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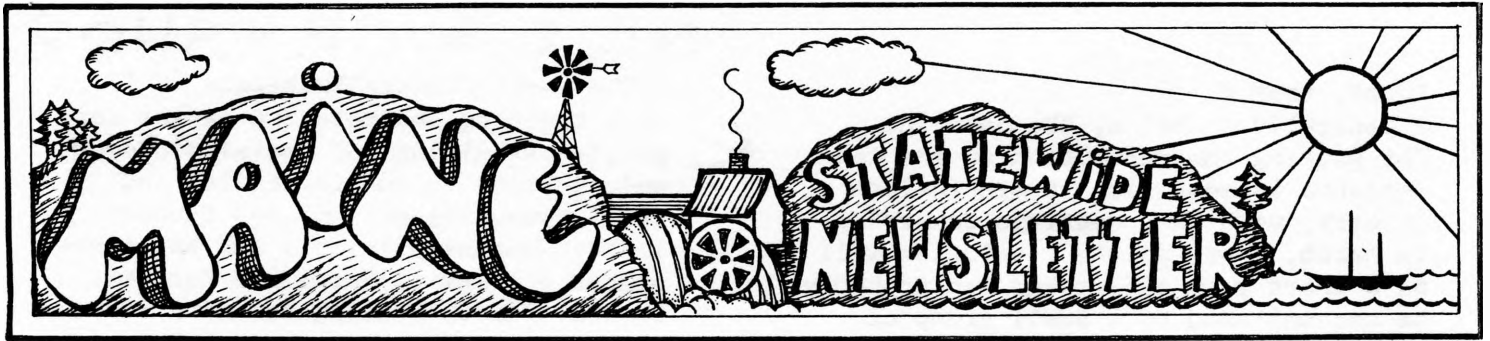
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Second Anniversary Issue

January, 1982

Freeze At Town Meeting ~ Freeze on the Farm

The latest strategy of the Call to Halt the Nuclear Arms Race campaign is to have local town meetings across the state discuss and hopefully support a resolution which reads:

"Shall the citizens of (your town) hereby request the President and Congress of the United States to take immediate action to halt the nuclear arms race, by proposing to the Soviet Union the adoption of a mutual freeze on all further testing, production, and deployment of nuclear weapons and their delivery systems.

And, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President, members of the Maine Congressional delegation, and our local state legislators, so that they will know of our concerns."

The "Call to Halt" campaign in Maine was initiated by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and continues with the support of Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned (CALC) and Pax Christi, (a Catholic peace organization), and the efforts of more than 20 groups working throughout the state. More than 10,000 signatures were collected by the petition campaign, which ended Dec. 15.

The Town Meeting (or city council) resolution is the next step, and it provides an opportunity to take the issue of the Freeze directly to local communities to further public awareness and discussion. Last year, three towns in New Hampshire and 18 in Vermont passed Nuclear Arms Freeze resolutions at their town meetings. Passage of the resolution will make visible broad public support and will lend strength to a proposed Legislative Resolution which will be considered by the state legislature later this spring. (cont P. 2)

The Agricultural Fair and Trades Show is an annual event sponsored by the Maine Dept. of Agriculture and presents an amazing variety of Maine farm life, everything from gigantic new tractors to baby chicks, and the interesting people who drive and raise them.

The MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association) day at this year's trade show, to be held at the Augusta Civic Center, is Tuesday, Jan. 12. MOFGA sessions start at 8:45 AM. Sixteen one-hour sessions are planned for the day, including: "Progress Report on Organic Research in Maine," "Acid Rain and Its Impact on Micro-Nutrients in Northern New England," "Innovative Energy Uses in Maine," "Food and Energy Adequate to Feed the Town (FEAST)," "Restructuring the Food System," "Farmers Markets in Maine," "Agricultural Land, A Prime Resource," "Planning for an Age of Scarcity," a slide show on a solar dairy barn and other ideas compiled by the Food and Rural Resources Division of the Dept. of Agriculture, and much more.

Besides educational programs, there will be free potato chip samples, lots of displays and booths with experts on various aspects of agriculture to talk informally with, and probably some shuckin' and jivin'.

There are two other days to the fair with other featured events (sheep, bees, dairy, etc), but MOFGA is in charge on the 12th. For a complete schedule or more info on the trades show, contact MOFGA, PO Box 188, Hallowell 04347, 622-3118. See you there.

