 years of war preparations at Griffiss Air Force Base. Forty peace activists were there to greet them.



(A blockade at Griffiss Air Force Base on July 6, 1963 Joanne Collier was sentenced to 3 days in jail.)



COVER

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Our cover, drawn by Karen Kerney, portrays our struggle to "put out the fire which threatens to consume our world." P.S. The Revolution will not be televised.

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News from the SPC House

September was definitely a month of change and renewal here. Most of us changed our addresses, all at the same time. We're finally settling down, albeit not in an entirely furnished manner (we're counting on the Garage Sale to help us out there). Carol took a much-needed vacation after the State Fair, and Liam forgot all about the SPC debts long enough to spend three weeks hitchhiking around New England and Nova Scotia.

Patrick, our guardian angel down here, is back from his summer in Maine, keeping the lawn mowed and the kitchen floor waxed. We wish Craig Colten the best of luck in Louisiana,

Production night this week was pleasantly interrupted by the sight of Glenda and her Morris team in full regalia dancing down Burnet Ave.; then again by a trip up to the photo exhibit at May Memorial ("Focus on Peace" produced by the Syracuse Cultural Workers Collective, Don't miss it!); and finally by some wondrous tales told by Carol of a time when folks actually brought chocolate cake down to late night PNL production workers. Imagine that!

What is SPC

The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non-profit, community based autonomous anti-war/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence, and exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC are to help people work for progressive social change and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support. We feel that education, agitation, and organization lead to social change. We have a basic commitment to non-violence.

SPC is supported primarily through contributions, monthly pledges, and fundraising events which reflect our political goals. To be a member one needs simply to contribute to SPC in some way (financial or otherwise) and to agree with the general principles of SPC. Attendance and participation in SPC community events establishes one's sense of membership in the Peace Council.

SPC's major work is done through committees and in coalitions. Four collectives work out of the SPC office: the program staff, the SPC Press, the American Myths Calendar committee, and the Front Room Bookstore. The office is open every weekday, 9AM - 5PM; visitors always welcome.

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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.

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SPC Press

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The Front Room Bookstore Collective

Carol Baum, Dik Cool

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Committee:	•••
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United in Support(FO	CUS):
Gary Weinstein	

SPC 1982 Phonathon: Pledge for Peace

October is fundraising month here at SPC. We open the month with the Annual Dinner, followed by the Garage and Book Sale, and finally, the 1982 Phonathon.

The Phonathon is a yearly week-long event wherein we telephone 700-1000 people on our mailing list and ask you to support the Peace Council by pledging a monthly contribution. It is a chance to make personal contact and get feedback from the wide variety of SPC members while strengthening our pledge system, which is the backbone of our finances.

Currently, pledges bring in about \$800 per month, approximately one third of our income. Or, stated differently, <u>two-thirds of our income is very unreliable</u>. We never know one month if enough money will come in the next to pay bills and salaries. But, as we increase the "pledge" proportion of our income, we free ourselves from time-consuming stop-gap fundraising to do more productive long-term organizing.

Eddie Carthan in Jail

Last month we reported on the case of Mayor Eddie James Carthan, a Mississippi progressive Black politician who, through frame-ups and other Judicial dirtydealing, was forced out of office and was now fighting to stay out of Jail. Mayor Carthan had planned an Upstate N.Y. tour and was scheduled to speak at our Potluck on September 27.

However, in early September, the Mississippi Supreme Court upheld the convictions of the Tchula Seven (Eddie Carthan and six co-defendants). The

other six were fined and given suspended sentences, but Mayor Carthan was singled out and jailed, becoming the first person in Mississippi history to serve a jail term (threeyears) for Simple Assault. This should remind us how little things have changed in the South for Blacks who assert them selves politically.



On October 19, Eddie Carthan and his brother go to trial on charges of armed robbery and capital murder, facing a possible Death Penalty (see Sept. PNL article). Plans are being made to send a van down from Upstate New York to support them (for more info. contact Audrey or Jim Mang, Western NY Peace Center, 716-835-4073). Letters urging Carthan's release should be sent to Gov. William Winters, (Walter Sillers Bldg., Jackson, MS,39205) and Att'y Gen. Bill Alain (Box 220, Jackson, Miss.,39205). Letters urging a Federal investigation of the case should be sent to Attorney General Wm. French Smith, US Dept. of Justice, Wash.D.C. 20530), and to Representative John Conyers, 2313 Rayburn Office Bldg. Wash. DC. 20505.

There is a "National Campaign to Free Mayor Eddie James Carthan and the Tchula Seven and to Preserve Black Political Rights," supported by many local and national religious and civic groups. Financial contributions to the Campaign should be sent to PO Box 29, Tchula, MS 39169. Your letters and contributions are desperately needed. The dates for the Phonathon are October 18 - 21. The phoning will take place from 5:30 to 9:30 in the evening. We need lots of volunteers to help with both phoning and with preparatory paperwork. (Call Brent Bleier at 479-5393 if you can help with phoning, and Liam at SPC if you can help with preparation). And if you're unable to help out with your time, we need lots of people to make monthly pledges of anywhere from \$1 to \$100, so keep your checkbook and pen near the phone.

\$3/month (10¢/day) mailing costs for 30 newsletters
\$5/month two day's worth of postage stamps
\$10/month one-third of a staffperson's health insurance costs.
\$20/month one-third of our typesetting costs
\$60/month 1/4 of a staffperson's salary
or 1/2 of SPC's utility bill.
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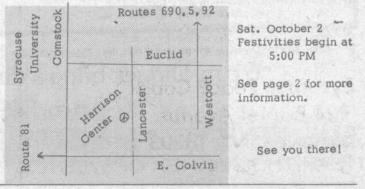
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Garage and Book Sale: October 9

The date is set! The place is fixed, and the goods are piling in. What we need now is volunteers to help to set-up, staff, and clean-up. Set-up will be early Saturday morning and possibly Friday. The sale will start at 10:00 and end at 5:00 PM. If you can help please call Liam at the SPC office. Donations should be dropped at Erwin Methodist Church (Westcott and Euclid) 8-10 am, on the morning of the sale.



