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Number 28

"All the News that Fits to Print"

May, 1982

Pointless LEPREAU ~ Honor Thy Mother

Nuclear power advocates are looking forward to the summer startup of the Point Lepreau nuclear power plant near St. John, New Brunswick, and the expected beginning of construction of Point Lepreau 2. But, energy advocates involved in the Maritime Energy Coalition, which is sponsoring a march to the Lepreau plant on May 22 (only 20 miles from the Maine coast) to protest the granting of a provisional operating license for the plant (which could be approved within the next few days).

Recent earthquakes, suggesting a possible catastrophe, inadequate evacuation plans for the area, cracks in the containment dome, which are fixed, but still a source of anxiety, and the unnecessary promotion of Lepreau 2 (most of Lepreau's power will be sold to US utilities) all combine to motivate opposition to the plant.

The third annual March for Survival will begin early on the 22nd of May on New Brunswick Highway 1, then go south to the plant site, where they will gather by early afternoon. Those not marching will meet the march at the plant site, where there will be a program of events.

A letter about the march will be circulated to several hundred in Wash. Co, and Maine residents are encouraged to join the march. (Someone will be at the Calais Border crossing to give directions and details to marchers.) More info. available from Bobbie Leigh, 7 Customs St., Eastport 04631, 853-2898. Buses from farther south are also being organized. Contact Pat Philbrook, RFD 2, East Pittston 04345, 582-1200. Or- the Maritime Energy Coalition, PO Box 905 Sta. A, Fredericton, N. B., Canada E3B 5B4, 506-454-3626.

Children and physically challenged people will be leading the way across the Carleton Bridge (US Rt. 1) from Woolwich into Bath for the 2nd Annual Mother's Day Celebration for Peace. Last year about 500 children, women and men walked to the themes of economic conversion (Bath Iron Works is the state's largest military contractor), and organizers hope to have a large crowd again. The May 9 march, which will begin at 1PM will gather at 12-12:30 at the Woolwich end of the bridge and march to the city park, across from the Patten Free Library in Bath.

The celebration will really begin there, with films, including "The Last Epidemic", presentations such as "Children and Non-Violence", musicians and puppeteers, and other educational entertainment offerings. Roving minstrels are welcome, as are exhibitors, who are asked to contact organizers and to set up tables in the park by 12:30. There will also be food and drinks.

Rep. Mavourneen Thompson, a leader of the successful effort to pass a nuclear freeze resolution in the Maine legislature, will speak about the history and origins of Mothers Day.

Walkers are urged to wear white and a purple ribbon (both symbolic). They are asked to park their cars in Bath and to take a shuttle bus across the bridge (look for signs). Child care will be available (check for specifics in Bath).

To exhibit or participate in the Peace Fair or for info: Fauna Yarrow, RFD 2 Box 784, Union 04862 or call Willow at 342-5422 or Marlene Spillinger, RFD 1, Wiscasset 04578, 882-5480.

Do You Have The Spirit?

The Feminist Spirituality Community's "Envisioning the Future" series concludes with several enticing events: Composer, conductor, and performer Kay Gardner will present an evening of music and healing on May 6. Then Jewish author/healer Judith Plaskow will discuss some of her ideas on May 13. Finally, Eleanor Haney, program coordinator for the Community, will describe the community on May 20. All presentations will begin at 7:30 PM at the State Street Church, 159 State St., Portland. Cost for each evening is \$3.

Although workshops scheduled for May 21-23 have been cancelled, the Community will continue to offer programs and activities for persons interested in feminism and spirituality. Contact Elly Haney, State St. Church, 159 State, Portland, 774-6396.

FEDCO CONFERENCE

Maine's semi-annual coop conference, sponsored by the Maine Federation of Coops, will this time be a combined affair with the 10th New England Coop Conference, bringing coop members from seven states and several Canadian provinces together. The scene will be at Camp Kieve in Nobleboro (on West Neck Rd.), a few miles north of Damariscotta; the date will be May 21-23.

The conference theme of "Planning Promotes Prosperity" will be reflected in Saturday's keynote speakers Sam Salkin, who will speak on planning, and Bill Butler (wood coop organizer and poor people's advocate) speaking on the threat of big business. There will be Friday and Saturday Nights at the Movies, with triple or quadruple features, including "Mondragon" (Spanish coops and worker collectives), "Moses Coady" (Canadian coop organizer) and "Food First."