(Cont. from P. 1)

Generally in Maine, the deadline for getting the resolution on the town warrants is some time in mid-to-late January, with town meetings occurring in March. Work on the resolution will be a short term effort and can probably be accomplished by a small group of people working together.

Petitioning is recommended as a way of introducing the article to the town, insuring its placement on the warrant, getting a sampling of local opinions and reactions to the issue, finding potential supporters for the bote, and adding to your working group. The resolution can also simply be added by a town official (like the clerk) if they are willing to cooperate.

The AFSC has put together an Organizer's Packet, a package of ideas and strategies to help make the Town Meeting Resolution a success. Persons interested in having a resolution introduced in their town/city are strongly urged to write to AFSC for an "Organizer's Packet." They also offer resources such as films, slide shows, and flyers. Any group or individuals who is interested in furthering public awareness on the Call to Halt movement may contact: AFSC/Maine Peace Program, PO Box 7097, Lewiston 04240, 772-0680.



Women Concerned, a Knox County (pre-dominantly) group educating people about the dangers of militarism and nuclear arms, is sponsoring a film series during January. The schedule is as follows:

Jan. 6--"War Without Winners," 7:30 PM, St. John/Baptist Episcopal Ch., Thomaston.
Jan. 15--"Day After Trinity," 7:30 PM Camden-Rockport High School.
Jan. 20--"Protection in the Nuclear Age" And "The Last Epidemic," 7:30, C-R H.S.
Jan. 30--"Eight Minutes to Midnight," w/Dr. Helen Caldicott, 2 PM, Depositors Trust Bldg., Rockland. Admission free to each film, but donations appreciated.

Discussions will follow each film. More on this series or Women Concerned from Nonie Valentine, c/o Gates, Hosmer Pond Rd., Camden 04843, 236-3633.

THIS SPACE IS A PRIME
EXAMPLE OF POOR JUDGEMENT

N.C.I. WORKSHOP

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The North Country Institute (NCI) is a training and resource center for people organizing for social and economic justice in smaller cities and rural communities. NCI was founded in New Hampshire in 1977 and has since opened offices in Maine and Vermont. In addition to holding training sessions in all three northern New England states, NCI works closely with community organizations by sponsoring or developing organizing projects.

NCI will hold two winter training sessions in 1982. A 1-day grassroots fundraising workshop on Jan. 18, 9-4 in Portland (Public Safety Building), and a 3-day training session called "Organizing in Smaller Cities and Rural Communities," Feb. 7-10, in East Sebago. The fundraising session costs \$25, the 3-day session costs \$200 (inc. meals, lodging, and materials), with some scholarships available.

The grassroots fundraising will focus on teaching how to raise money thru events, utilizing volunteers, building organization through fundraising, and making a grassroots fundraising plan for your group. The workshop is practical and does not deal with grantwriting or government funding. The philosophy is one of learning by doing.

The 3-day February session makes up NCI's core training program, with an emphasis on hands-on experience of trainers and participants. Trainees will have time to practice what they learn. Topics include: rural organizing tradition, organizing models, principles and strategies, facts and fiction about rural organizing, and leadership development. The location (Rockcraft Lodge) will allow participants a chance to talk outside workshop sessions to exchange ideas and experiences.

For information or to register: Ellen Fleischmann, NCI, PO Box 7484, Portland 04112, 775-3050. Pre-registration is required.

"Good judgment comes from experience, and experience--well, that comes from poor judgment."--Anonymous

Fedco Seeds Blossoms

As the winter deepens, it's time' once again to dream of July's blooms. What better way to banish icy thoughts than to pore over seed order sheets?

Fedco Seeds returns for its fourth season, offering bargains in untreated vegetable, herb, and flower seeds. For example, half pound packets of most pea seeds are still under a dollar, while smaller packets of most seed varieties are 20-35¢.

Fedco Seeds encourages individuals go order in groups by requiring a \$25 minimum order and offers discounts for orders over \$100. Orders are due by Fri., Jan. 29 with a last minute call-in to 872-9093 on Sat., Jan. 30.

Seeds will be ready the first and second weeks of March. By then, winter's ice will hopefully be only a memory. To get order sheets, or for questions, write Fedco Seeds, 52 Mayflower Hill Dr., Waterville 04901.

