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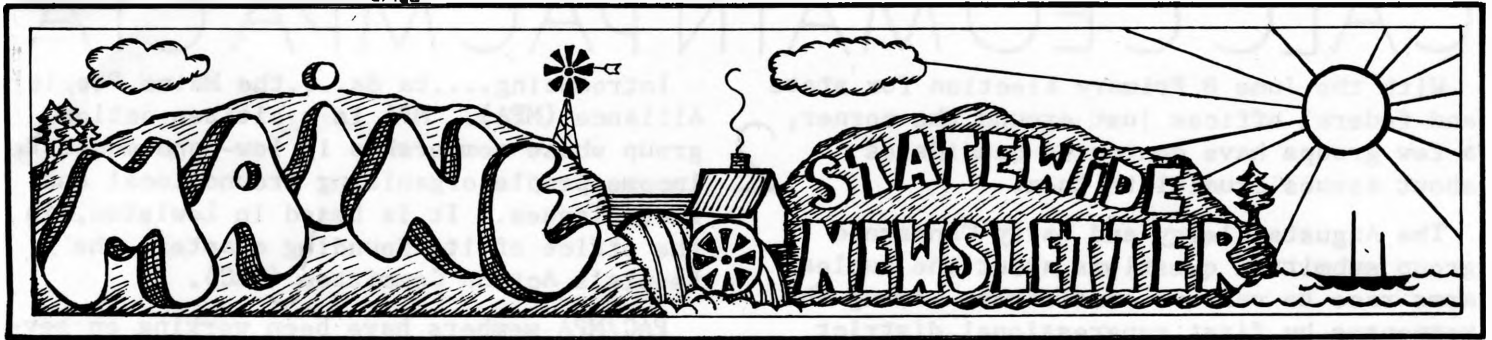


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Number 29

"All the News that Fits to Print"

June, 1982

UN SSD-II

Hundreds of Maine people and thousands from around the US and the world will participate in a march and rally on June 12 in support of the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament (UN SSD-II). In addition, there will be local events in support of it in several Maine communities.

The goals of the march and rally are simple: To freeze and reverse the nuclear arms race and to redirect resources from the military to meet human needs. (See article on pp. 7-8.) Rally participants hope to point out the large number (over 50,000) of nuclear weapons already in existence, the damage caused by military spending to the fragile economy, and the belief that "there are no winners in a nuclear war. The UN session is seen as a first step toward world disarmament efforts.

At least 6 buses will be going from Maine, probably leaving late Friday and returning late Saturday. Round trip will cost \$25-35. For bus reservations or car pooling help:

Greg McManus--945-3393 (Penobscot, Piscataquis, Aroostook counties)
Karen Volkhausen--667-9212 (Hancock, Wash.)
Deborah Sachs--789-5284 (Knox, Waldo)
Jeanne Davis--622-1139 eves (Kennebec, Somerset, Franklin) CONT. ON P. 4

FRESH AIR

Two of Maine's largest environmental groups will have annual meetings in June. The more varied will be the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) Environmental Congress, June 11-13, at Evergreen Valley Resort in East Stoneham.

Congress goers can choose from almost 30 different field trips on Saturday and Sunday (hikes, boat trips, woods tours). A slide show will be featured on Fri. night and an acid rain film late Sat. afternoon. Following a keynote speech Sat. evening, the NRCM annual meeting will include election of new officers, environmental awards, and a report of 1981 activities and 1982 expectations. There is also a complete children's program on Saturday.

Participants are encouraged to register by June 4. Costs vary, with housing and breakfast as low as \$6/day (less for kids), plus costs for other meals. Contact NRCM at 271 State St., Augusta 04330, 622-3101.

Maine Audobon Society's gathering will be June 3 at the Portland Country Club in Falmouth. Although reservations for the 6:30 dinner and Audobon awards following have closed as of May 28 (late reservations may still be accepted), the annual meeting and election of trustees is open to any Audobon member. Maine Audobon, 118 Old US Route One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

Like last month, both groups will be sponsoring raft and canoe trips, nature walks, and bird/flora watching throughout June. Audobon has a special Gypsy Moth tour scheduled for June 5 to study and understand the defoliation process and possible solutions. Contact each group for their schedule.

