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In This Issue

As this issue goes to press, we are celebrating a glorious Earth Day. Our May Peace Newsletter is host to a number of different issues and events, about Peace children, about women in the United States military, about peacemaking efforts from Syracuse to Nevada to Central America.

Next month, be sure to look for our Socially Responsible Vacation Guide.



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The PNL strives to serve some basic functions as the internal organ of SPC, as a forum for articles which discuss issues of concern to the peace movement, and to facilitate community interaction. The opinions expressed in the PNL reflect the diversity of opinions within SPC itself. While we are not able to print every possible viewpoint, we do welcome your letter and article submissions as well as suggestions and assistance.

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About the cover:

This creation is a work by Karen Kerney. It is a vision of an alternative; an alternative to the centralized, industrialized city structure of today. It is about control of our own resources and our jobs. Commonworks is the vision enacted, on its way to full control of our lives.

Commonworks, the Cooperative Ownership Project of Central NY, officially became incorporated in February of this year. During the past year we have been active with several projects-- for instance, working with the tenants association at Hilltop Apartments to help them consider the feasibility of establishing cooperatively owned and managed laundry facilities on the Hilltop premises; making a presentation on Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs) to the union representing workers at Syracuse China; and so on.

One of our more interesting projects has been working since September, 1989, with Local 33 of the United Auto Workers, which represents workers at the R. E. Dietz company, a family owned business which manufactures lights and mirrors for cars and trucks. This work included staff member Peter Kardas sitting at the bargaining table to try to help the union get a contract (the union has been locked out by the company since June of 1989, after being on strike for six months before that).

We helped the union develop alternative organizing strategies, including the possibility of the employees buying the company (an option that was rejected by the owners of Dietz). We have worked with other community groups and with the union to assess the impact which the sale of Dietz assets to Federal-Mogul will have on the Dietz workers and on this community, and we helped organize a hearing before the Syracuse Common Council on the city's right to take over the Dietz company through its powers of eminent domain (something the council refused to initiate).

In the coming months and years we expect to continue our work on developing ESOPs and worker cooperatives, and we will also assist in the creation of cooperatively owned low-income housing. For more information, call us at 315-475-4822 or write for a brochure: 821 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210.

Letters

County Jail Plan A Waste

To the Editor:

According to the New York State Department of Corrections, 50% of the people in our jails and prisons are under-educated and lack employable skills. Many are capable and bright but have failed in school because of serious family problems during childhood that made it impossible to compete with children of much greater advantage.

We cannot afford to lose so much potential talent, nor can we afford to support these capable people in crime or welfare for the rest of their lives. Unfortunately, our county's past and present plans do not properly address these facts. Our county's current "Master Plan" proposes to spend at least \$23 million of our money to construct more [prison] space than they project as needed for the foreseeable future. As always, prisoners are released with no good job skills and are thus in poverty, causing some to become more dangerous to our lives and property. Prison space for inmates to develop employable skills in their area of interest and talent is absent.

There is a solution. Some of the available money should be used to build a residential "self-help cooperative learning center." This would be a remedial and cost-effective alternative plan. It would offer a constructive way to deal with those who are in trouble but are not dangerous, are willing to cooperate with others, and are eager to learn, through their own efforts, valuable skills that would help keep them out of prison.

Our county could economically provide a large factory-like space with supplies and equipment for forty or more interesting and valuable crafts and trades such as welding, ceramics, music, gardening, etc. Residents could work study and experiment cooperatively in constructive areas that interest them and without the pressures of formal instruction or inappropriate goals. There would be resource persons, volunteers and videos available to give information and assistance, but only if requested.

There would be certain basic requirements regarding behavior, a minimum number of hours of concerted effort (perhaps eight). After residents have gained self-confidence and experienced the rewards of success, they may be less wary of teachers and ready to undertake

formal learning in reading, math, or other subjects to advance their new abilities.

This is a constructive, progressive and proven plan that would cost much less money, keep inmates from crime, make our lives safer, reduce our taxes, help our economy and give needy people a chance to leave poverty by becoming self-supporting and productive.

Present jails and prisons are not working and they cost us dearly in many ways. You can help stop our county from wasting our money and putting our lives in greater danger, if you advise your county legislator of your concern now.

Tom Nelson
Griffin Road, Syracuse

Thanks

Dear Friends at the Peace Council,

I have lived in Central New York most of my life and have always counted on the Peace Newsletter to keep me connected with other folks who are concerned about peace, social justice and the environment. The voice of the Peace Newsletter heartens us all and helps sustain the work that must always be done.

Bill Raleigh

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Green Corner

Jim Foley



In the wake of Earth Day, many people will wonder how to sustain their efforts to make the planet a more Green place. There are dozens of books now on the market which answer this question with lists of personal lifestyle choices, such as recycling, planting trees, and being Green consumers which help promote a just and sustainable human presence on Earth. The aggregate of these personal choices are simple ways of making a difference. Left to the end of many of these lists, however, is the vital importance of collective action.

It was exciting and empowering for a friend of mine to find out this week that Heinz/Starkist and other tuna companies will now refuse to accept tuna caught by methods which drown dolphins. By her personal boycott of tuna, this friend had been part of a campaign which is succeeding.

This campaign succeeded not only because of her efforts and those of thousands of other boycotters, but because somebody started the campaign in the first place. Somebody had an idea and began organizing.

Many people do not know how organizing works, how movements get started. There is a feeling that big organizations like Greenpeace will figure out how to save the planet and will tell us what part we can play. Many people are more comfortable joining rather than initiating social change. This is a shame, because organizing is much simpler than we may believe.

If you observe something which you feel is unjust, unfortunate, or just seems wrong for some reason, you may talk to a friend about it. If you both agree that something is wrong and should be different, you could try talking to other people to find others who agree and to figure out who and what could correct the injustice.

