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"All the News that Fits to Print"

July, 1983

STOP THE WAR!

"STOP the U.S. War Against Central America" read the posters. "Rally" and "Demonstrate" against U.S. intervention. "No More Vietnam Wars." "Money for Jobs, Equality, and Human Needs." The slogans cover well the goals of the July 2 demonstration and the message being delivered in Washington to Pres. Ronald Reagan and his cabinet, who will be at an "Independence Day Ball" at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington.

Although the word is out late, the mobilization is beginning to get people to Washington to express their outrage over the continued war in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, and the overall militarization of Central America and Caribbean Islands (Haiti, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Grenada).

People of Maine in Solidarity with the
People of Central America and the Caribbean
has formed to encourage Mainers to go to
Washington and, if possible, to continue
pressure through direct actions for an
end to U.S. intervention in Central America.

There will be either a bus or car pooling leaving probably on July 1 for Washington. To join the ranks, contact Carol DiFranco, People of Maine, 51 High St., Portland 04101, 772-3499 or call the Canneys at 324-6292 (Sanford) or Julie Labbe at 782-4350 (Lewiston). Local actions are also planned later in the summer.

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Many of the bigger events this summer are coming up in August--the commemoration of Aug. 6-9 (dropping of the first atom bombs on Japan) by peace groups, fairs at HOME Coop and in Washington County, the Maine Festival, the Martin Luther King Memorial March for "Jobs, Peace, and Freedom," the AFL-CIO Summer Institute, the Women's Healing/Ritual Gathering and other events all vie for front page coverage next month. But there are exciting things in July, too, so dive into these pages and see what kind of great things you can find to attend. AND WANT TO ATTEND THE M.L. KING 20th ANNIVERSARY MARCH IN WASHINGTON ON AUG. 27? CONTACT MARILYN KIRBY, MAINE NOW, BOX 5195 STA. A, PORTLAND 04101, 773-3333 or MAINE FREEZE CAMPAIGN, BOX 3842, PORTLAND 04104, 772-0680 or INVERT.

EVERY HOME HAS A TEACHER

John Holt, noted writer and home education advocate, will be the featured speaker at the Home Education Conference sponsored by the Maine Home Education network. Holt, author of How Children Learn, How Children Fail, and Teach Your Own, is now co-editor of Growing without Schooling, a national network of home schooling advocates.

Joining him will be several Maine home schooling supporters giving presentations on developing a home curriculum, testing/evaluation, successful home schooling, resources, religious issues, and developing a state wide organization. Presentations and other activities, such as swimming, will be available to children. The conference is open to people who are now doing home schooling and those who might like to.

The conference will be held on Sat., July 16, 9-5, with recreation and informal evening activities also going on. Maine Home Education will have its second annual picnic, 9-2:30, on July 17. All events will be at Rockcraft Lodge in East Sebago. Housing is available overnight. Meals can be bought (reasonably priced) or brought.

Conference costs are \$4/adult and \$2/ages 5-18 and more if meals and lodging are included. Pre-register by July 10 if possible. Register with Janis Davis, RFD 1 Box 920, Mechanic Falls 04256, 345-3172 or call Corrine Allen (784-1815) or the Garrows at 892-3832.

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NO PLACE TO HIDE

Is there any place to hide in a nuclear war? The Brunswick Area Committee for a Nuclear Freeze has begun to work toward a referendum to declare the best (only) civil emergency preparedness plan for that city to be "the prevention of nuclear war." 2
Evacuation plans, they contend, are deluding the public because they encourage people to believe that nuclear war is winnable and survivable. "There are no winners, and the survivors will envy the dead."

The Brunswick group is seeking support in this referendum effort (signatures to be collected, information distributed, and more), and they hope to have a presence at the Maine Festival. To offer your help, contact Lucy Ijams, 24B Oak St., Brunswick 04011, 729-5730 (before 9 AM or eves).

* TALK TO THE TOURISTS *

Although many social change groups ease up or hibernate during the summer, two peace groups at nearly opposite ends of the state are gearing up for the summer tourist crowd with a lot of happenings.

The Kennebunk Forum is sponsoring a film series on the threat of nuclear war with 4 programs on Tuesdays, June 28, July 5, 19, 26. Each film--"War Without Winners," "Countdown for America," "The Last Epidemic" and "Protection in the Nuclear Age," and "Gods of Metal"--will have a follow-up discussion.

Each film (cost \$1) will be shown at 7:30 PM at the Community House, Temple St., Kennebunkport. For a schedule: Al Adams, 38 High St., Kennebunk 04043, 985-7002. Another series will be held in August.