ATTENTION READERS

INVERT and the Maine Statewide Newsletter will have a new home after June 1. Our new address is: PO Box 110, Stillwater, Me. 04489. We don't have a new phone yet, so call the old number, 938-2219, and you will be redirected to the new number. If your group is sending information or newsletters to INVERT or the MSN, please change your records to this new address.

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With the June 8 Primary Election for state and federal offices just around the corner, a few groups have contacted candidates about issues crucial to them.

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The Augusta Clergy and Laity Concerned group submitted questions about the nuclear arms race to various candidates. Among the responses by first congressional district candidates to the idea of a nuclear weapons freeze (similar to those passed by many town meetings and the state legislature) were strong support from John Kerry, John O'Leary, Phil Merrill, and Plato Truman. (Truman also advocated unilateral disarmament.) John McKernan and Oram Lowry support negotiation-first strategies. In the second district, Olympia Snowe also supports negotiations-before freeze, while Paul Zendzian and James Dunleavy, while not contacted, are both reportedly in support of an immediate freeze.

In the Senate, George Mitchell supports a freeze, while David Emery prefers negotiations first. Sen. William Cohen believes Pres. Reagan's "zero option" strategy of building more weapons until the US and USSR have parity is the best approach. Libertarians and independents were not contacted. Norm Anderson, Box 255, China 04926, has a more complete summary of responses.

The Campaign for Economic Opportunity has been surveying congressional and governor candidates, asking their opinion on CEO's platform in a written questionnaire and at Candidates' Nights meetings.

The Platform, considered an alternative to Reaganomics, supports affirmative action, conservation and renewable energy, national health insurance, full employment programs, access to home mortgages, increases for AFDC/Social Security, more for food stamps and school lunches, and anti-poverty programs.

So far, those supporting the platform are congressional candidates Dunleavy, Zendzian, Truman (except health section), Merrill, and Kerry. Gubernatorial candidates Charles Cragin and Martin Vachon are mostly non-supportive. Others have not responded.

The Campaign, a project of MAIN (Maine Assn. of Interdependent Neighborhoods), plans a press conference about June 2-4 to announce results of the responses and possibly to give endorsements. The campaign will continue in the fall and will include state legislators.

Introducing....ta da....the Maine People's Alliance (MPA). MPA is a citizen action group whose membership is low- and moderate-income people organizing around local and state issues. It is based in Lewiston, in the office of its founding chapter, the People's Action Committee (PAC).

PAC/MPA members have been working on several local and statewide issues recently and happily report success on the passage of a minimum heating standard for rental dwellings in Lewiston, where tenants have been fighting abuses of absentee apartment owners who purposely let their furnaces run out of oil.

MPA also pressured the Public Utilities Commission into holding down the recent rate hike request of Central Maine Power and in forbidding Construction Work in Progress charges in the rate base.

The group has two major campaigns in the Auburn-Lewiston area, the boarding up of abandoned buildings and the proposed 10.3% rate hike of Northern Utilities, Inc. MPA member Ruth Voye, who is an official intervenor in the rate proceeding, successfully won an evening public hearing on the rate hike for June 3, 4:30-5:30 and 7-9 PM at the Multi-Purpose Center, Birch St., Lewiston.

MPA is also intervening in a hearing on June 17 on CMP's attempt to pass its financial losses on the abandoned Pilgrim II nuclear reactor onto consumers. Persons interested in testifying at either hearing can contact the MPA at PO Box 3105, Lewiston 04240 or call the office, 786-2339.

MPA is working to help build chapters in other parts of Maine. To help start a chapter, contact Mary Ann Hayes at MPA's office.

MAIN's other effort was a successful struggle to put \$2.2 million back into state AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) programs. Some people who were dropped from the program early in 1982 are now eligible again (and should reapply), and benefits were raised 9.9%.

To find out more about MAIN/CEO: Judy Guay, Community of Pride, 8 Ft. Knox Dr., Bangor 04401, 947-4371, or Al Smith, CED, 190 Front St., Bath 04530, 725-8598.

"FEAST" YOUR EYES ON THIS

FEAST (Food and Energy Adequate to Satisfy the Town) is a concept for improving the quality of community life by becoming increasingly dependent upon local resources for food, fiber, energy, and employment.