If you keep having these conversations, you may figure out what could be done and how to get somebody to do it. All you have to do is to keep speaking, listening, thinking, and guess what? You're an organizer! This is how most social changes in the world have started. So if, for example, you see a vacant lot that could be growing food, or a polluter who could be recycling, talk to someone about it; go ahead, organize.

SPC Intern Works on Human Rights

Mayleen Devonish

On March 31, 1990, Amnesty International of Central New York held its regional conference at Syracuse University. As an intern at the Syracuse Peace Council I was able to work for Amnesty International. For the conference I did a project in Spanish and in English on Guatemala. I described the various aspects of Guatemala's culture, political situation, economic status, and government history, complete with maps and color photographs.

In addition, I organized the media event which kicked off Amnesty's Refugee Campaign. For that event, I hand-painted ten flags: one each of Liberia, Ghana, Vietnam, China, Philippines, Panama, Nigeria, Cuba, Hungary, and Pakistan. The flags were used as a background for the

refugee forum. I gave the introductory speech and then Scott Harrison from Urgent Action along with nine children from the Paul Robeson Performing Arts Company performed a dramatic reading. The reading was based on letters children had written to government officials concerning prisoners of war and human rights violations. At the conclusion of the reading I read a letter from a released prisoner in Paraguay thanks to an Amnesty letter writer.

Overall, the conference was a successful event. There were many speakers (some of whom are refugees), an ideas fair, a video show, a banquet, and various workshops. It was a very informative cultural and educational experience.



Toni L. Sandys

Hear Ye! Vacation Guide Coming!

Next month we are planning another Socially Responsible Vacation Guide, listing wonderful festivals, gatherings, conferences, and other events you can take advantage of this summer in your vacation planning. The last guide came out in 1988 so we are due for another.

If you have any listings for it, know of any music festivals in the mountains of Montana or deep southern Alabama happenings, get 'em on over to us as soon as possible.

Saddening Loss

In late March we lost our bookkeeper, Jerry Austin, who died on March 21. Jerry was the SPC Bookkeeper for about one year, taking over for Lynn Taylor. He kept the organization in shape on the books, dealing with SPC's fluctuating income levels. We are always saddened to lose one close to us. We work hard to prevent suffering in other parts of the world, and it hurts when it hits so close to home. We will miss him.

May Discussion Group

The material aid organization, MADRE, will be presenting a video and information about their projects in Latin America on May 17 here at 924 Burnet Avenue. It will begin at 7 pm and will be led by local MADRE organizers. Much of their work is providing aid to medical and women's projects which benefit and improve their lives. Please join us!

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SPC Event !!



Join us for a wine and cheese/light buffet reception with longtime activist, academic, and author, Michael Parenti on May 16. The reception will be from 5-7pm at Ollie Clubb's house, 504 Allen St. Parenti will be speaking at 8 pm in the Maxwell School of Citizenship at Syracuse University. His talk is sponsored by the Alternative Orange and People for Peace and Justice at SU. Parenti is a dynamic and excellent speaker and has written many books on U.S. Foreign and Domestic Policy including Democracy For the Few, The Sword and the Dollar, and Inventing Reality: the Politics of the Mass Media. The reception (sugg. \$15-25) is a fundraiser for the Peace Council and the talk at SU is free.

Peace Child: A Year In Review

Alicia Swords

Many PNL readers heard about Peace Child last year. Many of you supported last year's tours. I want to tell you what has happened since then.

At about this time last year, three youth from Syracuse had been selected for Peace Child tours. Two of us, Justin Cameron and Alicia Swords, were to go on the New York State Peace Child Tour. Aaron Heffernan went to the Soviet Union. Auditions for the back-up chorus that would sing with the Peace Child show when it came to Syracuse were just taking place. Now, one year later, I can hardly believe all that has happened.

This year I have been chosen for a Peace Child cast to tour in the Soviet Union!

Six other young people from the Syracuse area will go on tours. Here is a list:

David McKay and Lisa Fox- Krasnodar (near the Black Sea)

Justin Cameron and Ian Ash-Camp Artek (where Samantha Smith went)

JC Cameron- Kiev (the home of our last year's tour friends)

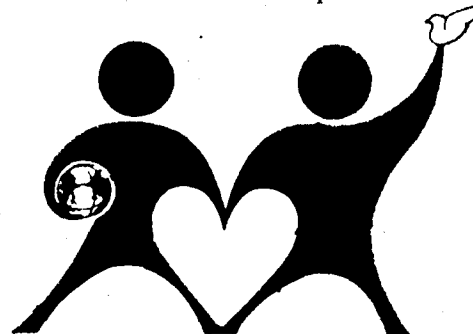
Carrie Schofield and Alicia Swords-Norofominsk (near Moscow)

Sarah Sanderson and Moira Byrne are "on reserve." If they don't get called to fill a spot on a tour this year, they will definitely go next year!

Many of you came to see last year's show at Syracuse Stage. It was

wonderful to be able to share the hope that we can save our world together.

Since the '89 tour, I have missed my friends immensely, but my Peace Child experience hasn't ended. Syracuse is now the home of a growing Peace Child chorus and chapter. We are now learning more music and more about peacemaking. We sing for community events and rehearse regularly. Most recently we sang at the Civic Center before the performance



of "1000 Cranes," and at the Galleries during Earth Week. We are working together to plan a Peace Camp- a two week day camp peacemaking experience as part of Camp Adelphi's program.

On Peace Day, September 19th, 20 Syracuse Peace Children joined a chorus of 200 Peace Children in the United Nations for the opening of the General Assembly. We were connected by satellite with kids in Moscow and

Costa Rica, and presented "youth resolutions" to the world leaders there. In the Peace Child story, the world's problems are addressed in front of the world leaders at the U.N., and thereby solved. So our real Peace Day celebration at the U.N. was a doubly momentous occasion.

