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PERVERT #1

"None of this News is Fit to Print"

April, Fools,

MAINE YANKEE DISPLACED HOMEMAKER PROJECT!

Saturday, April 24 has been picked by Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company officials as the day of the scheduled controlled meltdown of the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Plant in Wiscasset.

"This is the first controlled meltdown in the history of mankind," said Maine Yankee spokesperson Ronald MacBungle. "No one else in the industry has had the guts to try it before. We felt it was necessary to dispel the myths about meltdowns, though--they're killing business."

When asked what would be controlled about the meltdown, MacBungle said, "The use of the word controlled means that we will know exactly when the meltdown will take place--we're starting it deliberately, after all. Beyond that, though, we have no idea what will happen. We're going to let nature take her course."

The week of April 17-24 has been declared "Evacuate Maine Week" by Governor Joe Groundhog. All residents within a 100 mile radius are required, by law, to move somewhere else. Those not willing to move will be shot on sight. The state capital will be moved from Augusta to Fort Kent. L.L. Bean's, however, in a special "friend of the industry" clause in the law, was given permission to stay open at its Freeport location for business as usual.

Referring to the decision to leave Bean's exactly where it is, the Governor, at his "Farewell Disgusta" press conference, said, "It would be devastating to the state's economy if we did otherwise."

Neither the Governor, nor Maine Yankee officials, were willing to say how long the evacuated area would be uninhabitable. "one reason we're doing the test," said MacBungle, "is to find that out. Industry projections do show, however, that everything should be back to normal within half a million years."

In a related development last week, the PUC approved a plan to raise consumer's electric bills by 35,000% over the next year in order to help pay for the costs of rebuilding Maine Yankee. "Not to do so," MacBungle had warned at the hearings, "would leave Maine dangerously reliant on foreign oil."



ATTENTION READERS IN BOMBAY, INDIA!

The next Pervert newsletter collating circus is taking place in your town on Sunday, April 25. We hope you can join us for what promises to be the longest collating circus on record, two or three lifetimes, at least! Participants should bring their own stapler, address labels and elephant.



ON FRIDAY, APRIL 30 there will be a workshop on "Delegating Irresponsibility." (Sorry, but we don't have a location or contact person for this one).

FAMOUS QUOTE #1: "You can't always get what you want"--Jag

Be Cause, be cause, be cause...

Set aside some time for a very special organization just getting going in Maine-- CAUSAHOLICS ANONYMOUS. Members claim that this is the group to end all groups.

Meetings are held Mon., Tues., Weds., Thurs., Fri., Sat., & Sun. from 7 am to 7 am, etc. They feature potluck suppers, potluck lunches, potluck breakfasts, potluck snacks & get this, potluck brunch every Sunday.

For the serious causaholic there's a graduate seminar which trains you to raise funds, consciousness & eyebrows simultaneously.

"This is a little different from other -holic anonymouses," said one spokesperson, "Rather than teaching our members to take one day at a time, we let them know that they're getting it all, everyday, from now on and that's it."

Friends & family are encouraged to join CAUSE-ANON since there's little likelihood of ever seeing the causaholic again.

For further information, contact any of the contacts for any of the other groups ever listed in the newsletter. 9 out of 10 are causaholics and they know it.

"Don't expect help, tho," said one. "We are all too busy to be able to do anything."

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The Governor announced last week that a new industry is coming to Maine. The company, which is growing rapidly, and promises a quarter million new jobs for Maine people, manufactures an inexpensive and most effective FUNDRAISER DETECTOR. Mounted on the dash of your car, it is said to pick up signals within 1 mile (not to be confused with that unscrupulous little box used to detect radar, of course). Owners say it is well worth the \$9,999.95. For 5 cents extra you can get an attachment that will also warn you about upcoming spaghetti dinners.

SPIRULINA POWDER IS IN!

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FAMOUS QUOTE #23489: "Things are less unlike they aren't then than they've never been since."--General Ike.