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INTERWEAVE

Organizers have announced the formation of INTERWEAVE, a support group for liberal lesbians and gay men throughout Maine. They want to go beyond the social scene to provide support for those struggling with the problems of sexual orientation and to bring people together for mutual support. Unlike Dignity, which ministers to Catholics, INTERWEAVE has no specific religious affiliation but seeks to serve any gay man or lesbian with a liberal personal, political, and/or religious perspectives.

INTERWEAVE will sponsor a potluck dinner and program on Sat., Jan. 16 (begin at 6 PM) at "A Two-You Too" (Allen Ave. Unitarian-Universalist Church) 524 Allen Ave., Portland. The program will feature a lesbian and gay man speaking on how their "coming out", being open about their sexual orientation has affected their professional lives.

For more info, INTERWEAVE, PO Box 215, Augusta 04330.

DEFFA-nitely GOOD

DEFFA (pronounced Dëffa) stands for DownEast Friends of the Folk Arts, a non-profit group formed to promote the folk arts--music, dancing, storytelling, etc. --in Maine. DEFFA has begun with (another!) newsletter chock full of concerts, dances, and other folk events around Maine. They also are providing a file of folk art performers and will match performers with sponsors and events.

DEFFA offers a free sample issue of its newsletter in January, though lack of funds will likely force them to charge after that. Two benefit concerts featuring DEFFA President Gordon Bok, VP Glenn Jenks, and Kendall Morse are among its own productions.

DEFFA needs people to send in folk arts listings for the newsletter so it can act more as a clearinghouse of information (such as the English Country Dance Workshop/ potluck,/ dance party in Brunswick on Jan. 16), DEFFA, c/o Cindy Larock, 461 College St., Lewiston 04240. 782-0386.

Singing For Amnesty

Folk singers Gordon Bok, County Down, and Nick Apollinio/Tom Judge will be featured at a benefit concert for Amnesty International Group #169 at 8:15 PM on Jan. 30 at the Pickard Theatre, Bowdoin College, Brunswick. General admission will be \$6, \$4 for students and elders, and a special \$15 patron ticket. Reservations go to AI USA #169, PO Box 116, Brunswick 04011 or call Bill Barker, 729-8023.

The 196AI group needs to expand their regular membership of 15-20. They have three major activities: 1) Sponsoring efforts to release prisoners of conscience in the USSR AND Pakistan; 2) The AI Disappearances Campaign (putting pressure on countries with many disappearing people); 3) Urgent actions--letters on behalf of prisoners in emergency situations.

The next AI 169 meeting is Jan. 11 (and each second Monday), 7:30 PM, at 254 Maine St., Brunswick.

MORE NO NUKES WHO CARES?

The Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee (MNRC) reports that it has received about 19,000 certified, verified signatures, far short of its goal of 45,000. Anyone with petitions is urged to get them certified and turned in to MNRC by Jan. 17, 1982, the date of MNRC's annual meeting. MNRC also needs people willing to either gather more signatures or take petitions to local registrars of voters to be certified. If you can help, please contact MNRC immediately at PO Box 2627, Augusta 04330, 622-4395.

MNRC invites anyone interested in helping to plan its continuing campaign for a nuclear-free Maine to come to its annual meeting on Sun., Jan. 17 at Jewett Hall, Univ. of Maine, Augusta (wheelchair accessible), from 10:30 AM-5:30 PM. A new board of directors will be elected, there will be strategizing on future directions for MNRC, and several movies.

EVERYTHING!

"Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Reaganomics...But Were Afraid to Ask" is not the title of a new booklet from the COIN (Consumers Opposed to Inflation in the Necessities) campaign (actually, it's called "Questions about the Reagan Economic Program & Answers about America's Future"), but that's what the booklet tries to do.

It strongly condemns and disagrees with the Reagan economic strategy, seeing supply side economics (economic growth), large tax cuts, and increased military spending as an impossible combination. They are also critical of large tax cuts for big business and the reducing of environmental and health safeguards.

The entertaining and easy-to-read booklet, generously interspersed with cartoons and charts, is available for the special Reaganomics price of \$2 or more from the National Center for Economic Alternatives, 122 State St., Augusta 04330, 622-5863. Make it a New Year's present to yourself or to someone who isn't working.