At the Peace Child National Conference in October, I first heard about a new program called City at Peace. This began when a Rochester girl, after her Soviet tour, pointed out that it seems easier to make peace with kids from other countries than at home (this is true, I've found, and frustrating). Now City at Peace works to unite city kids to make work on City at Peace, and we hope to create a City at Peace play in 1991. I can't wait!

I believe that Peace Child programs like mine do make a difference in the world. With more and more friends in other countries, we have more reasons that we must work to prevent war.

After my tour I'll have slides to show of my trip and a video of the show. I hope you will be interested to see these.

The following words are from a poem written by Esther Cilveti of Rochester. She sent it to her tour friend, Marina Yamburenko, in Kiev, USSR. Marina set the poem to music.

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Cortland Anti-Nukers Keep Up the Heat

Andy Mager

The movement against nuclear waste disposal in Cortland County continues as the Spring weather teases its way into the region (for detailed background information, see PNL #567-570). The last month has seen repeated actions at the "public information office" set up by the Low Level Radioactive Waste Siting Commission in Cincinnatus. Protestors have set up an alternative information center across the street, and have blockaded the office on at least eight days. A total of 22 arrests have occurred, including several "two

timers." Trials are occurring as the PNL goes to press.

Governor Cuomo announced in mid-April that he was requesting that the Siting Commission halt all on-site work until after he has an opportunity to meet with dump opponents in Cortland and Allegany Counties. His decision was announced the day after State Police beat up two Allegany County demonstrators during actions there. Governor Cuomo decided to close the siting office temporarily as part of the decision to halt on-site work. In addition, the Cincinnatus Town Board decided to close the office down. CARD hopes the office won't reopen again.

Cuomo's announcement was greeted with skeptical optimism. We believe that it is a clear sign that our

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TOM PAXTON

BENEFIT CONCERT

for
Citizens Against
Radioactive Dumping
(C.A.R.D.)

May 17 7:30 PM

at Cortland County Office Bldg

Tickets: adults \$9
children \$6

available at
Syracuse Real Food Coop
618 Kensington Rd

Women and the Military: The Right to Fight

Radell Roberts

"This is my rifle (slaps rifle)
This is my gun (slaps crotch)
One is for killing,
One is for fun."

- U.S. Army basic training jingle

With the falling male birthrate reducing the number of men eligible for U.S. military "service," (a drop of as much as 25% by 1992), women are now being actively invited into the fraternity of soldiers. As military women struggle for equal treatment and advancement within the patriarchal stronghold, they confront sexism, heterosexism, and racism, and have asked feminists to embrace the cause of fighting for the "right to fight" on equal terms. But some of us believe that our ultimate goal is not simply to gain equal rights to participate in patriarchal institutions, but to challenge and dismantle the very systems of patriarchy which are designed to dominate and oppress, epitomized by the military. (I will speak specifically about the U.S. military, as women taking active part in armed revolutionary struggle for self-determination in other cultures have different perspectives.)

The violence of patriarchy MANifests itself domestically through physical and emotional abuse, rape, male control of reproductive health care and healing, class structures; and publicly through economic imperialism, intervention and militarism. Oppressions do not occur in separate categories. This system of patriarchy, which encourages wife-beating and rape, is the same one that insists on the domination of third world countries. "Nationalism" or "PATRIotism" promotes the idea of the superiority of one group of people over another.

Basic training techniques based on intimidation, domination and dehumanization are quite effective. Misogynist language and verbal assaults on a male cadet's sexuality constantly indoctrinate him into the Fraternity. Being called faggot, girl, or woman as the ultimate insult for showing emotion serves to clearly define men as violent and property to prove their masculinity. One man remembers a drill instructor's words, "Unless you women get with the program, straighten out the queers, and grow some balls of your own, you best give your soul to God 'cause your ass is mine and so is your mother's on

visiting day."

Historically, women have been the unheard victims of war, as it is the right of every soldier to rape and kill women who "belong" to the enemy. Vietnam veteran Richard Hale remembers the promise of a superior officer, "There's a lot of loose ass over there, men, and they just love GI dick. And best of all, they are only gooks, so if you get tired of them, you can cram a grenade up their cunt and waste them." Economic colonization of women, forced sterilization, and forced prostitution are also accepted consequences of war. Women's lives, our sisters' lives are destroyed.

How do women in this same military, whether or not they experience such blatant misogynist training firsthand, maintain their own identity without simply assuming the approved violent aggressive male behavior? How can they avoid learning to hate women and their passive female behavior and to forget the infinite possibilities for recreating human behavior?

There are those who believe in reform from within the systems. Betty Friedan, after visiting West Point and the first graduating class of women cadets, felt a woman's sensitivity to human needs (the same characteristic men and women such as Phyllis Schlafly used to argue women cannot or should not enter combat) has and will make the military more humane.