TIDAL PROJECT DISASTER GETS RELIEF FROM MOON. The Cobscook Bay Tidal Project, which last week flooded the upper third of the state, showed signs, at last, of receding. Thanks to a battalion of 1,000 Army Corps of Engineers' nuclear rockets which crashed into the moon, our sister planet was pushed back as far as the orbit of Mars. As a result, tides have receded drastically such that the ocean, in Maine, is back where it is supposed to be. Residents of Japan are reportedly quite happy by the change in the moon's orbit. They can now walk to China.



MUFGA (Maine Union of Flingers & Guffawers Allied) is sponsoring its annual manure pitching contest at the State House, in Augusta, on Thurs April 8 from 9am-5pm (provided there is no freeze that day!) Alternate energy freaks are urged to attend. MUFGA is the most energetic mishmash of flingers & guffawers in the state; not to mention the fact that their fuel is generated right on the spot.

SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE UPDATE: We're well on our way toward reaching our goal of 4,000 subscribers! Thanks to the 2 people who sent in 25¢ last month! And although we appreciate the sentiments of the anonymous Wytopotlock reader who sent us his accumulated lifetime earnings of cracker-jack box prizes, we generally do not have much use for that kind of stuff. In this case, however, we donated the prizes to our favorite local charity and took a well-deserved \$45,000 tax write-off.

FAMOUS PEOPLE who read the PERVERT newsletter: Andre The Seal, Chester Greenwood, the FBI, Janina Lewandowska, Pam Smith, Larry Dansinger, the KGB, Woody Allen, Our mother, Your mother, Bugs Bunny, the CIA, Linda Jones, and the Holy Ghost.



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APRIL FOOL ISSUE

April 1982

Platform For Change

The Campaign for Economic Opportunity kicks off publicly in Maine in April. The Campaign, sponsored by MAIN (Maine Assn. of Interdependent Neighborhoods) wants to present a platform, like a poor people's bill of rights, to congressional and gubernatorial, (and maybe legislative) candidates running in the June 8 primary. What is their response to proposed budget cuts which take disproportionately from poor and older citizens? They hope to find out and publicize the candidates' position.

The Campaign also has developed a platform for producing more jobs, economic opportunities, better housing, and energy conservation programs which it hopes to get candidate endorsement for. Copies of the platform will be available after April 1. A training seminar will be held on April 8, all day, at the Ramada Inn in Auburn (490 Pleasant St.) to help persons concerned about low-income issues to use this platform, to organize candidates' nights, to register voters, and to help implement the campaign. A questionnaire concerning this platform will be sent to all congressional/governor candidates for a response.

To help out locally on the campaign, to get a copy of the platform, or to attend the seminar, call:

Judy Guay (Bangor), 947-7404
 Gayle Burdick (Biddeford), 282-6746
 Ken Bragg (Lewiston-Auburn), 786-3304
 Diane Shorey (Augusta), 622-2180
 Jim Oliver (Portland), 775-0105
 Al Smith, 190 Front St., Bath, 443-5505

Does The IRS Tax You?

Well, Tax Time is almost upon us, and for those who for reasons of conscience or religious beliefs, do not like to pay taxes to the Pentagon, the major question is whether to pay under protest, to withhold part of their taxes, or to refuse to pay anything at all.

Maine Citizens against Payment of War Taxes will hold a tax counseling clinic on April 1, Thurs., 7:30 PM at Preble Chapel, 331 Cumberland Ave., Portland. The clinic will provide information, support and counseling for those considering some sort of protest or non-payment. Information on the group or clinic is available by calling 773-8262.

Further north, the usual April 15 leafletting in Bangor will be held again this year to protest the large amount of tax money going to the Pentagon and the pittance for human services needs. Flyers will be passed out at the main post office on Harlow St. from 11:30 to 1 PM or so, with the possibility of a press conference as well. To join the action, contact Karen Harlan, 33 Forest Ave., Orton 04473, 866-3291 or just come to the PO. A similar event may be held in Waterville. Carol Lee Servetnick, 8 Boutelle Ave., Waterville 04901, 873-2540 will have details.

Libertarian Party members will also be at some post offices on April 15 to spread a message of rebellion against all taxes. State chair Mary Denzer, RFD 3 Box 1020, Wiscasset 04578, 882-7915, 443-6244 has details.

