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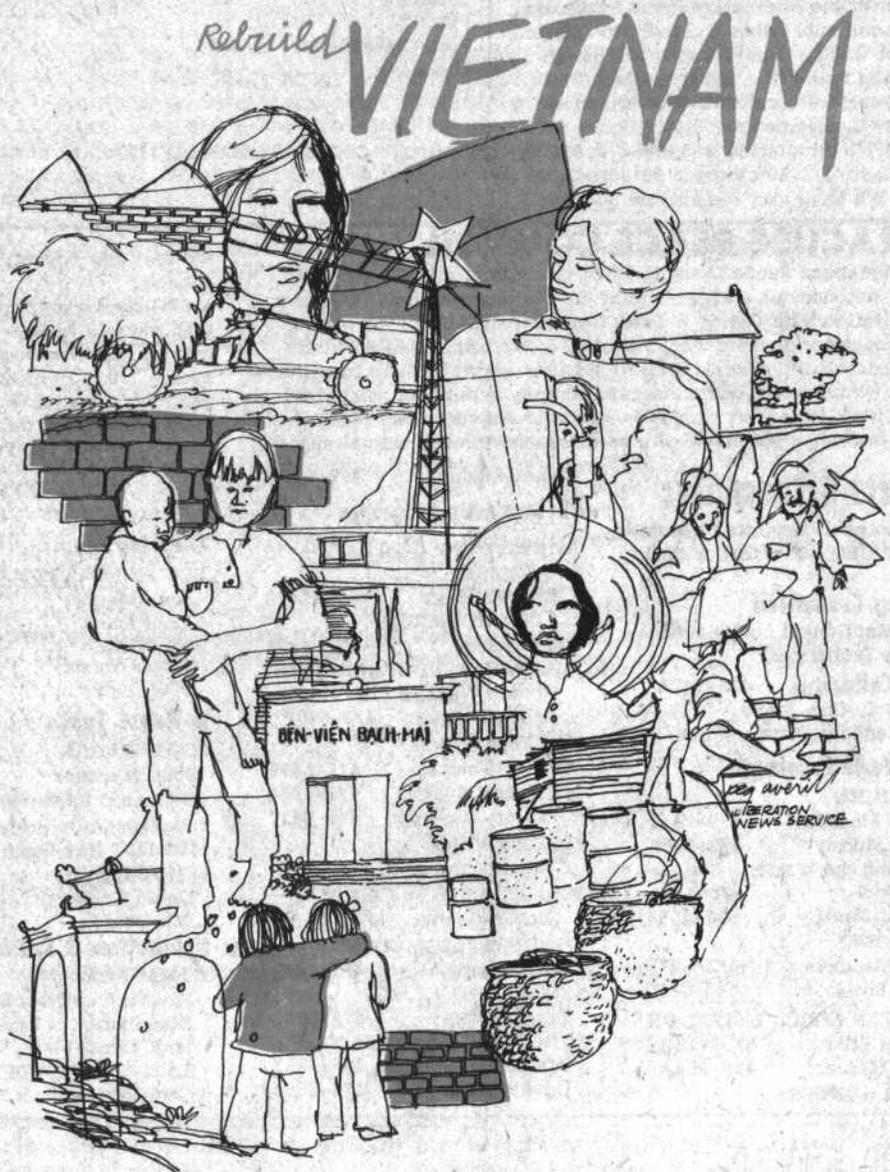
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PEACE NEWSLETTER

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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) is a non profit, community based, autonomous antiwar/social justice organization. We have an affiliation with Clergy & Laity Concerned (CALC). We have a vision of a world where war, violence & exploitation of all kinds (economic, racial, sexual, age, etc.) do not exist. Primary functions of SPC (which has a basic commitment to nonviolence) are to help people work for social change in whatever way they feel comfortable and to overcome our sense of powerlessness through mutual support.

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TOTAL	\$4672.67

Payroll is now 16 weeks behind; staff salaries have been paid only through Dec. 31, 1976. Yet the 4 staff people have stayed on the job, and somehow manage to eat. They make jokes about not being able to afford coffee.

But in these 16 weeks they have given major assistance to the people opposing the 765 kv power line and those fighting the extension of the building of nuclear power plants. This has included blanketing New York State with over 17,000 Peace Newsletter Supplements on "Nuclear Power and Its Alternatives." The campaign against the B1 bomber has continued. The Peace Newsletter has come out regularly.

The generations of Americans who have worked for peace, freedom, justice, and equality would be proud of our SPC staff.

But would they be proud of us?

We must wake up and GIVE!

Did you get an income tax rebate? How about giving some of it to the Syracuse Peace Council? Most of our taxes go for "defense" — meaning war. Let's tax ourselves to support the Syracuse Peace Council, the people who defend the things we really value: Life. Environment. Peace. Freedom. Justice. Human Dignity.

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Got a birthday coming up? Ask the people who might give you presents to bake you a cake — and send a Happy Birthday donation in your name to the Syracuse Peace Council. It will improve everyone's chances of many happy returns of the day.

Please don't think that giving to the Peace Council is a "charitable donation" — something you give if you have loose change left after buying that six-foot teddy bear that is essential to your baby daughter's happiness. SPC is a vital part of your life support system. Make your daughter a soft doll stuffed with cotton. Give the cost of the teddy bear to the Syracuse Peace Council. It will enhance your daughter's chances for growing up alive and well. Our children depend on us for survival, not toys.

Look into your wallet, your bank account, your closets, your attic, your refrigerator, your oven, your time schedule, your talents, your head, your heart — and say, "What can I give the Syracuse Peace Council?" — Now!

What we give immediately will be a hundred times more valuable than giving deferred even a few months. Every nuclear power plant built tips the scales against human survival, and Carter's endorsement of the nuclear "last resort" increases our danger dramatically.

On May 2nd, 3rd and 4th we will call some of our friends and ask for donations. We need many donations of \$25 or more to bring us through our present financial crisis. More than \$25 if you can, less if you must. But don't wait for our call. Make out your check now! Mail it today!

Angus

Angus MacDonald
(For the Steering Committee)

LETTERS

IN RESISTANCE

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Gentlepersons,

I resist paying what I feel are war taxes. I do not resist a tax system but I do resist the system we now have. As it is now, individuals have no control of their money or their government. I feel I am having other people's aggressive and competitive tendencies forced on me. I am a peace loving person.

This unjust act (telephone tax) of collecting monies for war was exposed to me during the Viet Nam war. The war is now over but illicit collection of monies for the Defense department continues. I don't believe in wars, destruction, nuclear arms or other armification. I can't consciously support such causes. They are dangerous to me and everyone else on earth. I can not cooperate.

I support constructive purposes based on human needs to help people. I don't wish to buy bombs. I wish to buy food and happiness for those in need. The Defense dept. wastes money. They are not ecological or economical. It is poorly managed and needs to be revamped. There is no future for the earth with such foolish and senseless priorities.

Peace does not come through threats but grows with trust. I earn a yearly income of less than \$2450 so I can avoid adding to the destructive capabilities of our great nation. I am not fearful of your "notices and demands". These threats may be effective in collecting your taxes but I am in strong defiance of such tactics. I will never make a check payable to the "Internal Revenue Service". My way of avoiding your seizure action is that I simply have nothing to seize. No salary or wages due me can be levied. I have no bank accounts, receivable commissions, or other incomes or personal properties.

I suppose I will have to go to jail for my convictions and beliefs to clear my debt to society.

In Resistance,
David Coons

This is printed on recycled paper. The B-1 bomber will drain the American economy and make the rich, richer. It is not needed.

Dade County Seeds Homophobia

To the PNL:

On Jan. 18, 1977, the Dade County (Florida) Metro Commission passed an ordinance extending protection of the county human rights law to all citizens regardless of sexual or affectional preference. This Gay rights law, the first of its kind east of Houston, Texas and south of Washington, DC, met with immediate opposition from a conservative religious coalition led by Florida Citrus Board publicist and part-time evangelist Anita Bryant. The group, called "Save our Children [from Homosexuality], Inc.", began a petition drive and forced a referendum on the ordinance to be held June 7.