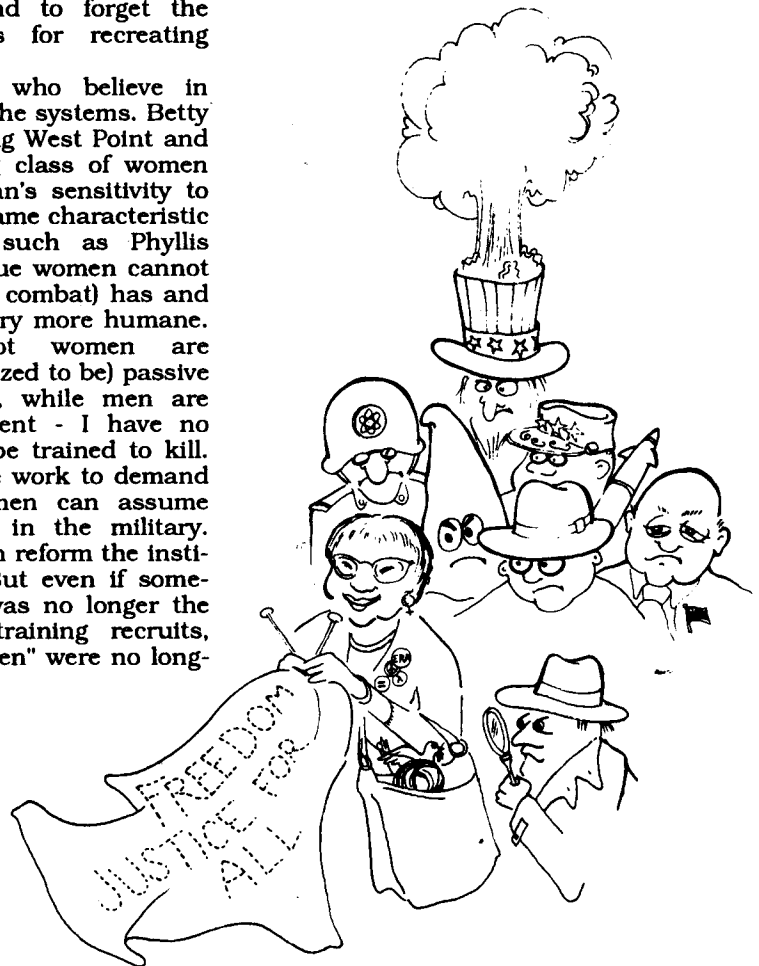
Whether or not women are inherently (or socialized to be) passive and compassionate, while men are aggressive and violent - I have no doubt women can be trained to kill. And I am sure if we work to demand "equal rights," women can assume positions of power in the military. Perhaps we can even reform the institution somewhat. But even if somehow, intimidation was no longer the main method of training recruits, even if "enemy women" were no longer used and raped as the victor's conquest, the military would still be a system of hierarchy in which privilege is dictated by rank, total unquestioning compliance is demanded, and the domination

and control is promoted.

Meanwhile, in our military economy, the money spent in the world on the military budget in one day would be enough to provide minimal food, clothing, and housing for everyone in the world. The one and one-half trillion dollars spent on U.S. defense in 1985 is two or three times what it would cost to pay U.S. women for their unpaid labor for one year. Our obsession with military force literally takes food out of the mouths of women.

Working for appropriate reforms that confront current power structures can lessen our immediate pain, bring us power or knowledge to move forward, and give us room to breathe while working toward more substantial, revolutionary change. But we need to be careful not to merely

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ALTERNATIVE EFFORTS CENTER

Center House Renovation Underway

Timothy B. Harmon

Alternative Efforts Center of Central New York, when completed, will be a transitional living facility for homeless people living with AIDS and those with HIV-related illnesses. We will provide temporary shelter for a period of 1-30 days (longer where necessary) while they attempt to find permanent housing or seek public assistance.

The target population Alternative Efforts Center specifically wishes to reach through this project are those persons with AIDS or HIV-related illnesses who have been discharged from area hospitals without having a place to live. While the number of AIDS cases in Central New York continues, and will continue to grow, the need for a shelter becomes increasingly urgent as Syracuse remains Central New York's primary center of sophisticated AIDS-related health care. The living facility will also provide transitional housing for persons who find themselves homeless as a result of the unique financial difficulties of AIDS or HIV-related illnesses and for other persons touched by the AIDS epidemic, such as families of children with AIDS who may have no place else to turn.

We are currently in the process of renovating an old Victorian house which was donated to us by Trinity Episcopal Church. The expected cost of renovations is estimated at \$40,000. We are proud to say that there are many local people willing to volunteer their time to work on this project, but we need more help. We are asking for your assistance on this very important local undertaking during this crucial time in the AIDS epidemic.

The Alternative Efforts Center of CNY will be operating as a privately funded, non-profit organization. The process of obtaining corporate and foundation monies, however, is slow, and the need at this time is extremely urgent. The building renovation process is currently being



Monaco to Speak

Over 1200 nuclear-material transportation accidents occurred in the United States between 1974 and 1988. The nuclear industry considers it good management if you don't know about these "incidents."

If the proposed low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) facility is sited in Cortland, we would expect a continuous stream of trucks containing radioactive waste to be flowing through Onondaga County. The only question is whether a spill is probable or certain.

On May 9, Cindy Monaco, Cortland County radioactive waste consultant, will discuss the LLRW issue, including the history and current status of the fight of Allegheny and Cortland County residents against the proposed LLRW facility, and she will explain how Onondaga County residents can protect themselves from being exposed to the constant threat of radioactive spills. She will also describe problems with federal waste regulation and the siting process itself.

The event is on Wednesday, May 9 (12:00-1:30pm) in Room 206A of Peck Hall, University College, 610 E. Fayette Street, Syracuse. It is being sponsored by Social Workers for Peace and Nuclear Disarmament, a committee of the local division of the NASW.

Contact Mark Briggs at 475-9505 for further information.

conducted solely through the volunteer and financial support of concerned members of the community.

Any donation that you can make at this time would be greatly appreciated, as we have already received numerous calls for help. I cannot emphasize enough, the necessity of this project and the value of any donation you can make to help us complete this important work.

Our attorneys are currently in the

YOUNG & TEEN PEACEMAKERS

Youth Dedicate Trees

Youth in chapters of Young & Teen Peacemakers will be planting evergreen seedlings on public lands in New York State in May. Young & Teen Peacemakers are planting trees as an environmental restoration project to help keep our planet green and healthy for many seasons to come.

For a donation of \$5, a tree can be dedicated as a gift. A lovely forest green card tells the recipient that a tree has been planted on public land in their name and can be signed by the giver. A tree dedication makes a perfect gift for birthdays, anniversaries, birth of a baby, holidays, congratulations, or other occasion. The cards can be purchased and given at any time, so givers are encouraged to order several.