A group of Woolwich MOFGA (Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Assn.) members met in June, 1981, to discuss means for developing a local renewable agriculture. A series of public meetings were held in July.

Through the group's efforts, the town adopted FEAST ideas of agricultural preservation and environmental protection into its comprehensive plan. The Woolwich school was approached, and teachers organized to plan a greenhouse and garden as part of their curriculum.

Two county extension agents have become active supporters of FEAST. They have helped plan a number of meetings, including several pot luck "FEASTs." The result has been work on a local resource directory, a coop store, a local farmers market, a community root cellar, gardening meetings and workshops, a home energy audit assistance program, and a farm/garden/energy efficient house tour.

FEAST involves no formal organization, though it has spawned several task groups. The resource of importance to the FEAST concept is a group of townspeople who are working toward personal self-sufficiency. FEAST, c/o Don Lipfert, RFD 1 Box 645, Woolwich 04579, 443-6571.

INVEST YOURSELF

Do you have technical expertise in such areas as financial planning, membership development, basic accounting, corporate taxes, planning a storefront cooperative, or related skills? MOCA needs you.

Do you have extra money sitting in a money market fund, bank certificates, savings account, or somewhere else that you would like to put to work for social change? MOCA needs YOU (and your money).

Please contact Susan Ellis, 14 Water St.,
Thomaston 04861, 354-8185 for more info.

MOCA (Maine Organization for Co-operative Assistance) is organized to provide financial, technical, and educational assistance to co-operative and worker-owned enterprises in Maine. MOCA will start operations on June 1.

Through MOCA's revolving loan fund (so far \$20,000 has been raised), investors can funnel their money into Maine enterprises that provide jobs and directly benefit their communities. Capital will be available at below bank interest rates.

Organizations needing technical or financial assistance can contact Susan Ellis for additional info and application forms.

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MARKET TO MOUTH

Although the seedlings and beans are barely in the ground and peas are only a few inches high, it's time to think about fresh garden produce and where to get it. Maine will again have an impressive array of farmers markets in almost every county. Some even begin in April and May, though most will start in late June/early July. Farmers markets are a direct marketing method which cuts out middle people (handlers, distributors) and provides more benefits to both producers and consumers.

The list is too long to detail, but the following towns/cities will host markets: Auburn, Lewiston, Presque Isle, Caribou, Houlton, Ft. Kent, Brunswick, Windham, Portland, Westbrook, Farmington, Rangeley, Blue Hill, Ellsworth, Camden, Damariscotta, Waldoboro, Rumford, S. Paris, Bangor, Brewer, Bath, Palmyra, Madison, Belfast, Saco, and Biddeford.

A complete list is available from the Me. Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Resources, State House Sta. 28, Augusta 04333 or the Maine Small Farm Assn. (MSFA) Newsletter #7, c/o Karen Olson, PO Box 147, Washington 04574. More on MSFA in a future issue.

The End of the Rainbow is a second-hand store selling used records, books, and comics which also functions as a New Age Resource Center. They display posters and put out brochures for distribution for a wide variety of personal and social change activities. Rainbow, 81 Oak St., Portland 04101 or call Maurice Harter at 773-0847.

Now writers and lawyers are organizing against the nuclear arms race.

The Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control is a national organization whose goal is to educate its members and the public about the issue of nuclear weapons and to mobilize members to work for their elimination.

Organizing meetings have begun in Maine, with a chapter beginning soon in Portland, followed by others throughout the state. Portland area organizers are Judy Potter, USM Law School, 246 Deering Ave., Portland 04102, and Bill Howison, 5 Moulton, Portland 04101, 775-6371. Lawyers in other parts of Maine interested in starting a group can get information from Pat Brewster, Box 296, Manchester 04351, 622-5234.

At the Maine Poets' Festival, 90 writers signed a petition which reads:

"As writers, we regularly experience the difficulty of creation. An extraordinary amount of accumulated history and insight, much greater than any individual or generation of individuals, goes into the making of something as seemingly simple as a sentence. The same, of course, holds for the organisms that create sentences, for every living thing that inhabits the physical world. Each bears its history, its singularity, burden and gift to the whole.