There will be good food and lots of entertainment, with a Friday night coffee-house, Saturday night contradance, morning yoga, and Camp Kieve facilities. Everpresent workshops include "stress," "business analysis," and "produce coops," to name only the shortest titles.

Preregistration by May 14 is appreciated. Costs vary so contact Leslie or Janet at the Federation, PO Box 236, N. Vassalboro 04962, 872-7930 for specific details and costs.

NOW Conference

2 Right in the middle of a very busy weekend (see numerous other May 21-23 events), Maine NOW (National Organization for Women) will hold its annual statewide conference. Scheduled for Sat., May 22, 9:30-4:30 at Coles Tower, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, the conference will explore the theme of "Women's Rights: Here Today (?), Gone Tomorrow."

Workshops already scheduled will include ones on the status of the Equal Rights Amendment, Reproductive Rights (supporting the right to choose to have an abortion), lesbian issues, violence against women, nonviolent civil disobedience, electoral politics, and affirmative action.

Registration fees are \$3 (NOW members) and \$5 (non-members), with less for low-income people, and the public is invited. Write or call Marilyn Kirby, Box 5195 Sta. A, Portland 04101, 846-4644 for registration forms or local NOW groups.

Maine NOW also publishes a newsletter, Maine NOW Times. The April-May issue included a Maine Abortion Rights History, with an extensive summary from 1967 to the present. It also focuses on the Human Life Amendment, now being considered in congress. For a sample copy: Maine NOW Times, PO Box 4012 Sta. A, Portland 04101.

Another Network

Besides their usual complete listing of appropriate/alternative technologies resources in the Winter 81/82 issue of Tranet (Transnational Network for Appropriate/Alternative Technologies), there is a special section on "Women and Technology." This section resources as varied as Hazel Henderson's feminist future, a training and research center for women in Ethiopia, simple technologies for rural women in Bangladesh, and a women's advocacy program in Belgium.

Networking is an important but often expensive activity, unfortunately. Subscriptions for the quarterly newsletter are \$15/year, although this allows many free newsletters to be sent to third world countries. For a sub or sample copy, write Tranet, PO Box 567, Rangeley 04970, 864-2252.

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"Curb your dogma."--Bumper Sticker

Rich Kids Don't Protest

Did you know that about 40% of Univ. of Maine students could be affected by cuts in educational assistance proposed by the Reagan administration? And that students losing grants or loans, who are not rich kids but rather mostly from low- and moderate-income households, will, in many cases, have to drop out of school without such aid?

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While there probably won't be any library cards burned, students from at least 10 Maine colleges and many high schools will be rallying on the steps of the State Capitol in Augusta on May 1 (12 noon) to show the negative social and economic impact of such cuts. All high school and college students and supporters of financial support for higher education are urged to attend.

Several Maine state representatives are helping to organize this rally. For further facts or details about the event:
Rep. Harriet Ketover, 31 Wayside Rd., Portland 04102, 772-2375
Rep. Marian Gowen, Box 1466, N. Windham 04062, 892-6674
Rep. George Boyce, RFD 4, Auburn, 783-1729
Rep. John Diamond, 818 Ohio St., Bangor 04401, 947-4960

Is There A Doctor??

Thank goodness, there's finally a clinical ecologist in Maine. What's a clinical ecologist? It's a doctor who specializes in healing people who have health problems caused by the environment--chemicals, pesticides, impure foods, pollution, etc. This doctor (no endorsement intended) is Carl Vander Putten, Box H, Gray 04039, 657-4923. Persons who suffer from environmentally connected illnesses (or think they might) may want to contact him.

Many people have suffered health problems because of sprays on foods, unknown allergies, chemicals they come in contact with (even the ink on this newsletter or chemicals used to make this paper might affect you) or the air they breathe, according to Carlene Parsons. She suggests the books Human Ecology and Susceptibility to the Chemical Environment, by Dr. Theron Randolph, and Five Day Allergy Relief System, by Marshall Mandell, as references.

Carlene Parsons, RFD 4 Box 321D, Ellsworth 04605, would like to hear from others interested in this issue.