Funds raised by the tree dedication project will support programs and activities of local chapters throughout the year. Young & Teen Peacemakers is a non-profit educational youth organization promoting peacemaking with self, others and the natural world. Director Judith Webb said, "Young people in our chapters are very concerned about the preservation of our environment. We chose the tree project as a way to help them take action on their concerns."

To order, send a self addressed stamped envelope and \$5 for each tree dedication card to: Young & Teen Peacemakers, RR1 Box 171, W Edmeston, NY 13485.

process of filing the necessary papers so we can receive our 501(c)3 non-profit incorporated status. All donations will be tax deductible as soon as the legal filing is completed.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Checks should be made payable to Alternative Efforts Center of CNY and sent to PO Box 690, Syracuse NY, 13201. Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

The Pink Paper

A NEWS PUBLICATION FOR THE ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY OF SYRACUSE
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Gay Lit In Syracuse

Robido

Ten years ago this would have been a fairly easy article to write. Ten years ago the publishing world was wild for anything gay. Every major publisher carried several gay titles. Any bookstore in any American city more than likely had a "gay" section and I don't mean one shelf. This was, of course, before AIDS. Aside from laying low a large share of the male gay writers, AIDS has created a publishing backlash. It seems that unless a book deals with AIDS, especially if it deals with the spread in the straight community, real or imagined, it's not being picked up by the local book dealers.

With all this in mind, I've gone into the Syracuse area to find how gay literature is doing. As a whole the news is not good. First of all, only two bookstores, Economy at 317 South Salina Street and the Front Room, at the Syracuse Peace Council, at 924 Burnet Avenue, have a designated gay section. In both cases, this consists of either political tracts, autobiographical coming-out books, psychology or historical perspectives. The Front Room boasts two shelves, Economy only one.

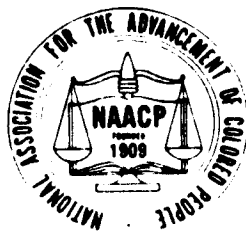
Almost all are independent publishers, aside from some older titles still being printed. Lesbian issues fare the best at both stores and even more so at My Sisters' Words which has an entire section on lesbianism. Being an exclusively women's bookstore, unless the book itself overlaps lesbians and gay men, gay men publications are not represented. As far as gay fiction, again, with the exception of My Sisters' Words, you had better know what you're looking for as there is no section devoted to this or poetry. So, start doing your homework. As for the other bookstores the best I can say is look through psychology, sociology or, if it exists, sexuality. Even if you do know what you are looking for, a lot of the better gay novels and poetry are out of print which leads us to used books. There are a few gems to be found at the very left Memory Hole on Trinity Place, around the corner from Boom-

abies on Beech Street. Also in this neighborhood is Seven Rays Bookstore where you can find gay and lesbian books mixed in the Men's and Women's sections. Even more can be found at the Book Warehouse on Bear Street.

Now you're probably saying, "How do I do my homework?" The best place I know would be Gay and Lesbian Student Association's library on the Syracuse University campus. Quite a few titles were still left from the old Gay Freedom League, it's progenitor, from a few years back and I'm sure it's expanded, even though pilferage has always been a problem. Next choice, the Onondaga County Library in the Galleries. Try the computer.

Of course the next place to research would be gay periodicals. The problem here is, the only place I could find any was at the Front Room which carried one, *Out Week*.

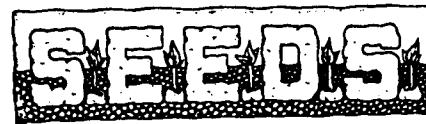
(reprinted from the Feb/Mar/Apr issue of the Pink Paper)



On Thursday evening, May 31, 1990, the Syracuse Chapter of the NAACP will be hosting the 11th Annual Freedom Awards Dinner. As you may know, this event is the only fund raising vehicle our chapter uses for operating expenses. We are not in any way supported by governmental or private foundation funds.

We will be honoring individuals and social and business entities with our Freedom Awards during this evening. These are nominated awardees who have outstandingly demonstrated a commitment to civil and human rights within our own Syracuse and Onondaga County community.

The dinner will take place in the Imperial Ballroom of the Hotels at Syracuse Square at 7 pm. A social hour will begin at 6 pm. A reservation form can be obtained from NAACP, 1125 S Salina St, Syracuse, NY 13202 (422-6933). RSVP by May 10.



SEEDS, the Sustainable Eco-agriculture and Education development Service, of Homer, NY is "plowing ahead" with its 1990 Community Supported Agriculture pilot project. The April *Peace Newsletter* outlined the project's philosophy, structure and potential of bringing chemical-free, fresh, organic, and nourishing vegetables direct to you from our farm every week of this year's growing season. We have about 15 "shareholders" involved to date and welcome any more from the Central New York area. Our greenhouse is bursting with all kinds of veggie seedlings, our members are excited about healthy food and a healthy Earth, and this localized food alternative will enjoy its first harvest in June. For more info: call (607) 749-2818, or write PO Box 39, Homer, NY 13077.



**Central New York Chapter
New York Civil Liberties Union**

The CNY Chapter of the NY Civil Liberties Union is pleased to announce the 1990 Kharas Award for Distinguished Service in Civil Liberties in CNY will be awarded to Vivian Moore, Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission of Syracuse and Onondaga County. Vivian has been instrumental in improving relations between the Syracuse Police and the Latino and Gay/Lesbian communities.

The award will be presented at the Annual Dinner of the NY ACLU on Wednesday, May 23, at the Sheraton Inn and Conference Center, on the Electronics Parkway. The guest speaker at the dinner will be Norman Dorsen, President of the American Civil Liberties Union. Reservations, at \$25 each, can be made by calling the chapter office at 471-2821. A limited number of tickets are available at reduced cost and a sign language interpreter will be provided.