New Planks for the Platform

The Mt. Vernon and Vienna Democratic town committees, meeting jointly on Mar. 17, endorsed these platform proposals:

- (1) The Democratic Party urges that the government: (a) encourage negotiations between the Salvadoran government and the FDR which will provide the only possible bases for free elections; (b) stop all military aid to El Salvador, which only prolongs the killing and discourages the government from negotiating; (c) cease covert activity aimed at overthrowing the government of Nicaragua; (d) resume humanitarian aid for the reconstruction of Nicaragua following negotiated non-aggression pacts between the US and Nicaragua and between Nicaragua and its neighbors.
- (2) We support the struggle of the Polish people against authoritarian oppression and condemn the Reagan administration's inadequate response to the imposition of martial law.
- (3) We strongly urge the US government to prohibit the sale or provision of drugs, products, and chemicals banned in the US to other countries.
- (4) We support a mutual, verifiable nuclear arms freeze with the Soviet Union.
- (5) Because we favor a free-enterprise economic system, we support rigid price controls on petroleum products which are currently priced by an international cartel.
- (6) We strongly support the endorsement of the upcoming nuclear referendum as worded in the current proposed platform.

The Mt. Vernon-Vienna group urges members of the Democratic Party to express support for any or all of these planks to the platform committee, by contacting the State Democratic Party headquarters, 2 Central Plaza, Augusta 04330, 622-6233 as soon as possible.

Delegates to the party convention (May 12-14) interested in organizing around issues mentioned above can contact Peter Devine, RFD 1 Box 2995, Mt. Vernon 04352, 293-2202 (work). If there is sufficient interest, a meeting will be arranged for late April/early May to plan for the convention, so contact him if you want to work on this effort.

Lobbying NETWORK

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NETWORK, a Catholic social justice lobby based in Washington, DC, will offer an "Election '82 Workshop" for persons hoping to have social justice and peace as important issues in the 1982 elections. Workshops will be on May 1, 1-4:30, at McAuley High School, 631 Stevens, Portland, and on May 2, 1-4:30, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Outer Ohio St., Bangor. Cost for the workshop is only \$2.

Nancy Sylvester, chief lobbyist for NETWORK, will discuss social justice teachings, the military budget and human needs, bringing peace to the local level, and how to lobby for change in 1982. Although the workshop will be especially helpful for those with a religious perspective, it is open to anyone.

Contacts for registration or details are Sr. Claire Deroche, 242 Walton St., Portland 04103, 797-4895, or Mike Stone, DHRS, 95 Main St., Orono 04473, 866-4903.

C.D. for the U.N.

The United Nations Special Session on Disarmament doesn't begin until early June, but plans for civil disobedience to demonstrate the urgency of world wide disarmament began months ago. Tentative plans are for demonstrations on June 14 at each of the 5 UN missions of countries with nuclear weapons--China, France, Great Britain, USSR, and USA. There will be blockades at each mission entrance (hence the title, "Blockade the Bombmakers"), with participants prepared to be arrested. A list of demands centering around the theme, "Set the dates for a nuclear-free world" is being prepared.

Efforts have begun to form New England affinity groups to participate in the action. Among those helping to train people are Ken Jason and Charles Ewing of SEADS. (SEADS is still doing seminars on solar energy/solar construction and will be doing one on wind energy in the spring. They invite inquiries about these seminars.) Persons interested in more information about the civil disobedience at the UN can write to Charles Ewing at SEADS, RFD 1 Box 136A, Georgetown Rd., Harrington 04643.

NEW ENGLANDERS FOR PEACE is sponsoring a march for peace and disarmament from Portsmouth-Kittery Naval Shipyard to Pease Air Force Base on May 16. A Maine contingent is being organized. Contact Cynthia Remick, 83 Beckett St., Portland 04101, 772-6594 to get involved.

Music As Poetry, Poetry as Music

Two big events are coming up this month at the University of Maine, Augusta. 3
First is the Maine Poets' Festival, from Friday, April 23 to Sunday, April 25. The festival will include readings, workshops, discussions, musical interludes, and books for sale.