Among those groups recently arisen from the dead is We Who Care, Portland's welfare rights organization and advocate for underdog children, women, and men of Cumberland County. Founded in 1970, the group was active in United Low Income and consistently squared off against the Dept. of Human Services, the city of Portland, and other government or welfare agencies which it felt were not adequately meeting the needs of Portland's low-income community.

When government funding ran out, the group disbanded, but with a little financial help from Maine's Quaker community, they are going again. Meetings are every other Thursday, Jan 7 and 21, at 7:30 PM at Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodfords, Portland. Besides the usual needs of more members and money, they want volunteers for fund-raising, advocacy, canvassing, and lobbying. Contacts are Bob Philbrook, 295 Capisic, Portland 04102, 772-5636, and Geri Brown, 9 Hastings St., Portland 04102, 773-5491.

Combining Energies

The Maine Energy and Environment Alliance is an effort to bring together activists from around the state for a comprehensive teach-in on many different aspects of these issues (agriculture, forestry, pesticides, mining, nuclear power, air/water pollution, native tribal issues, international environmental issues, etc.) and their effects on Maine communities and the state. There will be no cost.

Films, workshops, speakers, and exhibits are all scheduled tentatively for Feb. 26-28 on the Univ. of Maine, Orono campus. Event organizers are seeking exhibitors to set up displays of information or products, want endorsement statements from groups, and would like suggestions of speakers or panelists for various workshop topics.

More details next month. In the meantime, try Arthur Pritzker, 34 Middle St., Orono 04473, 866-2202, or Tom Smith, 866-2412.

Starks Grows More Than Just Corn / MOCHA help for you?

"Community Development" usually means low-income housing or big corporate jobs programs or federal funding, but the Starks Human Development Project (HDP) has its own definition for the small community of Starks, near Farmington.

Beginning several years ago as a project of the ICA (Institute for Cultural Affairs), the project has overcome accusations of questionable religious connections and of being "out-of-staters" who didn't know what Starks people really want. Project workers are still not totally accepted, but the town has adjusted to them.

The cornshop, a large empty building until 1979, now houses 3 businesses--a woodworking shop, a general store, and a craft store. Foundation money and some local contributions were used to rehabilitate the building. Sixteen new jobs have been created as a result. Town residents have formed the Starks Enterprises Corp., a community development corp. to encourage business development. There is room for more tenants in the cornshop. Any takers?

A community room in the cornshop has been created for community activities. The project has encouraged a sense of celebration within the town, and contradances, winter carnivals, holiday parties and a rural fair have been held.

The Starks Voice, a monthly mimeographed sheet, catalogs many of the birthdays each month and offers gossip, announcements, town government info, and an events calendar.

For more on this kind of grassroots community development (with an emphasis on "community," write to Starks HDP, RFD 1 Box 680, Starks 04911 or call 696-4688.

A Party in Orono

About fifty people attended the first organizing meeting of the Women's Party for Survival in the Bangor-Orono area in early December. A second gathering, on Jan. 29, 7:30 PM, at the Orono Community Center, will emphasize interest groups which will hopefully develop projects on topics like working with children, taxes, outreach, self-education, and legislation. WPS: Emily Wesson, 22 Pond St., Orono 04473, 866-3503.

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Are you baffled by payroll taxes, puzzled by partonage refunds, confused about workers' compensation, befuddled by bookkeeping, dazed by consensus decision-making? Does your cooperative, worker-run collective, or alternative organization need technical assistance in these or other areas?

MOCHA, Inc. needs to know what those technical assistance needs are. They are distributing a survey to identify those needs and to identify persons willing to offer technical assistance to alternative organizations. MOCHA Inc. (formerly Maine Organization for Cooperative Assistance) hopes to raise at least \$20,000-30,000 to provide loan capital for these businesses and to offer cut-rate technical assistance as well.

For a copy of the survey or to offer your services, contact Susy Ellis, 14 Water St., Thomaston 04860, 354-8185.

Better Life on Credit

Although the federal government is no longer supporting Community Development Credit Unions, Better Life is still trying to form a credit union for people in the Pearson Lane area of Biddeford, using geographic residence as a common bond. An outgrowth of the County Wide Interest Committee (CWIC), the credit union process has been anything but quick (their application is awaiting action by the National Credit Union Administration).