FOR THE BIRDS

The Maine Audobon Society has 19 outings planned for May. The Jeffrey Ledge Whale/Bird Watch leaves Sunday, May 9, at 7:30 AM from Portsmouth, N. H. Also scheduled are a White Mountain Bicycle Tour (May 15), Ruffington Meadow Canoe Trip (May 15), W Walk Through Zealand Notch (May 22), and Monhegan in May (hiking, May 29-31). Last year's Merry-meeting Bay trip observed the first successful nesting of bald eagles in the bay for over 10 years.

These field trips are open to members and non-members. Costs vary, from as little as \$4 to \$350, depending on the event. Over 50 field trips are planned between now and October. Each excursion is described in detail in the 1982 Maine Audobon Field Trips booklet. For a copy: Maine Audobon Society, 118 Old Route One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

And if you are especially partial to whitewater rafting or canoeing, try a Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) field trip. May specials include canoeing down the St. John River (May 8-16, maybe it will be spring by then), and rafting on the Dead River (May 30). Raft trips usually cost about \$45-55, while canoe trips run about \$70-75/day, with members paying slightly less.

For a copy of the brochure: NRCM, 271 State St., Augusta 04330, 622-3101.

Speaking of Nicaragua

El Salvador isn't the only hot spot in Central America these days, with a crisis with Nicaragua looming larger every day. Two speakers in Maine who recently visited the country and are available to speak are:

Naval architect Cyrus Hamlin, 18 Dane, Kennebunk 04043, 985-3136 (h), 985-4520 (w), was sent there by the Inter-American Development Bank for a development project. His views do not correspond to most of the press reports now coming out of the country. Dr. David Halperin, West Rd., Belgrade 04917, 623-4586, studied medical facilities in the country last year. Both have slides to accompany their talks. Contact them directly if you would like them to speak in your area.

SPEAK OUT for Peace-It's all Rights

New Englanders for Peace is sponsoring a march and rally for nuclear disarmament on May 16, walking from the Portsmouth-Kittery Naval Shipyard, where nuclear submarines are repaired, to Pease Air Force Base, home of the 509th bomber wing--responsible for the atom bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Organizers hope to "make a single, clear, collective proclamation of sanity against the gathering nuclear madness."

Activities begin with an Interfaith Prayer Service at Pierce Island in Portsmouth (9-10 AM), followed by speakers and music at the island (10-12:30), near the shipyard. The rally will then walk 3-4 miles to a site near Pease. Music and speakers will follow, from 2-6 PM.

Among those speaking will be Barry Commoner, Sr. Rosalie Bertell, Daniel Ellsberg, Phillip Berrigan, and Kay Camp, plus about 10 additional speakers. Musical groups too numerous to mention will be there as well.

Maine volunteers helping to organize in this state will meet on May 10 to coordinate transportation and participation. For general info or the time and location of this meeting, contact PIRG (Public Interest Research Group), 92 Bedford St., Portland 04103, 780-4044 (d) or 892-5029 (e). Buses to Portsmouth will be available for \$7/roundtrip. Call 772-7725, 775-1021, or 773-8904 (all after 5 PM) for bus reservations.

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International human rights advocates from around Maine and New England will converge on Green Hall, Westbrook College, Stevens Ave., Portland, for the Fifth Annual New England Regional Conference of Amnesty International (AI) on May 7-8.

Featured speaker at 8 PM on Fri. evening will be Prof. Abdulrahman Babu, formerly a death row prisoner in Tanzania who was declared a Prisoner of Conscience by AI and finally released by the Tanzanian government. There will be workshops on Saturday from 9:30-5 on various aspects of AI, human rights advocacy, and organizing locals.

Overnight housing is available in Portland, as are meat/meatless lunches on Saturday (or bring your own). Conference fees are \$3 (students/sr. citizens) and \$6. To get a registration form or other details: Paul Manoff, 27 Deering St., Portland 04101, 772-7725 or Peter Lindsay, RFD 2 Box 275, Cumberland 04021, 829-6698 (home).

There are now AI groups in Sanford, Portland, Brunswick, Augusta-Waterville, and Orono-Bangor. To connect with one of these:

Patricia Kail--866-2228 (Orono)
Bill Barker--729-8023 (Brunswick, meets first Monday of every month)
Fred Muir--324-5361 (Sanford, first Sunday)
Peter Lindsay--see above
Sarah Shed--623-3163 (Hallowell, 2nd Thurs.)