The poets' festival was conceived in 1978 to provide a forum for poets and to offer contemporary Maine poetry to the public. The event will open with a reception at 7 PM Friday, followed by readings in Jewett Hall Auditorium. Readings are also scheduled for 1 PM Sat. and Sun. Workshops on "Small Presses and Self-Publishing" and others are planned for Saturday morning. Terry Plunkett at UMA, 800-452-1947 has more info.

And if you don't make it to the poets' festival, don't go away!! The following Monday at 1 PM is the beginning of UMA's Spring Jazz Festival. From Mon. to Wed. about 30 groups and vocalists will present pre- and post-Coltrane era jazz tunes in a concert setting. Student ensemble performances begin each day at 1 PM and last until 5 PM. Admission is free to all afternoon performances. Evening concerts begin at 7 PM and will feature professionals from around the state.

Monday, Ap. 26--Barbara London & John Hunter; Brad Terry & Friends.

Tuesday, Ap. 27--UMA recording band, "Bill & the Studios"; Joy Spring

Wednesday, Ap. 28--UMA Jazz on Tour, Les Voix du Jazz, Husson College Big Band.

Donations to benefit the UMA music department will be accepted for the evening concerts. All performances will be in Jewett Hall auditorium. Call 800-452-1947 x 217 for more info.

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"Destabilize Haig and Reagan"--proposed bumper sticker

It Will Be a Breeze

The Maine Wind Energy Association will convene an all day seminar and field trip to inspect working windmills on April 10 as part of their second annual WINDAY. The annual meeting will be held in the Kennebunk Town Hall beginning at 9 AM, when wind energy experts will present short discussions on the installation, operation, and economics of home wind machines. After lunch, tours of several different types of wind generators in the Kennebunk area will be conducted, with site visits to both independent and utility tied systems. A \$10 fee will be asked to cover meeting expenses. WINDAY, Box 257, Cutler 04626 or call 259-4437.

Making a Big Difference

Can you make a difference in your town? Daniel Montague thinks you can, and he is trying to find as many people as possible in Belfast who will believe that and take responsibility for making it a better place. His idea is called the "Belfast and I Are Making a Difference Project."

It is a simple idea, one that could be tried in many other towns. Town residents are asked to make a personal commitment to their town by filling out a card. The card asks if the resident will vote in town elections, attend town government meetings, patronize town businesses, pick up trash, or make other contributions to the town. These cards are distributed and returned to the project mailing address.

To get a card and a brief description of the idea, contact Daniel Montague, Box 434, Belfast 04915, 338-4648.

Hony Stills

"Stony Hills" #11 offers a special 8-page section on nuclear power edited by Mark Melnicove. The Nuke Review Section is intended as a primer on nuclear power and weapons, and it offers excerpts from approximately 35 books and publications available today on the subject. Very interesting. Voices from Three Mile Island, by Robert Leppzer, tells the story of the accident at TMI thru the words of 13 people who live near the reactor. The Nugget File is a collection of excerpts from a secret file on nuclear power accidents and safety defects kept by a senior NRC official. Bet you never knew about Nuclear Terror Junk Novels either. This Stony Hills nuke issue is a good look at the world of nukes and a reminder that they are still out there. Send for your very own copy from Stony Hills, Weeks Mills, New Sharon 04955 for \$1.50 + 50¢ post.

Seal of Approval

Andre the Seal doesn't say much, but he has an important message for all of us. "Animals won't survive a nuclear war," because they will be incinerated or because the ecology in which they live will be destroyed. There is no hiding place for animals, and any that humans construct won't be much better. Andre will be swimming with this message from south of Boston (leaving April 13) to Rockport, Maine.

Andre will be part of a Swimathon, sponsored by Maine People Concerned. The Swimathon is where people give money to their favorite peace organization for yards and miles swum (swimmed?) by animals and humans. Will you donate money to a local or state-wide peace group? Would you like to buy a T-shirt inscribed with "Andre Swims for Peace?"

For details on the Swimathon or to help welcome peaceful Andre to Maine later in April, contact Inez Daniel, 10 Union St., Camden 04843, 236-2740.

Ground Zero is a non-partisan, educational week, April 18-25, to help Americans confront and respond to fears and frustrations about the threat of nuclear war. Broad-based groups have formed in three areas--Augusta, Bangor, and Portland--to bring Ground Zero to their communities.