As Morty Manfred, a New York City Gay activist said, "It almost sounds democratic -- and this scares me; many people will view [the June 7] referendum as democracy in action when actually nothing could be further from reality. There is no democracy where a class of people defined by insidious distinctions are denied their freedoms to participate in society."

Meanwhile, "Save our Children" has enlisted national support against the Dade County law and any other attempt to "legitimize homosexuality" and "give homosexuals the opportunity to recruit children to homosexuality" including the nation Gay rights bill (H.R. 2998).

While much of the publicity has been favorable to Gay rights, such as the recent meeting of Gay activists with high officials in the Carter White House, there is evidence of a growing backlash. In Arkansas, the legislature put the crime of sexual relations between consenting adults of the same sex back on the books after having repealed it two years earlier with no negative consequences. Only two state legislators had the courage to oppose the measure.

In Baldwinsville, NY, Msgr. John Daley, the pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church praised Bryant's crusade against the "sin of homosexuality" in his church's Easter Sunday bulletin. A city councillor in Dover, New Hampshire has raised the question of Gay teachers in the city schools, inspired by Bryant's holy crusade against Gay rights in Miami.

If we lose in Miami in June, it will be seen as the continuation of a trend and the consequences will be felt nationally. If we win, it will show that people are much more reasonable

than we expected and that opposition to Gay rights is a minority crusade doomed to failure. I expect that the latter is true regardless of the outcome of the vote; it's the time factor involved that is discouraging. When we are still arguing the merits of equal rights for a majority in our society -- women -- it is reasonable to expect a long hard battle for Gay rights.

Financial support for the Dade County Gay rights campaign may be sent to: Dade County Coalition for the Humanistic Rights of Gays, Box 414, Miami FL 33133.

Joel Rinne
Gay Light Collective

GOOD WORDS

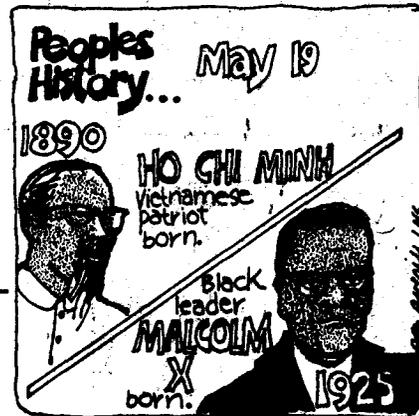
Dear SPC;

Many thanks for the copies of the Peace Newsletter, which I have been receiving and enjoying since I was fortunate enough to meet Glenda Neff at an [Appropriate Technology] forum last month. I had not expected the truly excellent quality of writing and reporting that I have found.

Let me select one of the many impressive items for comment, Norma Bliss's review of "Roots". She has performed a remarkable service in summing up so cogently and incisively the subtle, as well as the blatant, failings of the TV version to present accurately the powerful message of Haley's book. I had intended to read the book, but now I shall make certain that I do. I hope her review receives the widest possible publicity!

I am happy to send my check to help a little bit in your efforts. With thanks to all of your staff,

Sincerely yours,
Thomas Meyer



SPC's People's History Project is looking for people interested in working on "Upstate NY People's History 1978 Calendar" and possibly other projects. Info call Dik 472-5478.

The joy and vigor shown in the faces of Honey Knopp (r.) and Toppie Simonfay (l.) characterize the feelings evoked at SPC's 41st birthday celebration. Guest speaker Honey Knopp was truly dynamic as she shared her perspective of the society that will not tolerate the injustice that breeds both war and prisons. About 125 people attended the event. The food and decorations were grand, Sally Brule' gave not only a very humorous fund pitch, but an effective one that raised \$250, and Barb Kobritz inspired us all with her brief but eloquent message on empowerment. And Toppie Simonfay received the 20th annual Peace Award! -- for her sustained, energetic and compassionate work in the pursuit of peace and social justice...

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Nuclear Update

Of power lines and nukes, helicopters, defoliants, and things

NYSEG Plans Nukes

Pete Caplan
Ecology Action, Oswego

New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) announced on Monday, April 18, to the surprise of no one in particular, that the two new power plants it (jointly with Long Island Lighting Co.) is about to bestow on the eager citizens of upstate New York will be nukes--two of them, 1250MW apiece. Said William Lyons, chairman and chief executive of NYSEG, "We have examined the entire range of fuel options open to us, and we believe nuclear power is the most advantageous to our customers."

Public meetings were called simultaneously near the two candidate locations, New Haven (two miles south of the 9-mile site) and Stuyvesant (near Albany). The New Haven meeting was small, and the approach of the nuclear hucksters was soothing and low-key, as they laid down their slide-illustrated rap about why they chose nuclear over coal. They then dealt nimbly with a small barrage of questions from assorted disgruntled local farmers and "outside agitators." Assurance was given that the waste problem was just about solved; that nuclear was the cheapest way to go; that PSC limited utility profits to 12% but didn't guarantee them; that 765kV lines were harmless. When one woman showed great reluctance to swallow the power line assertion, the gentleman up front expressed his confidence that she could avoid injury by pointing out that even animals had been known to learn to avoid electric shocks. Meanwhile, other coat-and-tie types were planted strategically around the room to engage the troublemakers quietly in fruitless side discussions. When questioned more closely about the economic arguments, NYSEG later admitted that (apparently in order to make coal look cheaper than nuclear) they had assumed a 70% capacity factor for both types of plants, and a price of \$70/lb. by 1990 for uranium fuel. Local anti-

nuke organizing has already begun, however, and our first impressions are that NYSEG may be in for a bit more trouble than they had counted on.

North Country News

from a report by Ellen
Rocco, UPSET

Beginning April 14, North Country resistance has focused on the Ken Theobald farm, just south of Canton, where PASNY work crews have been clearing a right-of-way for the planned 765kV line. In the first few days, several people were served with injunctions after they blocked construction work, and two were arrested when they sat on the runners of a PASNY helicopter and prevented it from taking off. (The helicopter was brought in when demonstrators blocked access to the farm.) The next day a vigil began at the farm, and still continues. On Monday, April 18, two students who had been served injunctions turned themselves in when they discovered that warrants had been issued against them. They were accompanied to the courthouse by about 80 students marching through the streets of Canton and singing "Stop the Line." In a related incident, PASNY announced that two bulldozers on the Theobald farm had been sabotaged, and a five gallon can of Tordon-151 (a highly toxic defoliant) was missing from the site. Tordon-151, used to clear and maintain the right-of-way, contains a dioxin, as was used in Viet Nam. It can easily enter the water table, and cause genetic damage to humans. As UPSET points out, "...the Power Authority left an unsecured, unguarded container of Tordon in the woods overnight, in an easily accessible place.... If PASNY can't keep track of five

gallons of Tordon, they certainly have no business running nuclear power plants or building high voltage lines. If they are allowed to



Jerry Moeller, of the Ft. Covington-Bombay Farmers, leading an October 1976 march against the 765kV line. Jerry has since been sentenced to a 10-day jail sentence for resisting PASNY work crews, and is out on appeal along with eleven other North Country resisters. Photo by Doug Jones

continue work on the 765kV power line, how many other dangers will the North Country be exposed to...?"

Focusing on PASNY.

William Sunderlin

On Wednesday April 20, a legislative hearing was held in Albany to investigate abuses of power committed by PASNY in its attempt to construct the 765kV line. The hearing was conducted by the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions, and was chaired by Irwin J. Landes (D-Nassau).

Interrogation of Robert Bennett, PASNY's general counsel, revealed that public service law restricts the legislature's control over PASNY

"PASNY" continued

until its bond debts are paid off, while at the same time giving excessive protection to PASNY bond holders. "No legislature should accept this. The courts will throw this law down the gutter!" Landes said.