Or, to form a group in your own area, attend the conference or write AI New England, 12 Parker St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138 or call 617-547-9295.



As the World Peace March wound its way through Maine, the importance of the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament was highlighted. People from around the world will be gathering on June 12 at the UN in New York to demand an end to the arms race and for countries to redirect their resources from the military toward meeting human needs.

With loose talk of a "limited" nuclear war becoming more commonplace and over \$1 billion/day being spent on the arms race, the UN session is seen as a crucial (and possibly final) opportunity to freeze and reverse the arms race. Over 1,000 Japanese and thousands of citizens from almost every UN country are expected to join the rally and march.

Besides June 12 events, there will be an international symposium on the illegality of nuclear war (June 4-6), the arrival of the World Peace March (June 6-7), an international religious convocation (June 11), and civil disobedience at UN missions of 5 countries possessing nuclear weapons (June 14--Charles Ewing, RFD Box 136A, Harrington 04643 is contact).

Buses are being organized to go to the UN for the June 12 rally, hopefully leaving from Portland, Augusta/Waterville, and Bangor (and maybe more locations). Bus contacts:
Greg McManus--945-3393 (Bangor) Karen Volkhausen--667-9212 (Hancock County)
Jeanne Davis--622-1139 (Augusta) Carolyn Rummel--774-4067/Mary Price--775-2198 (Port.)

Representatives of the Maine Chapter of the Solar Rollers suggest a more energy conscious method of going to NYC--BICYCLE!! If interested: Norm Gosselin, 49 Westmore, Biddeford 04005, 283-0453 or Marty Burgess, 717 South St., Biddeford, 499-7034.

Old Parties - New Ideas

Ready for the hustle and bustle of a political convention? The two largest political parties in Maine will be convening in May to approve platforms (what they stand for) and candidates (who will stand). Besides the everpresent hospitality suites (food and drinks), there will be a real education in the positives and negatives of the political process. Both conventions are open to the public.

The Republican Convention will be held April 30-May 1 at the Augusta Civic Center, while Democrats will meet May 14-16 at the Cumberland County Civic Center, Portland.

Two newsletter subscribers have written to INVERT to inform us of their candidacies for the state legislature. While this newsletter does not endorse candidates (or anything else, for that matter), we will be happy to print names and districts next month, as a service to newsletter readers, of candidates who consider themselves to be supportive of at least most of the efforts described in this newsletter. Let's hear from you!!

MEN, MEN, MEN

"Mainly Men," Maine's first weekend to bring together Maine's community of men, will be held on May 21-23 at Pilgrim Lodge, on Lake Cobbossee, West Gardiner. Organizers hope to provide a relaxed, trusting environment where men can explore personal issues, their maleness, and their relationships with other men.

The gathering will begin at 6 PM on Friday and go until 2 PM on Sunday. A number of workshops will be scheduled throughout the weekend, including "Men and Power," "Men and Sexism," "Historical Approach to Patriarchy," "Men and Violence," and "Men as Fathers." In addition, there will be an outdoor work project, entertainment, and use of lodge facilities such as boats, fishing, cabins, and hiking trails.

Costs will be on a sliding scale, with \$20-30 an adequate amount for most men. This will cover meals (vegetarian), registration, workshops, housing, everything! For an application/registration form: Willy Willette, 31 Sherman St., Portland 04101, 773-4127.

5 → The Maine Progressive Agenda Caucus and the Peace and Human Rights Caucus step into the limelight as the Democratic Party convention approaches. The Prog. Agenda is organizing meetings in late April in Bangor, Augusta, and Portland to develop solidarity on several crucial issues--Reaganomics, nuclear weapons/power, tax breaks, El Salvador, economic opportunities, etc. → Delegates/alternates to the convention will gather in Augusta on May 2, 3 PM, to hash out differences and limit the number of proposals. Contact Rockie Graham in Portland, 773-8101 (w), Russ Christensen in Bangor, 942-4608, or Arthur Lerman in Augusta, 622-9471, to offer feedback.

→ The Peace and Human Rights Caucus will meet on May 2 at noon at the Democratic Party headquarters, 2 Central Plaza, Augusta. Dr. David Halperin will speak on Nicaragua. The meeting is primarily for delegates/alternates, but anyone may attend. Peter Devine, RFD 1, Mt. Vernon is contact.