In Augusta, the Kennebec Journal will do a series on nuclear weapons and Channel 10 will run 30-second interviews of Maine people's thoughts on the subject every 30 minutes during the week.

Bangor will have clergy preaching sermons on the subject, a forum in Old Town, a silent vigil, and speakers from Physicians for Social Responsibility. Similar kinds of events are planned for the Portland and Brunswick areas.

Contacts: Charles O'Leary, Maine AFL-CIO, 72 Center, Brewer, 989-3630 (Bangor area)
Arthur Whitman, MOFGA, Box 188, Hallowell 04347, 622-3118 (Augusta area)
Rep. Larry Connelly, 273 Danforth, Portland 04102, 772-0202 (Portland area)

April March

The World Peace March remains on schedule, with Japanese nuns, monks, and lay people and Americans beginning their walk on March 31 (from Indian Island) and April 1 (from Bangor) on their way to the UN Special Session on Disarmament. They will be stopping in 13 towns and cities as they wind their way thru Maine, reaching Portsmouth, N. H. on April 16. The route includes Etna (night of April 1), Pittsfield (2), Waterville (3-4), Augusta/Gardiner (5-6), Wiscasset (7), Bath (8), Brunswick (9), Freeport (10), Portland (11-12), Biddeford (13), Kennebunk (14), York (15), Kittery-Portsmouth (16).

Ceremonies and presentations of slides and pictures of Hiroshima after the atomic bomb was dropped in 1945 are planned for almost every stop. Marchers will speak in churches, give interviews, and publicize the UN Special Session. Look for an evening event in your area.

Persons interested in marching for a day or two or just an hour or who can donate food or offer a meal can contact:
Bangor: Richard Russell, 942-1679
Etna-Waterville: Larry Dansinger, 938-2219
Augusta-Freeport: Carol Brewster, 622-5234
Portland: Tracy Booth, 781-5159 (aft. April 3)
York Co: Helen McMullin, 363-5983 or Pat Jones, 967-2375.

Don't Forget Mother

The Second Annual Mother's Day Celebration for Peace will be held on Mother's Day (naturally), Sunday, May 9. Beginning at 1 PM, women, children, and men will again walk across the Carleton Bridge from Woolwich to the park across from the Patten Library in Bath, where a program and peace fair will be held. Children and physically challenged people will lead the march.

Individuals or groups who want to be listed and to participate as sponsors for the event (or who would like to set up a display table, give a slide show, etc.) should write to Fauna Yarrow, RFD 2, Union 04862, or call Mary Pat or Willow at 342-5422. More on this next month.

* Thanks to Sheila Garrett and Mark Melnicove of S. Harpswell for the special front-page *
* April Fools Supplement! *

Film Freebies

Film series are continuing in three locations. HOME Coop sponsors free films on the first Friday of each month. Three short films, "The Red Balloon," "Why Man Creates," and "Owl Creek Bridge" are the offerings on Ap. 6, 6 PM, at the HOME Learning Center, US R. 1, Orland. "My Brilliant Career" will follow in May, and the series will conclude in June with "Salt of the Earth," about a Chicano strike in the 1950's.

Supper (\$2/adults, \$1/kids) will precede films, and a discussion will follow them. Child care is available. Contact HOME, Box 408, Orland 04472, 469-7961.

In Portland, the "Issues of the '80's" film festival will conclude with "Who Owns the Sky" (how corporations expand their power in the Third World) and "Union Maids" (Women organizing in the 1930's) on April 8 and "Women in Nicaragua" on April 15. Films will be shown at 1:30 PM at Luther Bonney Auditorium, Univ. of Southern Maine, and at 7 PM at Reiche School, 166 Brackett St. All films are free (donations appreciated), and discussion will follow the films. USM PIRG (Public Interest Research Group), 92 Bedford, Portland 04103, 780-4044 is coordinating.

The World Hunger series concludes at UMO. The film "Diet for a Small Planet" will be shown April 1. The Consortium for Food Self-Reliance and HOME Coop will give presentations of their work in Maine on Ap. 8 and 15, respectively. The final Thursday, Ap. 22, will be a "What Shall We Do?" session, summarizing the major points of the series and offering ideas for personal and political change that each person can do. All events at noon at Coe Lounge, Mem. Union, UMO, Orono. Deb Bridge, 866-5613, is the coordinator.