Undaunted, Tom Farrell would like to speak to groups about community-based or low-income credit unions, seeing their one person-one vote (rather than one dollar-one vote) principle as being much better than a bank. Contact Tom at 49 N. Main St., Sanford 04073, 324-9434 if you'd like him to speak.

Another community development resource in York County is Doub Babkirk, who wants to offer his services to groups interested in community organizing and problem solving around local issues. He's at the Cooperative Extension Service, Court House Annex, Alfred 04002, 324-2814.

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"I will act as if I do make a difference"

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Moose Produce.
Worker-run, second to none.
Haul to Mass? Service fast.
If you've got a load, it'll get on
the road.
Foom they don't lack, unless coop food
comes back.
Something to haul? Give them a call.
(873-2540 or write 8 Boutelle in
Waterville tomorrow).

CO-OP Workshop

Not every conflict situation has to have losers as well as winners, according to Keith Cook, who will conduct a workshop on "Effective Conflict Management, Everyone a Winner," sponsored by the Federation of Cooperatives. Cook will use Dr. Thomas Gordon's Leader Effectiveness Training as a model to encourage more effective resolutions of conflicts and, indirectly, to help people involved in consensus decision-making to improve their ability to make such decisions better.

The workshop will be held at St. Mark's Church, Eustis Parkway, Waterville, on Jan. 30 from 10-5. Preregistration fee of \$3 (inc. lunch) is due by Jan. 15 to Federation of Coops, Box 236, N. Vassalboro 04962, 872-7930. All coops are urged to have a member attend.

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Everything You Wanted to Know About Boycotts; (but ...)

The boycott has often been a powerful weapon in the struggle for social justice. It has helped bring better working conditions to migrant and seasonal farm workers, protested racial injustice through absence from the Olympic games and racist businesses and exposed exploitive, unhealthy marketing of infant formula to third world mothers. Although it has been utilized throughout history, the boycott has become one of the most popular and powerful weapons for fighting oppression in recent years.

With the number of boycotts increasing, it has become harder and harder to observe them and not mistakenly buy a boycotted product or service. It's no wonder several newsletter readers asked for clarification of various boycotts on their feedback/subscription forms.

So here is a brief summary of the major boycotts in the U.S. today, thanks in large part to information provided by the Boycott Census:

One of the better known is the boycott against Nestle Corporation products, including Neslets, Nescafe, Tasters' Choice, Pero, Libby's, Souptime, Stouffer's, Wispride, and other food products. Nestle promotes infant formula in Third World countries and has refused requests to stop active promotion of the formula to women where conditions are unsanitary and breast-feeding is far healthier.

Although an infant formula code was approved 118-1 (the U.S. was the only "no" vote) promoting breast-feeding rather than infant formula, the code is only advisory and formula companies like Nestle continue to sell their products. Actress Linda Kelsey has stated that infant malnutrition caused by improper formula use kills more children every 5 days than the total of American deaths in the Vietnam War. The boycott, now being conducted in over 40 countries, has reduced profits by about 16% and focused worldwide attention on the infant formula issue. For details: INFACF, 1701 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, Minn. 55414.

The September, 1981 issue of this newsletter featured a long article on the boycott of Campbell's and Libby's (yes, Libby's again) products by the Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC). In summary, FLOC efforts to form a farm workers labor union has been thwarted by processors, especially Campbell's and Libby's, which are unwilling to negotiate with them directly for a decent wage. Besides boycotting Libby's/Nestles and Campbell's products (Campbell's soups, V-8, Vlasic pickles, Bounty soups, Franco-American, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson's, Recipe Pet Food, and more), FLOC is urging schools not to participate in the Labels for Education Program, where schools trade Campbell's labels for school equipment. FLOC needs staff help as well (a subsistence salary is offered). Write FLOC, 714½ S. St. Clair, Toledo, Ohio 43609.

The United Farm Workers (UFW), led by Cesar Chavez, is now boycotting the Red Coach Lettuce of Bruce Church Co. (recently spotted at Shop 'N Save Supermarkets). The Red Coach story (Maggio carrots are also included) is similar to Campbell's/Libby's--workers who want to organize for better wages and working conditions meeting resistance from the company. (Farm workers are not covered under National Labor Relations legislation and therefore feel boycotts offer them a better opportunity for getting better wages and working conditions.) UFW's New England office is at 120 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. 02116.