"But destruction is the simplest form of play for psychological pre-literates. Grown playground bullies now casually threaten the existence of humankind and the millions of species dependent on our shared ecosystem, playing out their chemical/nuclear endgame. We live and dream dispirited in the daily threat of annihilation.

We call on our representatives in elective office to take immediate steps to halt the nuclear arms race and other life-threatening and degrading governmental and corporate policies. We call on those who read this statement to join us in active protest to save this complex, beautiful creation we know as Earth."

Writers interested in signing or distributing this petition can contact Lee Sharkey, RFD 4 Box 3460, Skowhegan 04976, 643-2302 or get petitions from Books Etc., 38 Exchange St., Portland.

(cont. from page 1)

Sylvia Young--443-3373 leave message (Sagadahoc, Lincoln)
Deb Hibbard--784-1278 (Andro., Oxford)
Carolyn Rummell--774-4067 (Cumber., No. York)
Barrie Inoue--603-659-5456 (So. York)

The Solar Rollers are still planning to bicycle to NYC. Norm Gosselin, 49 Westmore, Biddeford 04005, 283-0453 is the contact.

Probably the largest support rally in Maine on June 12 will be a "Rally for World Peace" in Augusta's Capitol Park, rain or shine. It will be a family event, with picnics, a children's play area, and games beginning at 11 AM and speakers, music, and poetry from 2-5. Margaret Lane, Box 113, Wayne 04284, 685-4251 has the details.

One smaller event will be held in Damariscotta, where Citizens Concerned for Nuclear Disarmament (CCND) will vigil at the traffic triangle and put flowers in the cannon there. (They will also sponsor a forum at the Baptist Church at 7:30, June 6, on the disarmament issue. Contact Julia Myers, Walpole 04573, 563-3955 to help out.

Alison Dibble (RFD 1, Blue Hill 04614, 374-5023) will sing peace songs at either the Blue Hill Fairgrounds (1 PM) or the Ellsworth Unitarian Church (7 PM) or both. An event is also planned in Bangor. No details are available yet.

A REGRESS

With many successes in town meetings and the state legislature under their belts and talk of a nuclear freeze on the lips of many across the state, supporters of the Maine Freeze Campaign will decide what to do next.

They will be deciding this at an all-day planning congress (or a retreat, if less people come) on June 26 in the Augusta area. They are seeking representatives from different local freeze efforts (or people who would like to get actively involved in freeze work) to attend and help to plan future freeze and disarmament strategies. Interested people in Androscoggin, Aroostook, Oxford, Piscataquis, Somerset, and Washington counties are especially encouraged to attend.

To receive a packet of information about the retreat (or is it a congress?), write Maine AFSC, Box 7097, Lewiston 04240.

RIGHTS BUS(T)

"Cherry Hill or Bust" is the plan of Maine women who will attend an abortion rights demonstration to the National Right to Life Convention in Cherry Hill, N. J. A bus will leave from Brunswick on July 16 and return on the 18th.

The cost of the trip will be about \$35-40, maybe less. Reservations can be made through any National Organization for Women (NOW) group, or contact Marilyn Kirby, Box 5195 Sta. A, Portland 04101, 846-4644.

LES FEMMES

Women--their talents, achievements, self-concepts, and aspirations--will be spotlighted June 11-13 in Southwest Harbor. Les Femmes D'Acadia Women's Weekend, sponsored by the Mt. Desert Island Women's Network, will feature panel discussions on issues vital to women, a coffeehouse with local women performers, an art show of works by women artists, a concert, and a road race for women only.

The first event will be an 8 PM Friday coffeehouse at the Harbor House Recreation Center in Southwest Harbor.

There will be workshops and panels on Sat. and Sun. at SW Harbor's Pemetic School. After registration at 9 AM, Mary Herman of the Maine Women's Political Caucus will give a keynote address. Saturday's late morning and afternoon workshops include "My Body, Myself" and "How to Search for the Right Job," plus more on Sunday.

Recording artist Kay Gardner of Stonington will cap Saturday's activities with a concert at 8 PM at the United Church of Christ, High Rd., SW Harbor. Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door. Seating is limited. Advance tickets are available at Town Farm Restaurant, Bar Harbor, and Alternative Natural Foods in SW Harbor.

After Sunday workshops, runner Robin Emery will hold a running clinic at 2:30 at the Harbor House, followed at 4 PM by the 6.5 mile Femmes D'Acadia road race.