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Down to Earth

Although the deadline is in May, the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn. (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. Apprenticeships usually go from late spring through the fall.

Both farmers and apprentices fill out applications indicating their needs and the skills they want to learn or receive. The placement service matches farmers with potential apprentices and vice-versa. Final agreements for placement are left to correspondence between individual farmers and apprentices. Labor is exchanged for room and board. MOFGA also sponsors educational programs for apprentices during the summer.

For applications: Kathie Hudson, MOFGA, Box 188, Hallowell 04347, 622-3118.

Cleaning Up

Get ready for the Citizen Mobilization Campaign, cause it's coming to Maine. Sponsored by the Maine Audobon Society, it will be the last of their winter Sunday events, from 2-4 PM on April 4, tentatively at Audobon's Gilsland Farm headquarters, 118 Old Route One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

Leslie Dach from National Audobon will explain the campaign, which is intended to counteract Reagan administration efforts to weaken environmental laws. The presentation will explain both threats to present laws and will suggest ways to respond positively to these threats--letter writing, petitions, etc.

Two issues are of special concern to Audobon. One is the weakening of the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), the major enforcer of environmental laws. The administration is proposing a cut in staff, despite what Audobon sees as an increasing need for oversight on air and water quality, pesticide use, hazardous waste disposal and waste site cleanup, and chemical use.

A second issue is Senate Bill 1706, co-sponsored by Sen. George Mitchell, intended to clean up industrial emissions of sulfur dioxide, which is apparently killing much aquatic life in lakes and streams, especially in the Northeast. Both these issues will likely be considered on April 4.

AGRICULTURE DAY, free, bare ground and dry roads (let's hope), displays, Sanford Armory, workshops, April 3, exhibitions, 9:30-3:30..."to celebrate the importance of agriculture in our lives." York Co. Extension, Court House, Alfred, 324-2814.

Take Your Choice

The May 21-23 weekend will be popular, with 4 weekend conferences on tap: Mainly Men will be a first attempt to bring men together for sharing, workshops, entertainment, and fun. The theme will be, "a joyful, trusting environment where men can explore their connections with other men." For a brochure or to help with workshops or arrangements, contact Willy Willette, 31 Sherman St., Portland 04101, 773-4127.

That same weekend, the Maine Federation of Cooperatives will hold a New England wide coop conference. Camp Kieve in Nobleboro (nr. Damariscotta) will be the host, with workshops, films, speakers entertainment, and other goodies, with coop activists from New York to the Maritimes attending. The Federation of Coops, Box 236, N. Vassalboro 04962, 872-7930 knows all.

The Feminist Spirituality series will culminate that weekend with workshops on Feminist Spirituality and politics, including workshops on creating ritual, violence and healing, alternative conflict resolution, and more. See article over there.

Not to be outdone, Maine NOW's state conference will be on Sat., May 22 at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, from 9-5. The conference theme will be "Women's Rights: Here Today (?), Gone Tomorrow." Workshops such as "Status of ERS," "Reproductive Rights," and "AFDC/Poverty Issues" are included. To register: Marilyn Kirby, Box 5195 Sta. A, Portland 04101, 846-4644.

Earlier that month is the New England Regional Conference for Amnesty International, scheduled for the Portland area, May 7-8. Local adoption groups in Bangor-Orono, Waterville-Augusta, Brunswick, Sanford, and Portland can be contacted, or write the host group #174, c/o Peter Lindsay, RFD 2 Box 275, Cumberland Center 04021, 829-6698 for details.

Finally, here's a dateless (as of this writing) conference, to be held sometime in May. Its goal will be to bring together economic development from both private and public sectors, to begin a dialogue on investment and economic revitalization for Maine. Sponsored by the Maine Community Development Project (MCDP), it will emphasize low-income, neighborhood, and community-based development. Write the MCDP at Box 2622, Augusta 04330, 882-7552. More on all of these next month.