Midwives Caring for New York's Women

(excerpts from the legislative white paper by the Midwives Alliance of New York)

New York State is in the midst of a maternal care crisis that worsens with each passing year. Among the 50 states, New York ranks 44th for women receiving early prenatal care and 47th for those receiving late or no care. Given this inadequate level of care, it is no coincidence that New York ranks 30th in the nation for perinatal mortality and 37th for low birth weight babies. In 13 counties, there simply aren't enough prenatal care providers to go around. In some facilities, there is such demand for prenatal care that women have to wait more than six weeks for treatment.¹

Projected worldwide, New York's infant mortality rate would place it 26th among all nations, with Singapore and Antigua among others having lower perinatal mortality rates than our state.² The City of Syracuse, with a population of 170,000, has an infant mortality rate of 17.8 per 1000, substantially greater than that of cities such as Washington, DC and Boston. It is not just urban areas that have high mortality rates. Rural counties also perform poorly. Herkimer county has an infant mortality rate of 15.2 per 1000, Sullivan County's rate is 14.2 and many other rural counties have rates almost as bad.

Babies who survive may have additional problems. Low birth weight poses the greatest threat to the health of newborns. In 1987, 7.6% of New York babies were born weighing less than 2500 grams and 71.4% in addition to the human tragedy involved in this situation, the cost of caring for low birth weight babies often exceeds \$1000 per day, with the average lifetime cost exceeding \$300,000.

Increasing the now limited utilization of midwives in NY State would help alleviate the maternal care crisis, lower the perinatal mortality rate, reduce the number of low birth weight babies and save substantial amounts of money.

Midwifery offers a solution

Currently, midwives deliver fewer than 4% of the babies born in the US. By contrast, in the Netherlands, midwives deliver almost 50% of babies, most in home births. In Swe-

den, they deliver nearly 100% of the babies born in hospitals, clinics, and homes. How do these nations compare to the US? The US ranks 23rd among developed nations in perinatal mortality, while the Netherlands and Sweden rank 7th and 4th respectively.³



There is no way that this performance could be swiftly replicated in NY State, even if a crash program were instituted to recruit and train midwives. It takes time to educate the large numbers of midwives needed to adequately staff the system. However, the Professional Midwifery Practice Act, currently introduced as A 4074-A/S 2794-A, would immediately begin this process by increasing the number of midwives available to deliver maternity care in NY State. The Act would provide a framework for regulating the profession of midwifery, while solving problems associated with the current method of certifying nurse midwives in this state.

The Professional Midwifery Practice Act addresses the need to distinguish the profession of midwifery from that of nursing and other medical specialties. Currently, only nurses may become certified to practice midwifery in NY State, and then only in a restricted manner. Once certified, they are able to call themselves "certified nurse midwives." However, there are many trained midwives in NY State who are not nurses and who would provide an immediate pool of candidates for licensure. They could begin to fill some of the already funded, but vacant positions in hospitals and clinics in inner cities and poor rural counties.

What Is a Midwife?

Midwives are specialists in normal reproductive care. Their primary client group is women with healthy, low-risk pregnancies who are expected to have uncomplicated

deliveries. They avoid the use of routine obstetric interventions and drugs and have far lower caesarean rates than obstetricians.

Midwives perform a broader array of services than most physicians. For example, they spend considerable time educating mothers during pregnancy and preparing them for birth. This level of prenatal care results in healthier babies. They also work closely with troubled families to educate them on how to care for the child after birth.

Whether or not recognized by law, the practice of midwifery is on the rise throughout the US. Midwifery is becoming more popular for a variety of reasons. Midwives offer a preventive, holistic model of care, a more personal relationship with their clientele, and a philosophy of care which recognizes the importance of parental responsibility and control within the birth process. Perhaps the most compelling aspect of midwifery is the continuity of care that can be provided. Decisions made during pregnancy can affect the entire life of the child. As science is discovering, the nutritional status and substance abuse habits of the mother have a high impact on the health of the newborn. The public bears the emotional and economic burden of women who are not adequately counseled on the dangers of improper nutrition, smoking, alcohol and drug consumption during pregnancy. By their philosophy and training, midwives are the most appropriate medical care providers to confront and combat the growing crisis in high risk infants, and help provide the preventive care so desperately needed.

Legislation

Short-term measures may ease the current crisis in midwifery care, but "they will not cure it or prevent its exacerbation at a later time [unless they] address the basic need to separate the profession of midwifery from the profession of nursing. Given the dire shortage of nurses nationwide, it is unreasonable to think that available candidates for midwifery can ever attain the desired number while the prerequisite of nursing exists. Adequate numbers of qualified candidates are not entering nursing programs; therefore, to limit

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Rainbow streamers connect the many people from across the world who are united against nuclear weapons testing and production.

NEVADA TEST SITE PEACE ENCAMPMENT

photos by Kathy Whalen



Giant puppets marched through the Peace Camp and over to the test site entrance to perform for security forces. Nuclear ghouls acted out destruction of trees, wildlife, water, and air as the result of a nuclear weapons strike.

This is a medicine wheel made by an affinity group from Eugene, OR to disacknowledge the division of Shoshone land by the test site fence. The group also hoped to start a healing process for the land which has been abused by the Department of Energy for testing nuclear weapons.



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Nuke Dump from pg 6

pressure campaign has begun making the governor rather uncomfortable. However, it is unclear whether he is willing to seriously consider our proposal to store the waste on-site at the nuclear power plants (which produce 98% of the radioactivity being considered).

Also on April 19, charges against two groups of protesters were dismissed due to a legal technicality. The trials of two other groups (on charges of disorderly conduct) took place with the decision to be handed down shortly.

Finally, the Siting Commission is seeking an injunction against 49 individuals plus John and Jane Doe (anyone) to prevent us from disrupting their efforts. If granted, the injunction would provide an additional penalty (up to 30 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine) against those of us who continue to protest in any direct way. A court hearing on the injunction is scheduled for May 11 in Norwich, NY.

For further information, contact CARD, PO Box 43, Cincinnatus NY 13040. Phone (607) 753-6271 or (607) 863-3972.

