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### ANTI-WAR CAMPAIGN SEEKS RECRUITS

"Putting the Cold War in the Deep Freeze" is the theme of American Friends Service Committee's 3rd annual spaghetti supper, to be held on Sat., Feb. 28 at the Methodist Church, 17 Chestnut St. (off Congress), Portland, beginning at 6 PM.

To support this effort, AFSC is kicking off the "Call to Halt the Nuclear Arms Race" campaign, in which it hopes to gather thousands of signatures. These will then be presented to the presidents of the U. S. and the Soviet Union and to Maine's congressional representatives. A lot of consciousness raising about the arms race and military spending should also result.

The major message of the petition is: "The United States and the Soviet Union should immediately and jointly stop the nuclear arms race. Specifically, they should adopt an immediate, mutual freeze on all further testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and of missiles and new aircraft designed primarily to deliver nuclear weapons."

Besides the campaign, Eric Wolfe's puppets, the "Pro Se Theater," "Inside the Soviet Union" slides by AFSC staffer Deb Hibbard, and music by Annie Schneiderman will be featured. There is a suggested donation of \$4.50/adults and \$2.75/under 12 for spaghetti, meat or meatless, salad, desserts, and bread. Childcare will be provided.

Contact Maine AFSC, Box 7097, Lewiston 04240, or call 865-3768.

"Links-letter"

Donation 30¢ (?)

### WARNING: PESTICIDES MAY BE HAZARDOUS...

As the spray season approaches, PEST (Protect Our Environment from Sprayed Toxins) offers a checklist and words of caution for those who might be exposed to spraying. They suggest people:

1. Find out where pesticides may be applied which might expose people thru drift or misapplications. Farms, orchards, publicly maintained roads, utility rights-of-way, spruce budworm areas, and railroad tracks are commonly sprayed areas.
2. Find out what chemicals are being sprayed. Are label precautions being followed? When in doubt, contact PEST for more detailed instructions or restrictions.
3. List what is especially susceptible to chemical poisoning. Water supplies, bees, gardens, farm animals, pregnant women, and children are some of them.
4. Notify sprayers and/or authorities before spraying if you are concerned. This may provide an extra amount of caution by sprayers.
5. For maintenance of vegetation bordering state roads, and owners can sign a contract to do it themselves so that no spraying is done. Contact Clyde Walton, Dept. of Transportation, Augusta 04333, 289-2151 or local DOT for a contract.
6. For questions concerning pesticide labels or use, call toll-free 800-531-7790 or contact PEST.

PEST has an extensive library of scientific and technical information. They would also appreciate financial help, having little money with which to do their work. PEST, c/o Terre Orlando, Rt. 1 Box 74-1, Steuben 04680, 546-7293.

## RELEASING THE FACTS ON PAROLE

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Sponsored by groups too numerous to mention, a forum on the question of parole will be presented on Sat., Mar. 21, 10 AM-3 PM, at Woodfords Cong. Church, 202 Woodfords St., Portland.

At present Maine has no parole system, which means there is no early release program available to offenders. Legislation to re-establish parole, at least on a partial basis, is supported by the Mental Health and Corrections Dept. but not by some other government officials.

Tentatively scheduled panelists at the forum are Kevin Concannon, Mental Health/Corrections (advocating partial parole), Attorney Janet Mills (no parole), Sam Henderson (unlimited parole), prison chaplain Wayne Gustafson, and Alan Caron, representing offenders and ex-offenders. A summary of upcoming prison-related legislation will also be given.

For more information: Rev. Walter Van Hoek, Me. Council of Churches, Star Rt. 68 Box 254, N. Fryeburg 04058, 697-3471.

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## CALC STRIKES AGAIN

Coming off successful gatherings in Dexter and Waterville, Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC) will continue with meetings featuring N. H. and New England CALC representative Lu Gunderson.