SPC 1982 Annual Dinner



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Open to All at No Admission Charge for Comraderie & Discussion

October 4	Nuclear Weapons Facilities: What is going on and what we can do Come find out how the N.Y./Ontario region is involved in the "New Generation" of nuclear weapons. We shall share facts, and discuss the possibilities of organizing for disarmament and the economic conversion of our militarized economy by focusing on local nuclear weap- ons and weapons-related facilities. If you have any questions, call John at 475-4822.
October 18	Stop the Line: Our Struggle against the 765kv line
	The farmers of Upstate New York opposed the construction of an ultra-high-voltage power line across their lands. This slideshow by Mima Catalso details their struggle. Many Syracuse people will recognize the marches and rallies in which we participated. For more information, call Mima Cataldo 478-5083.
October 11	Why Do We Kill People Who Kill People
, ·	To Show That Killing People Is Wrong?
-	Proponents of capital punishment insist that it is a fair and morally just, cost-efficient de- terrent to crime. The People Against the Death Penalty disagree. Join us for a viewing of the locally-produced film, "Why Do We Kill People Who Kill People To Show That Killing People Is Wrong?" and a discussion of the pros and cons of the death penalty in our socie- ty today. If you have any questions, call Linda Herbert at 655-3315.
October 25	Mexico: Crisis Moves Closer
	After Saudia Arabia discovered oil, they almost controlled the world economy: After Mexico discovered oil, they almost went bankrupt. The economic crisis in Mexico will be discussed in the content of social and political developments. For more info, please call Danny Hakim, 479-8929.
November 1	Candidates' Views: The Night-Before-Elections Review
	We will be taking a look at candidates' views on issues such as disarmament, nuclear freeze, foreign aid, women's rights, minority rights, the death penalty, civil liberties, the draft and human services. Candidates' past and potential voting records will be included in the presentations and discussion. For more information, call Corinne at 422–1659 or leave message at SPC 472-5478.

FOR INFORMATION/INPUT ON POTLUCK DISCUSSIONS CALL CORINNE KINANE AT 422-1659 OR SPC 472-5478 6 p.m. Dinner: bring a dish or beverage to share

7-9 p.m. DISCUSSION THE FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE · 821 EUCLID (NEAR THE CORNER OF WESTCOTT STREET - ACROSS FROM ECOH)

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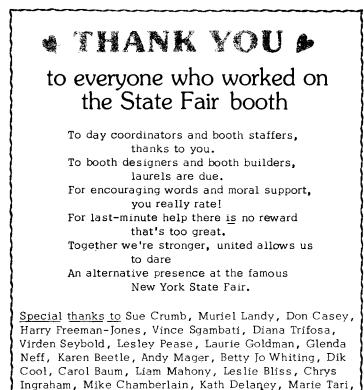
Highlights of the Second Council Meeting

Sunday, September 19th, nineteen SPC members met for the second council meeting. With Sharon Sherman's assistance as time keeper, all facilitators did an excellent job adhering to and moving smoothly through the agenda. The agenda was published in the September Peace Newsletter (PNL).

The PNL was our first topic for discussion. Initially we focused on evaluating the extent to which the PNL cycle and new SPC structure ensure ongoing input to the PNL committee and enhance communication between the PNL and Organization and Maintenance (O.M.)/Program and Evaluation (P.&E.). Although it was recognized that the structure is new and exchanging minutes has guaranteed minimal communication, there is still much room for improvement. More specific issues (distribution and subscription, person shortage, local community access, and new ideas) were discussed in small groups.

Upon completing the PNL discussion, we expanded to other project areas: War and Peace, Specieism, Front Room Bookstore (TFR), SPC Press, Pot lucks, and P.&E. War and Peace still needs to make \$900.00 to reimburse backers; Specieism continues to be a controversial issue; the SPC Press is financially strapped and sees competition as a major obstacle; Pot lucks are excellent outreach tools, but lack follow-up; TFR's location presents several problems (the Westcott Cafe was suggested as an alternative); P.&E. is still hammering away at rhetoric regarding program/project definitions.

After lunch Liam introduced the O.M. discussion with a financial report. We expect a 2,000.00 deficit between



THE FRONT ROOM BOOKSTORE of the Syracuse Peace Council

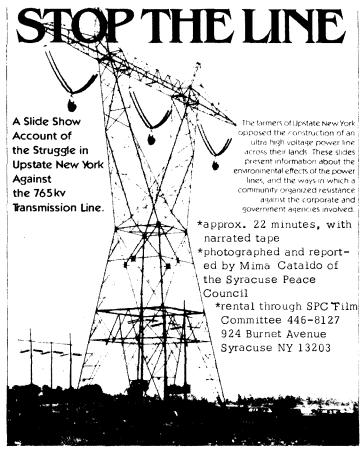
Plymouth Church, Charlie Decker, Chuck Durand

the anticipated income and expenses for 1982. Fundraisers and subscriptions are expected to improve, but pledges look bleak. Major future expenses will include house maintenance, postage, phone, and printing. It appears that little is spent on actual program work. This is deceptive since many projects are self-supporting. Following the financial report, we reviewed and expanded upon an outline of ideas regarding the relationships among various SPC collectives (O.M., P&E., TFR, PNL, SPC Press, NVS films, Pot lucks, and SPC film committee). Specific areas of discussion were financial accountability, decision making, and communication. Ultimately O.M. wishes to create a consistent and cohesive process without developing an extensive bureaucracy. Similar concerns were shared during the P.&E. report/discussion.

P. &E., like PNL and O.M., wishes to ensure input from non-committee members and improve communication between committees. While maximizing efficiency, the committee wishes to maintain a democratic process. We reviewed the P&E guidelines that give P&E decision making power in program areas. Discussion followed, but no strong objections were presented.

The final agenda topic was disarmament. Developing alternative fund accounts for tax resisters, economic conversion, local-direct confrontation, and organizer training were discussed. The meeting ended with a brief evaluation, a friendly circle, some uplifting songs and a camel that turned into a horse. Detailed notes are at SPC.

-Vince Sgambati-



Syracuse Peace Council

Reflections on the SPC Booth at the State Fair

Again this year the Peace Council had a booth at the State Fair. What did we hope to accomplish, what did we seem to accomplish, and how much energy did it all take?

Participating in the State Fair has challenged Peace Council.activists for years. The incredible number and wide variety of people wandering around tantalize us. The potential for outreach and education is phenomenal. Many of us also feel strongly that there needs to be <u>something</u> at the Fair to counteract the massive military presence. Some of us also enjoy giving people the opportunity to meet and talk with peace activists, to see that we are real people and not necessarily weirdo nuts.

This year The Front Room Bookstore sponsored the SPC booth. The goal of the booth was to present politics in a subtle, colorful, positive fashion, trying to fit into the gala Fair spirit (we even sold balloons that said, "Blow up balloons, not people") without giving in to gross commercialism. We also hoped to make some money. T-shirts, buttons, records, pins and books were attractively displayed and a beautiful banner presided over all. There were also Freeze petitions to sign and plenty of free literature to take.