Andy is an activist with CARD and a former SPC staffperson. He lives in Truxton, just a hop, skip, and a jump from the proposed radioactive dump sites.

Peace Child from pg 6

We sang this in our show. It gives a feeling for what Peace Child can do.

"The world is changing on us fast.
We children must not give up,
Or our dreams will fade -
It is our lives at stake.
And though you are so far away,
so far away
We'll work in our separate place...

Do you think this kind of "youth diplomacy" can make a difference? If you think so and would like to help us raise the money for our tours, please send donations to Peace Child CNY, 144 Kensington Pl, Syracuse NY. Each of us must raise \$2700. If you want to donate to one individual listed above, you can put their name on the memo of the check.

Words are not adequate to thank this community for its support of Peace Child. It means our future!

Alicia is a high school student and active participant in Peace Child of CNY.

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become incorporated into oppressive systems, feeding the institution of domination. We need to create opportunities to learn leadership based on power with, respect for, and responsibility to our immediate communities and to our world community. We need to challenge the aggressive-submissive polarity (to refuse violence is not to be passive) and create empowering roles for women and men where we are neither victim nor victimizer. And we need to realize that, as Charlotte Bunch says, "We will never fully end male violence against individual women unless we also stop celebrating the organized violence of war."

"I am a dangerous woman
Carrying neither bombs no babies
Flowers nor molotov cocktails.
I confound all your reason, theory,
realism
Because I will neither lie in your
ditches
Nor dig your ditches for you
Nor join in your armed struggle
For bigger and better ditches."

-Joan Cavanaugh

Thanks to Lesley Pease for research assistance. Statistics as quoted in the anthology Reweaving the Web of Life and Charlotte Bunch's Passionate Politics.

[This article is reprinted from the May 1990 Women's Info Newsletter. Women's Info Center, located on 601 Allen Street, is an organization dedicated to the ideals of feminism and the empowerment of women.]

Midwives from pg 11

midwifery candidates to the decreasing number of nurses would be ineffective as a strategy of recruitment...

In addition to providing the opportunity for development of some non-nurse avenues of entry to professional midwifery, the legislation would assign identifiable recognition and responsibilities to the midwife on the health team. This would enhance the full utilization of the midwife's skill and scope of practice."⁴

With the Professional Midwifery Practice Act, New York would be setting a precedent. New York would be in the forefront in recognizing the need for expanded midwifery care in the US and the first state to license all midwives under one professional board. New York would be setting a standard that other states are sure to follow, while greatly increasing the quality, quantity and affordability of maternity care available to women and infants within the state.

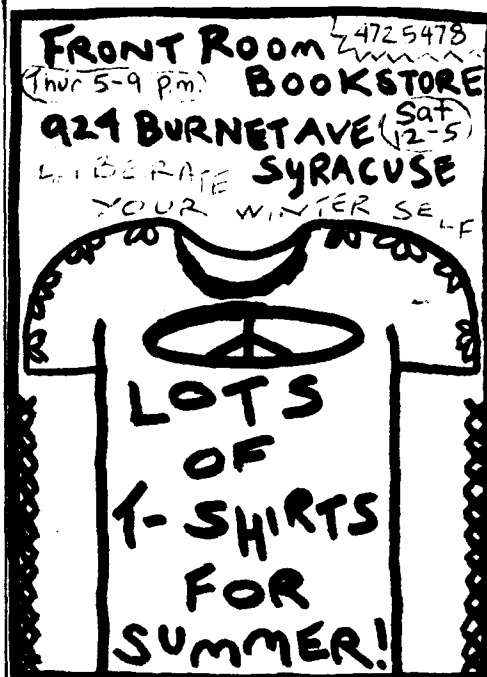
¹ Bell, Bertrand, et al; Report of the NY State Dep't. of Health Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Education and Recruitment of Midwives; June 1988; p.1.

² "World Infant Mortality Rates" from the World Population Data Sheet 1988; Population Reference Bureau, Inc., 777 14th St. NW, Ste. 800, Washington, DC 20005.

³ "World Infant Mortality Rates"

⁴ Bell; p. 10.

[For more information, contact the Midwives Alliance of New York, PO Box 1000, Warwick NY 10990.]



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EVERY SUN: Support Group for people with Psychological labels, Alliance 3-5pm Plymouth Congregational Church

EVERY SUN: Metropolitan Community Church Worship service, 6pm, Grace Episcopal Church, 471-6618



STUDENT STRIKES HELP END U.S. INVASION OF CAMBODIA SYRACUSE/MAY 1970

6

Save the County Annual Walk. Walk to raise money to preserve the natural areas of Onondaga County 637-6066

7

Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets, 7pm



1 Syr. Covenant Sanctuary Mtg. 7pm May Memorial Church
Landscape of Survival: Lesbian, Gay, & Bisexual Youth Face the 90's. Conf. by Gay/Lesbian Youth Program of CNY at Schine Student Ctr., SU 8:30am-4:15pm 422-9741 to register (cost involved)

International Workers Day

2

Free home buying seminar by the Urban League at NIMO Bldg. on Erie Blvd. 7pm 472-6955

3

EVERY 1st and 3rd THUR. (GLAS) 7:30pm ECOH

4

Gay Mens Support Group, at Grace Epis. 7:30pm 471-6618

EVERY FRI. Country Dancing 8-10pm, Grace Epis. Ch. \$3

1970-4 Kent State students killed by National Guard

5

Spring Dance sponsored by Metropolitan Community Church featuring a wide range of music 8pm-1am sliding scale \$5-\$10 at May Memorial Church

Imagination Celebration - free concert for families at Plymouth Church, downtown. 3-4pm

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EVERY SUN. Volunteers needed to be servers at Unity Kitchen. Call Ann 475-6761