She will again speak on "Building Toward Peacemaking," tentatively scheduled for late March/early April in Bangor and Augusta. Those attending will be challenged to work for peace and justice thru CALC's issues of militarism, human rights, politics of food/hunger, and "the legacies of Vietnam." Richard Floyd, Box 1106, Bangor 04401, 942-4381 and Rev. Doug Strong, All Souls Unitarian, 11 King St., Augusta 04330, 622-3232, have details.

A Dexter-Dover followup meeting will be held at the Garland Fire Hall on Fri., March 13 (potluck supper plus slide shows). Contact Rev. Vicki Woods, 242 Main St., Dexter 04930, 924-3049. The Waterville group will meet in late Feb. to begin action projects. Contact Ann Renner, 22 Main St., Waterville 04901 873-4751, to get involved.

## TOWN MEETINGS DISCUSS WASTE

"The New England Town Meeting is probably the purest form of democracy in existence today." March is town meeting month in Maine, with most towns conducting their yearly business in one long, often dull, sometimes lively session. This year's town meetings will, in some cases, include discussions on ordinances to ban the dumping or storage of hazardous and radioactive wastes, except by formal approval of townspeople. The text of such an ordinance was printed in the Jan. edition of this newsletter.

Oxford County, for example, has 20 towns debating this issue--Minot, Buckfield, Hebron, Stow, Woodstock, Greenwood, Bethel, Gilead, Porter, Waterford, Hiram, Otisfield, Harrison, Newry, Oxford, Poland, West Paris, South Paris, Norway, and Denmark. For information on how to support these ordinances in Oxford Co., Jane Crosby, Hall's Pond, S. Paris 04281, 743-2423.

To find out if your town has an ordinance for discussion this year, contact the town office, clerk, or selectpeople. MNRC, Box 2627, Augusta 04330, 622-4395 has copies of a sample ordinance and supporting information.

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\*\* DO YOU LIVE NEAR TENANTS HARBOR? \*\*  
\*\* Well, we're having a party, to put \*\*  
\*\* together the next Maine Statewide \*\*  
\*\* Newsletter, on Sun., Mar. 22, 1 PM \*\*  
\*\* at Jeanne Warner's house (off Rt. \*\*  
\*\* 131, 1 mile from village). Call \*\*  
\*\* her at 372-6632 for directions. \*\*  
\*\* Don't forget to bring some food for \*\*  
\*\* the potluck supper that follows. \*\*  
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\*\* Deadline for the next issue is \*\*  
\*\* again the 20th of the month, with \*\*  
\*\* production on Mar. 20-21 at the \*\*  
\*\* Palmyra Dome. If you can help with \*\*  
\*\* production or have articles, events, \*\*  
\*\* etc., please contact INVERT, RFD 1 \*\*  
\*\* Newport 04953, 938-2219. \*\*  
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\*\* expenses. Thanks for your support \*\*  
\*\* of Maine's Statewide Newsletter!! \*\*  
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## APPRENTICING FOR THE LAND

Although the deadline is May 15, the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn.'s (MOFGA) farm apprentice program is urging farmers seeking apprentices and those who want to learn (organic) gardening and self-sufficiency skills by living on a farm to apply as soon as possible.

Both farmers and apprentices fill out applications indicating their needs and the skills they want to learn or receive. The placement service matches up farmers with several potential apprentices, and vice-versa. Final agreements for placement are left to correspondence between individual apprentices and farmers.

In most cases, labor is exchanged for room and board. Apprentices also attend educational programs sponsored by MOFGA during the summer. For applications: Rebecca Stanley, Farm Apprentice Placement, Box 556, S. Harpswell 04079.

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## GOT ANY SPARE CHANGE FOR COOPS?

A second try at organizing a loan fund for coops and non-profit groups will be initiated at a meeting on Sunday, Mar. 15, at noon, at the Palmyra Dome. With budget cuts being pushed by the govt. and a common shortage of money and capital among coops and social change groups, the fund seems even more needed than ever. To help get the idea off the ground, contact C. R. Lawn, 8 Boutelle Ave., Waterville 04901, 873-2540.