Organizing and staffing a booth at the Fair takes a lot of people energy and money. Staffing alone took 360 person-hours (or 9 weeks of a 40hour-a-week job). Many additional hours were spent in ordering materials to sell, designing and setting up the booth, recruiting and orienting people to staff it and cleaning up. The space alone cost \$400 -- our total nonmerchandise related expenses will be about \$800.

Many people seemed to enjoy staffing the booth (when they weren't bored -- at times it was very slow). There were opportunities for interaction with all sorts of people and moments when all the energy and money seemed worth it -- giving leaflets to draft age men, discussing communism with 10 year old John Birchers, selling a bumpersticker to someone who had been searching for it for a year, the proprietor of the booth next to ours



photo: Jan Phillips

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finally saying, "I don't agree with you, but you are sure nice people," responding to interested queries, watching a woman carefully select several buttons and then put one on before she left.

On the other hand, the Eat Shit button was our most popular item (and I don't think it was because of the Ronald McDonald on it). Many people walked by the booth not even seeing it. We did get people to sign petitions -- 156 names on a Freeze petito the USSR and USA and 140 names on a Freeze petition to Congress. How "good" is that given we were there 12 hours a day for 10 days? It is very hard to know what it means to have an effective booth. When all the finances are straightened out, we will have come close to breaking even (we may have lost up to \$100). Financially it was not effective. It may be OK to lose \$100 if other things made up for it. Are 300 names worth it? What of affecting one person's thoughts? In a way it feels to me that we could use all that time and energy more effectively -- but would we actually do it? Many SPC activists want to put energy into having a presence at the Fair. At the same time, it is very hard for us to compete by the Fair's "rules" -we don't have the money or the inclination. For example, one tank from the National Guard exhibit would have filled our entire booth. If we are to relate to the Fair in some way, we really need to think more about it. Some possibilities which have been suggested are theater, sponsoring New Games, booking films at the Art and Home Center, and having a good-food booth. What do you think?

- Carol Baum

What's New at The Front Room

Recon Holly Cris Song

Records: Holly Near - Speed of Light (7.00) Cris Williamson - Blue Rider (7.00)

Songbook - Winds of the People (5.00)

NICE JEWISH GIRLS: A Lesbian Anthology - Beck (ed.) (8.95)

- FIFTEEN PAST SEVENTY Maas (3.95)
- SANDINO'S DAUGHTERS Randall (7.95)
- ON ANGER/NEW MEN: Some Thoughts on Nonviolence -Deming (2.45)
- BUILDING UNITED JUDGMENT: A Handbook for Consensus Decision Making (5.00)

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Book Review-

Nice Jewish Girls: A Lesbian Anthology

ed. Evelyn Torton Beck Persephone Press 1982 \$8.95

by Jennifer Krebs

What is this book <u>Nice Jewish</u> <u>Girls</u> put out by Persephone Press? It is an anthology of thirty-one stories, poems, journal entries, essays, narratives, and a photo essay by twentyfive Jewish lesbians edited by Evelyn Torton Beck.

What do Jewish lesbians have to write about?

The pieces collected in <u>Nice Jewish</u> <u>Girls</u> are about identity much like the pieces included in Persephone Press' prior collections <u>The Coming</u> <u>Out Stories</u> and <u>This Bridge Called</u> <u>My Back</u>.

Is <u>Nice Jewish Girls</u> political?

Some of the issues raised include anti-semitism, racism, homophobia, and zionism.

Is it personal?

Many of the pieces are autobiographical. The rest are based on real life experiences. And because the writers in the book are searching and fresh and honest about their lives, the book is of interest to nice Jewish girls (like me) and nice Gentile girls as well.

Why is the word Jew capitalized and lesbian not?

According to the rules of standard English, as I remember from my fourth grade discussion of nouns, Jews are a proper group whereas lesbians are common.

A major theme of <u>Nice Jewish Girls</u> is that coming out is a first step towards individuation. <u>Nice Jewish</u> <u>Girls</u> is a first step for Jewish women to explore their Jewishness within the lesbian feminist movement.

Several pieces in <u>Nice Jewish Girls</u> are written by Jewish women of color. These writers succeed in making a

Jennifer Krebs is a writer who was part of the Cazenovia Women's Writer's Center. She now lives in San Francisco.

strong point: Jewish women and women of color are not mutually exclusive terms.

"What do you mean you are an 'Arabic Jew'? Isn't that a contradiction?" In "Some of Us are Arabic", Rachel Wahba writes she hears that question all too often, from Jews and Gentiles alike. She notes that the Egyptian and Iraqi Jewish communities of her parents were 75,000 and 135,000 strong respectively in 1948. Rachel no longer wants to pass as the European/Ashkenazi Jew that she dreamed of in her childhood. She is proud of her Arabic/Sephardic heritage. She no longer wants to feel like a minority of one.

When 12-year-old Josylyn Segal joined B'nai Brith Youth, the Rabbi called and informed her Russian-Roumanian father that Josylyn was not Jewish because her American Negro-Native American mother was not Jewish (and it is through the mother that Judaism is inherited). She now writes, "It is difficult to describe the depth of my emotional trauma when I was told that I was not Jewish. I had always believed, indeed taken for granted that I was Jewish." Josylyn then went through the process of converting to Judaism. "My conversion acted as a catalyst for an even deeper sense of Jewish heritage and identification."

Although Josylyn is a "part of everything that she is -- an interracial Jewish lesbian -- (and that makes her) a target for a wide range of bigoted attitudes," she sees her position in a positive light. She has insights into several communities.

In "Resisting and Surviving in America" Irena Klepfisz discusses her many experiences with anti-semitism. She states that the Holocaust and Jewish experience have been co-opted, commercialized, glamorized, severed from historical fact, and metaphored out of reality by Jews and non-Jews alike in the media, the arts, and literature. The "casual reference" to Auschwitz or Treblinka is a trivialization of Jewish history, Jewish people's lives. This anti-semitism silences people with real life experiences of the Holocaust, real experiences they cannot forget or ever truly comprehend. Irena writes: "People are fed up with what Jews feel ... I have not been eager to make myself vulnerable." Yet the Holocaust is fundamental to the poetry of Irena Klepfisz as well as her prose.