Dan Haley, former Chairperson of the Legislative Commission on Energy Systems, reported that Quebec Hydro would not sell nearly enough power to match the capacity of the line. He added that the ultimate purpose of the 765kV was to transmit the power of two 1100MW nuclear plants planned for St. Lawrence County. He asked the Commission to consider the fiscal insanity of this project in view of the fact that the US has only a 12-year supply of uranium left. He also asked the commission to consider where New York is going to get "surplus" wintertime power that PASNY has agreed to exchange with Hydro Quebec.

Richard Phillips, a member of the North Country Defense Committee, told the committee about the Tordon fiasco (see above). Landes said that the commission would investigate the matter immediately and he asked that PASNY submit a statement accounting for the use of Tordon-151, which has been banned by the EPA.

Landes, in his closing remarks, said that the North Country farmers have legitimate grievances, that it seemed the law gives PASNY's initiative too much latitude, and that he would seek remedial legislation.

Legislative Strategies

A revised version of the Nuclear Responsibility Act, which failed to pass last year, has been introduced in the state legislature this session. The NRA stipulates that before any new nuclear plant can be built, it must be shown that: 1) its emergency cooling system has been tested; 2) an adequate supply of fuel is assured; 3) limits on financial liability in the event of an accident have been waived; 4) a safe storage place exists for nuclear wastes; and 5) emergency evacuation plans exist. If passed, the bill would constitute a virtual moratorium on nuclear construction in New York, but it's expected to encounter heavy opposition. Letters of support to state legislators are urgently needed (see Community '77, p. 38).

SPC Did It; Everybody Wants It!

What is 'It'? 'It' is last month's Peace Newsletter supplement, "Nuclear Power and Its Alternatives."

To be sure, we had a lot of help from anti-nuke activists from all over New York State; from Buffalo and Rochester, from Sterling and Oswego, from Ithaca and the North Country, from Albany and Schenectady, from New Paltz and New York City.

And now copies of the supplement are being widely distributed in all these cities and many more. To date, almost one hundred different groups have requested bulk quantities, sometimes as many as 1000, or as few as 5.

There is also a wide range of groups: environmental organizations,

schools, colleges, religious groups, senior citizens centers, government agencies and alternative newspapers.

10,000 extra copies were printed on March 30th, but the demand for copies was so great that on April 20th we printed another 10,000.

If you know of any organizations which could make use of this valuable resource publication...

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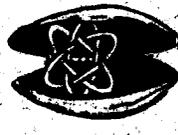
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Peace Newsletter
June 1977

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Jails: 'Way Out' or A Way In?

by Jerry Berrigan

It's now clear that peacemaking in our day requires resistance, and resistance may lead to arrest and jail. Briefly, that is what we Berrigans: Dan, Phil, Liz and I, discovered again between the Christmas and Easter of these last months. We got a variety of sentences: Liz 6 months (later reduced by half); Phil, 60 days; Dan, 30; I got the lightest, the least, 10 days. Sentences spent in the city jails of Alexandria and Arlington, Va.

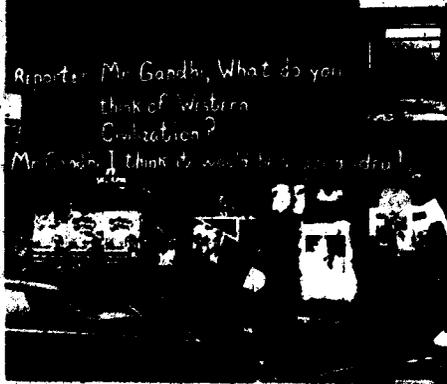
Looking back now, I recall that our time in lockup was an outcome of these events and concerns: our mother's Christmas Eve funeral and Phil's eulogy during it; our perennial question "how can I count?"; our sense of the Pentagon as doomsday; our wish to side with the children; our trying to be true to a valid and human tradition.

For the 4 of us, our latest jail stay began on Christmas Eve at Frida's funeral (she died on Dec. 22 at near 91) when Phil observed that we would be joining 60 or so other resisters at the Pentagon on Dec. 28. The point of it? To counter the nuclear buildup, to oppose the American War Dept. as the number one purveyor of death, of atomic destruction. During that service to mark Mama's life and death, all of us, family and friends, saw her as a person who for her entire life, gave to others. We Berrigans thought we should try to requite that, even to the point of risk. As we grouped around her body, her spirit lived in us, but there were few tears and no sentimentality. Simply it was that we wanted our tribute to fit, to be worthy; we planned our action as organic, positive, concrete, practical and symbolic.

How Can I Count?

So partly in response to the question "how can I, modern and computerized and technologized American, resist the mass production and acceptance of death? how can I count?", we did it. On Dec. 28 our group of six dozen acted with variety and promptitude. At two main entrances, some of us chained ourselves to bronze Pentagon portals; others leafletted among muttering generals; some splashed our own blood high on the

granite facade; others carried placards and another group chanted and strutted as figures of street theater death. 29 "chainers" were cut loose and promptly rechained, this time to cops and to each other. We four Berrigans were among this group. All over again through the endless bureaucratic process of arrest, booking, pleading and release (for later court appearances and trial) we felt active and creative. We'd freely chosen to stand with the victims. In affirming general life we were resisting specific death.



The Behemoth

In January and February we began to serve our sentences. During our time together in the cellblock, no one played the blues. (Literally, there were no radio or TV or periodicals, a vast blessing!) Instead, Dan, Phil and I (Liz was in the womens' section coping and doing it with esprit) read and pondered Old Testament "Revelations". "Who today," we asked ourselves, "is the Beast, the ravaging monster, the all-destroyer?" We named the Pentagon. Insidious, omnipotent, plausible, omnipresent, the Beast with three heads: technology, munitions, atomic death. Global in power, limitless in resources, filthy in polluting, the ultimate Behemoth. A restless, reaching, carnivore, it overlooks virtually nobody. Except slightly, ourselves. Pinioned, celled, we felt quite free.

Said A.J. Muste: "What we need is a bill of rights for children." Amen. In resisting, how can you fail to advert to those who are, perhaps more than anyone, vulnerable? Children. We saw them turn their faces, stretch out their hands, towards us. Honest, they

beg honesty. But often, quickly, the response they earn is the latest lie, the moral mockery of the death dealers; they glimpse the serene, impassive faces of death dealers. Innocence lost, children coopted. Infidelity, the pleasure principle, fatigue, the perversely passive imagination. These they are offered. The language they learn to speak and read and form ideas out of is carious, at once too literal, cliché ridden, rife with the infernal innuendo. Inheritors of the double-speak of 1977 (Uncle Sam is your friend, the Pentagon serves your interests, the Marines defend your freedom), children are denied the metaphor, the parable, the truth that could free them and thus us all. Indeed, we Pentagon chainers had to stand with the children!

"This I Must Do"

Finally, in going to jail we four were trying to be true to a tradition. Primarily to the Gospel (He who lives by the sword... blessed are the peacemakers... the truth shall make you free...) but also to a secular one rooted in this nation. Thoreau planted the seeds of resistance, King watered them, as did Dorothy Day, Mother Jones and others. All of these persons-- "doers of the word." All of them, actors--out of belief, of conscience. No one of them content to merely add to the myriads of words spoken "on behalf of... in defense of... to object to... but stepped forward." Here is my body, my life, I oppose untruth, I resist death. This I must do. This I can do." The tradition unacted upon, unenlarged, is dead.

I was released on February 13, Dan on March 1, Phil on April 2, Liz on April 10. On Good Friday the Atlantic Life Community and the Jonah House Community conducted another action of resistance at the Pentagon. Several were arrested and jailed.

Looking toward the summer, the same groups are actively sponsoring resistance events. They invite the concern, input, participation of any readers of the Peace Newsletter.