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## VAFW TO MEET

Veterans against Foreign Wars (VAFW) will be meeting at 8 PM on Wed., March 4 at All Souls Unitarian Church, 11 King St., Augusta, to begin planning efforts for counter-recruiting in Maine's high schools. High School students receive plenty of information on how to join the military but little on how to be nonviolent or a conscientious objector.

Testimony from veterans on the need for counter-recruitment will be heard, and slides for a slide show will be put together. Contact Doug Rawlings, RFD 1, Mt. Vernon 04352, 293-4940.

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## A RURAL EDUCATION CENTER FOR MAINE

As the economy tightens up, one of the watchwords for the '80's may be self-sufficiency. The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn. (MOFGA) wants to bring more self-sufficiency to Maine people with the creation of a "Rural Education Center."

MOFGA sees the purpose of the center as a focal point for education and research to increase the percentage of consumed food produced in the state (it was 70% generations ago, it is now 30%) and to help bring back smaller, family-type farms. It can demonstrate how human and material resources are interrelated, which can produce both healthier food and a richer land.

The center can encourage people to learn more rural living skills--emphasizing hands-on efforts like building solar greenhouses, canning methods, or how to raise sheep. There will be a library of resources on organic agriculture and self-sufficiency as well.

Tentatively, there is a site available, the Washburn farm in Livermore. Owned by the Washburn-Norlands Foundation, the farm's trustees have combined efforts with MOFGA to make some of its 430 acres available and th help arrange financing from state and private sources to begin education and training programs. In addition, MOFGA has been offered land in Blue Hill and Wells which can serve as satellite sites for programs.

MOFGA wants help from members and others interested in a rural education center. Tentatively, there will be committees on program, fund-raising, property/legal, and finance as well as a steering committee, all in need of members. A similar center in Wilton, N. H. has been offering regular programs for several months. Contact: Arthur Whitman, MOFGA, Box 188, Hallowell 04347, 622-3118.

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A PLEASANT CHANGE! This month we received much more information for the newsletter, so much, in fact, that even 10 pages didn't cover it all. Keep those articles and events coming to INVERT, RFD 1, Newport 04953, 938-2219!!

## SAVE THE DOLPHINS AND THE PEOPLE

Former Mainer Patrick Wall, now working with Greenpeace, writes from Japan with an appeal. He was arrested as part of a Greenpeace campaign to end the slaughter of dolphins (7,000 in the towns of Futo and Kawana this year), which are fast becoming an endangered species. Suspected high levels of mercury (at least 10 times the allowable limit) in the dolphins may be endangering the Japanese who eat them as well. Half of all Japanese with extreme cases of mercury poisoning are dolphin eaters.

After untying nets holding about 300 dolphins and shooing them to safety, he was arrested for "obstructing business." He is asking Maine people to write letters of protest to the dolphin kill and to the coverup/suppression of information about mercury levels in the dolphins to Takao Kameoka, Minister of Fisheries, Government of Japan, Tokyo, Japan. Research into potential health problems in Futo and Kawana is also needed.

More background information is available from INVERT (we'll send you a copy of Patrick's letter) or from Greenpeace, Building E, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Cal.

The Greenpeace office is also encouraging a letter-writing campaign to stop the commercial killing of whales. Through their efforts, the quota has been cut by 47%. They recommend the following message: "I hereby condemn the senseless slaughter of whales and urge the (Spanish/Icelandic) government to join with other member nations of the International Whaling Commission in a moratorium on all commercial whaling."

Letters should be sent to Amb. Hans Anderson, Iceland Embassy, 2022 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, D. C. 20008 and Amb. Jose Maria Llado, Embassy of Spain, 2700 15th St. NW, Washington, D. C. 20009.