Stockholders for Responsibility

A surprise for anti-nuclear CMP stockholders--Discussions between stockholder Bob MacLaughlin and CMP officials has produced agreement on one stockholder proposal: for CMP to "pursue a general policy favoring renewable energy, conservation, and decentralization; and, further, that it pursue the following specific priorities (in order) as it determines how best to meet electrical demand:

1. Conservation to eliminate waste.
2. Reduce electricity use for heating and cooling using efficiency improvements, cogeneration, and passive solar.
3. A program to obtain maximum efficiency from electrical equipment.
4. A program to fully support development of cogeneration and renewable energy sources.
5. Construction of environmentally sound central generating facilities.
6. Purchasing power from other sources.

While the proposal, if approved at the CMP Stockholders meeting (May 20, 10 AM, Edison Drive, Augusta) is only one small step and does not signal wholesale changes, it is a hopeful sign for safe energy advocates. A similar proposal introduced for Bangor Hydro, incidentally, is being opposed there. For more on this effort: Bob MacLaughlin, RFD 2 Waldoboro 04572, 832-5013.

DULL INSPIRATION ~~X~~ What's It Worth?

The conference title may not be inspiring, "Future Directions for Community Economic Development," but the Maine Community Development Project (MCDP) hopes the conference will inspire people to work locally to stimulate small-scale community development.

Began as a series of meetings last year of representatives of neighborhood and private economic development groups and state agencies, the project received a small grant thru Coastal Enterprises of Wiscasset to begin coordinating and networking economic development projects around the state. Besides this conference, the MCDP hopes to suggest legislative action and print a directory of community development groups in Maine. Over 20 groups have participated so far (more are invited), with a varied membership such as Coastal Enterprises, Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Org. (Portland), Pine Tree Legal, several regional planning commissions, Starks Enterprises (near Farmington) and the State Planning Office.

The goal of the conference, scheduled for May 21, Friday, 8:30-4:30 at the Oblate Fathers Retreat House, 136 State St., Augusta, is to list available resources and mechanisms for community development and to then encourage groups represented to plug into these. After an explanation of the project and a keynote speech by Harvard community development expert Belden Daniels, the morning will conclude with 3 concurrent 90-minute panel discussion workshops--The Multifaceted Nature of Community Development, The Changing Role of Public Sector Financing, and The Private Sector and the Parameters of Corporate Responsibility. Panel discussion workshops will be repeated in the afternoon, and a "what can we do now?" plenary session to decide future actions will conclude the conference.

Maine Community Development Project, PO Box 2622, Augusta 04330, 773-3177, 882-7552.

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BESIDES MOFGA (SEE APRIL ISSUE), ANOTHER way of becoming a farm apprentice or finding an apprentice to help on a farm is thru the Maine Farms Training and Apprenticeship Program, c/o Brian Wyatt, Resource Development Div., Dept. of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Resources, State House Sta. 28, Augusta 04333, 289-3511. Check them out.

A conference entitled "Comparable Worth: Human Resources Issues of the '80's," is being held at the Sheraton Inn in S. Portland on June 10. The symposium, which is sponsored by the Unionmutual Life Insurance Co., will involve a full day of speakers who will explore various issues, philosophies, and trends involved in the evolution of the Comparable Worth doctrine. Comparable Worth is a term that describes the examination of all jobs in an organization to determine pay levels. (In other words, it means a company should pay its women employees the same as men who perform similar jobs.)

Speakers scheduled for the day are from all levels of management and government, from Daniel Leach, who is Vice President of the US Equal Opportunity Commission, to Jackie Potter, director of the Maine Commission for Women.

Fee for the conference is \$85, with a discount for groups sending more than one person. Pre-registration is required by May 31, and hotel reservations should be made 30 days in advance. For more info: Shannon Eaton, Corp. Manager, EEO/AA, Unionmutual, 2211 Congress St., Portland 04122, 780-2052.

OUR'S TOO

"It's Our World, Too," say a group of children and teenagers in Waldo County who are wondering if the world will survive the nuclear arms race. They are circulating a petition for people under 18 to sign, hoping to collect enough signatures to show people throughout Maine that kids care about this issue and their future too. They plan to take petitions to the State House in Augusta and possibly to congresspeople in Washington as well.