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Viet Nam & U.S. 2 Years After War's End

by Dik Cool

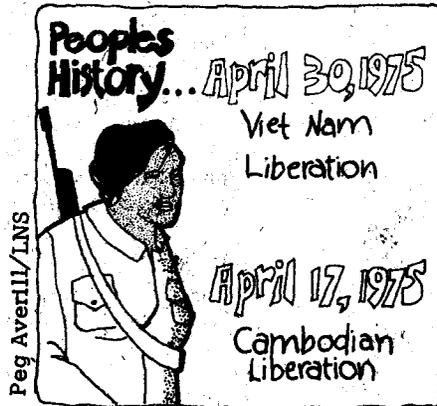
Revolutionary Viet Nam is making astounding progress towards creating a society that really meets people's needs, but there are vestiges from the past. More than 4 years after the "official" end (Paris Accords 1/22/73) of the Viet Nam war, and 2 years after the real end (April 30, 1975), Vietnamese are still dying daily as a result of the U.S. presence. Farmers and peasants are usually the victims as they struggle to reclaim their brutalized earth. How is this still possible? In yet another ugly legacy of the war unexploded U.S. ordnance and mines exist by the thousands in Viet Nam. They pose a deadly obstacle in Viet Nam's massive effort to become, once again, agriculturally self-supporting.

Rice Urgently Needed

Rationing of rice (which was exported before the war) still exists in both the north & south, and Viet Nam has sent out urgent appeals for help. Vietnamese refugees in the U.S. have sometimes received complaints on the shortages of food from family and friends in Viet Nam. Occasionally this has been used to bring discredit on the new government. The discredit, however, really belongs to the U.S., as it is the U.S. that turned southern Viet Nam into a rice importer, and it is the U.S. that refuses to heed Viet Nam's appeals for assistance.

"New economic zones" are a basic part of Viet Nam's effort to de-urbanize her population. People from all walks of life are encouraged to move to one of these rural zones where they are given land and some assistance by the government. This program is based on incentives and a developing sense of helping one's country, rather than force. With incredible unemployment (1-1.5 million out of a population of 18 million in the south) caused by the artificial western economy the U.S. set up, progress on the new economic zones is slow but steady. More importantly, reports Onesta Carpena (who liv-

Dik's struggle to live & work collectively gives him much empathy for the Vietnamese struggle towards socialism.



ed many years in Viet Nam, leaving in 1976), is that trust in people is returning. One of Onesta's Vietnamese correspondents says, "[trust] is felt more than seen, through small words and concrete attitudes. If there is no respect for the ordinary person, who perhaps can't read & write, then you see only the faults."

Schools, small factories and hospitals are also springing up in the new zones as well as in existing villages and cities. One such hospital will be on the site of the U.S. infamous My Lai massacre. On the 9th anniversary of the massacre (March 16, 1977) Friendship, a coalition of peace, religious & civic groups, presented \$150,000 to Viet Nam for the 100 bed district hospital. The funds were contributed by 12,852 Americans. Friendship has raised an additional \$2,000,000 over the past 3 years; but, unfortunately, it's still a drop in the bucket when compared to Viet Nam's severe needs and to the ability--and responsibility--of the U.S. government to help.

Re-education Camps

There has been no blood bath in Viet Nam as the U.S. predicted for 20 years. It's hard for many Americans, blinded by years of pervasive anti-communism, to comprehend that the re-education camps in Viet Nam are, by and large, an extraordinarily humane way of trying to deal with people who collaborated with an occupying army. In comparison the French (a "civilized" Western nation) summarily executed about 10,000 Nazi collaborators after WWII. A small percentage of the military & civilian leaders of the old U.S./s Viet Nam regime are still in the

camps. By U.S. standards they would be considered traitors. Says Claudia Krich (former co-director of AFSC's south Viet Nam programs from 4/73-7/75), "they are war criminals. The treatment they receive is more lenient than war criminals have received after any other war." The Vietnamese say quite plainly that these people may be in the camps for many years to come. The second, not surprising, aspect of the camps is the attention the U.S. media has lavished on them. Scudder Parker (New England CALC staff member) asks: "Is there comparable coverage of the profound environmental, social and economic disruption caused by the \$170 billion and the lives we committed to destroying a culture?"

The MIA's

The MIA issue is finally drawing to a close it seems. The Nixon/Kissinger/Ford policy used the MIA's as the last lever for which they could muster anti-Viet Nam sentiment among Americans. This heartless policy caused needless suffering for families of MIA's. After WWII and the Korean war (86,000 total) all MIA's were assumed dead within 1 year of the end of hostilities and the return of prisoners. The Panamanian U.N. Ambassador speaking to the U.S. veto (because of the MIA's) of Viet Nam's U.N. admission on November 15, 1976, sums up the situation well: "What if the Vietnamese were to require instead the names of their hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of citizens who were killed by bullets or who languished in the darkness of cells? . . ."

U.S. Softens Position

The Woodcock Commission's visit to Viet Nam (3/77) is a positive note on the horizon of improving Viet Nam and U.S. relations. Marian Edelman, a commission member, has spoken of the "independence, grit & strength" of the Vietnamese; and Jimmy Carter has not ruled out economic aid to Viet Nam. Viet Nam's early admission to the U.N. now seems certain. Ironically, U.S. multinationals--strong supporters of past U.S. policy in Viet Nam--are now pressing the government to normalize relations so that they can begin to deal openly with the new Viet Nam. This time, however, the Vietnamese will not be coming out on the short end of such dealings. The new government is very aware of the workings of imperialism.

The U.S. media, then, seems to be one of the last strongholds of anti-Viet Nam sentiment. (Especially culpable is the so-called "liberal" media.) In the words of the Vietnamese scholar Nguyen Khac Vien, "writing an account about Viet Nam today is an intelligence test, and at the same time a test of integrity." Most western journalists have failed miserably on both counts thus far. Once again it is up to the American people to do the job. And we can and we must do it!

Things We Can Do

1. Contribute to Friendship and write your Representatives and Jimmy Carter urging the U.S. to end the trade embargo, normalize relations and send reconstruction aid.
2. Set up a film or slideshow event at your place of worship, school,

- workplace or neighborhood. There are many good new films available.
3. Urge that your church or synagogue invite a Vietnamese religious delegation to the U.S. This is a national campaign to find out first hand about religion in Viet Nam and to build bridges. The U.S. recently turned down a visa for the Archbishop of Hanoi.
 4. Support universal unconditional amnesty for veterans & civilian resisters; if you're an employer make clear that you are glad to hire Viet Nam-era vets with less-than-honorable discharges.
 5. Check on the materials being used in your children's school in regard to the war. If they're inaccurate or not complete (Very likely) we can help you with accurate materials.

6. Distribute this article; it's available from SPC in leaflet form.
7. Subscribe to the monthly **Peace Newsletter** (PNL) published by SPC. The PNL will keep you informed on information & local events related to Indochina. Subs are \$5 or more per year.

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Chemical Warfare Against Native Peoples

Part I: GUATEMALA

by Carlos Rainclouds

This is the first part of a two-part article. The second section, which deals with the mercury poisoning of native peoples in Ontario, Canada, will appear in next month's Peace Newsletter.

"What is in question is not only the fate of individual tribes, but the survival of an entire race."

Christopher Hampton¹

In 1963 in Brazil, as the Cintas Lagas tribe gathered for a funeral ritual, a small plane suddenly flew overhead and dropped small objects on the gathered tribe. The natives fled into the jungle, but the plane had dropped only packets of sugar, and soon they were all back in the clearing tasting the strange new chemical. Then the plane returned, and, having them all now in the open, bombed them to extinction.²

Earthquake 'Relief'

The same genocide is currently being practiced in Guatemala, but light Cessna's aren't needed for dropping the bait this time. The current "sugar" is in the form of chemicals being given to improve crop production in the wake of the devastating earthquake of 1976, in which 23,000 were killed outright and a fifth of the population were left homeless.

Relief agencies started pouring in from all over the world -- the U.S. Army flown in from Panama, the Canadian Embassy, the Red Cross, Oxfam, Quaker and Mennonite work projects etc. They swarmed over the central Guatemala highlands like a flock of busy locusts and put up pre-fab houses, built schools and churches and distributed food, fertilizers and insecticides to the confused and bewildered natives of the area.