In the Deer Isle-Stonington area, the Citizens for a Nuclear Freeze will be celebrating the 4th of July with a float in the Stonington parade. A double feature of "Dr. Strangelove" and "If You Love This Planet" will be shown on the 7th, tentatively at the Deer Isle-Stonington High School. And on July 21, Dr. Geoff Gratwick of Physicians for Social Responsibility will present a socially responsible critique of the nuclear arms race.

The group also plans an ambitious August program, including a speech by Archibald Cox and a special art show. For the details: Mary Farquar, Blue Hill Falls 04615, 359-2011.

Enactment;" July 28--China Galland on "Women in the Wilderness;" July 30--Bobbi Lev-"Astrology--Signs of the Times." Call 469-7112 for confirmation/directions or Hardscrabble Hill, Box 130, Castine Rd., Orland 04472.

AD FOR PEACE

Central America groups like Midcoast CASA (Central America Solidarity Association) still believe that the required semi-annual certification by the U.S. government of El Salvador's human rights record is a farce. Continued assassinations and killing of innocent people is not to be tolerated, they believe, especially since America's continued foreign aid is contributing to this violence and slaughter.

CASA is sponsoring a full-page ad in the Maine Sunday Telegram in mid-July to declare the insanity of this policy and to ask the American people to speak up for a change in policy. The ad will describe the increase in fighting and the regionalization of the conflict, call attention to the need to cut off military aid, and list names of individuals and groups signing the ad. They hope to send a letter about this to many persons receiving this newsletter.

Do you have \$5 or more to contribute to this ad? Do you want to speak publicly for an end to U.S. military complicity and support for this killing? If so, contact Jim Stump, Midcoast CASA, Star Route 2, Bath 04530, 442-7527 by about July 10 for a sheet describing the ad and procedure.

HARDSCRABBLE WORKS HARD

Again in July, a featured workshop leader at Hardscrabble Hill will go "public" for a special presentation. Joanna Macy, author and workshop facilitator, will present "Taking Heart in the Nuclear Age: A Despair and Empowerment Workshop" for men and women on Sat., July 16, 7:30 PM at the Unitarian Church in Ellsworth, co-sponsored by Hancock Co. Clergy & Laity Concerned.

Can we overcome feelings of despair when we try to confront problems like nuclear war, discrimination, or economic inequalities? Macy thinks so and has solutions to share. A \$3 donation is requested but not required.

At Hardscrabble's center, Thurs. and Sun. (plus one Sat.) are special program nights. In a nutshell: July 3--Poetry reading by Jane Cooper; July 7--Writer/publisher Bea Gates & New Leaf Books' Sive Neilan-"Survival of Women's Reading and Writing;" July 10--"Killing us Softly" film on women & advertising; July 14--Nonie Valentine on "Psychologies of War" and the film "Soldier Girl;" July 21--Poet/painter Margie Lou Rose-"Zen Precessionism;" July 24--Gayldawn Price-"Theater

WHO NEEDS TV RE-RUNS?

Last month, hopefully to general acclaim, we began MSN's vacation planning service. The column continues this month with more info on camps, retreats, and other events to entice you away from home during July and early August. Here goes:

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Besides our long list of opportunities in the June issue (to be repeated in condensed form below), there are five additional summer recreation/education opportunities that are socially relevant too:

Women-Quest offers journeys involving physical challenges, rituals, survival skills, introspection, and empowerment, with guides Gayldawn Price and Lindsay Hammonds. Summer programs are 6-day "Vision-Quests" to special locations--to Isle Au Haut (July 28-Aug. 2), down the Penobscot River (Aug. 15-20), and to Mt. Katahdin (Aug. 31-Sept. 5). Each quest costs \$195. For a brochure: Gayldawn Price, Blue Hill Falls 04615, 374-2127.

For the Greenpeace supporter, there's Maine Whalewatch, all day trips on the "Island Queen" (cost \$20), Tues. to Sat., 8:15 to 5:30, from the Sea St. Pier in Northeast Harbor. For a brochure or reservations: Maine Whalewatch, PO Box 78, N. E. Harbor 04662, 244-7427.

A special event in July (16-23) is the annual Avon Institute on Lake Winnepesaukee in Center Harbor, N. H., sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. "Reshaping the American Dream: Perspectives on the U.S. Political and Economic System" is the theme, and includes a workshop by Tom Andrews, Maine Assn. of Handicapped Persons director and state legislator. Costs are on a sliding scale, and families are welcome. Scholarships are available. Write AFSC, 2161 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, Mass. 02140, 617-661-6130.

Star Island (PO Box 178, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801, 617-426-7988), on an island off Portsmouth, is another church-sponsored retreat/conference center. July's special is "The Nuclear Dilemma--Security without Annihilation," July 23-30.