"It's Our World, Too" is an organized group of children and teenagers of various religions and towns in (mostly) Waldo County. They meet each Sunday, 2 PM, at the Winterport Methodist Church. They strongly urge people to write for petitions (self-addressed, stamped envelope appreciated) for young people to circulate to: "It's Our World, Too," Box 326, Winterport 04496, or call Anne (223-5798) or Gillian (525-7761).

BOYCOTT (almost...) EVERYTHING

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We have received word about more products that are being boycotted. United Farmworkers have initiated a boycott of Dole mushrooms, pineapple and bananas, and Bumblebee Tuna (a Dole subsidiary) to aid striking farmworkers regain union protection at Dole's West Foods Mushroom subsidiary in Ventura, Calif. Since Nov. of 1981, 350 mushroom workers have been on strike seeking safe working conditions and respect for their rights. More than 400 workers have been fired over the past 5 years.

Firings have occurred when: machinery is damaged or breaks down, workers blamed and fired; a worker gets formaldehyde in his/her eyes- fired; and, workers fired for going to the bathroom without authorized permission. UFW has filed more grievances against Dole West Foods over the past year than any other UFW contracted ranch of any size.

UFW led a creative bid for public support of this boycott in Feb. of 1982 by forming a human billboard line in front of the Massachusetts State House. Boycott sympathizers, wearing "Get off the Dole" placards distributed free, non-Dole fruits to all passersby during their lunch hour.

Strike and boycott supporters are urged to write to Dole Co. chairperson-Henry B. Clard, Jr., Financial Plaza of the Pacific, PO Box 2990, Honolulu, Hawaii 96802. For more information, or, also send a copy of your letter to: United Farmworkers of America AFL/CIO, 120 Boylston St., Rm 206, Boston, Ma. 02116.

Another item on the boycott circuit is Burger King. Animal rights organizations nationwide are calling for the boycott because of Burger King's decision to market veal parmigiana, and will not reveal their sources for the meat. Animal protection groups consider veal to be the most cruelly produced meat. Over 50 groups have joined together against the Burger King Baby Cow Burger. Nearest contact is New England Anti-Vivisection Society, 617-523-6020.

Now, if you don't eat meat or pineapples anyway, maybe you drink beer! Gay Community News reports about the national boycott of Coors beer. This family owned beer company in Colorado has long been condemned by labor and civil rights activists for its discriminatory policies with regards to hiring gay people, women and minorities.

The Coors Co. requires all new employees to undergo a lie-detector test during which employees are asked questions about sexual preference.

Coors is also strongly anti-union.

Joseph Coors, VP of the company, a man who refers to the election of Ronald Reagan as a "lifetime dream come true" has been a major contributor to groups such as the John Birch Society.

Last April company officials announced that net income had declined 76% in the first quarter of 1981. Some of this reduction is apparently the result of effective boycott, and the company has recently filed a series of anti-trust lawsuits against individuals who have been active in the Coors boycott.

Lastly, Northern Lambda Nord (Box 990, Caribou 04736) has informed us of their decision to boycott The Mother Earth News magazine and radio programs for its policy of refusing to accept advertising from RFD Magazine, a quarterly journal for rural gaymen. NLN called TMEN (in North Carolina) to confirm the magazine's policy of refusing all lesbian and gay advertising. NLN is especially offended because TMEN professes itself to be a "New Age" publication and it appeals to rural people, of which there are many in Maine.

NLN will re-check TMEN's policy in a few months to see if there are any changes. In the meantime, NLN urges people not to buy the magazine and send letters to: Ms. Beverly Roots, Advertising Services, The Mother Earth News, Hendersonville, North Carolina 28791.

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For more info on BOYCOTTS--

Boycott Census, RFD 1 Box 3445, Norway 04268



* FREE LUNCH

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Maine is a not-for-profit organization whose aim is to restore dignity to individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted by mental illness.

The Portland Coalition for the Mentally Ill has embarked on several major projects and some organizational restructuring. The biggest change is the opening of Amity Center at 277 Cumberland Ave. in Portland. The center will be open 35 hours a week, including two evenings. These hours will increase when more staff is hired. The Amity food program serves hot lunches Mon., Wed., and Fri. for 50¢ a meal.