"<u>Bashert</u>" (inevitable) is dedicated to those who died/those who survived. <u>Bashert</u> is a list which brings the history of millions of Jewish people into focus, drawing from the past and calling to the future:

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These words are dedicated to those
    who died
because a card was lost or a number
     was skipped
because a bed was denied
because a place was filled and an-
     other place was left ...
These words are dedicated to those
     who survived
because life is a wilderness
     and they were savage
because life is an awakening
     and they were alert
because life is a flowering
    and they blossomed
because life is a struggle
     and they struggled
because life is a gift
     and they were free to accept it
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Any criticisms of Nice Jewish Girls?

<u>Nice Jewish Girls</u> contains little on how Jewish lesbians feel about Jewish spirituality: prayer, belief in God, individual spiritual experiences, celebration of Jewish holidays. Granted these subjects can fill other volumes. Still I find their absence revealing. Perhaps it's difficult for a Jewishlesbian to write that she prays to the "God of our fathers."

But you'd recommend the book anyway? Certainly. <u>Nice Jewish Girls</u> is challenging and exciting, very worthwhile reading.

<u>Nice Jewish Girls</u> is available at The Front Room Bookstore.

Regular

Second Coop Sprouts in Syracuse

Syracuse is no longer a one food coop city. On Sept. 25, the South-West Food Coop opened at 401 Craddock Street.

The idea for a second coop in the city grew out of a discussion at the January, 1982 membership meeting of the Syracuse Real Food Coop (SRFC). The initial organizers of the project were members of the SRFC who live in the southwest part of the city.

The coop, like all alternatives needs all the support we can give it! SRFC members can shop at the South-West Food Coop and visa versa. SRFC workers can also fulfill their work credit through work at the SW Food Coop. There is much work to be done in making the store functional as well as appealing to the community.

The 10-member board of directors is excited about the speed with which the coop has blossomed. Initial fund-raising and membership goals have already been surpassed. The coop seems to be acting as a catalyst for drawing together progressive people in the SW part of the city;

creating a sense of community, where there has been little in the past.

The Coop is open on Tues. and Thurs. from 5-8 pm, on Wed. from 10 am-1 pm and on Sat. from 10 am-3 pm. Drop by to see it, offer your support and lend a hand with some of the work.



Sexism in Space

When Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya showed up and knocked on the front door of the orbiting space station, she was greeted with an apron and told to get her spacesuit into the kitchen.

The dialogue beamed back for televising throughout the Soviet Union gave the Russians the all-time record for sexism at high altitude.



The male cosmonauts who answered her knock had a little of the old male piggy all ready and waiting when Svetlana arrived on the doorstep of the orbiting Salyut 7.

Cosmonaut Alexander Lebedev: "We've got an apron ready for you, Sveta."

You'd think she might have left behind her all the centuries of sexist discrimination. But nooo.

"It's as if you've come home," crooned Lebedev. "We have a kitchen for you, not exactly a kitchen, more a canteen. You've got an apron. Now you can cook." -Boston Globe

Korean Repression Continues

Han Myong Hee, a Korean labor organizer, has been imprisoned since the Spring of 1982. Her crime? Working for democratically controlled unions.

She was acting president of her union at the American owned Control Data Corporation factory in South Korea. Last spring, during the midst of wage negotiations, the company fired 6 union organizers. Han Myong Hee organized a work stoppage to get the women rehired. Although the wage increase was granted, the 6 workers were not rehired and Han Myong Hee and 48 other women were arrested.

Later in the spring, Control Data, which reaped \$6.5 million in profits from the S. Korean plant in 1981, announced that it was closing the plant due to troubles with the workers.

While the U.S. government applauds the "freedom fighters" of Solidarity in Poland, they arm and support the military-based S. Korean government. We must do all we can to prevent this kind of horror story from being repeated by seeking ways to support those directly affected by US sanctioned multinationals.

For more information, contact: Committee for a New Korea Policy, 221 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

Creating Our Future

Not knowing is terrifying and knowing is terrifying but not knowing is hopeless and knowing may save us. Brookline 9th grader

Educators for Social Responsibility is a national organization of teachers, school administrators and parents committed to responding positively through education to children's concerns about nuclear war.

Currently, ESR is planning a "Day of Dialogue" for October 25, during International Disarmament Week. Schools at all levels are being encouraged to create dialogue with students and in evening forums with community members and parents towards taking responsibility for creating a liveable future. This approach is based on the belief that dialogue is the best means of resolving differences, individual and international.

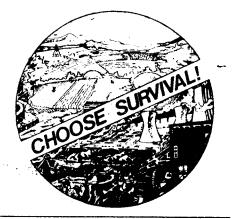
Although many question bringing up nuclear war with children, surveys tell us that children are aware of nuclear issues early, and that unlike adults who employ avoidance techniques, children have not developed such defenses. Adult taboo treatment of the subject makes children's thoughts more frightening because they can't be shared; and increases the danger of war due to their being uninformed and inactive.

ESR advocates the right of all children to

 Cooperative and problem solv ing activities;

2. A sense of confidence that we can create solutions;

3. A multicultural perspective. Detailed sample curricula differentiated according to developmental level are available from ESR.



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Draft Resistance Update

Earlier this month, Selective Service announced that an additional 55 names of non-registrants have been forwarded to the Justice Department for possible prosecution. Of the 280 names that have reached the Justice Department, 10 draft resisters have been indicted. Four of these indictments have been in the last month: Michael McMillian and Gilliam Kerley of Madison, WI; and Chuck Epp and Kendall Warkentin from Bethel College in Kansas.

Russ Ford and Ed Hasbrouck were released from Danbury Federal Prison pending trial this month. One resister, Ben Sasway, is in jail, and several around the country are awaiting trial.

Upstate Resistance will hold our monthly potluck on on Friday, Oct. 22. <u>Join us</u> for dinner at 5:30 (946 Ackerman) and for leafletting at the NVS showing of Coming Home (7:30). For info call 472-5478 (karen).