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"Every fool in error can find a passage in Scripture to back them up."  
--Shakespeare

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## REAL PEACE IN AN UNPEACEFUL WORLD

Real peace means a cooperative social and economic system without exploitation or oppression of people of one race, class, or nation by another, according to the Maine Anti-Draft Network (MADN). Because of the contradiction between the claims of the three major presidential candidates--Anderson, Carter, Reagan--for peace and their support for a higher military budget, MADN recently brought Dierdre Griswold, candidate of the Workers World Party, to Portland.

In several thought-provoking papers, MADN sees a "thirst for profits" and empire-building as the real causes of conflict and war. Citizens in countries like Korea, the Philippines, El Salvador, Chile, and Puerto Rico have little freedom or opportunity to determine their own kind of government, partly because of US imperialism, and need support from Americans in their struggle for freedom. Real peace means aiding these liberation movements, MADN emphasizes.

Persons interested in helping to educate around issues of US government and multi-national corporation imperialism are urged to contact MADN. They also have a list of periodicals and groups writing about and working for Third World liberation that they can share with others. MADN, Box 331, Westbrook 04092.

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## FORUMS AND FILMS FOR FREE

The forums and film series' continue at the University of Maine, Orono. The Energy Forum will have programs in the Student Union on March 4 & 11--two films and an economic analysis of energy prices. The World Hunger film series will feature a 5-part film called "A World Hungry" on Mar. 3-4 and 10-11 at the Union and Maine Christian Assn. The Pax Christi Series nearby at the Newman Center (74 College Ave.) will continue with anti-war and anti-militarism films shown on Sunday nites at the center.

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"Rights are not won on paper; they are won only by those who make their voices heard."--Harvey Milk



## CAMPBELL'S, MMM MMM BAD

The boycott continues to be a powerful weapon for peace and social justice, and people can practice it simply by what they buy or do not buy in their coop or retail stores.

According to the Boycott Census, a boycott has begun against Campbell's, which is refusing to recognize a farm labor union by mostly Mexican-American workers in Ohio and surrounding states. Besides Campbell's soups, Swanson dinners, Franco-American spaghetti, Vlasic pickles, Pepperidge Farm breads, and V-8 juices are included.

Another way to support farm workers, who are trying to organize, is by not buying Red Coach lettuce (Bruce Church Co.). This label has been spotted at Shop 'N Save, Finast, and other stores.

There is an ongoing boycott against Nestles (infant formula abuse and death of Third World babies) and subsidiaries such as Libby's products, Tasters Choice coffees, Nescafe, Wispride Cheeses, Stouffers frozen foods, and Pero. In addition: General Electric (promoting and exporting nuclear power/weapons); conventions or vacations in non-ERA ratified states; Dow Chemical (producers of pesticides, Agent Orange, and they make napalm, too); and products of Japan, Norway, and the Soviet Union (killing whales).

A boycott of L. L. Bean's following their \$5,000 contribution to defeat the Nuclear Referendum has been suggested. If anyone wants to begin such an effort, please contact INVERT and we'll tell others in Maine about it.

In general, it is suggested that consumers read labels before buying and to try to purchase items from smaller companies whenever possible. In many cases, the larger the company, the more people it has run rampant over to get to its present size.

The Boycott Census has moved to Maine. To get their lists (fascinating reading), write Ben Hull, Boycott Census, RFD 1 Box 401A, Norway 04268 (enclose stamped, self-addressed, business sized envelope).

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## WORKERS TAKE OVER

The Mondragon, worker-owned/managed businesses which have brought relative prosperity to northern Spain, has become an example for two experiments in the Freeport area.

One involves Merrymeeting Chimney Sweep, which is evolving from a one-owner to a cooperatively owned/managed business. Besides a transfer of managerial duties and responsibilities from one person to several, there is some unique paper work involved. Help in making these changes has been available from the Industrial Cooperative Assn., 249 Elm St., Somerville, Mass. 02144, which also has an extensive reading list.

Doug Malcolm of Merrymeeting recommends "ICA Model By-Laws for a Workers' Cooperative" and "The Question of Legal Structure," by David Ellerman, as especially worthwhile. Democracy at Work, by Daniel Zwerdling, is also helpful.