Basketball, swimming and other sports are offered using the Boy's Club facilities. A weekly creative writing workshop is on the present schedule and three Center newsletters have been published.

There is a real need for volunteers who are willing to give time to the Center on a regular basis. Training will be provided. Call Mike at the Center, 772-1248.

Membership in AMI of Maine is open to any individual. Monthly meetings are open to the public and take place the first Wed. of each month at 7:30 at the Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland. Or, write Alliance for the Mentally Ill, PO Box 5196, Sta. A, Portland 04101.

RECIPE FOR A NEW MAGAZINE

2 cups poetry
4 tablespoons fiction
3-4 whole articles on politics or the arts
Several reviews sifted in

Combine all ingredients into a new literary/commentary magazine. First, however, we need people to contribute the ingredients, and more importantly, people in the Bangor area (Penobscot, Hancock, Waldo counties) to cook with head chef Maureen Walsh, 427A Union St., Bangor 04401, 942-8779 to produce a finished product. Can you help??

"Gardeners have a better sense of humor.
Hoe, hoe, hoe."--Bumper sticker

Father George Goudreau of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Waterville is trying to prove there is still such a thing as a free lunch. With thousands more out of work and the economy getting worse, there are literally many people without enough food to eat.

Rather than meet the needs of people individually, a soup kitchen offering a hearty soup, bread and butter, donuts, and coffee or tea will begin serving 1 lunches at Sacred Heart May 3, from 11:30-12:30. The effort is part of the mission of the Catholic Church to serve those who are poor or in need. There will be no questions asked, no forms to fill out. Although the parish will buy food for the meals, donations of food and timeto cook or serve are welcome.

Fa. Goudreau hopes to find hospitality for transients or persons without a place to live. To offer help or find out how to organize a similar project: Fa. George Goudreau, 72 Pleasant St., Waterville, 872-6462.

St. Francis Farm

St. Francis Farm in North Anson is a Christian centered , open ended family (the Mattinglys) who have opened their home to people in need. They hope to expand this summer to have more sleeping and living space for folks who wish to live, eat, and work with them as long as they like.

"There is no payment for work done, but you can be sure your efforts will be greatly appreciated. The help you give to the disadvantaged folks in Central Somerset County brings us all a Step closer to Christ as well as toward self-sufficiency."

Drop by for a visit. St. Francis
Farm, Star Route 100, North Anson
04958, 635-2345.

CORRECTIONS CORNER

A few corrections from last month:

1) The Maine Democratic Party Conv,
is May 14-16, not May 12-14.

2) The NETWORK workshop in Bangor in May 2 is at St. Mary's School on First St., not at the church.

3) The "Delegating Irresponsibility" workshop scheduled for April 30 has been rescheduled for May 14. Sorry, but we

Songs of Strength

Songs of Strength: Of the Holocaust and the Warsaw Ghetto" will be sung by Auschwitz survivor Shoshana Kalisch on Thursday, May 20, at 7:30 PM at the Madison High School in Madison.

"I was born in a small town, Galanta, on the border between Czechoslovakia and Hungary. In 1944 my family and I were deported from what was then Hungary to Auschwitz. My parents, one sister, and three brothers were killed. A sister and I were sent to Peterswaldau Concentration Camp, near Auschwitz, from which we were liberated in 1945. After that I went to live briefly in my home town in Czechoslovakia. In 1947 I left for Switzerland to begin my musical education, and I have never returned."

Shoshana Kalisch will be speaking in classes and giving an early morning assembly on that day, and students from other schools are encouraged to attend. David Solnitz, Wilder Hill Rd., Norridgewock 04957, 696-3381 (w) is willing to help with arrangements.

On Friday, May 21, Shoshana Kalisch will offer the same program at the University of Maine at Augusta at 8 PM in Jewett Hall.

Folk Conspiracy

The Midcoast Folk Conspiracy is planning a series of Sunday evening concerts at the Waldo Theater, Main St., Waldoboro. Concerts will be split into two sections. The first will feature three or four sets by local talent, and the second will be a payed performer. There will also be an open jam session and a voluntary pot-luck dinner beginning at 5:30. Anyone can play at the jam, so bring your instrument.