The native Mayan Indians constitute the vast majority of the population (about 3 1/2 million out of 5 million).

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yet they have been driven to the steep infertile mountainsides where they try to eke out an existence, for Guatemala is a land of awesome contrasts; the very rich and the very poor. From the time of the Spanish conquest 450 years ago, the fertile coastal plains have been taken over by a few wealthy families of European extraction. Thus the best land and topsoil is wasted on non-food luxury crops for export (mostly to the U.S.) -- sugar, cotton, coffee and tobacco -- while the native people provide cheap labor (75 cents to \$1.50 per day) and suffer the economic cannibalism of malnutrition and protein-deficiency, both of which are endemic. 81% of the children are affected.



A traditional Kakchikel woman preparing a meal of frijoles y tortillas in her kitchen.

Photo by Francis Wardle

The 3/4 of the population must somehow feed itself off less than 12% of the land -- and the worst land at that, since the fertile areas are producing non-food crops for the U.S. and Canada. Over the years, life in the ever-more crowded highlands has been steadily deteriorating. Farm units have been constantly subdivided by succeeding generations and the soil has never had a chance to rest. It is overworked -- often beyond its capacity -- and severe erosion is common on the steep mountain slopes.

Because of the limited size of landholdings, few people grow little else than corn and beans, so that most men can no longer successfully feed their families from the scattered garden plots and so must go down to the coast to work on the plantations for 3 or 4 months out of the year. When the truck comes to their village, men, women and even children are herded aboard, often 50-60 per truck.

Deadly Insecticides

From there they are taken down to the coast -- with no stops to feed or relieve themselves. There, at a lower altitude, they are forced to live in leaky shacks with no running water or sanitary facilities, are fed on an unchanging diet of water/corn/beans (often spoiled) and are occasionally subjected to brutal punishment. The heat is sweltering and the humidity high. When the crops they are working are sprayed with the powerful and deadly insecticides, they are told none of the consequences or facts... such as that Aldrin has been banned in Canada, the U.S. and Western Europe since it is a recognized carcinogen and a causative factor in birth defects. Many become sick; often they die. Infants especially have a high mortality rate from injecting toxic substances while nursing at their mother's breasts. For many who survive: brain damage and growth retardation.

Many of these same chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides used of the plantations are being handed out to these same Native Peoples as they return to their highland areas (by various relief agencies including CEPA, Oxfam and AID).

Warning Ineffective

Most of these Indians do not speak Spanish, let alone English, and the warning precautions and directions (when listed) make a futile gesture towards safety, for even if these recipients understood the dangers involved, how could they afford the protective clothing involved -- the respirator, the rubber gloves, the boots? None of these are distributed with the chemicals (though the WARNINGS on the bags say the substance should not be touched without them), and even if the protective clothing were locally



White Roots of Peace agriculturalist demonstrating "Aqua Caliente" (hot pepper water) homemade insecticide on damaged crops. Photo by Francis Wardle

available for purchase (which it isn't), it would cost the better part of a year's salary as a plantation laborer on the coast.

There is also the matter of storage. Most of the Native Peoples live in simple one or two room dirt-floored huts with little or no furniture. Since the chemicals must be protected from the rain, they are usually stored right in their homes, often next to the sacks of corn and beans. The result? - widespread headaches/dizziness, involuntary spasms and tremors, some paralysis, children suffering severe loss of energy and lack of appetite, and frequent blindness from wiping one's eyes after handling the chemicals

White Roots of Peace, the Native American group, went to Guatemala to help their brothers and sisters, and hopes to return with more tools and seeds and health service people (including traditional native healers) and agriculturalists. Assistance for that project may be sent to them % Mohawk Nation via Roosevelt-town, NY 13683, or to the Oneonta Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), % Bill Weiss, Treasurer, RD #1, Box 56, Oneonta, NY 13820, marked "Native American Fund."

-- all from direct poisoning of the body by accidental ingestion.

Families are having difficulties raising chickens. Many of the eggs never hatch, and of those that do, most produce sick (often blind) chicks which soon expire. The Natives attribute their own death to the chicks but their death to the chicks eating a worm called gallina seiga, which is a major agricultural pest, and so they are willing to accept and use the chemicals to get rid of the pest. What they do not realize, and are not told, is that this chemical is resistant to the chemical, whereas chickens themselves are not. So the chickens die and the pests remain, another example of what studies have shown: that where pesticides are used with ever greater intensity, crop losses due to pests are actually increased.³ As the insect strain becomes more resistant, more chemicals must be applied to achieve the same result, but meanwhile the natural predators are being destroyed, and the human population is becoming more and more hooked on using chemical solutions. All of which makes good profits for the manufacturing corporations but short lives for those bodies which are unknowingly sacrificed. It's one of the supreme-ly mystifying ironies of life that it is

illegal to use DDT and Aldrin in our country but legal to manufacture and export it.

Few Choices

The obvious question is why we are exporting our outdated and dangerous technology under the guise of relief and charity? Whether intentional or through well-meaning ignorance, Native Peoples, either way, are victims twice over. They are not only being poisoned, but are being helped to do it themselves. They are desperate to save their small crops and are willing to use anything they can get their hands on. They have had little choice but to plant corn and beans on the same small plot of land for generations now, and the soil is worn out. As a result, plagues of flea beetles and root cut-worms destroy their crops. The alternatives are slavery on the plantations or starvation, and they know enough of both. They are desperate for any help they can get and, with a massive chemical propaganda campaign linked to the availability of Petrochemical solutions, they readily accept the DDT and Aldrin. That is what is being made available to "help" them.

Old Ways Destroyed

The trap is a smooth one, for they cooperate eagerly. The very concept of chemical poisoning is alien to their way of life and thinking. Theirs is a season-to-season world, a day-to-day time sequence and it is hard for them to think right now to the generations ahead when they themselves face starvation today.

After all, we have the answers to their immediate starvation and over the years, we have slowly destroyed their faith in their own identity and ability to feed their families and live according to their own ancient traditions.

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A Hard Look at National Health Insurance Proposals

by Linda Faller and Ron Vincent

Too often in medicine symptomatic treatment is given inappropriately. For example, health practitioners frequently give Valium, the most prescribed drug in this country because they cannot or will not deal with the causes of anxiety. Current national health insurance (NHI) proposals before Congress illustrate an analogous approach to the problems of the health care system. We will try to point out the problems inherent to NHI and suggest resources which may help to develop an in-depth understanding of NHI and other health care issues.

Why NHI?

NHI is basically a funding mechanism designed primarily to guarantee that doctors and hospitals are paid. However, if a NHI proposal with broad benefits is passed, the purchasing power of health care consumers will increase and will somewhat reduce the financial barrier limiting access to health care. The reason NHI is on the Congressional agenda is because of the explosion of health care costs. Total expenditures on health care, public and private, rose from \$47.8 billion to \$140.2 billion between fiscal years 1967 and 1976.



Who Wants NHI?

Unions want NHI because every time insurance rates increase, they eat into present or potential income increases. Industry also wants NHI as a solution to the exorbitant premium increases they pay for their workers. Both unions and industry hope NHI will put a ceiling on health care costs. Government intervention has become inevitable due to the enormous financial burden which it assumes in funding health care services. Private interest groups are aware that government will soon intervene into the health care system, so each of the separate provider groups has sponsored a NHI proposal in an attempt to protect their interests. Medicare, our first attempt at NHI, illustrates the naïvete and the catastrophic results of the assumption that current approaches to NHI are necessarily a solution to the problems of our health care system.

What Did We Learn From Medicare?

The reformers who fought for 50 years for NHI thought that if the federal government were given a large enough fiscal lever, reorganization of the health care system would follow. Their motivation was unselfish and humane. In 1950 the health reformers developed a strategy of incrementalism, of getting a foot in the door. They chose the elderly to be the first receivers of NHI because they had such obvious health care needs. They met many legislative defeats but in 1954 the commission of hospital care's planning committee recommended federal assistance to help states pay the costs of hospitalization for the poor. Many hospitals were experiencing deficits as a result of expensive advances in medical technology. The commission pointed out that the aged, who were the greatest consumers of the expensive modalities of care, were the least able to pay for them. Medicare was passed in 1966.