Buttons for Sale

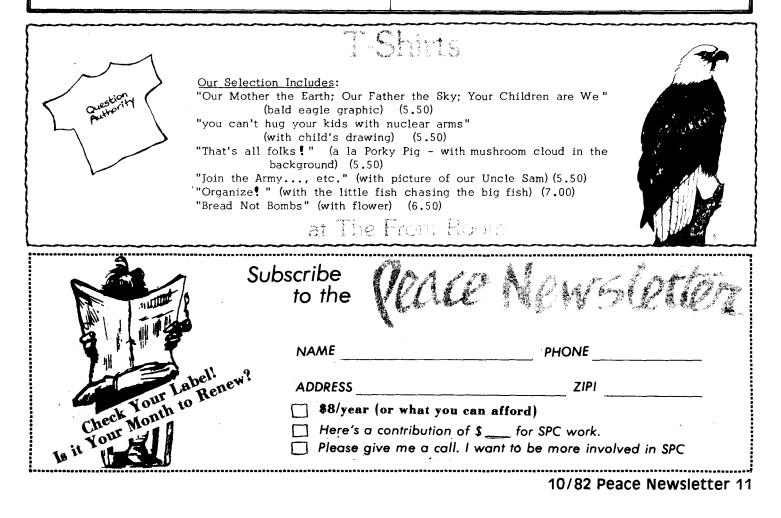
Leafletting at high school graduations, visiting draft resisters in Danbury, attending meetings for the October Action, and doing media work have all put Upstate Resistance into debt. In order to pay off these expenses and spread our message, UR has created buttons to sell as a fundraiser. The five-color buttons say "Support Your Local Draft Resister" and are available for \$1 each from the Front Room and from Upstate Resistance; 109 Trinity Pl. Syracuse, NY 13210.



Shut Down Selective Service October 18th

Non-violent Preparation in Syracuse October 3rd

Join us on October 18th at Selective Service in Washington, DC to show our solidarity with draft resisters around the country who are facing prosecution and jail for their opposition to the draft and war. Upstate Reistance will be forming a regional affinity group for this action. We need people who can be supporters both here and in Washington, and folks to do civil disobedience. Contact Kath 471-6923, Karen 472-5478 or Andy 472-7010 to find out more.



Civilian Based Defense-An Alternative to Military Violence

by Marty Blodgett

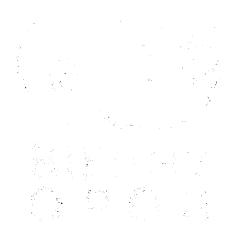
In looking at the problems that face our world, we particularly notice the danger of nuclear holocaust, and the economic and social problems related to immense and increasing military budgets. This situation forces us to question our most basic assumptions about our world. In particular, the assumption that "power comes out of the barrel of a gun, "that violence is the ultimate sanction, or means, at our disposal, deserves closer examination. This idea is the basis of our military institutions, and those of many other countries. In examining this assumption, we should think about what the nature of defense really is.

Our legitimate defense needs reguire that control of our system remain in our hands and not be seized by force. Does our military expertise guarantee this? The use of nuclear weapons for defense seems like an unsure proposition--if actually used they are much more surely agents of destruction than defense. The theory of deterrence is that having sufficient nuclear retaliatory capacity will prevent attack. In fact, countries which have nuclear weapons are more likely to be targeted. It is a common assumption that the maintenance of national security requires superior military weaponry and the willingness to use it.

Let's step back and take another look at the situation. Where does political power originate? We usually assume that a government or ruler has the political power and military capacity enabling it to attack or defend. Actually, the ruler and government are the tip of a pyramid, made up of the energies, resources, and cooperation of the citizens. These people acknowledge the government's authority by obeying the law, and providing the re-

Marty is a student of life, concerned with nonviolence in thought and action. She wrote this without wearing glasses. sources and expertise needed to carry out the government plans. The government can punish a few who refuse to respect its authority, but if a large enough number of its citizens withhold support it becomes impossible to force compliance.

This perception of the basis of political power implies the possibility of the populace to withold support, and not provide the cooperation that a government needs to maintain control. Historically, we find many examples of this type of action, some more and some less successful.



This is a symbol of work slow-downs, a form of resistance being used against the martial law in Poland.

These examples have not received the attention they deserve, because they don't fit our usual notion of political power based on military violence.

Carrying on a nonviolent struggle requires determination, courage, and the willingness to face personal injury or death, as involvement in a conventional war requires. No particular set of religious beliefs are necessary. It is inherently democratizing, requiring individual action decision-making and responsibility to be effective. Ordinary, determined people have used nonviolent means to fight for diverse causes. It is not necessary that the populace perceive the existing government as perfect--it must simply be seen as preferable to the likely alternatives. If the defense is unsuccessful it is possible to continue the struggle, with some hope of eventual success. This can't be said for a struggle involving the use of nuclear weapons.

What are some of the methods of nonviolent action that have been used in the past? Gene Sharp suggests that the many methods used fit into three general categories.

One general type of action is nonviolent protest, which may be symbolic. A few of the many actions included are: petitions, letter-writing campaigns, use of posters and symbols, leafletting, teach-ins, vigils, picketing, protest meetings, and parades. These actions may be directed at the opponent to show the extent of feeling, and gain attention for the issue. They may also be directed at the public, to gain attention, support, or action. One example is the burning of one's own property as a symbol of protest. This happened in the Colonial period of our history, a year after the Boston tea party, when colonists in Charleston, S.C. and Providence, R.I., gathered their tea and burned it in support of the economic sanctions against England (which included nonimportation of tea).

Another general type of nonviolent action is noncooperation --ceasing usual cooperation and withholding new forms of assistance. In the economic and political spheres, some examples are: boycotts, withdrawal of bank deposits, refusal to pay taxes, debts or other assessments, strikes and work slow-downs, boycotts of elections and government service, reluctant and slow compliance with laws, popular nonobedience, and nonobedience in the absence of direct supervision. In Colonial America, people refused to pay debts to British firms. Since trade was largely conducted on credit, with the Colonies borrowing, this created a severe economic squeeze in England. In Germany, stalling and obstruction were used by nuclear scientists to undermine

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the Nazi effort to build an atomic bomb. While appearing to cooperate, they refrained from passing on preparatory theoretical work, as well as memoranda on research, and didn't inform the military about the potential of such a project.

Intervention, the third type of nonviolent action, may be used to disrupt or destroy objectionable policies or institutions, or to bring about new and desired policies or behavior. This category includes various forms of physical intervention, placing bodies in the way of objectionable activity, such as halting vehicles, or intervening in actions of police and soldiers. Sit-ins and ride-ins characterized the struggle for civil rights in the U.S. Other methods include overloading of facilities or administrative systems, nonviolent land seizures, establishment of new social patterns, willingly seeking imprisonment, fasting, and disclosing identities of secret agents. The last method was used by Americans who posted descriptions of paid slave hunters, slave owners and the fugitives they were seeking. This occurred in Boston and Philadelphia in the 1850's, warning the fugitives of immament danger and encouraging their would-be captors to depart.

These are only a few of the methods used by people to withhold their contributions and obedience to a government which must ultimately depend on these very things if it is to survive. Gene Sharp suggests that analysis of more examples can help us refine the "tools" of nonviolent struggle. He refers to the prepared use of these methods in a struggle as *civilian based defense*. (CBD).