Finally, the Rural Education Center, Stonyfield Farm, Wilton, N.H. 03086, 603-654-9625, features "New Economic Perspectives: Steps Toward Regional Self-Reliance in Agriculture" on July 16 (9-3, \$20) and "Post and Beam Construction," July 18-22 (write for details). Barter and scholarships are available. Registration is 1 week before the event, so contact now.

Here is an update of vacation options listed last month:

Women Outdoors--an organization to help provide opportunities for women to work/play in the outdoors and learn from it.
July 1-4--Mother and daughter canoe trip.
July 6--Hike at Wolf Neck State Park.
July 10-16--Canoe trip for women over 30.
July 16--Gulf Hagas Day Hike.
July 22-24--Natural history and backpacking weekend in the White Mountains.

Contact Debbie Sugarman, Unity College, Unity 04988, 948-3131 for July 1-4, 10-16, and 16 trips and for an overall schedule and Ellen Klain, 766-3344 for July 6 and 22-24 trips.

Northwoods Arts Center (PO Box 42, Dover-Foxcroft 04426)--sponsoring "Wilderness Canoe Travel" trips emphasizing traditional skills and equipment.

July 2-6--Canoe trip on Moose River.

Ferry Beach (Norma/John Taylor, 5 Morris Ave., Saco 04072, 282-4489)--a Unitarian-Universalist facility offering workshops on personal and social change.

July 5-9--"Exploring the Maine Coast."

July 9-16--"Self-Images--Discovering Your Own Creativity."

July 9-16--"Single Parenting: The Impossible Challenge!"

July 16-23--"Mysticism: Learning Together."

July 23-30--"Women's Week: Reaching for the New Vision."

July 30-Aug. 6--"The Secret Space Within."

Hersey Retreat (PO Box 1125, Bangor 04401)--a camp and conference center for adults and children on Sandy Point (Waldo County).

July 10-16--"Religious Values for Living."

Northern Pines (Box 279, Raymond 04071, 655-7624)--a wholistic health resort offering regular programs and facilities for a healthier lifestyle. No big events till fall.

Hardscrabble Hill (Box 130, Orland 04472, 469-7112)--a retreat center for women emphasizing feminism and personal growth/change.

July 1-6--Writing Poetry workshop.

July 15-18--"Shaping the Future: Women and the Power to Be" (see separate article).

July 22-25--"Sparkling Self-Renewal and Healing."

World Fellowship Center (RD Box 136, Conway, N.H. 03818, 603-447-2280)--a vacation environment plus weekly thematic programs on radical social change issues.
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♪ MUSICAL MERRY = MAKING ♪

Music and entertainment festival abound as the sun appears and the black flies disappear in July.

For the folk freaks, there's the Rockport Folk Festival, July 8-9, Rockport Opera House, with 8 PM concerts and an afternoon workshop on the 9th with Gordon Bok, County Down, Michael Cooney, and the Howitzers Mandolin Orchestra (24 members strong), among others. Call 236-4200 or local music stores for tickets.

The old-timey old timers will like a trio of events around Bar Harbor: The Downeast Dulcimer Festival (July 9-10) on the Village Green (YWCA if rain) in Bar Harbor with dulcimer music and dancing (12-5, free); the Fourth Annual Acadian Scottish Festival at the Bar Harbor Golf Course in Trenton (July 16-17, \$3-4) with numerous performers of Scottish, Irish, and Celtic music, plus crafts, exhibits, demonstrations, historical encampments, Celtic food, storytelling, and much, much more; and the Song of the Sea Gaelic Festival (July 30), back on the Green in Bar Harbor (free again). Contact Anne/Ed Damm, 118 Ledge-lawn, Bar Harbor 04609, 288-5653 for info on the 9-10 and 30th events. There will be contradances on the 9th and 30th.

The Bluegrass blokes will go for the Salty Dog Festival (June 29-July 3) in Cambridge w/Southern Grass, Yodelin' Slim, Bob and Grace, Kendall Morse--all familiar names to the afficianado (\$4-7/day). Fred Pike, RFD 1, Cambridge 04923, 277-5624 has the details. There's also the Bingham Truckers Rodeo Assn. (July 15-17) in Bingham (Dale Lawyerson, Box 662, Bingham 04920) and Barney's Festival (Barney's Country Store, Rt. 2, Pittsfield 04967) on July 10.

Finally, the New England Vaudeville Festival takes place July 21-23 somewhere in North Conway, N.H., with lots of mime artists, jugglers, magicians, acrobats, dancers, and more. A unique event!