Medicare was built on an existing government program, the Social Security Administration. But unfortunately, "as with most bills in the US, the real substance of the Medicare legislation such as its fiscal appropriation, its degree of enforcement,

and its administrative rules and procedures were all decided after the legislation was passed and signed into law."¹ The American Hospital Association, the Blue Cross Association and the AMA were the people who made these post-legislative decisions. They were able to direct that hospitals treating the program's beneficiaries be paid the "reasonable cost" of care and that physicians be paid their "reasonable charges". A disastrous omission was that the federal bureaucracy allowed the provider (the physician, hospital, nursing home, pharmacist) to determine the meaning of those terms. In addition, private intermediaries who were biased in favor of the providers were allowed to administer the program payments. The result was quite predictable. However much a hospital spends to treat a medicare patient would be paid for by the government, and the means of determining what has been spent could be manipulated to the hospital's benefit. Medicare gave hospitals and physicians a license to spend money. "No consideration was given, for example, to an empirically determined figure representing what a given service efficiently provided should cost, or even a system of financial incentives for hospitals whose costs were kept under control."²

Hospital costs have represented the bulk of benefit payments under Medicare. The annual rate of increase in hospital expenses per patient per day, which averaged 6.8% in the first year of the program's operation, was 14.3% in the second year and stayed above 13% for the next three years.³

From 1959 through 1965, physicians' fees had been rising at an average annual rate of 2.8%. From December 1965 to December 1966, physicians' fees rose 7.8%.⁴ The increase was equal in the 6 months before Medicare's effective date and the 6 months following. This early increase of fees reflected their awareness that their "customary charges" would be the basis for repayment of their Medicare claims.

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Beneficiaries Become the Victims

Medicare now offers 24 million people partial hospital coverage plus optional limited non-hospital benefits at an extra cost, but it has steadily paid less and less of elderly people's health costs. "1976 data shows only about 40% of the average \$1200 annual health bill for a person over 65 would be covered by Medicare."⁵ The elderly now pay more both in total dollars and percentage of their bill after Medicare than before it was legislated. Medicare did not increase the number of physicians available to the elderly; it did nothing to assure quality care to the elderly.

The results of Medicare were an explosion of health care costs for everyone and further entrenchment in power of private interest groups and professional monopolies. Medicare also resulted in the creation of a complex bureaucracy which distances and confuses the consumer from what is going on in the health care system. NHI will likely be more of the same.

A Comparison of 3 NHI Proposals

An in-depth study of NHI proposals is beyond the scope of this article. We will describe and compare three programs which lie in different places on the political spectrum.

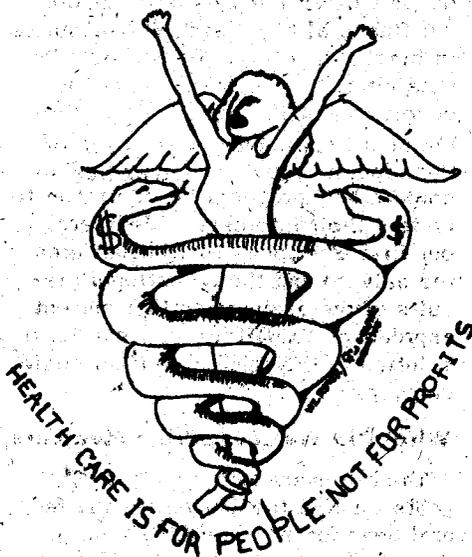
Long-Ribicoff Bill

The Long-Ribicoff Bill has 3 parts.⁶ Title I provides insurance against catastrophic illness. The first 60 days of hospitalization are not covered, thereafter the beneficiary must pay coinsurance (the percentage of a bill that is charged to the patient). The program's medical benefits are available only after the family has incurred an expense of \$2000. After spending this sum, a family must then make coinsurance payments of 20%.

Title II provides a federalized health insurance program for the poor. This program duplicates the benefits required of state Medicaid programs. The Title III provides for H.E.W. certification of private insurance companies.

This proposal repeats the same mistakes of Medicare: The use of private fiscal intermediaries which inflate cost and reimbursement of hospitals based on "reasonable costs" and of physicians based on "reasonable charges". Under Title II, physicians

would have to accept program reimbursements as payments in full although they would not have to accept its beneficiaries as patients. The financing of the catastrophic illness program would put the greatest burden of health care costs on the lower middle class by adding a 0.3% increase to the regressive social security tax.

**Kennedy's Health Security Act**

The Health Security Act (HSA) provides national, comprehensive, compulsory coverage to everyone in the country. Its benefits include a wide range of physician, hospital, psychiatric and dental services plus many other supportive services. There are no deductibles, co-insurance or premium sharing. This bill is financed by a 1 percent employees' payroll tax up to \$15,000, 1 percent of unearned income, 3.5 percent employers' payroll tax, and a 2.5 percent self employment earnings; and equal amount of money from the federal general revenues is added to the amount accrued by the above taxes.

One of the most attractive aspects of this bill is that it abolishes private insurance companies. The HSA has many other positive elements and deserves much consideration. But it is imperative that we be aware of its many limitations. It makes a feeble attempt to include consumers in deci-

sion-making on a local, regional and national level. There is no provision which assures consumer representation on boards of hospitals, nursing homes or other health facilities. In addition, HSA might create such a top heavy bureaucracy, that what little consumer power this bill allows, would be dampened. Another serious weakness is that the financing mechanism is fundamentally regressive. A person who earns \$20,000 and up in wages a year pays little more than a person who earns up to \$15,000.

The amount of funds which are allocated to certain geographical areas are based either on past expenditures for health services or on a per capita basis. Both of these methods are inadequate. First, if there were many people who did not receive services in the past but would now be eligible under this bill, the amount of money allocated would be too low to cover the cost of providing services to everyone within a region. Secondly, there are geographical areas which require more money than could be based on population, e.g. Florida where there are many old people, and in Mississippi where the poor tend to have more illness and less health care facilities and providers.⁷ To counter the inequitable distribution of health care services, HSA may offer financial incentives to bring health providers into underserved areas. But as we have learned with Medicare, just because we funnel money into the health care system does not mean that health services will be provided or health care services improved. To learn more about HSA, write: CNHI, 821 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005.

The MCHR/Dellum Bill

The Health Rights and Community Health Services Act, sponsored by Ronald Dellums was developed by the Medical Committee for Human Rights and the Institute for Policy Studies. This plan goes beyond NHI and proposes a national health service. The MCHR/Dellums plan is based on the belief that health care is a human right and that it is the necessary function of the government to establish a national service. This proposal would establish a network of service areas -- communities, districts, and regions -- and a corresponding

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governance structure of service -- area health boards comprising two-thirds consumers and one-third health workers. There would be equally strong consumer representation at each health facility, community and regional and national health boards.

This system would be financed by a series of taxes on corporate profits, personal wealth over \$50,000 and personal income over \$20,000. All health services would be free, at the point of delivery to all persons within the US. This bill's strength is that the priorities and organization of the health care system are determined democratically by the public. Its weakness is that it fails to deal with why the current system exists, who it serves and how we get from here to there. It helps us to articulate our goals but it lacks realism. Summaries

of this proposal appeared in the Congressional Record, October 17, 1974, and May 19, 1975. A copy of the bill may be obtained from: Community Health Alternatives Project, Institute for Policy Studies, 1901 Q St., NW, Washington, DC 20009.

The Problems

NHI is a reformist attempt to deal with the problems of our health care system. The first danger of reformist solutions is that they obscure the real issues. NHI like other reforms gives the appearance that the problems of the health care system are being solved. With the exception of the MCHR/Dellums Bill no attempt is made to change the locus of power within the health care system or to restrict the control of the professional monopolies. NHI is not going to affect the quality, accessibility, dehumanizing nature, or the organization and distribution of health care.