Does all this sound a bit unrealistic? Less so than nuclear weapons appeared to be 40 years ago. Several European countries consider the possibility of CBD worthy of further study. Sweden has a working group on CBD within their Defense Ministry. It is hoped that many countries will eventually augment their defense policies with a small component of CBD, which can be expanded as the wisdom and usefulness of it is observed, and as its techniques are further refined. This is called "transarmament"--going beyond the currently observed need for vast stores of military hardware.

Where can we go from here with the idea of CDB? The first step is education of ourselves and others, through reading, thinking and discussing. It would be helpful if the works of Gene Sharp were more widely available. Users can request their purchase by libraries There is also research that needs to be done--study of various aspects and examples of nonviolent struggle is a useful project for students.

This article draws upon the work of Gene Sharp. His works include: The Politics of Nonviolent Action (Porter Sargent, 1973); Social Power and Political Freedom (Porter Sargent, 1980); and the award winning essay, Making the Abolition of War a Realistic Goal (1981).

Information about an ongoing study group in Ithaca, and a recently compiled study guide are available through Phil Bogdonoff, RD #5, Teeter Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850, (607) 277-8377.

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The Freeze and Beyond

by Steven Lapham

Hope lives! Over the last year the peace movement in America has grown with phenomenal speed. The proposal for an immediate US/Soviet nuclear weapons freeze has emerged as a powerful unifying idea.

But is the Freeze a dead end? After a mutual Freeze is accomplished, will the enthusiasm for disarmament fade away as it did after the signing of the Partial Test Ban Treaty in 1963?

The answer is no. The debate over the Freeze has changed the public's awareness of the danger of nuclear war and of the futility of seeking."security" with nuclear armaments. Americans cannot return to comfortable ignorance.

But there is much work to be done by peacemakers if disarmament is to flourish. The Freeze is a perfect tool for breaking new ground. . .

Politics

In the United States, social reform must ultimately betranslated into law. Peacemakers must enter the political arena if they are serious about changing government policy.

The Ereeze is a prominent issue in this November's elections. Congressional candidate Elaine Lytel has put the Freeze at the top of her platform for conserving "this good green earth." Darrell Weston also supports the Kennedy-Hatfield Gary Lee and Freeze Resolution. George Wortley, however, both voted to kill a House Resolution for an immediate Freeze.

The Freeze campaign aspires to wed patriotism and disarmament. Patriotism is a vital part of the European peace movement, and it can be here too. The U.S. could be a leader in constructing world security through multilateral disarmament.

Economics

Never have the domestic costs of military spending been so stark. The primary cause of inflation, high interest rates, and unemployment is extravagant military budgets.



"Oh, sure, you'll always have your fringe element . . .

But criticism is not enough. If America is to enact progressive disarmament, then peacemakers must begin advocating economic conversion. Converting from our current war economy to a peace economy can happen without loss of jobs or capital, but only if there is advanced planning. We must encourage local industries to explore ways to re-tool shops and re-train workers for peaceful production.

Companies in Onondaga County received \$150 million in military contracts in 1981. Peacemakers, our work is here.

Education

A veil of silence has enveloped our schools and colleges. As it was in Nazi Germany, nobody dares whisper the crime of genocide we are planning for the children.

America will never have caring, informed citizens as long as the schools ignore the great moral questions of our time. The Educators for Social Responsibility is a group that is trying to bring discussion of "real world problems" into the classroom.

In high schools, one must always present both sides of a controversial issue. The Freeze has provided a

platform for rational debate about peace and war.

ESR is planning a "Day of Dialogue" to discuss the arms race, in the schools on October 25. Be there!

Peacemaking

I recall a conversation with Geoff Navias in which he said the peacemaker must try to "answer people's needs."

People need security, and only a total Freeze of nuclear weapons followed by real disarmament offers hope of security and a future for our children. People need to feel proud of their homeland, and the Freeze Campaign has reminded us about the blessings of democracy. People need food, warmth, and job security, and only a peace-oriented economy can provide these things.

People need to understand their world and to feel they have some control over it. By opening a dialogue on the arms race in the schools the Freeze can help educate a generation of concerned citizens.

Peacemakers must do more than protest against war. Even more than criticism and protest, this nation needs to be healed. The Freeze is a first stop toward a healthy alternative to war.

Steven is a member of the Nuclear Weapons Freeze of Central New York, and a folksinger.

The Congressional Candidates and Local Coverage

by Betty Jo Whiting

Apparently the Reagan administration and Congress believe they were given a "mandate" by the American people to sacrifice human needs for the sake of militarism and tax cuts for corporations and the rich. This attitude has polarized our country to an extent which has not been seen since the Vietnam war.

Indicative of this polarization is the Congressional race in Onondaga County, with five philosophically and politically diverse people running for the Republican and Democratic nominations. There are definitely differences between the candi – dates. I gathered this impression from having attended a forum conducted by the Syracuse Press Club at the Hotel Syracuse and one sponsored by the National League of Women Voters held at St. Paul's Cathedral.

The forum conducted by the press club was poorly orchestrated in that the candidates were given only 30 seconds apiece to answer each question. The issues dealt with were narrow in focus and did not seem to reflect the concerns of many local and nationwide Americans today. None of the candidates were asked their stance on The Freeze, the ERA, nuclear power plants, or the military budget in light of our economic situation.

However, in her opening statement Lytel-D, strongly supported the Freeze, the ERA, and the Clean Air Act. She asserted that 60% of New Yorkers favor the ERA, 60% support the Freeze and 90% the Clean Air Act. At the Women Voters forum Daryl Weston-D and Peter DelGiorno-R came out in support of these issues.

Gary Lee-R advocated the continuation of "Reagan's reduction talks that will result in parity". George Wortley-R stated he supported the Freeze although he had voted against it in the past. They both felt the ERA should go back

Betty Jo is a freelance activist who is voting for the first time this year. to the states for ratification with neither of them expressing their personal beliefs.

Concerning military and economic aid to El Salvador three of the candidates: Lee, Lytel and Wortley, supported continued economic aid, with Wortley strongly in favor of military aid also. Weston stated that there has been "no reform in the area of human rights" in El Salvador, and came out against military aid. DelGiorno, in keeping with his views on military aid to other countries, explained that he does not support the "interference into other countries' domestic affairs."

On the question of abortion Lee and Wortley came out staunchly against, with both advocating legislation that would criminalize it or deny federal funds to those too poor to afford the choice. Del-Giornio and Lytel both emphasized the need for family planning, preventative measures, and choice. Weston, although "morally opposed" to abortion, would not try to have it criminalized since that would not be accurately reflecting the needs of his constituency.