✻ FAIR DEAL ✻

Get ready for the August fairs, and be a participant too. The HOME Coop Fair can use more crafters, musicians, and poetry readers. Contact HOME, Rt. One, Orland 04472, 469-7961. The Washington County Fair can use more animal displays, crafts and food booths, educational displays, and entertainers (including fiddlers for a fiddle contest). To get involved, contact fair director Suzanne Schofield, Rt. One, Pembroke 04666, 726-3952.

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July 8-14--"Recapturing Socialist History."
July 15-21--"Gray Panthers Week."
July 22-28--Civil Liberties/Crim. Justice."
July 29-Aug. 4--"A New Spirituality/Religion and Social Issues."

Institute for Social Ecology (Box 89, Plainfield, Vt. 05667--three week programs on the social roots of our ecological crisis.

Another Place (Rt. 123, Greenville, N. H. 03048, 603-878-9883)--a conference center combining the personal and political.

July 18-24--"Return to Creation" with Medicine Story.

Rowe Camp (Kings Hwy, Rowe, Mass. 01367, 413-339-4216)--a camp for youth and adults emphasizing freedom and shared learning.

July 1-4--"Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration" with clowns, music, nature.

July 31-Aug. 6--"Women's Week."

Center for Popular Economics (Box 785, Amherst, Mass. 01004, 413-545-0743)--education on combatting Reaganomics in local communities on July 10-16, July 31-Aug. 6, and on Aug. 14-20.

~ A YEARLY RITUAL ~

August 1 is the preferred registration deadline (though there may be space for women registering later) for the Second Women's Healing/Ritual Gathering at Hidden Valley in Freedom on August 27-28. In cooperation with Women Outdoors, the event will be a spiritual wilderness retreat sharing the beauty of nature with that of the rituals and activities created by the participants.

The list of activities is long--sweat lodges, astrology, saunas, dance, night circles, foraging, Tai Chi, drums, kayaks, bonfires, chanting, and music, to name a few highlights. Many workshops are planned, but persons willing to facilitate a workshop are urged to respond by Aug. 1.

Cost for the weekend is \$35, including lodging and all meals. Women can stay over on Monday for a little extra money to enjoy the camp facilities more. Carpooling can be arranged. For registration or other details: Ritual Gathering, PO Box 476, Lincoln, Mass. 01773 or call Foxfire in Maine at 342-9685.

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IT'S NOT HER FAULT.....

Whose fault is it when a woman alone is raped on a dark city street at night? If you think the woman should be blamed, you are wrong, according to members of the Maine Coalition on Rape, which is made up of representatives from rape crisis programs, women's groups, service and health agencies, and lawyers/law enforcement personnel. The coalition has been formed to prevent rape through legislation, dispelling of myths about rape, and efficient reporting and prosecution.

The court system has not always treated rape victims with support rather than blame, however, which discourages reporting and, therefore, prosecution of rapists. Several recent court cases cited by the Coalition--where rapists have been given very light sentences or where victims have been lectured to or reprimanded or, in one case, sentenced for refusing to testify--suggest that rape crimes are not being properly handled by the courts.

The coalition has begun a "Judge Watch" to insure that judges are acting to prevent rapes and to give support to victims and the reporting of rape crimes. Volunteers are needed to check on judicial conduct. Contact the following rape crisis centers:

Bangor	942-7442
Lewiston-Auburn	795-2341
Norway-S. Paris	743-9777
Portland	774-3613

or write the Maine Coalition on Rape,
PO Box 623, Augusta 04330.

AA CAMPING OUT ?

Who's going to the Woman's Peace Camp in Seneca Falls, N.Y? U.S. nuclear missiles, soon to be deployed in European countries on the doorstep of the Soviet Union, will significantly alter the delicate balance of relations between the West (Europe and U.S.) and the East. Some missiles are kept now at Seneca Falls.

The camp, modelled after one in England, will involve women from throughout the country gathering from July 4 to Sept. 5 (at least) to protest, celebrate life, educate each other about feminism and militarism, and take direct action.

Some Maine women are going. For car-pooling or more information: Maine Freeze Campaign, PO Box 3842, Portland 04104, 772-0680; Jeanne Davis, 98 Winthrop St., Augusta 04330, 622-1139; or Karen Harlan, 11 Old Mill Rd., Orono 04473, 827-3107. It's a summer camp you'll never forget!!

TEAR DOWN PARADISE, PUT UP A PARKING LOT

Bear Butte in S. Dakota has been a sacred spot for many Plains Native tribes for over 2,000 years. Native American holy women and men still come there to pray and seek visions.