The second danger of reformist solutions is that they tend to de-fuse the potential for more fundamental change because the key issues are obscured by false promises and gains. NHI offers symptomatic treatment which may temporarily tranquilize the consumers with promised benefits while the causes of increasing exorbitant costs and other problems of our health care system fester and progress. NHI is an example of funding a system at its weakest point, the point where it breaks down because a more thorough solution is politically unthinkable. If you are interested in forming a local health study/action group, leave your name and phone number at SPC.

Suggested resources:

- National Health Insurance, Louise Lander, Health/Pac, 17 Murray St., NY, NY 10007, \$1.20
- Health/Pac Bulletin, Health Pac, 17 Murray St., NY, NY 10007, \$7/year
- International Journal of Health Services, can be found at Upstate Medical Library; published quarterly, superb journal of Marxist thought/analysis
- Prognosis Negative: Crisis in the Health Care System, edited by David Kotelchuch, published by Vintage, 1976
- Billions for Band-aids, Medical Committee for Human Rights, available at The Front Room Bookstore, 924 Burnet Ave.

1. Berliner, Howard S., "The Origins of Health Insurance for the Aged", International Journal of Health Services, vol. 3, no. 3, 1973, p. 472; Johns Hopkins Press
2. Lander, Louise "National Health Insurance", published by Health Policy Advisory Center, Inc. 1975, p. 8
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5. "Prognosis Negative: Crisis in the Health Care System", edited by David Kotelchuch, Vintage Press, August 1974, p. 397
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7. Lander, op. cit., p. 48
8. Lander, op. cit., p. 58

Igal Roodenko to Speak at SPC's 41st Annual Dinner

Igal is a delightful & indomitable nonviolent activist of many years. He's past chairperson of the War Resisters League. Put the date on your calendar now. It will be a great evening! Friday June 10, 1977 6:00pm place tba

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Food Day: Celebration, Education & Action

by Barb Dunn

The atmosphere of this year's Food Day, held April 21 at the State Fair Grounds, was truly one of celebration as everyone who took in an hour or an afternoon of the tastes and smells, sights and samples which were available at the many exhibits there will agree. Our thanks and congratulations go to the Consumer Affairs Unit of the City of Syracuse for this year's Food Day coordination.

Behind it all was a message, however. We came away, not only with happy taste buds and excited eating and cooking imaginations but with a heightened, unsettling awareness that hunger, corruption and ignorance are very much a part of this world's food situation.



The Peace Council participated with a booth staffed by Carolyn Graydon, John Maddaus and Barb Dunn which focused on sugar.

Barb Dunn is a vegetarian who does not eat refined foods.

"Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast," a very powerful filmstrip which exposes Gulf and Western's exploitation of sugar workers in the Dominican Republic was shown hourly. While people starve, 1000's of acres of land are taken out of local food production and are instead devoted to growing a nutritionally-useless cash crop for export to the U.S. This strip really brings home the three-word-concern of the sugar refining industry: maximization of profits.

A leaflet entitled "Sugar, Sugar Everywhere" was distributed which explains why we nutritionally owe it to ourselves to cut down on our sugar intake. Sucrose, of which sugar is 99.96%, provides nothing but empty calories. In such a refined, unnaturally pure form, sugar takes an emotional and physical toll. Rather than providing "quick energy" as we have been led to believe, sucrose (refined sugar) upsets the nutritional and/or glucose balance in our bodies and makes it harder for us to produce energy in the long run. There is nothing "natural" about our desire for sugar; it is an acquired taste. The most efficient energy source is through the breakdown of starch in the body. Yet sugar is needlessly added to almost all of the processed and canned foods we eat and is found in the most unexpected places. The leaflet offers some suggestions and alternatives to help us all modify our sweet tooth and be-

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Honey is a locally-available, natural alternative to refined sugar. The honey samples provided for the booth by Lois Levitan and Erwin Reiner were proof of the tasty advantages. They also share this information: home bee-keeping and honey production is mostly a family farm operation which does not require ownership of large acreage nor does it need to be transported far since it can be carried out almost anywhere. This is in sharp contrast to the exploitative dealings of the sugar industry; let's support local, home-based industries such as Lois and Erwin's.

The filmstrip was also shown and leaflets were distributed on the first evening of the Oswego Food Coop's Food Week (April 20-30), and at a SPC potluck, April 25th, at ECHO.

Hopefully, issues regarding food, nutrition, hunger, industry, etc., will not be a once-a-year focus. We're looking for opportunities to extend what has been initiated through Food Day. If you have any suggestions about future discussion, leaflets or activities and would like to exchange ideas, please contact John Maddaus (472-5478), Barb Dunn(675-3773), or Carolyn Graydon (475-7888).

CALC 'Politics of Food'

Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC), a national interfaith organization working on peace and social justice issues, has chosen "The Politics of Food" as one of its four program priorities.

CALC's "Politics of Food" program will include a critique of food production and distribution methods here and abroad, centering on how transnational corporations benefit from:

(1) The misuse of agricultural resources in "food deficit" developing countries, such as policies of export agriculture and cash cropping rather than growing food to meet the needs of those who grow it. We will promote alternatives which stress

the importance of self-reliance and self-sufficiency in food production.

(2) The misuse of agricultural resources in the U.S., including the shift of production sites to underdeveloped nations, concentration of land ownership, and the impact of corporate agriculture on family farms and farm workers.

At present, CALC is active in the new national Infant Formula Action Campaign, which is exposing the abuse of infant formula in third world countries.

For further details, write or call: Clergy and Laity Concerned, 198 Broadway, New York, NY 10038; (212) 964-6730.

Please send copies of the leaflet, "Sugar, Sugar Everywhere".

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(corner Westcott St. & Euclid Ave.)

9 Northern Ireland: The Politics of Peace

A slide show and discussion about the attempt of the Irish "Peace People" to develop a nonviolent strategy to resolve the conflict in Northern Ireland. Dave Bowman, an American Jesuit priest who organized the

"Tour of Reconciliation" (a group of 100 Americans who spent two weeks meeting with the Peace People) will lead the discussion. (See also p. 15)

23 Masculinity: Fact or Act?

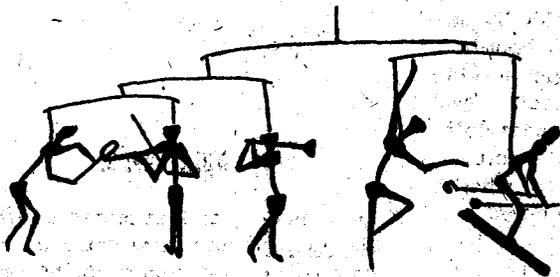
rescheduled from April 11

"A slide show on men and sexism" --illustrating how traditional male roles hurt men and the women and children to whom they relate. The slides demonstrate how boys from early childhood are conditioned to hold in their feelings, be tough and competitive, leaving them feeling isolated, lonely, without close

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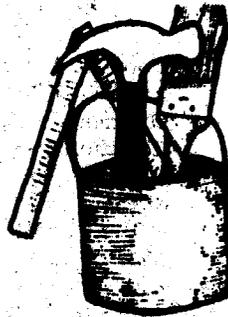
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Elmcrest: Small Victory But Little Change

Helmut Tammela has resigned as director of Elmcrest Children's Center on April 14 (see 4/77 PNL), the direct result of workers' demands that he be fired for a number of far-reaching reasons. What has followed, however, is not a new commitment to improving Elmcrest on the part of the board and the new director.

The board has issued public statements purporting to have increased staff involvement in decision making (a major worker complaint), but in fact this involvement has been superficial or non-existent below the supervisor level. As a reflection of continuing disenchantment, the principals of the North Syracuse branch and the main campus school have both asked to be laid off. All the residential staff has been laid off, and the board so far has been unable to formulate a reasonable plan for reinstating the residential program. The board is also clearly unwilling to return the former assistant director, Goodman, who was fired when he requested Tammela's resignation. Perhaps the workers should become the board, if Elmcrest's problems are to be effectively dealt with.