Fine Spirits

The Feminist Spiritual Community will sponsor a series of presentations and a weekend of workshops to explore the various expressions of feminist spirituality. These programs will be held on succeeding Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM at the State Street Church in Portland.

April 15--Sonia Johnson, a Mormon activist for the ERA who was excommunicated from her church.

April 22--Margot Adler, author of Drawing down the Moon, priestess of a coven, and a reporter for National Public Radio.

April 29--Sipsis, Penobscot poet, healer, and activist.

May 6--K Gardner, composer, conductor, and performer, presenting an evening of music and healing.

May 13--Judith Plaskow, Jewish healer and theologian.

May 20--Eleanor Haney, program coordinator for the Feminist Spiritual Community.

Ticket price is \$15 for the series or \$3 per presentation. Info on May 21-23 workshops is in a May conference article to the left of this article. For more info: State St. Church, Feminist Spiritual Community, 159 State, Portland, 774-6396.

More Fine Spirits

"Spirituality" is the theme of the current HOLOGRAM, the Maine Holistic Health Network's newsletter. The newsletter offers disclosures on spirituality and how it related to holistic healing by network members as well as our ageless friend, Plato. "Let no one persuade you to cure his head until he has first given you his soul to be cured."

The theme for the next HOLOGRAM is "physical activity," and network members are encouraged to submit pieces for publication. Also, a network directory will be published this spring, compiled from information given on membership applications. Membership to MHNN is \$10 annually and includes a HOLOGRAM subscription as well as access to network activities and workshops. MHNN, PO Box 7482, Portland 04412.

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"Whoever controls food exports controls the world."

COMPONENTS of the Reagan Economic Strategy

"The theory behind these Reagan proposals was that cuts in social spending and the money supply would break the inflationary expectations of the financial community. The tax cut would stimulate more business activity and speed economic growth. the growth would yield higher revenues to cover higher defense spending and the deficit. Instead, cuts in the money supply kept interest rates high. The high rates both slowed economic growth, producing lower tax revenues, and increased the cost of serving the government debt. Lower revenues and higher outlays inevitably combined to raise budget deficits."

I. The Reagan Tax Cuts

IN THEORY: The recent three years package of tax cuts, proposed by the President and enacted by Congress, were aimed primarily at the wealthy. It was argued that high taxes discouraged the wealthy from saving and investing their money. The reduction of the tax rate from 70% to 50% in the highest income bracket is supposed to increase savings, stimulate productive investments, get the economy going, and create new jobs. Additional tax breaks on corporate profits and for depreciation would further stimulate such investments.

IN REALITY: Many prominent economists argue that the extra money given to the wealthy will not be invested in productive concerns. Arthur Burns, conservative economist and former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board in the Ford administration, said that the primary effect of the tax cuts would be to "drive up the price of antiques." It simply does not pay to invest in risky new ventures when the returns on government bonds and other "risk free" investments are so high.

The tax breaks for businesses will likewise fail to create new jobs. Fully one-third of these benefits will go to four industries that employ only 5% of the U.S. workforce. Much of the corporate windfall is fueling a massive wave of mergers

(remember the bidding war between Mobil and US Steel for Marathon Oil Co?) that will create few new jobs. The rest will probably go into more profitable investments overseas (where labor costs are significantly lower) or speculation (particularly in real estate).

II. A Balanced Budget by Reducing Federal Spending.

IN THEORY: Cuts in federal spending will reduce the budget deficit. With the government borrowing less money to pay its bills, more loans would be available to businesses for expanding and creating new jobs.

IN REALITY: Almost all of the cuts in spending for various federal programs have been offset by a dramatic increase in the military budget. As a result we have not had budget cuts, but budget transfers from the poor to the Pentagon. In addition, the mastermind of the Reagan budget cuts, OMB Director, David Stockman, claims that there is at least \$10 to 30 billion of "waste" that could be eliminated from the defense budget.

In addition estimates of the budget deficits for the next three years have mushroomed to at least \$275 billion (some say \$500 billion). The major causes of these record high deficits are the tax cuts, increased military spending, and the deteriorating state of the economy (which has been blamed on Reagan's policies by three Nobel Prize winners in economics). These massive deficits will, in turn, continue to fuel inflation and high interest rates as well as stifle any recovery from the deep economic recession.