But now, according to Doug Hamill of the Morning Star Foundation, the state of S. Dakota has begun to develop the site as part of its state park system. It has built roads, tourist centers and parking lots. Local Native leaders are struggling to protect Bear Butte and other sacred spots.

The Morning Star Foundation is a non-profit organization raising money for these tribes who are involved in the effort to protect their spiritual heritage. Its founders believe that "it is time for white Americans to make a stand for the rights of our red sisters and brothers."

Any donation, no matter how small, can help. A donation of \$10 to the Morning Star Foundation will make you an associate member. For \$20 or more, Morning Star will send you a cassette of a conversation with Grover Horned Antelope, Sioux medicine man.

For more on the foundation or its work, contact Doug Hamill, Twin Springs Farm, RFD 2, Union 04862, 785-4976.

And if you want to support legal (white law) rights for Native Americans, there's the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), from which land claims cases initiated by the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes came. Tribes in other states are fighting for simple recognition as tribes, for water, hunting, and fishing rights, and for a fair share of federal funds for projects such as "Indian Education."

A financial contribution won't right a long-standing wrong, but, according to NARF, it might reverse a wrong direction toward which Native Americans, who already have the worst health and housing, the highest unemployment, and the lowest incomes of any group in the country, are still slipping.

One contact for NARF in Maine who will be happy to receive financial support is Wayne Newell, Box 271, Princeton 04668.

PERMATHERMAL BIO CULTURE

North Country Permaculture and Biothermal Energy Center are co-sponsoring a biothermal workshop on July 23-24 in Blue Hill. The workshop will cover design process siting and commercial evaluation of the composting greenhouse. Cost of the workshop is \$35. Catered meals can be had for \$20, and free camping is available.

On Saturday night, 7:30-11, there will be slides, lecture, and discussion of the methods of Jean Pain, with adaptations for Maine's bioregion. Persons especially interested in this event can attend for the evening alone for a \$5 contribution. Pain's method utilizes brushwood chips to produce methane, domestic hot water, and large quantities of compost/soil. The composting greenhouse and Jean Pain's methods are two important elements in the development of a viable, sustainable society.

Please preregister by July 11 if possible. Contact Wyatt Courtemanche, North Country Permaculture, Blue Hill 04614, 374-2804 or Bruce Fulford, Biothermal Energy Center, PO Box 3112, Portland 04101.

GET IT FRESH!



Farmers Markets and roadside stands will again be in evidence this year throughout the state, providing direct marketing of fresh, locally-grown produce and other agricultural products. A complete list of such facilities is available in the booklet, "Producer to Consumer," from the Maine Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Resources, State House Sta. 28, Augusta 04333, 289-3491.

The number of farmers markets is expanding each year, with 27 markets listed in every county except Kennebec, Piscataquis, and Washington. Look for them in Auburn, Bangor, Bath, Belfast, Biddeford, Blue Hill, Brewer, Brunswick, Camden, Caribou, Damariscotta, Ellsworth, Farmington, Ft. Kent, Houlton, Lewiston, Newport, N. Windham, Portland, Portsmouth, N.H., Rangeley, Rumford, Saco, Skowhegan, S. Paris, Waldo-boro, and Westbrook. Many markets also sell crafts, flowers, baked goods, and other homemade foods. Most will open by early July.

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Several people, responding on last month's subscription form, asked about the "El Salvador Is Spanish for Vietnam" bumper sticker. We don't have those, but they are available from the Planetary Peace Alliance, PO Box 18886, San Francisco, Cal. 94118, 415-237-7645. Costs are \$1 for either a button or sticker, but much cheaper (25-35¢ each) for larger quantities.

• M G M COMES OUT •

Mid-Coast Gay Men, formerly very active in Waldo, Knox, and Lincoln counties, may be resurrected. An informal group of about six men shares fun and friendship in the Camden area. They would like to expand their numbers and become a bit more formally organized if needed. They will be supportive to men who are just beginning to come out, or simply include others in the fun. Contact: Mid-Coast Gay Men, PO Box 496, Camden 04843.



A FREE LUNCH



Although the weather is nice now, and it is a great time to camp out, some people do it out of necessity. They have to camp out, because they have no place to live. For many others, money is tight and they don't have enough to buy sufficient food for themselves or their families. Some live on the streets, while others have a place but are out of a job and food money. All are victims of a society unable to insure that their basic needs are met.