A recent Ralston-Purina (dog/cat chow, Chex cereals, Chicken of the Sea) boycott by the UFW, caused by a refusal to negotiate with a recently elected UFW union in a company-owned mushroom factory, was just settled in near record time, as was a Coca-Cola boycott in support of Minute-Maid (o. j.) workers.

Rounding out the food category is Texus and Big Tex citrus fruit (oranges and grapefruit), Frank Perdue's chickens, and Coors Beer. The latter two, supported by the AFL-CIO, involve poor working conditions and a strike,

(cont. from previous page) respectively. The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union is leading the Perdue boycott. The Texas Farmworkers Union, PO Box 876, San Juan, Tex. 78589 wants recognition from Texsun/Big Tex.

The Animal Welfare Institute is sponsoring a boycott of all Japanese, Norwegian, and Soviet products because of the support by these countries for commercial whaling. Help "save the whales" by not buying items made in these countries, such as some vodka brands, Jarlsberg cheese (made in Norway although no longer made by Nestle), and various Japanese cars, electronic equipment, etc., etc. Look for "Made in Japan/USSR/Norway" on the product label.

If you're a tourist, you can eliminate Guatemala and 15 states in the U. S. from your plans. The 8th Day Center for Justice, 22 E. Van Buren, Chicago, Ill. 60605, is sponsoring a tourism boycott of Guatemala because of gross human rights violations and the violence pervasive in the country. A few others like El Salvador, Chad, and Libya might fall into that category, too.

The National Organization for Women's (NOW) boycott of states which have not ratified the Equal Rights Amendment continues, with some success. They are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, N. Carolina, Oklahoma, S. Carolina, Utah, and Virginia. Write NOW, 425 13th St. NW, Washington, DC 20004 for details and addresses of state chambers of commerce (to register your protest). There is also a National NOW ERA Message Brigade, costing only \$2, which helps update people on how to support the ERA. Write to NOW for details.

Tourism in Florida is also being boycotted by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, because it recently reinstated the death penalty. FOR, Box 271, Nyack, NY 10960 also has cards to send to Florida's governor telling him why you're not on the beach with the rest of the vacationers.

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If you do vacation, don't fly New York Air, a subsidiary of Texas International Airlines, which was set up to avoid recognition of an employee organization affiliated with the Airline Pilot's Association. Write to Corporate Campaign, 59 Temple Place, Boston, Mass. 02111 for details.

The American Committee on Africa is discouraging people from doing business with banks which have investments in South Africa. It is unlikely that credit unions or smaller savings banks would be involved, but larger commercial banks (Canal, Depositors Trust, Casco, Merrill, Mortheast, Maine National) may have direct or indirect investments in the country. Find out your own institution's policy on this.

Finally, a boycott is underway against General Electric (by Citizens Against a Radioactive Environment--CARE) because of GE's heavy investment in nuclear technology (both power and weapons). The effort is international, with groups in Canada, Sweden, Germany, Brazil, and Spain among other nations. So look at those light bulbs before you buy them.

For a complete list of boycotts (there are a few we didn't mention) or for details/addresses not provided here, by far the best source of info is the Boycott Census, RFD 1 Box 3445, Norway 04268, temporary phone 617-BIRDBUS. Send them a little \$ and they'll send you boycott updates about every 2-3 months.

Barter Book

The Barter Book (as we had guessed in last month's article on barter groups) is out and available for \$3.95 from the New England Barter Group, Box 30, Standish 04084, 637-2381.

Besides a 3-state (Me., N.H., Mass.) listing of barterers, the book profiles a few participants and gives some practical points (do's and don't's and how-to's) about bartering. The 42-page book offers 80-90 Mainers with what they have to offer and what they'd like to get in exchange.

SHOULD this newsletter print calendar events for items such as a Light Force Spirulina slide show, which one reader described as "snake oil hucksterism"? Should it take positions on controversial issues like the Human Life Amendment? Is it too dry, too black and white, or too something else? Is it fulfilling its purposes? What potential does it have for facilitating a network of progressive and social change groups in Maine? Are there others willing to help put the newsletter out so those involved in it don't suffer burnout?

Although not much interest has been expressed in a newsletter review committee, it is important to offer an opportunity for readers to become more involved and have control over the publication they support and read.