All events except the concert are free, and the weekend is open to men and children (childcare provided at Sat./Sun. workshops). For info: Sue O'Neill, 29 Ledge lawn, Bar Harbor 04609 or call Pattie Tierney at 244-3101.

DO YOU C-THIS

5 Caesarian births are the focus of the latest Maine Access to Alternatives in Childbirth Care newsletter (c/o Stearns, Box 96, Hampden 04444). A major article emphasized that VBAC (Vaginal Birth after Caesarian, women giving birth normally after a Caesarian Section birth) was more likely that either tradition or most hospitals would claim.

Pregnancy and birth are not diseases though, the article suggests, some doctors and health professionals see these conditions as something to be treated rather than explained to the woman so she understands her bodily actions. This is especially important, says author Lynn Richards, for mothers who have given birth by C-Section. Another one may not be necessary, and freedom of choice for the woman is important in achieving the most satisfying and healthy birth.

Richards, who gave birth to her first child by C-Section and than two more vaginally, is happy to talk individually to women about VBAC and would like to help organize support groups or classes. She also has a 24-hour hot line for emergencies, 568-3736, or write her at PO Box 143, Thorndike 04986.

Midwives in Maine are also hoping to form an organized group in addition to the newsletter they put out. A meeting is planned for June 20 (place/time not yet finalized. For more info on this, contact Ariel Wilcox, Box 1010, Dixmont 04932, 257-3943.

ANNIE!

TROUBADOUR AVAILABLE. Need a musician/singer for your group's local action, project, or fundraising event? Want an exciting act to liven up your rally, march, benefit, etc. for the ERA, nuclear freeze, etc. or to oppose nuclear power, the Humsn Life Bill, or the draft?

Annie Schneiderman (aka Schneiderwoman, Schneiderperson) will travel (gas money or other support appreciated) to the near or far reaches of Maine. Write Annie at RFD 1 Box 220, Buckfield 04220 or call 336-2479. "Thanks a bunch."

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The UFW will also be hiring a few people (room, board, \$10/week) to work on the boycott or farmworker issues. Contact the people above or write UFW, 2 Park Square, #214, Boston, Mass. 02116.

toward supporting MWPA programs, especially its book distribution service of small press publications from Maine. Contact MWPA, PO Box 143, S. Harpswell 04079, 833-6921, 833-5220. Tickets available at Books, Etc., 38 Exchange St., Portland.

In Portland, Tom Andrews is running for the District 21-2 seat, the East Side and Munjoy Hill area. Tom, who is also director of the Maine Assn. of Handicapped Persons, is seeking help in last minute campaigning. Headquarters are at 68 Hampshire St., Portland 04111, 774-6734.

RALLY AT THE U.N. JUNE 12

Thousands of people from almost every nation on earth, including probably several hundred Maine citizens, will be journeying to New York in early June to be part of activities highlighting the United Nations Second Special Session on Disarmament (UNSSD-II). They will join in demanding that the five (US, USSR, China, France, England) nuclear nations "freeze and reverse the nuclear arms race" and that they "redirect resources from the military to meet human needs."

Because of increasing talk of "limited" or "winnable" nuclear exchanges by some heads of state, massive demonstrations in Europe for nuclear-free zones and weapons reductions, and sudden and spectacular interest in a nuclear weapons freeze in the US, the UN SSD-II promises to be an exciting event and an important chance for non-nuclear countries to pressure the 5 nuclear giants for weapons reductions.

The 1982 special session was preceded by a similar one in May, 1978, initiated by many members of the Non-Aligned Block of the General Assembly. Their goal was optimistic--to eliminate nuclear war as a threat to the world, which was declared in Article 18 of the final SSD-I draft for the UN General Assembly.

Unfortunately, the Final Document of SSD-I has not been followed by nuclear nations. Presidential Directive 59, approved by Pres. Jimmy Carter, permits the use (even first use) of nuclear weapons in "limited" ways. "Tough" talk by Pres. Reagan and Sec. of State Haig has other countries, especially the Soviet Union, worried. The Soviets, China, England, and France have all increased their arsenals of military hardware since 1978, increasing the possibility of an accident or incident.

