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Number 70

"All the News That Fits to Print"

November, 1985

What's This Newsletter All About ?

Back in 1980 (69 issues ago) when the Maine Statewide Newsletter first appeared, we printed two views of the purpose of the MSN. This may help those of you who are seeing it for the first time. What's YOUR vision of the MSN?

FIRST VISION

You're probably wondering why you're getting this newsletter and what it's all about. Well, it's being sent to you either because you've been involved in some kind of progressive social change or alternative organization, or because someone you know thought you'd be interested in receiving this. We apologize for sending this to you unsolicited. We'd appreciate a subscription, but, more importantly, we want you to utilize the information.

What kind of information will the newsletter have? There are thousands of people in this state working on issues like local and safe energy resources, decent housing, rights/respect for women, gay men and lesbians, elders and youth, low-income people, minorities, and other living things. They are maintaining our native culture, providing consumer information, organizing food co-operatives, labor unions, alternative schools, and health programs, helping to develop jobs and small businesses, and preserving our land and agricultural sector. They are fighting against dangerous sprays, nuclear power, big business, excessive military spending, and legal injustices, and for a new politics and new attitudes.

Most of this important work goes unrecognized. We don't often read about it in our newspapers and sometimes don't know it is happening even within our own city or county, let alone in other parts of the state. We are often isolated and need to get support from others involved in similar projects. We need to know information and the experience of others to do more ourselves. These pro-

blems seem overwhelming, but we can overcome our feeling of powerlessness if we can act to solve them.

The newsletter can be much more than just helping us to do our work better. It can help us see how different issues are connected--that military spending is a women's issue, that spraying affects the economy, or that the Indian Land Claims case influences our energy policy. It can help people from different parts of Maine to work together to co-ordinate activities. Many see the need for a statewide force for change, but no such force exists except for a few individual issues. The newsletter could be a first step in creating that potent force.

SECOND VISION

Last issue we had an article expressing the view that this newsletter can help create a statewide force by helping readers see how different issues are connected. I am another of the people who helps produce the newsletter, and I'd like to present a contrasting view that I see not as a contradiction of the previous one but rather as a necessary balance.

I see the newsletter as a bulletin board serving a wide range of individuals and groups, many of whom have conflicting or even opposing interests. You can put up a notice describing who you are and what you have to offer, and you can look over what other folks have posted to see what, if anything, grabs you.

I am not that excited about a united family coming out of the newsletter. I think it is good to have disagreement among ourselves and a wide diversity of approaches to problems, some compatible and some in direct opposition. The anti-nuke movement is stronger for having the Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee, Safe Power for Maine, and Clamshell Alliance as separate entities rather than as one "unified" coalition, because no single approach can solve

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today's complex problems. The anti-nuke movement is also stronger for having in it people who feel Maine Yankee should be kept open as well as people who want it shut down immediately, because this leads to a better probing and understanding of the issues. I strongly oppose the draft--strongly enough that I went to prison for draft resistance--but I am pleased to hear of both pro- and anti-draft demonstrations because I believe that there is a better chance for all of us to learn and grow when ideas come into conflict. (I would have included pro-draft contacts into the article I did on the draft had I known of any.)

This issue has an article on the Maine Civil Liberties Union and prisons. You may be interested and want to support MCLU; or you may not be interested, or even disagree with MCLU's approach.

Maybe the article on the Maine Woodsmen Association is more your cup of tea and you are glad for the chance to learn more about them at the annual convention; or maybe you are offended because you are Canadian, or by the sexism in MWA's name.

Some of you may be glad to catch up on Clamshell news; others may be bored stiff, or turned off because you feel the approaches mentioned in the article are poor ones.

There is an article on the New Age Center. Maybe you didn't know about New Age resources in Maine and will be excited to find programs near you; or perhaps you think most New Age programs are so much hogwash.

It is your choice; and it is good to have different people making different choices. The newsletter should not be here to sell you on any of these viewpoints, or to mold you into a statewide force; it should be here to serve you by giving you the information to make your own choices, make your own connections. For this reason I feel that, in general, articles should avoid slogans ("No Nukes!") and sales pitches ("a dynamite film on..."--so who is going to say "a mediocre film on...?") and concentrate on giving out useful information on what you are doing, what you need or have to offer, objective descriptions of resources or events, who to contact to learn more. Don't assume others are going to give your views an automatic "Right On!"

Building a small closed circle of people who loathe nukes/draft/sexism/imperialism is easier than creating a state-wide bulletin board where people of many different views

② HANDS OFF Central America!

What should Maine people do to pressure the US government to end its intervention in Central America? They have shown films, held vigils, gone to the Nicaragua-Honduras border, written congresspeople, collected tools, books and medical supplies, and committed civil disobedience so far. What else can or should they do?

New ideas may come up at a statewide long-range planning meeting for people involved in Central America groups, the Pledge of Resistance, and anybody else who wants to see a change in US policy. It will be held on Nov. 16, 9:30-5 at So. Parish Cong. Church, State & Church Sts., Augusta. Bring a bag lunch and your thinking cap.