In a flashback to the 1930's Depression, soup kitchens have sprung up in at least five locations to provide at least one good meal (lunch) each day for people in need. Generally these kitchens are in churches or service agencies, run by volunteers. Usually no questions are asked. Food is basic--cheap and/or donated--served from about 11 AM to 1 PM or at least part of that time. There are at least five in Maine:

Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen, 207 York St., Bangor, 942-6941, Fr. Ray Bertrand.
Good Shepard Ministries S.K., 325 Lisbon St., Lewiston, 782-3554, Raymond Pike.
Sacred Heart S.K., 72 Pleasant St., Waterville, 872-6462, Fr. George Goudreau.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church S.K., 27 Pleasant, Brunswick, 725-2172, Nancy Hoffman.
Salvation Army S.K., 297 Cumberland Ave., Portland, 774-6304.

Each of these can use volunteers to prepare and serve food and need donations of food and money. They welcome people to come for lunch (no cost or give a donation) or offer support in other ways.

SMP DON'T WASTE MAINE -- BE SENSIBLE SMP

Although voter referendums to close the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Wiscasset have lost twice recently, the effort to close the plant because of health, safety, and economic concerns is far from over. The emphasis, however, has shifted away from the ballot box and into the courtrooms, hearing rooms, and the state legislature.

Spearheading this effort is Sensible Maine Power (SMP), a non-profit citizens group primarily located in the area around the Wiscasset plant. SMP began in 1979 as a result of Three Mile Island events and related concerns about Maine Yankee. A request from Maine Yankee to increase the capacity of its on-site waste storage facilities from an allowed pool capacity of 953 spent fuel assemblies (the pool was originally intended to hold only 318) to 1,551 assemblies resulted in a petition from SMP to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) asking that the request be rejected.

SMP listed a number of objections, especially those concerning the exposure to workers, the danger of mistakes causing large public exposure to radiation, the danger of the increased number of fuel assemblies being packed closer and closer together, and the unproven technology of the method and competency of the company. The state of Maine, through the Attorney General's office, later joined the petition.

In 1980, Maine Yankee changed its request from an increase to 1,551 fuel assemblies to 2,551, requiring each waste container to be disassembled, the reassembled with waste in a compacted form. Both the state and SMP are recognized as intervenors, but the case is still in a "discovery" phase, where information is still being collected. However, some information, especially the exact method to be used to disassemble and reassemble the waste containers, has not yet been provided. Whether there is some (il)legitimate reason for Maine Yankee or the NRC to withhold the details is not clear. But it has not yet been made public, although the method, called "pinpacking," has never been tried before and clearly deserves scrutiny. Hearings on the petition are scheduled for November of this year, about four years after it was filed.

The issue of storage of high level (used fuel) waste is not just a problem for Maine Yankee. Waste storage is probably still the major unanswered question for the nuclear industry. And with radioactive waste continuing to be hazardous for 100,000 to 1 million years, future generations cannot afford any mistakes by the present one.

Reprocessing of waste, the first approach to handling waste, hasn't worked commercially because higher volumes are produced and because of the product it creates--nuclear weapons material. What has been reprocessed has obviously been used--30,000 nuclear bombs by the U.S.

The nuclear industry continues to claim that a technological solution is at hand, but that solution is not yet proven or constructed. Some sort of storage in containers in stable geological formations seems to be the plan, but the specifics are not clear. The tentative location of several storage sites by the Dept. of Energy is scheduled for 1985, but states have not been eager to offer land for such a facility. Nobody wants hazardous waste in their backyard. Stable formations of granite are one possible storage site, and Maine and 16 other states have been suggested on that basis.

Currently the plan is to have at least one waste dump operating by 1998 to 2001. This will have waste stored in leakproof drums (for at least 1000 years) and placed in stable geologic formations. Waste will only gradually begin to leak out slowly after 1000 or more years, posing no health hazards to those beings alive at that time. So goes the industry and government's scenario, but the truth remains for this and future generations to see.

Some waste has been shipped to existing facilities in other states, including much of Maine Yankee's low-level waste. But waste sites are beginning to limit how much "foreign" waste they will accept from other states. The nuclear industry won a recent victory when the Supreme Court ruled that a state may not restrict transportation or storage of out-of-state spent fuel. But there is no place to put Maine's high level waste, even if another state were forced to accept it.

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Then there are the ideas of dry storage of spent fuel in special casks, shipment of spent fuel to other nuclear plants where the fuel pools are not filled, and compaction, which is what Maine Yankee is planning on.

Storing more and more spent fuel in existing pools is not a risk-free method. Compaction increases the danger of an accident and would make a loss-of-coolant accident a real disaster. Releases of radioactive coolant water, as happened twice in recent years, could cause severe contamination. And leaks in the pool liner are more likely because of greater heat. So it is no wonder that Sensible Maine Power is questioning this approach to high-level waste storage.