The theater was successful in its first two events, the Maine Country Dance Orchestra and fiddler Tim Farrell. To help with organizing and promoting future programs, contact the Mid Coast Folk Conspiracy, c/o Don White, RFD 2 Box 2062, Coopers Mills 04341, 845-2707.

Two concerts are scheduled in June-- Papa John Kolstad, Nick Appolonio, and Don White on June 5 and Lee Bryant on June 13, both at 7:30 PM.

Read about them
The American Friends Service Comm-

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Maine Indian Program, will publish in mid-May The Wabanaki: A Selective, Annotated Bibliography of about 300 books and articles about Maine Indians.

The listing includes important works by anthropologists and historians, articles in scholarly and popular journals, fiction, and books for children, with reading levels noted, about Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot peoples. Eunice Bauman-Nelson, a Penobscot anthropologist who lives on Indian Island, did most of the annotations about the books.

The bibliography has been prepared with the needs of teachers and librarians in mind, but it should be a valuable resource for anyone interested in the native peoples of Maine.

Cost of the book is \$7 (inc. postage),
with a 15% discount for libraries and schools.
To order: AFSC, c/o Orono Friends Meeting,
Box 286, Orono 04473.

See them on T.V.
Wickeegan, a television journal of

Wickeegan, a television journal of Maine Indian affairs, begins regular monthly broadcasts in May on the Maine Public Broadcasting Network (MPBN). The first show will be on May 3 at 7:30 PM. The focus will be factual presentations intended to educate on different aspects of Maine's original citizens. Topics include: tribal history, (un)employment, tribal government, land acquisition under the Indian land claims settlement, and the importance of the tribal census. Kim Mitchell, a Penobscot, will be hosting the show. He welcomes suggestions and comments and can be reached by writing to MPBN-TV, Box 86, Orono 04473 or calling 800-432-7831.

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→ And if you can't wait until June for folk music, check out banjo/guitar player John Gawler (old-time, British Isles, blues) at the Performing Arts Center of Bath, 8 PM on Sunday, May 16. Three bucks gets you in. The non-profit Bath/Brunswick Folk Club is the sponsor.

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"Let's clean up our act and act to clean up."

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

May 1--Student aid cuts rally in Aug. (3)

May 1-2--NETWORK Workshops (1-4:30), McAuley HS, Portland (Sat.) and St. Mary's School, Bangor (Sun.). Claire Deroche, 242 Walton, Portland 04103, 797-4895.

May 2--Maine Progressive Agenda Caucus and
Peace/Human Rights Caucus meet in Aug. (5)

May 3--Waterville soup ditchen begins (8)

May 6, 13, 20--Women's Spirituality series (2)

May 7-8--Amnesty International Conf. (4)

May 9--Fa. Robert Drinan speaks on "The Great American War Machine; Profit vs. Peace," donation, 3 PM, State St. Church, 159 State St., Portland. Common Cause, 48 Winthrop St., Augusta 04330, 622-5798.

May 14-16--Democratic Convention (5)

May 15--6th Annual Maine Student Film Festival, 12:30 PM, The Movies, 10 Exchange, Portland. MAMA, Box 4320 Sta. A, Portland.

May 16--New Englanders for Peace march (4)

May 20--CMP Stockholders meeting (5)

May 20-21--Holocaust songs in Mad./Aug. (9)

May 21--Community Development conf. (6)

May 21-23--Coop Conference in Nobleboro (2)

May 21-23--"Mainely Men" in W. Gardiner (5)

May 22--NOW State Conf. in Brunswick (2)

May 22--Pt. Lepreau march in N. B. (1)

May 23--Dignity/Maine dance in Lewiston,
9-12, \$1 or less. Dignity, Box 7021,
Lewiston 04240.

May 24--Newsletter circus in Farmingdale (10)

May 28-31--Peace Sabbath, celebration for peace in religious communities. Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned, RFD 1, Newport 04953, 938-2219.

THE MAY 24 NEWSLETTER COLLATING CIRCUS
will be in Farmingdale (not Bombay) at
Dodie and Greg Donovan-Kaloust's house on
the Bowman Rd., (582-7521 for directions).
We'll start about 3 PM and go until about
8. Call Dodie if you live in the Augusta
area and want to help out.

REMINDER: We always need articles and calendar events for this newsletter. Help! Send them by May 20 to INVERT, RFD 1, Newport, Maine 04953 or call 938-2219.

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