A similar arrangement is being set up by Graham Cooper with a home fix-up business. Graham is seeking others with comparable skills interested in being part of a worker-owned business.

Both Doug and Graham want to share ideas, resources with others. Merrymeeting Chimney Sweep, 15 School St., Freeport 04032, 865-4141, Graham Cooper, Wardtown Trailer Park, Freeport, 04032, 865-3926.

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## STALKING THE BIG BUCKS

If you're good at raising funds, the Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee needs you!! It is a full-time effort to finance the crucial task of putting another referendum question on the 1982 ballot to close down Maine Yankee, the state's only operating nuclear plant.

Pay will probably be on a commission basis, with a possibility of a partial salary as well. Send a resume as soon as possible to MNRC, Box 2627, Augusta 04330, or call 622-4395.

## WINDAY IS MARCH & AT BROWN'S MILL

For those who own, or want to own, a wind machine, WINDAY will be held all day Saturday, March 7, on the second floor of Browns Mill, Dover-Foxcroft at 9 AM.

Organized by Ned Shenton, WINDAY is designed to increase everyone's knowledge of wind machines, with a number of experts expected to lecture and answer questions. Experiences in designing, installing, and operating systems will be voiced. Information will be available on site surveys, tower installations, maintenance and repair, and system design.

A \$10 fee will be charged, with spouses/families at no extra cost. Lunch at the Blue Heron Restaurant can be provided for \$3/person more.

Reservations are encouraged and can be made by writing Ned Shenton, WINDAY, Brown's Mill, 16 Vaughn St., Dover-Foxcroft 04426, or call 564-2733.

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## SMALL IS STILL BEAUTIFUL

For better or worse, a lot of money available to progressive or social change groups is from the government, and some of it is from the Appropriate Technology Small Grant Program of the Department of Energy (DOE).

March 19 is the deadline for applications for 1981 grants. The application is fairly lengthy, but most recipients have been individuals or small groups with innovative energy ideas. A wood/potato-burning alcohol fuel plant by Edward Griffin of Presque Isle, a manual for building a home hydroelectric system by Suzanne and Bob Kelly of Lowell, and a wood co-generation system for home heating and electricity by Elaine and Doug Protsik of Fayette are examples of projects funded last year.

For applications or questions: DOE, Region 1, 150 Causeway St., Boston Mass. 02114, 800-343-6388.

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"Every time somebody else pays less, we pay more."

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## TRANET OPENS UP

The Trans-National Network for Appropriate Technology (TRANET) has recently opened an alternative technology (A. T.) reading room library. All of its resources (books, magazines, reports, etc.) are open to all interested in the AT/New Age movement. "AT isn't just a Third World development movement. We in the industrial world must cut our use of resources through decentralism and self-sufficiency. The material in the TRANET library can help you to learn how," they say.

Contact TRANET, Box 567, Rangeley 04970, 864-2252.

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## SEADS' SPRING SOLAR SEMINAR SERIES

SEADS of Truth (Solar Energy Awareness and Demonstration Seminars) will hold four week-long seminars: March 7-14, 14-21, 21-28, and Ap. 18-26.

The curriculum will include basic solar theory and design, solar walls, solar shower and privy, solar greenhouses, instruction in basic carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work. There will also be a forum on Philosophy of Alternative Energy, a discussion on community organizing on energy, and a tour of solar sites in Maine.

The total suggested donation for the seminar, including food, sleeping accommodations, and instruction is \$100.

For more information: SEADS, Box 136A Georgetown Rd., Columbia Falls, Harrington 04643 or call 483-9763.

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## SCAVENGERS FOR SURVIVAL

The "New Age Crude Carpenters and Trash Farmers" is a new group forming in the Mid-Coast area. Its purpose is to share help and ideas relating to homesteading, gardening, alternative energy, and saving money.

Future programs may include starting seedlings, drying foods, and wind power. Information on date, time, and place for the next meeting is available from Rich Warner, PO Box 36, St. George 04857 (self-addressed, stamped envelope would help).