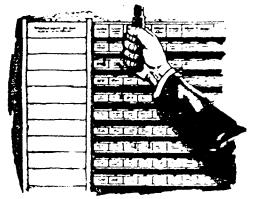
Campaign rhetoric was flowing freely from the Republican incumbents. Wortley's approach was somewhat dated, with him asserting that Reagan was "given a mandate" by the American people to take us "in a new direction." He states that Reagan has given us "stability and leadership."

Lee stood on his "profile of experience and accomplishment," particularly his help in the passing of the Superfund bill. He also mentioned his work on "the Commerce Committee has significant impact for the community" in the areas of transportation and tourism.

DelGiorno, "disloyal republican" who does not vote party line, believes "America has the best Congress money can buy." He emphasized the need for job training and counseling for the unemployed, military budget cuts, and treating "society's ills rather than the symptoms". At the press club forum he admonished the press "not to do the voter's job for them by editing out populist views other than those presented by the incumbents." He also claims that our "foreign policy is merely an extension of big business." In terms of spending reform he advocates the federal government collecting the monies then allocating block grants to each congressional district.

Weston, although offering few concrete solutions, expressed concerns about Senior citizens, subsidized housing, unemployment, and the federal deficit. He believes that the "Reagan administration has brought us to social and economic disaster".

Lytel says there is a need for "increased investment in labor intensive programs" and more job in-. centive programs with an emphasis on minority businesses. She asserts that Reaganomics is not working and is causing great harm. She states that "joblessness takes a toll on the family as well. Health problems, mental illness, crime and suicide all increase during times of high unemployment."



These are critical times. There are many people among us that have no faith in the electoral process so they do not register or vote. There are others that want a new system. Unfortunatly, or not, this voting institution is the only major thing we have to work with this November. There are MAJOR qualitative differences between the candidates. It does make a difference who is elected. Look at Reagan, he won his "mandate" by 4%. Please register to vote by October 14. Call the Board of Elections at 425-3312 to find out where.

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Arab-Black Community Relations: A Quiet Cold War

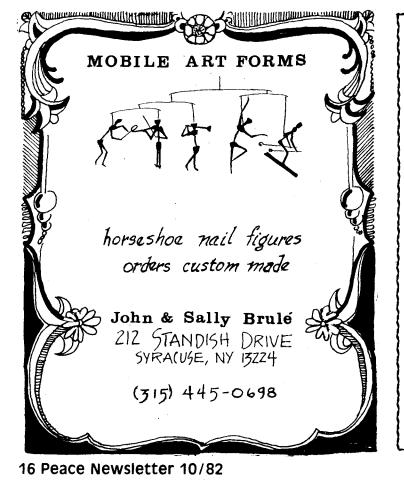
A small but substantial Middle Eastern community is emerging amid several established neighborhoods throughout the local metropolitan area. The social impact of Middle Eastern people upon the community at large, particularly, the Black community within the southwest area of Syracuse, offers a unique study of minorities struggling within a difficult symbiotic relationship: each group needing the other economiist between the two groups.

Springing up at a rapid rate within the Black community are small grocery stores owned and operated by Middle Eastern families. On the surface, there appears to be a simple relationship between Black consumers and Middle Eastern merchants. Beneath the surface is a network of negative emotional reactions to cultural, behavioral and attitudinal differences that exist between the two groups.

Many Middle Eastern merchants are businessmen possessing international experience with merchandising not readily recognized by most Blacks. Unlike other small grocers, the Middle Eastern is most likely to be someone who has emigrated from a place other than his homeland: to establish or continue a family tradition of merchandising before coming to the United States; has established contacts with European suppliers/exporters over a long period of time; is often the major importer for the third world country in which he is doing business; has developed the means to become an unofficial political/ economic force in relatively poor countries; has become accustomed to societies with only two social classes: a small educated influential class and an uneducated poor. It is possible for a person with such experience to bring with him stereotypical attitudes/views about Blacks and other people into the community in which he does business.

According to sources within the Black community, the main problems that create conflicts can be related to the following observations: the constant use of a foreign language by the owners while shoppers are buying goods; the isolation of Middle Eastern women and children from the Black community; the indiscriminate business practice of selling cigarettes and beer to small children; supporting the services of prostitutes and sexually exploiting young females; having no knowledge of the merchants' source of financial resources; not being able to readily distinguish and identify the specific ethnic group(s) Middle Eastern people within the community belong to.

The reactive effect of both groups not communicating with each other is broadening the void that exists between them. With no effective communications, undercurrent feelings may continue to erupt into confrontations and arguments. One possible alternative may be the diplomatic intervention by existing agencies, interested community organizations and institutions to provide a forum for discussion of differences/concerns. -Linda Boyd





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FEDERATION for PROGRESS 1st National Conference Report

In the U.S. today there are thousands of Left and Progressive groups battling for peace, disarmament and social justice against Reagan's nearly unprecedented economic collapse, rampant militarism, racism and the nuclear arms race. "The strategic question," however, as Manning Marable has put it, "is that of unity."

With this central question in mind, the Federation for Progress held its first national conference in NYC on July 31 - Aug. 1, 1982. The culmination of over eight months of intensive nationwide, grassroots organizing, the Federation conference drew about 600 activists from 31 states and nearly all progressive movements.

Responding to a Call letter in February signed by 20 prominent Left activists (among them Marable, Phil Berrigan, Don Luce, Elizabeth McAllister, Kitty Tucker), a series of pre-conference meetings resulted in an 18 member steering committee, a draft program and the 1st national conference which was an intensive slate of speeches, plenary sessions and workshops geared to generating proposals for discussion and adoption.

While the keynote addresses were inspiring, conference process was at times lacking in guaranteeing thorough discussion on critical issues. At one point, for example, the over one hundred action and programmatic proposals were voted on as a single block. Long-windedness and repitition from the speakers and a lack of clarity on conference procedure marred the therwise dramatic and productive conference which featured activists such as Pete Seeger, Michio Kaku, Julian Bond, Arthur Kinoy and Frances Hubbard.

The goal of the Federation (FfP), is to achieve a level of unity amongst Left & Progressive organizations previously unattained. The FfP aims to differ from most other coalitions by being multi-issue, by a sustained radical analysis and by building a program of comprehensive demands.