The debate over the necessity for nuclear weapons was emphasized in about 70 of Maine's town meetings and 10-15 city councils this spring, with opponents usually differing over the issues of security and trust. Supporters of the weapons see them as providing security against attack, because the Soviets are not trustworthy, while supporters of a freeze feel fewer weapons will bring more security and either feel the USSR can be trusted or else distrust the US as much as, or more than the Soviets. The momentum

in Maine is clearly in support of a freeze and the goals of SSD-II.

This Special Session will run from June 7 to July 9, with most activity in the first week. One part of the session itself will be written and oral testimonies from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's). It will be NGO's who will be pressuring their country's government, especially those from the five countries possessing nuclear weapons, for reductions, a freeze, or new negotiations.

Most peace activists see the NGO's strength coming from the large rallies and demonstrations happening in Europe and, in the beginning stages, in the US (17,000 in Philadelphia, 25,000-50,000 in Chicago). The Japanese NGO's, for example, hope to collect 30 million signatures in support of nuclear arms reductions and to send at least 1,000 Japanese to New York for SSD-II. There are similar efforts going on in Europe, working toward a nuclear-free continent.

There are no illusions about what the SSD-II can accomplish. It has no legal authority to force nations into action, but rather can be compared to a congressional hearing--offering recommendations. It can concentrate, for a brief period, the combined forces of the international peace movement to show how strong that movement is.

The goal of the US effort, including those active in Maine, is to develop that kind of massive support thru NGO's at the SSD-II and toward the Reagan administration.

Supporters of the SSD-II and freeze efforts have been primarily emphasizing two perspectives--sanity and economics. "It's insane," they say. "How can we have more peace by building more and more weapons?" they ask. The country's economic woes (high inflation, high unemployment, low productivity) have exposed the military budget as a possible culprit. Not only has butter been losing out to guns in budget battles, (about 55% of this year's budget goes to the military), but there's hardly enough money even for margarine now. Comparisons of guns vs. butter are common now, such as \$4.5 billion paying for either 1983 expenditures for the MX missile or to restore cuts in unemployment benefits, child nutrition, Guaranteed Student Loans, and several other minor programs.

Armed with these arguments and recent successes, several hundred Mainers will be in New York City, mostly on June 12, while many others will participate in local rallies, vigils, and other events (see pages 1 and 4 for plans in Maine).

Many events will take place in New York in the first two weeks of June. Several special groups will meet before the session begins on June 7. Women of the World in Action for Peace, sponsored by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, will present a series of women's demands formulated on June 2-4.

A similar set of positions will likely come out of the International Symposium on the Morality and Legality of Nuclear Weapons (Lawyers Committee on Nuclear Weapons). There will be a Children's Rally for a Nuclear Freeze on June 6, followed the next day by the arrival of all 5 branches of the World Peace March, led by Nipponzan Myohoji Japanese nuns and monks. This is the same march that began on Indian Island on March 31 and walked through Maine.

Religious groups hold the spotlight on June 8-10, during the "Reverance for Life" international religious conference. The culmination will be on June 11, with an international religious convocation (religious service, followed by a march to Central Park and an all-night vigil).

There will be strategy/agenda sessions on June 8-10 for activists from around the world, along with briefings on the role of NGO's (any Maine group can be an NGO). On-going activities will include the Plowshare coffeehouse at the UN, sponsoring occasional evening education events, and the "People's Assembly" forums on Tues. and Thurs. evenings throughout the session. An anti-draft festival is slated for June 13 to point up the resistance of many young people to the inevitability of war.

The cultural and arts communities in New York have come alive to the tune of "Arts Alive--Protest and Survive." On June 5-6 Theater for the New City will present a theater festival around the city. Also on the 6th, the Symphony for the United Nations will play Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, accompanied in the last movement by a public sing-a-long and 200 members of the Bread and Puppet Theater sporting flags,

puppets, stilts, and drums. Bread and Puppet will also head the June 12 march with over 500 in a pageant entitled "The Fight Against the End of the World." There will be dancers dancing across the Brooklyn Bridge, theater performances with a peace theme, disarmament film showings and plays, and poetry readings combined with war sound effects.