## LABOR RALLIES FOR SAFE ENERGY

On January 18, a conference of over 300 people representing 30 different labor unions and over 50 locals voted unanimously to adopt a call for a peaceful legal march and rally in Harrisburg, Pa., on March 28, 2nd anniversary of the start of the Three Mile Island accident.

Labor and its friends will march under the following banner:

- 1) No more Three Mile Islands--Keep Unit 1 closed--no dumping of radioactive wastes.
- 2) Support United Mine Workers of America (their contract expires March 27).
- 3) Jobs for all--a shorter work week and a massive public works program.
- 4) Guaranteed alternative jobs at union rates for nuclear workers.

The event has been endorsed by at least two international unions, the Mine Workers and the International Assn. of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

The Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee is planning to charter buses to go down for the rally and march, if there is enough interest. Buses will leave Augusta Fri. evening, March 27, and arrive back on Sunday, the 29th. Cost is about \$56/person. There may also be buses going from Portland. MNRC needs to know by March 5 or as soon as possible of persons wanting to attend the rally. Money is needed for tickets by March 15 to reserve the bus.

A massive turnout in Harrisburg will tell the government and nuclear industry that people have not forgotten Three Mile Island, as well as showing that the anti-nuclear movement is not anti-labor and that labor is not pro-nuclear.

For details: MNRC, Box 2627, Augusta 04330, 622-4395, or call Mike McConnell at 549-5622 or Judy Barrows at 236-3610.

Also on the energy front, the Safe Energy Political Action Committee is raising money to hire a full-time, safe-energy lobbyist to keep the legislature informed on conservation, safe energy, and alternative energy bills. To send a check or for details on the job: Safe Energy PAC, c/o Lance Tapley, 7 Elm St., Augusta 04330.

## MEG'S CONCERT

A concert by Meg Christian, feminist singer/songwriter, will be a highlight of the Univ. of Maine, Orono, Women's Center Symposium on Women. Meg will perform at 8 PM on Thursday, March 5 in the Damm Yankee Room, Memorial Union, UMO. Tickets are \$5 (advance) or \$5.50 (door).

A series of films, speakers, and workshops on March 6-7 will follow. A schedule of these events, posters/publicity for the Meg Christian concert, and tickets are available from Anne Phibbs, UMO Q's Center, Memorial Union, UMO, Orono 04469, 581-2534.

## THREAT TO UNBORN PERSON'S RIGHTS

Women all over the country are continuing a major eight-year effort this month to inform others about the Human Life Amendment. HLA, if passed, will provide protection for human life before and after birth. The Maine Right to Life Committee (MRLC), the Pro-Life Educational Association (PLEA), and other pro-life groups in Maine are heading up the education campaign in the state. They encourage people to become better informed on the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling in 1973 legalizing abortion on demand.

To learn more and/or to sponsor an ad in Maine newspapers, contact MRLC, 163 Lisbon St., Lewiston 04240.

(This notice is similar to one which was printed in last month's issue except that it presents the opposite position. There is no consensus on this difficult question, and we would especially welcome contrasting opinions which could be printed together in a future newsletter.)

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Want to see a national child care program enacted? Then support the petition drive of Women for Racial and Economic Equality. For more information or petitions (\$2/100 plus postage), write WREE, 130 E. 16th St., New York, N. Y. 10003.



## BILLS, BILLS, BILLS.....

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## REICH REVISITED

There are too many important legislative bills to report here. A few highlights: Maine NOW (National Organization for Women) is promoting a Lesbian and Gay Rights bill, to include lesbians and gay men under Maine's Human Rights Act. They would be protected from discrimination in employment, credit, housing, and public accomodation.

Letters to legislators, they suggest, can be very effective, especially when supported by examples of discrimination or harassment. They also have a sample form letter that can be signed and mailed. Write Maine NOW, PO Box 4012 Station A, Portland 04101 or call 683-5252, 942-2830.