Equally important, it intends to be longstanding, outlasting Reaganomics to develop a growing consensus among progressives. Finally, the Federation hopes to be an overarching coalition; one that continually unites. hundreds of groups nationally under the FfP banner of Jobs, Peace & Equality. The basis for authentic unity will be the enhancing of a particular group's effectiveness through new, broad coalition work while preserving the group's autonomy in every sense. The structure of the Federation has a width and breadth that promises to be highly representative and ensure a thoroughgoing democratic process.

An action calendar of fall, winter and spring events around which the Federation will be built both nationally and locally is going into gear. A local Syracuse chapter has met a number of times. The Peace Council is currently considering whether to join forces.

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Let's say You have a ton. Okay, You have more. No...as much. More than More than none. Let's not argue.

Let's say You too have some. For what you use these For, for what else, it's Likely that You have enough.

Now then... You spoke today To say you won't act First. And You say so Too. But that's Not the problem,

It it? Now, take Your ton And all Your some, Same, away. Give all Some and Same To put a way.

-Okay.

Let's start again. Now then, You have none Equal to theirs; gone. Don't Worry Now; This is life with-

Out gloom And may be hard To get accustomed To. Now You may watch People resting. That might help You.

by Susan Hubbard

a Better Citizen of the World

Each time I enjoy freedom From the confines of my doubting mind, I see a clearer guidance And become a better citizen of the world

by Chinmoy Kumar Ghose



Poen in Anger

My close friend told me, "I wish I wasn't female" After a male friend Had sexually attacked her. She can take karate now But she's surely locked Some of her trust Away inside forever. I wish I wasn't male In this place where My "brothers" act like Macho lust is the only Emotion worth showing.

by Lee Gechas

your son

Teach him about God And the ten commandments Tell him, "Thou shalt not kill." Teach him about love And laughter And smiles Tell him life's joy is for the asking Hold him in your arms When he is small And kiss all his scrapes and cuts Until they're all gone

Then give him a gun And teach him to fight Teach him to kill Without asking why And when he lies dead With his last wound Kiss him one last time And try not to cry

by Joanne Holdridge

Nuclear Nightmare

I think it was Moscow, or maybe it was Washington although I can't altogether remember now, it was undoubtedly a

masterdome zone. seems night-dreams hold thoughts too knotty and lickety-split clouding more unfathomable memories--but one and oh too sure it is that one, that damn fear. so fear it was that sent me forlorn and far-off

this evening past, when repose haunted my mind with the feasible reality of our feckless and our

final holocaust.

now in times of absurdity climbing higher than human dignity there is no--time for depression of belief depression dwells in solitude and soundlessness will get you

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I detest half-witted war, but more new to me is this profound and sweating fear of

extinction. my friends, and I must believe it possible or be blind, fools, still, and soon--the late. for life

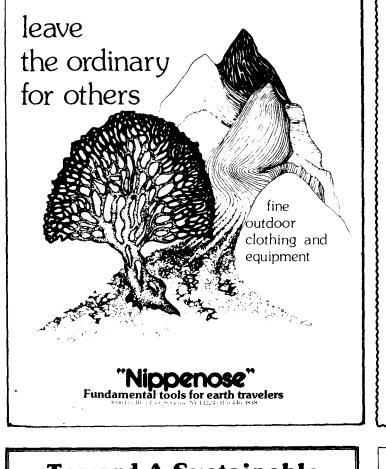
will you put up a fight or close your eyes and make my dream come true

and think no more.

by K.M.R.



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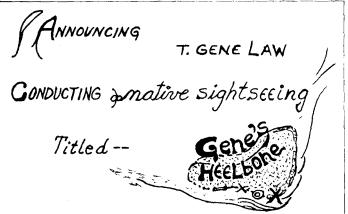
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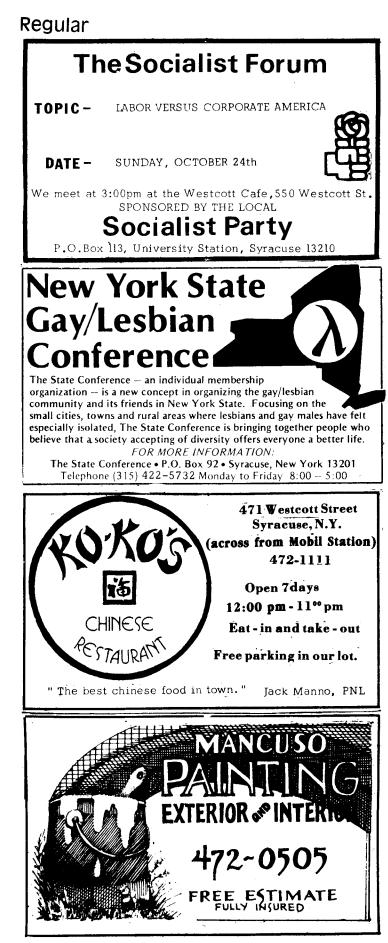
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Lillian Reiner has returned home from the hospital (she broke her hip). She is looking for friend (s) who could stay with her at night. Some remuneration. Call Corinne at 422-1659 or leave message at SPC 472-5478.

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Woman Housemate Wanted - to share roomy flat on quiet street-outer Westcott Un⊬ versity area. Rent \$165 ea plus utilities. Call Lesley 472-1732 or 473-5435.

WANTED--for the PEACE NEWSLETTER--articles 800 to 1200 words on threats to peace, opportunities for peace, nuclear power and weapons, feminism, Black community, lesbian and gay interests, Third World, Central America, Philipines, energy, social justice, political analysis of local scene: poetry: cover ideas; graphics ideas; suggestions of new local artists who might wish to contribute; suggestions for new authors who might be willing to write for us. Someone is also needed to work on advertising.

Worried about Toxics in your environment? With good reason. Fight back by reading EXPOSURE, the only national citizen newsletter on the issue. Write Environmental Action Foundation for a <u>free</u> copy at: 724 Dupont Cirice Bidg, Wash., DC 20023.

Wanted - female housemate - 2 BD., near SU. Prefer student or grad student. Single professional prefers females. Telephone 469-8770.

FREE kittens to a good home. Away from main roads please, 458-5428.

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"TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE and just Society - Accelerating the Transition." A conference on the emerging culture, it will be held at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, Oct. 22-24, 1982. For registration form and information contact SPC or write ECO-JUSTICE TASK FORCE, G-17 Anabel Taylor Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

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Susan Freundlich, interpreter for the hearing impaired, touring with Holly Near will lead a discussion with the film "See What I Say" on Sat. Oct. 16 from 3-4:30pm, Interpretation will be available for all. The event will be held at the Public Library idowntown in the Gates Rm. For more info: TTY 638-1065 or 422- 9742; or 6PC.

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