III. "Tight Money" Policy

IN THEORY: The supply of money (the amount of dollars in the economy) directly affects the rate of inflation. By tightly controlling the growth of the money supply, inflationary pressures are cooled down. Such a policy of restraint will break the "psychological inflation" within the economy and bring about an extended period of price stability. (Continued on next page)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

March 31-Apr. 16--World Peace March (4)

Ap. 1--Central Me. DSOC local organizational meeting, 7 PM, MSEA office, 65 State St., Augusta. Steve Leach, RFD 2 Box 2450, Wiscasset 04578, 622-3151.

Ap. 1--Tax Clinic in Portland (1)

Ap. 1,8,15,22--World Hunger in Orono (5)

Ap. 3--Pension Conference in Augusta (9)

Ap. 3--Agriculture Day in Sanford (5)

Ap. 3--Downeast Folksong Celebration benefit for School Around Us, with Pine Hill Band, etc. Biddeford City Theatre. School Around Us, Arundel 04046.

Ap. 4--Citizen Mobilization Campaign (5)

Ap. 6--HOME films in Orland (5)

Ap. 6 (and every Tues.)--Lesbian/Gay Spirituality Group meeting, 7 PM, Allen Ave. U-U Church, 524 Allen, Portland. L-G Spirituality, Box 583, Westbrook.

Ap. 8--Campaign for Economic Opportunity seminar in Auburn (1)

Ap. 8, 15--PIRG series in Portland (5)

Ap. 9--"Careers," (non-traditional for women), 9:30-3, Displaced Homemakers, Jewett Hall, UMA, Augusta, 800-452-1947.

Ap. 9,30--Celebration of Int'l Women's Day/Women's History Week, Municipal Bldg., Wiscasset, 10-4. Women's History Research Center, Box 410, Wiscasset, 586-5051.

Ap. 10--WINDAY in Kennebunk (3)

Ap. 10--Me. Holistic Health Network, 1-8, Mercy Hosp., Portland, potluck, workshops.

Ap. 13--Andre swims for peace (4)

Ap. 15--Tax Day leafletting in Bangor (1)

Ap. 15, 22, 29--Feminist Spiritual Community series in Portland (6)

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Ap. 18-25--Ground Zero Week (4)

Ap. 21--Mike Klare speaks on "The Rush Toward World War III," at UMO. MPAC, Mem. Union, UMO, Orono 04469, 581-7167.

Ap. 23-25--Maine Poets Festival (3)

Ap. 23-24--Newsletter circuses in S. Paris and Cape Elizabeth (10)

Ap. 24--Women's writing workshop, 9-3, Cummings Center, Portland, \$10. Nicole D'Entremont, 381 Deering Ave., Port. 04103.

Ap. 24--Unity College Spring Fair w/crafts, parade, etc. Crafts displays needed. Student Life, Unity Col., 948-3131 x237.

Ap. 26-28--UMA Jazz Festival (3)

Ap. 26-29--"Week of the Young Child" at Westbrook College. Children's Resource Center, 741 Stevens, Portland 04103.

Ap. 29--"Women's Support Group" discussion, 7 PM, Everywomen's Center, Boys & Girls Club, Waterville 04901, 872-9482.

May 1-2--NETWORK in Portland and Bangor (2)

All thru May--Conferences galore!!!

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APRIL WILL BE A 2-CIRCUS MONTH OF NEWSLETTER collating, April 23-24. The first will be in S. Paris at Oxford Co. Community Services on the 23rd (4 PM). Call Joan Lajoie at OCCS, 743-7716 to help. The second will be in Cape Elizabeth at 3 PM, Ap. 24, at the home of Martha Israel, 399 Mitchell Rd., (799-3892). It will be on two days because of a mailing to potential new subscribers.

We're doing a little better, with 38 more subscriptions and \$190 sent since last month, but still way below our goals of \$4,700 and 1,200 subs. If you haven't responded yet this year, don't hesitate.

Please keep sending information and events for the newsletter. Deadline will be Ap. 20 for the May issue. Send it to INVERT, RFD 1, Newport 04953 or call 938-2219.

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