The Maine Energy Commission (LD 522) Act, which will be considered as a referendum question if not passed by the legislature, will have hearings soon. It would make Public Utilities Commissioners elected officials and change the purpose of the Office of Energy Resources.

LD 107 proposes a period of silence for prayer or meditation in public schools. The Maine Civil Liberties Union has opposed this bill because it violated the First Amendment separation of church and state.

Other interesting bills include LD 474, making the state more liable for discharge of toxic wastes; LD 176, to eliminate sales taxes from residential electricity users; LD 227 and 232, "right-to-work" legislation; LD 489, prohibiting suppliers from reducing/discontinuing oil products to Maine customers; and LD 363, which makes voter registration more difficult.

For copies of all bills, write Ed Pert, Clerk of the House, State House, Augusta 04333. To tell your legislators what you think about a particular bill, call them at 800-452-4601 or write Sen/Rep \_\_\_\_\_, State House, Augusta 04333.

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The Harvest Fish coop, 58 Pine St., Portland, 773-1116, will be having its grand opening on Feb. 21. Memberships are \$5 (low-income free), and you can save \$ by working every week or month. Holy Mackerel!!!

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"All things are alive."--Spinoza

Joel Carlinsky is now in Franklin County Jail in Farmington on \$2500 bail awaiting trial on charges of stealing some unpublished papers from the Wilhelm Reich Museum in Rangeley. Reich, well-known as a psychiatrist and social activist, did scientific research of an unorthodox sort at his laboratory, now the museum, until the federal government put him in jail where he died in 1957. Many of his papers are being kept secret by the trustee of his estate despite efforts by his family and some scientists to make them public.

Carlinsky, who says he has worked on anti-nuclear and weather-control experiments along lines laid down by Reich, is convinced Reich's work, though not accepted by orthodox scientists, is valid and could be extremely useful if more were known about it. For example, Reich invented a motor that would run on background radiation, providing free, unlimited non-polluting power with no distribution system required.

Carlinsky has been trying for several years to get funding to use Reich's weather control device, which he says also removes the effects of radioactivity from the environment. He claims that with the proper application of the device, it would be possible to neutralize radiation from bombs or reactors and to decontaminate the earth. "Getting access to Reich's unpublished notes and funding to implement his discoveries is the most important environmental project of the remainder of this century," says Carlinsky.

The trial will be sometime in March, and Joel would appreciate any support he can get, financial or otherwise. He has also been called an "obsessed psychopath" by a few who question his motives. Readers are urged to investigate by contacting him at the Franklin County Jail, 1 Park St., Farmington 04938, 778-3032.

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"To begin suffering is to begin the creation of freedom."--Robin Morgan

## TELL 'EM WHAT YOU THINK

Ronald Reagan's budget proposes a 2/3 cut in the National Consumer Coop Bank budget. Without the bank, many coops will not have capital to begin or grow. There will be a vote on reauthorization of the Bank's Title II (emerging coops for low-income people) program by late March. Bank funding passed by only one vote 3 years ago! Telegrams or letters can make a difference.

And those struggling because of high gasoline and fuel oil prices, which many see making the oil companies richer while consumers freeze or are unable to drive, may want to protest decontrol policies. Such screaming may prevent future assaults against the poor--cuts in food stamps, fuel assistance, CETA, etc. Write to Maine's congressional delegation:

Sen. William Cohen  
1251 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Sen. George Mitchell  
145 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Rep. Olympia Snowe  
1729 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Rep. David Emery  
425 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

## DEATH WITH TAXES

"I asked myself, would Jesus buy a nuclear bomb?" Would you? As the tax season approaches, some will get "refunds," others will pay even more. All except really low-income will pay some money to Uncle Sam for income taxes.

According to New England War Tax Resistance (NEWTR), 52% of all tax dollars go to the military, either directly to the Dept. of Defense or thru debts and interest from past wars, foreign military aid, etc. If we don't want our money used for this, shouldn't we withhold at least a little to protest this immorality, they ask. NEWTR suggests a token withholding of \$50, and they can give out information on how to do it. Write them at Box 174 MIT Station, Cambridge, Mass. 02139, 617-731-6139.