Forbidden Fruit

Now there's double reason to avoid grapes from grocery store shelves. If they're not non-UFW grapes from California, they may be imports from Chile! In an effort to diversify its exports, Chile has stepped up sales of grapes and other fruits to US markets, from \$8 million in 1974 to \$21 million in 1976. The fruit is shipped chiefly in the winter months when US domestic supplies are lowest. However, the National Coordinating Center in Solidarity with Chile points out that expansion of agricultural production to export comes at the expense of Chilean people, because the food and land is not available for domestic needs.

PEACES

Some Get Richer, a Lot Get Poorer

Remember when Americans were the highest paid workers in the world? If the news media haven't mentioned it lately, this may be the reason: in 1976, the average American worker received \$6.67 an hour in wages, salaries and fringe benefits. Workers in Sweden (\$8.54), Denmark (\$7.50), Belgium (\$7.29) and West Germany (\$7.08) all received more than Americans. Before you try to pay those bills with the princely \$6.67 an hour, remember that the 'fringe benefits' of health coverage, pensions, etc., may be hard to spend. If the news surprises you, it shouldn't; SPC's Community '77 had predicted similar results. --RV

Holding Them Accountable

Cornell students gave a decidedly unfriendly welcome to Citibank board chairman Walter Wriston when he visited their campus in late March. Two hundred and fifty people, almost half of them protesters, attended a forum at the Cornell Business School where Wriston spoke. He was peppered with questions on Citibank's involvements in South Africa, Chile, and in New York City's financial crisis.

Citibank organized a huge \$110 million loan to South Africa following a wave of anti-apartheid protests and strikes that shook the regime last summer. The bank likewise gave loans to the Chilean military junta following its seizure of power.

The high point of the protest was the presentation of a giant South African gold piece to Wriston by two people dressed in Ku Klux Klan outfits, while the crowd sang "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." To the consternation of university officials and Wriston's great confusion, he was presented his award for his "services to the cause of white supremacy."

WIN/LNS

And Now... Energy Stamps?

Following last winter's unusually cold weather and astronomical utility bills, which brought economic hardship to many people in New York State, an "energy stamp" bill has been introduced into the 1977 legislative session by State Senator Flynn (R, Yonkers). The bill would affect only people 62 and older who already receive food stamps, and the benefit would amount to only \$2-3 a month for the average recipient. This paltry measure constitutes an admission of sorts that energy costs are too high, without doing anything meaningful to alter that fact. It would leave intact the increased profits flowing to the energy industries by having the state (i.e., you the taxpayer) pick up the burden that selected individuals cannot meet. Some fear it is also meant to undercut "Lifeline" proposals which would revise utility rate structures to benefit low-volume users. Even so, it's bound to arouse the opposition of legislators opposed to "handouts," and who fail to see it for what it really is: corporate welfare.

April Fool's!

Alert readers of last month's Peace Newsletter may have noticed an item on the April 1st square of the back page calendar, calling attention to a "Fuel Usage Cost Kickback" being offered by Niagara Mohawk because of the unusually severe winter. At least two PNL readers actually called NiaMo to inquire about the offer, evidently throwing customer service and public relations into confusion. Finally, late in April, a NiaMo representative called SPC to ask what was going on. We cheerfully explained it was just an April Fool's joke, and the rep conceded it might be humorous "in a certain context." Apologies to all who followed up on our wishful thinking, and thanks for taking it in good grace when the joke was explained.

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SPRING CELEBRATION, Upstate New York Movement for a New Society, May 20-22, \$5. For more information, write MNS, c/o Allison Clarke, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY 14607.

N. AMERICAN SEMINAR on Training & Organizing for Nonviolent Action, May 15-22, Madrid, Iowa. Training for projects to develop mass nonviolent social change movement in N. America. Pre-register by 4/30. Sliding scale fees, \$63-80 for room & board. Contact N. American Seminar, 4719 Springfield Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19143.

PEACEMAKER ORIENTATION PROGRAM IN NONVIOLENCE: June 12-25 in Arcata, Calif. & Aug. 14-27 in Lum, Mich. Topics: simple living, alternative energy sources, land trusts, nonviolence, consensus, Peacemakers & more. Work & expenses (about \$3/day) shared. Contact Peggy Weingard, Box 4793, Arcata, CA 95521 or John Leininger, 1255 Paddock Hills Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45229.

READING EXCITEMENT in the June PNL: "Syracuse Cable TV--The Debate is Over, What Next?" by Bob Burns & Lante Wisniewski, "Chemical Warfare Against Native People" Part II: Canada by Carlos Rainclouds, plus analyses of US' new energy policy & the J.P. Stevens Boycott, and the results of the PNL Book Poll! Summer PNL will feature informative articles on the law of the seas, recombinant DNA, how kids can handle conflict creatively by Ed Hayes, and a first-hand view of the Third World concerns of the World Council of Churches by Jim Smucker.

"Peace & Jobs/ Stop B-1 Bomber": a new bumpersticker from The Front Room, 924 Burnet Ave., Syracuse 13203; 25¢ includes tax & postage, 5/\$1.

MOVING? DOING SPRING HOUSE CLEANING? Don't throw away your used furniture, clothing, books, household goods! SPC can use them for our first garage sale fund raiser this year, scheduled for May. Keep us in mind if you have items you can donate, and hang on to them--or if you absolutely can't wait, call us at 472-5478. Thanks!

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29 Bertold Brecht's Mother Courage and Her Children", 7:30 at the Civic Center, Apr. 28, 29, 30. Tickets \$5.00

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6 TGIF party, 5 - 7 pm at Women's Info Cntr. every Fri. All women welcome. Bring cider, wine, cheese or something to share.

7 Land Trust mtg. Camp Avalon 5pm Fri to lunch Sun Speakers Sat., square dance Sat nite. \$9 (\$&\$ \$6) call Hank 472-3726

8 Support rally for the Seabrook occupation.
"Alive in Syracuse" show representing women and minority points of view. Channel 9, 12:00 noon Sundays

9 SPC Mon. Potluck: "Northern Ireland: The Politics of Peace and Reconciliation." 8 pm at ECOH. see p 20 for details.

10 Energy Rally at State Capitol Building. Albany. (See p. 6)

11 7:30 SPC Steering Comm. mtg. at 119 Parkview Ave. All welcome.

12 Political Economy Study Group
6:30 potluck supper
7:30 Joey Edwardh will report on her recent stay in Cuba. For details call Linda at 476-2841

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14 Nuclear Power/765kv line Forum - see box on this page for details.

15 garage sale
No, not yet. But we do need your donations now for next month's (June 4) big sale at ECOH.

16 Feminist School Open House 601 Allen St. 7:30 pm 478-4636

17 Feminist School Registration continues throughout this week 478-4636

18 Upstate New York Peace Network mtg in Albany.
Wed. morning coffee hour 10:00 - 12:30, Women's INFORMATION Ctr. 601 Allen St.

19 People's Fund Opens! Tellers hours: 4-6 pm, ECOH see p. 15

20 PNL copy deadline
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21 MNS Celebration

22 MNS Celebration

23 SPC Monday Potluck: "Masculinity: Fact or Act?" (rescheduled from April) 8 pm at ECOH. see p. 20 for details.
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25 "Butch Cassidy and Sundance Kid" Newman & Redford (see p. 23) NVS Films. SU's Gifford Aud. 7 & 9:30 pm. \$1.50 Open to public

26 PNL mailing party. Come one, come all to the fun and frolic!

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28 SPC's program work can continue only if you believe in it and support it! Don't delay - send \$\$\$ today!

29 MOVING!
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30 Third World News, every Monday 7-7:30 pm WAER-fm, 88.8

31 SU Gay Students Ass'n wine and cheese party. Tuesdays, 8-11:30 pm 103 College Pl. 423-3599.

1 "Lust for Life" with Kirk Douglas & Anthony Quinn. Story of Vincent VanGogh, a little known gem: NVS Films 7 & 9:30 pm (See 5/25)

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