SMP, with other anti-nuclear power groups such as the Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee and Safe Power for Maine, supported L.D. 373, a bill in the 1983 legislature to limit Maine Yankee to its already agreed upon total of 953 fuel assemblies rather than their new request of 2,551.

SMP argued that no limitation on the number of fuel assemblies stored would create, whether by accident or design, a permanent dump site. Using a recent Supreme Court ruling on a California law as a guide, the group argued that Maine could make laws to regulate nuclear power facilities when its economic interests were being affected.

The bill was amended, however, raising the 953 limit to 1,259 (and to 1,476 in case of emergency), thus giving Maine Yankee sufficient waste storage space to operate until 1992. The 953 limit would have forced the plant to shut down in 1987. A clause was also inserted stating that the plant would not accept waste from other plants, even though such a legal provision had just been declared illegal by the Supreme Court. Although the bill passed both houses, it will probably be held over until the next legislature or amended once again, because its legality is questionable.

A second bill, L.D. 1631, the "Nuclear Activity Consent Law," passed and signed by the governor, requires that no high level waste be stored anywhere in Maine now except at Maine Yankee and that the state follow federal timelines for the creation of a "permanent" waste storage facility

(discussed earlier) by 1998-2001 with Maine as a possible site.

SMP has also recently begun to question Maine Yankee's evacuation plan, and it filed a petition on April 8, 1983, asking that Maine Yankee's operating license be suspended until an adequate evacuation plan is produced. This petition came as a direct result of a March, 1983, report from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which declared an "emergency response exercise" based on an accident at Maine Yankee a failure. The petition declared simply that the plan would not protect area residents from possible dangers of a plant accident, citing the situation that about 75,000 people, the normal summer population of the Boothbay area, would have to travel toward the plant for 12 miles on a two-land road (Route 27) before they could begin to evacuate. No response to this petition is expected for several months, however.

In support of its evacuation petition, SMP is doing a telephone survey in each town within the evacuation zone: Alna, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Bristol, Damariscotta, Dresden, Edgecomb, Newcastle, S. Bristol, Southport, Westport, and Wiscasset in Lincoln County and Arrowsic, Bath, Bowdoinham, Brunswick, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath, and Woolwich in Sagadahoc/Cumberland. Anyone living in those towns willing to make a few calls should call Elinor Miller at 633-4102 or write to SMP.

Whether Sensible Maine Power's efforts to close Maine Yankee or at least make it less dangerous are more effective than that of the Maine Nuclear Referendum is hard to say. SMP, like other grass roots groups, continues to struggle along on donated time and a few money donations. Although legal help has been provided without cost, money is needed for research, paying expert witnesses, plus the usual phone, travel, and printing expenses. They would appreciate donations or offers of help in organizing fund-raising events (musicians and fund-raisers take note).

For more background information on the Maine Yankee situation or SMP: Sensible Maine Power, PO Box 144, Boothbay Harbor 04538 or call the group's president, Elinor Miller at 633-4102.

"If a little dust gets together, it makes a mountain."--Oriental saying

TAKE THE NATURAL PATH --

Healer Deborah Knight Irvine, a Maine native and ex-Waldo County resident, is returning to give workshops in Knox-Waldo counties and other areas from July to Oct.

Since 1978, Deborah has been presenting workshops in Europe, England, Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, and the U.S. on the subjects of Touch for Health, Polarity Therapy, Color Balance, Self-Confidence/Self-Motivation, and the Freedom from Self-Sabotage program. She is a certified Clinical Hypnotherapist and has a counseling practice.

For a list of programs or to sponsor a presentation in your area: The Natural Path, c/o Peter Baldwin, PO Box 221, Brooks 04921, 722-3562.

COVER-UP IN BLUE HILL

The Blue Hill Library will be covered with quilts and coverlets--old and new--made by women from the Penobscot Peninsula in the last 180 years during a display from July 1-15. The exhibit is intended to honor the women and their difficult, painstaking work and to celebrate the artistry of the quilt and the stories each one tells.

Donations of quilts by women from the Blue Hill area are needed. People are encouraged to view the display when in the area. For details: Nancy Caudle, PO Box 178, Blue Hill 04614, 667-5656.

"It is true, indeed, that they can execute the body, but they cannot execute the idea which is bound to live."--Sacco

REMEMBER THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

On August 6, 1983, Scott Nearing will be 100 years old. Nearing and his wife, Helen, are well-known authors, social change advocates, lovers of the good life, and inspirations for those seeking simplicity and self-reliance. However, Scott is very sick now, and friends and supporters are holding a 24-hour vigil with him because his condition is so serious.

They recommend sending him cards or letters wishing him well or urging renewed strength. The address: Scott Nearing, Harborside 04642.