So, another meeting, this one to form a review committee for this newsletter, to be held on Wed., Jan 13 (snow date Jan. 14) 6PM potluck dinner, & 7PM discussion, at the home of Janis Donovan, 6 Silver Terrace (off Silver St. just above the corner of Silver and Elm), Waterville, 873-2589. If you're interested but can't make it that night, call or write Janis and express your interests or ideas. After all, "everybody's paper is nobody's paper", but this paper is your paper.

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3 more months until Tax Day, April 15, 1982, and it's beginning to bother people who are working/ wanting/ praying for peace but find themselves paying for war through their incomes. Over 50% of the 1982 budget will be going toward past, present, and future wars and weapons.

Although war tax resistance has been an unpublicized activity of a few hardy souls who have either refused to pay part or all of their tax bill or have lowered their income to below taxable levels (not hard to do in this state and economy), more people are beginning to realize its importance both as a personal action and as an organized way of resisting the war machine mentality.

Two potluck suppers with a focus on tax resistance/refusal are planned for January. In Orono, Karen Harlan, 33 Forest Ave. (866-3291) will host a dinner (bring a dish) at 6 PM on Mon. Jan 18, followed by a discussion on tax options and a sharing of experience by persons who have refused or resisted taxes. A similar event will be held on Thurs., Jan. 21 at CR Lawn's house, 52 Mayflower Hill Dr., Waterville (872-9093), supper at 6 and discussion beginning about 7. Tax activists hope to bring an expert to Maine later this spring for a series of tax clinics on this issue.

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What do you like most about the newsletter? What so you like least about it? Can you send us information on topics we don't adequately cover? If there are others who would like to receive this newsletter, please include their names and correct mailing addresses.

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mailing _____
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(Listings with numbers following have more details on that page number)

Dec. 31-Jan. 1--Northern Lambda Nord
New Years Eve celebration. NLN, Box 990
Caribou 04736.

Jan. 7, 21--We Who Care meets in Port. (4)

Jan. 11--Amnesty Int'l meets in Bruns. (3)

Jan. 12--MOFGA Trade Show Day (1)

Jan. 13--Newsletter Review Committee meeting in Waterville (9)

Jan. 13--Garrell Mullaney speaks to Alliance for Mentally Ill, 7:30 PM, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Falmouth. AMI, Box 5196, Station A, Portland 04101, 773-2718.

Jan. 13--Democratic Socialist Organizing Committee meets, 7 PM, 9 Broad St. #32, Bangor. Russ Christensen, 77 Central St., Bangor 04401, 942-4608.

Jan. 16--INTERWEAVE at $A^2 U^2$ (3)

Jan. 17--MNRC annual and petition signature gathering meeting in Augusta (4)

Jan. 18--Grassroots fundraising work-
shop in Portland (2)

Jan. 18, 21--Tax potlucks in Orono,
Waterville (9)

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Jan. 22-24--"Working with Discipline and Silence," with Sandra Harris, meditation and silence for self-awareness/control, \$95, at Birdsong Farm, N. Berwick. Lynn Langmuir, 29 Wendall, Cambridge, Ma, 02138.

Jan. 24--Newsletter circus in Kents Hill (10)

Jan. 29--Violence: It Can Happen to You, with film "Killing Us Softly" at Jewett Hall, Univ. of Me., Augusta, 10-3. Displaced Homemakers, Stoddard House, UMA Augusta 04330, 800-452-1947.

Jan. 29--Women's Party for Survival
meets in Orono (5)

Jan. 29-30--Fedco Seed Order deadline (3)

Jan. 30--Amnesty Int'l benefit concert
in Brunswick (3)

Jan. 30--"Everyone a Winner" workshop
in Waterville (6)

Feb. 7-10--"Organizing in Smaller Cities
and Rural Communities" in Sebago (2)

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OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER CIRCUS FOR 1982
will be in Kents Hill at the home of
Marion Dunham (on Rt. 17 just past the
Kents Hill School). We'll start at 1
PM on Sun., Jan. 24. Bring your fast
fingers. A potluck supper will follow.
Call Marion, 685-4524 if you can help.

Well, close, but no cigar. We almost reached our money and subscription goals (\$3,800 and 1,000 subs) but not quite with \$3,766.50 and 920 subscriptions received. Thanks to all who helped us come so close, and hopefully it will be better next year! All sub forms returned from now on will be credited for the 1982 subscription year.

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