By far the largest event, however, will be the June 12 March and Rally. Organizers hope the turnout will be 5 or 10 times the 25,000 who rallied at the 1978 session. Over 125 national groups, from Church Women United to the Communist Party, USA, are rally sponsors. Tentatively, marchers will gather at the UN and various other locations by 10 AM and march to Central Park. The rally will begin at noon, including speakers such as Coretta Scott King, Admiral Gene LaRocque, Helen Caldicott, William Winpisinger, and Randy Forsberg of the National Freeze Campaign. Holly Near, Pete Seeger, and Jackson Browne will be among the entertainers. The real entertainment may be the incredible diversity of people and activities during the day.

Finally, in an effort to connect disarmament with other issues of militarism, oppression, and imperialism and to push for unilateral disarmament efforts, a non-violent civil disobedience sit-in/blockade is planned on June 14 at the 5 nuclear nations' UN missions. (Although many of those at the June 12 rally will point out these other issues, the theme of the rally officially is, "Freeze and reverse the arms race" and "redirect resources from the military to meet human needs.") Other demands are to dismantle nuclear reactors and immedicate disarming of weapons.

For details on all the above activities (esp. June 12): June 12 Rally Committee, 853 Broadway #2109, NY, NY 10003, 212-460-8980, 674-3633.

The SSD-II may not make an immediate, noticeable impact on disarmament efforts, but national leaders cannot ignore it. More likely, effects will be felt when national debates are held on the issue. But for many going to New York or rallying in Maine, time is running out, and action in any form must be taken to avoid what they see as the ultimate catastrophe--nuclear holocaust.

SUMMER EDU-VACATION!!

Summer usually means a time for vacation or relaxation, but you can combine those with an education about personal or social change if you attend one of the many institutes, camps, or rural education centers in New England this summer. Here are a few in central/northern New England:

Starting south and working north, there are two spots in Massachusetts--the Center for Popular Economics Summer Institute and Rowe Camp. The Center offers week-long programs to teach alternative economics (with topics such as "class, exploitation, and profits" and "economics of military spending"). The first program runs from July 11-17, with three more scheduled in August. Cost is \$200 for low-income, \$300-400 for others (scholarships are available), including food lodging, everything. Write CPE, Box 785, Amherst Mass. 01004.

Rowe Camp is mostly a teenagers camp in the summer, but it will feature Celebration of Health, June 18-20 and a weekend with author/home education advocate John Holt, June 25-27. Costs vary from \$60-100, depending on income. Rowe Camp, Kings Highway, Rowe, Mass. 01367.

Moving into New Hampshire, the 1982 Avon Institute, July 17-24, at Geneva Point Center, Lake Winnepesaukee, will have the theme "The Human Race vs. the Arms Race." Daily programs on this theme will intermix with small group discussions, worship/meditation, recreation, and children's programs. Costs vary from about \$125-350, depending on accommodations. Write American Friends Service Committee, 2161 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02140.

Almost on the Maine border (we're getting closer) is the World Fellowship Center, which offers daily programs on subjects as varied as community organizing, the health care system, Central America, and nuclear waste disposal throughout July and Aug. There's also a Women's Retreat on June 11-13. Rates vary from \$60-190/week, depending on how many meals, camping vs. lodge, etc. World Fellowship Center, RR 1 Birch St., N. Conway, N. H. 03860, 603-356-5208.

Now we're in Maine, which includes Ferry Beach, a Unitarian-Universalist conference center. "Centering" on June 28-July 3 and "Men's Week," July 24-31, are two upcoming programs. Rooms and camping are available. Ferry Beach, c/o Taylor, 5 Morris Ave., Saco 04072, 282-4489.

Up north, there's Hardscrabble Hill, offering residential courses and retreats for women. A poetry workshop on June 28-July 3 is an early event. Cost is \$175 for tuition, plus room and board costs. Contact Hardscrabble Hill, Box 130, Orland 04472, 469-7112.

Finally, there's Northern Pines, a wholistic health retreat (Box 279, Rt. 85, Raymond 04071, 655-7624). NP is a combination, on the water with trails, sauna, etc., but it also offers yoga, classes on various aspects of natural health, whole foods-vegetarian meals, facilities/assistance for fasting, and evening programs. Costs are \$325-360/week. NP is open from May 28-Oct. 31.

More on events at some of these locations in the next newsletter or two.

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