There are contacts in Maine for persons interested in tax resistance, in withholding parts of their income or telephone tax, or in preventing an employer from withholding part of their pay for taxes (FICA) in the first place. Try Cushman Anthony, 165 Margaret, S. Portland 04106, 775-6371, or INVERT, RFD 1, Newport 04953, 938-2219. Leaf-letting is planned on tax day (Ap. 15) at one or more cities in Maine. Contact the above people to help out.

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CALENDAR OF GOINGS ON

Feb. 28--AFSC Spaghetti Supper\*

Mar. 3--Displaced Homemakers Night, potluck, films. Everywomen's Center, Boys/Girls Club, Waterville.

Mar. 3-4, 8, 10-11, 15--Films and forums at UMO, Orono\*

Mar. 4--VAFW meets in Augusta\*

Mar. 4, 18 (1st & 3rd Wed. of every month)  
--Greater Portland Nuclear Referendum Committee meets, Public Safety Bldg., Portland, 7 PM. Call 773-5340.

Mar. 5--BABE (Better Awareness of Birthing Alternatives) meets, 7 PM. BABE, PO Box 4051 Sta. A, Portland 04101, 839-6324.

Mar. 5-6--"State of Siege," 130 Little Hall, UMO, 7:30 (Thurs.); Bangor Public Library, 7:30 (Fri.).

Mar. 5-7--UMO Women's Center Symposium and Meg Christian Concert in Orono\*

Mar. 7--WINDAY in Dover-Foxcroft\*

Mar. 7-28--SEADS seminars in Harrington\*

Mar. 7-8--"Through the Looking Glass" weekend for older lesbians. Cantabrigia Counseling Assoc., Box 80, N. Berwick 03906, 985-6696 (ans. service).

Mar. 8--Oxford Co. Nuclear Referendum Comm. meeting, 1 PM, S. Paris. Jane Crosby, Halls Pond, S. Paris 04281, 743-2423.

Mar. 8--International Women's Day.

Mar. 8--Statewide Coop Food Store Meeting, 10 AM (potluck lunch), Belfast Coop, 16 Main St., Belfast. Call 338-2532.

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Mar. 9--Amnesty International meeting, 7:30 PM, 79 Fessenden St., Portland 04103, 772-8832.

Mar. 11--Roland Ives speaks at Alliance for the Mentally Ill meeting, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Falmouth. AMI, Box 5196 Station A, Portland 04101.

Mar. 13--CALC meeting in Garland\*

Mar. 15--Coop Loan Fund meets in Palmyra\*

Mar. 15--Maine Writers/Publishers All. meets, Farnsworth Library, Rockland, 1 PM. MWPA, Box 143, S. Harpswell 04079.

Mar. 19--Poet May Sarton at Chase Hall, Bates College, Lewiston, 8 PM, free.

Mar. 20-22--Women's Wholistic Health Weekend, Birdsong Farm, Box 143, N. Berwick, 676-4038.

Mar. 21--"Film and Feast," two films by Abbott Meader, 5 PM (feast), 7 PM (films), E. Sangerville Grange. Call 876-2657.

Mar. 21--Prison forum in Portland\*

Mar. 22--Newsletter circus in Tenants Hbr\*

Mar. 24--"Birthing Alternatives," lecture for (soon-to-be) pregnant families, 7:30, YWCA, Portland. BABE, 892-2617, 774-2552.

Mar. 27-29--Patchwork Farm Homestead Weekend, self-sufficiency demonstrations & discussions. Ed Moore, RFD 1, Newport 04953.

Mar. 27-29--Buses to Three Mile Island\*

Mar. 28--Art Works for Safe Energy display. Shelter Institute, 38 Center, Bath.

April 1--April Fool's Day!

\*More details in this newsletter.

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