EVERY SUN: People's 60 Minutes Cooke Cable Ch. 7, 8pm 472-5478

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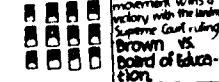
Video "Where's Utopia?," on the new environmental household at Petit Branch, Onon. Cty Library 7pm 105 Victoria Pl. free

Sierra Club Monthly Program, Illick Hall, Rm. 5 ESF Campus, Syracuse 7pm

15 **EVERY TUES.** Lesbian & Gay Youth mtgs. 6-9pm Composting Workshop at Beaver Lake Nature Center. Learn different composting materials & designs from Cooperative Extension 7pm pre-register 638-2519 Onondaga Earth First mtg. Call Andy 471-7312 8pm
PNL Article Deadline

9

Cindy Monaco, Cortland City radioactive waste consultant, "The LLRW Dump Issue and How It Affects Onondaga County Residents" Peck Hall, Rm 206A, Univ. College 12-1:30
EVERY WED. Alliance meets at ECOH 6pm 475-4120



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Video "Where's Utopia?," on the new environmental household at Petit Branch, Onon. Cty Library

Liberty Scholarship Workshop at Urban League 505 E. Fayette 10am-noon
Mother's Day begun by Julia Ward Howe in 1872 as antiwar holiday

17

Tom Paxton Benefit Concert for C.A.R.D. opening band Redwood Hill at Cortland County Office Bldg. Aud. 7:30pm Tickets \$9, \$6 kids under 10

11

5/11-5/15 North American Support - In to Celebrate the Human Spirit. To oppose forced psychiatric procedures. Contact Alliance for events 475-4120

LLWR Hearing on Order To Show Cause on Issuance of Injunction against LLRW dump opponents at Supreme Court, Norwich 9:30am

EVERY FRI. Marxist Collective at SU Weekly Study Group 3:30-5:30pm, call Bob for info. 423-9736

PNL Calendar Items Deadline

12

World Bluegrass Bash w/The New Down City Ramblers Reunion Concert at Tavern on the Square \$7.50 donation WNMA members \$5 8-11pm sponsored by WNMA 428-8821 Morning Bird Walk at Beaver Lake Nature Center 7:30am 638-2519

19

SPC discussion Group- showing of MADRE video & talk on providing material aid to Latin American countries. 7pm
1925-Malcolm X born in Omaha, NE

20

PNL Production Week Help us put together the PNL

Peace Child Benefit Concert w/ Sunday Nile Road Band (jazz) at Syracuse Stage Experimental Theatre tickets \$10 3:30pm 479-5658
Cuban Independence Day

21

Syracuse Real Food Coop Council meets, 7pm

1965-Dr. Martin Luther King leads his first Selma to Montgomery March

22 PAR mtg. 7pm Call Linda 475-0062 or Norma 492-0459
New Perspectives on Sexuality & Physical Disabilities Conference presented by Planned Parenthood Ramada Inn, Ithaca, NY 91m-4:30pm \$50 607-273-1526
Rainbow Coalition 27th C.D. mtg. Hopps Memorial 472-4331

23

CNY ACLU Dinner with speaker Norman Dorsen, President of Nat'l ACLU at Holiday Inn, Carrier Circle
1930- Birth of Gay Rights Activist and San Francisco City Supervisor Harvey Milk

24

EVERY THURS. AIDS Support Grp. 7pm AIDS Task Force of CNY 627 W. Genesee St. 475-2430



25

EVERY FRI. Act - Up ECOH 7:30pm
Lesbian Support Grp. Women's Info. "Lesbian Culture" 7-9pm 5/25-5/27 Alternatives to Violence Project Workshop: Training for Trainers at Albany Friends Meetinghouse 727 Madison Ave. 518-465-0973 \$24-\$48
1963-African Liberation Day

26

New Environment Assoc. Annual Garage Sale 147 Hathaway Rd., Dewitt (off Radcliffe) contributions for sale welcome 446-9164 9am-5pm
If groups listed change regular mtg. times or places, please let us know.

27

EVERY SUN. South Africa Now, weekly news from South Africa 5pm WCNY Channel 24.

28

EVERY MON: ARISE Men's Group, 2-3:30pm, 472-3171

1830-Indian Removal Act requires deportation of Indians west of the Mississippi River

Moving? Please save us 30c and let us know before hand.

29 **EVERY TUES.** Lesbian & Gay Youth Program Support Group 6-9pm call 422-9741
EVERY TUES. Yoga Class 7-8:30pm Women's Info \$3
EVERY TUES. Meditation at Slocum House, 45 min. sessions at 7:15am, 12:15pm 5:15pm, 7:15pm. Call Sister Patricia Bergen 475-2811

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PNL Mailing Party 5-7:30pm w/tun and food for all. Come help us get it out! 472-5478
Death Penalty Vigil, noon Columbus Circle 475-4822
NAACP 11th Annual Freedom Awards Dinner at Imperial Ballroom of Hotels at Syracuse Square Tickets \$50 422-6933

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Wine & Cheese &
Michael Parenti

speaking at Syracuse University

May 16 8pm

- see inside for details -

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May 17

Coming in June

**The All-New
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Vacation Guide**

More May Events:

5/5 Palestinian Folkdancing, dinner at St. Elias Church 8pm \$20
EVERY TUES. New Environ. Assoc. Meditation 7:30-8pm 475-4188
EVERY TUES. Meeting with those infected with HIV/AIDS AIDS Task Force of CNY 627 W. Genesee St. 475-2430
EVERY TUES. "Evening with Arabesque," Arabic TV show. Cannel. 7, 7pm
EVERY THURS: Central American Vigil 7:30am, Fed. bldg.
EVERY THURS: SPC Volunteer Night, 7-9pm, Lots of fun, 472-5478 for info.
EVERY THURS. AIDS Task Force Bereavement Grp. 7pm 627 W. Genesee St. 475-2430
EVERY THURS. Arise Women's support group. 10-11:30am

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