And here is a remembrance of two friends by Nancy Brooks of Stonington: "In Memory of Ann and Mary:"

"I'm looking out at Isle Au Haut, a beautiful island here in a Maine coastal town. My friends lived there, loved, and were happy there. To my regret, I only knew them a short year in our existence in this life.

"Someone once said, 'quality outweighs quantity.' I thank Ann Blaisdell and Mary Wombach for the friendship and for showing me that there is a chance someday for us all to be as happy as they were.

"Ann and Mary both died in May in a boating accident here in Stonington. The quality these two women shared with all they came in contact with will always be remembered by all, I am sure. I shall miss them every time I look out at Isle Au Haut over the years to come, and I'll know they are happy somewhere still together."

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

June 28, July 5, 19, 26--Kennebunk Forum (2)

June 29-July 3, 10, 16-17--Bluegrass (4)

All of July--Vacation activities (3-4)

July 1-15--Quilts in Blue Hill (9)

July 2--Stop US war in Cent. America (1)

July 3,7,10,14,21,24,28,30--Hardscrabble
Hill programs in Orland (2)

July 4--Women's Peace Camp starts (5)

July 4--Parade/theater in W. Athens (a-
bout noon). Call Gail Fangboner, 654-2642.

July 4,7,21--Ston.-Deer Isle events (2)

July 5, 12, 19--Jud the Jester (5), Willy Claflin (12), & Jackson Gilman (19) entertain children/adults, 1 PM, free, at Farmstead Barn, E. Sullivan 04607, 422-3617.

July 6--"Reagan's Plan for Central America
--Will It Work" w/Sandy Pollack, 7 PM,
Cummings Center, 134 Congress, Portland.
C. Rummell, 23 Sheridan, Port., 774-4067.

July 7, 21, 29--Raft trips on Kennebec (7, 21) and Penobscot (29) Rivers, \$45-65.
Natural Resources Council of Me., 271
State St., Augusta 04330, 622-3101.

July 8 (each Fri.)--"Reds" (and other movies, 8 PM, \$1. Dover-Foxcroft Movie Club, 16 Vaughn, D.-F. 04426, 564-3031.

July 8-9--Rockport Folk Festival (4)

July 9--Indian Sweat Lodge Ceremony w/
Jeff Carolin, lodge-building during day,
ceremony at sundown, donation apprecia-
ted, camping. Ridge Farm, John Bly,
Ridge Rd., Tenants Harbor 04860, 372-8103.

July 9--Celebration of unity in Stillwater, 4-8 PM. INVERT, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489, 827-3107.

July 9-10, 16-17, 30--Bar Harbor music (4)

July 9-23--Work/study retreat w/wood cutting and studying "Social Justice in the Americas," cost for housing, bring food. St. Francis, Box 44, E. Orland, 469-7961.

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July 12-14--"WR: Mysteries of the Organ-
ism," political/sexual repression and Wil-
helm Reich, 7 & 9 PM. Railroad Square Cin-
ema, Box 945, Waterville 04901, 873-6526.

July 16-17--Me. Home Education Conf. (1)

July 21-23--New England Vaudeville (4)

July 22--Dan Domench/Jo McDougall read poetry and plays at the Chroma Gallery, Exchange St., Portland, 7:30 PM, free.

July 22-24--Family Wilderness Weekend at
Moosehead, \$55-98. Maine Audubon Soc.,
118 Old Rt. One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

July 23--MSN collating circus in Union (10)

July 23-24--Biothermal workshop (6)

July 24--Benefit fair for New Hope for Women, Samoset Resort, Rockland, 10-4, \$1. Craft booths available at 372-8247. NHW, Box 642, Rockland 04841, 596-0100.

July 26--Small business management workshop in Rockland, \$30. Maine Idea, PO Box 147, Pittsfield 04967, 487-3195.

July 26--David Halperin speaks on El Salvador and Nicaragua, Downeast Comm. Hospital, Machias, 7 PM, free. Nate Nickerson, RFD 1 Box 582, Addison, 497-2334.

July 29--Benefit contradance w/Wed. Night
Serenaders for Amnesty International #169,
8:30 PM Codman Hall, Brunswick. Am. Int.
#169, PO Box 116, Brunswick 04011.

July 29-31--"Women Therapists," workshop
at Birdsong Farm, PO Box 143, S. Berwick
03908, 676-4038.

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From Liberty we go to Union for our next collating circus, at Janet Winslow's cabin, beginning at 11 AM (potluck lunch) on Sat., July 23. Write her at RFD 2 Box 1178, Union 04862 or call 785-4014 for directions.

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