If you have ideas, but can't come, or want to help with the meeting or the activities following that up, contact Sally Buckwalter, Orland 04472, 469-3471 or Sandell Froelicher, 289 State St., Portland 04101, 761-4716.

HEADING SOUTH??

Heading south for the winter? Why not keep going past Miami to Nicaragua for a glamorous 3-4 weeks of harvesting coffee or cotton near (but not too near) the Contras. Delicious meals of rice and beans, beans and rice, beans (when the rice runs out) and plenty of coffee.

Brigades go from November to February. Round trip cost from Miami is \$700. To participate in one of these uncomfortable (bring your own toilet paper) but politically and emotionally stimulating harvest brigades, contact Suzanne Murphy, 82 Pine St., Portland 04102, 773-8904.

CHRISTIAN NONVIOLENCE

An event focusing on nonviolence in our personal lives and in the world, will be "A Day of Reflection on Christian Peace and Nonviolence," at the Newman Center, College Ave., Orono, on Sunday Nov. 3. Suzanne Belote and Brayton Shanley of the Agape Center for the Study and Practice of Christian Nonviolence in Brockton, MA, will be spending the day at the Newman Ctr, with a public presentation & discussion from 1 to 4 pm.

There is no registration for the event, but the Newman Center would like to be contacted ahead of time to know how many people are coming. Call 866-2155.

can put up notices side by side without feeling awkward. If groups outside our usual orbit think being part of the newsletter means supporting a unified no-nukes etc. line, they will not take part--and we will be the losers, missing connections we might have found.

It's FAST Approaching ③ Food: 15¢ a Pound ~

On Thurs. Nov. 28 (Thanksgiving) many of us will probably eat too much. Millions suffering from hunger and malnutrition in Third World countries won't have the opportunity to do any such thing. They'll be lucky to find anything at all to eat that day.

On Thurs. Nov. 21 (one week before Thanksgiving) we have an opportunity to address their plight in a small way. On that day thousands around the country will participate in a "Fast for a World Harvest". The fast in Maine is sponsored by the Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned, and by local schools, churches and civic groups. It raises funds through money saved by not eating meals for international agriculture, self development, and relief projects of Oxfam America. Oxfam helps people in developing countries to help themselves, while also giving aid to victims of famine, flood and political strife.

The fast brings people together to share a common feeling of support for the victims of poverty and hunger, and to empathize with them, however briefly, by sharing their hunger for a meal or a day.

You can help by getting a pledge form, and asking as many folks as you can to make a commitment to fasting and donating the money they save through their abstinence to Oxfam. Write Maine Clergy and Laity Concerned, POB 110, Stillwater 04489, or call 827-3107. Pledge sheets and money should be returned to the above address by Dec. 10.

The Eleventh Hour Coffeehouse is sponsoring an Oxfam event on November 15 from 6-10 pm at the Second Congregational Church in Norway: a World Hunger Banquet to dramatize the inequities of wealth, hence food distribution amongst the nations on this planet. Along with raising our collective consciousness about the causes and effects of world hunger, they hope to raise funds to benefit both OXFAM and Western Maine CALC. Following the banquet, Robin Mello and Rick Adam will entertain with stories and vaudevillian amusements.

To make reservations or for more info call Robyn Currie at 743-8419 after 5 pm.

Western Maine CALC's monthly program meeting on Nov. 20 will feature Connie Allen from Oxford County Community Services, speaking on poverty and hunger in our communities and ways to get involved in solutions. Meet at the Second Congregational Church in Norway at 7 pm if interested.

The Good Shepard Food Bank has a "special" on food these days, 15¢ a pound, especially for refrigerated and frozen foods like orange juice, cottage cheese, french fries, mushrooms, and yogurt. But you can't just walk in and buy stuff for your refrigerator, because Good Shepherd sells and distributes food to soup kitchens, churches and other food cupboards in Maine and Northern New England (over \$2 million in the last few years).

Because of a lack of space, food is being destroyed, so low-income groups, churches, and others concerned about hunger should contact Good Shepherd to get some of this food before it goes to waste. If you can help distribute this food to where it is needed, contact Good Shepherd Food Bank, 458 Court St., Auburn 04210, 782-3554.

Be Open to Skitikuk ----

The Skitikuk School has closed, but former Skitikuk families in the Orono area are now doing group home-study. They would like to hear from others interested in joining them or in rebuilding an alternative school in the area, or elsewhere (such as the Bangor-Ellsworth area). For info call Judy, 581-1775, or 827-5229; or Steve, 667-3132 (Ellsworth).

* Silent is Golden *

"One more year!" "Go for it!" These were the shouts at the annual meeting of Your Store the co-op food store in Machias. Because their financial situation is tenuous, however, the decision to continue for another year means fundraising. But the cause is worthwhile, they feel, because the store is also a place to hang out--a front porch, a general store and spa rolled into one.

Your Store's first fundraising effort is a silent auction. They need donations of items, services, and "pretty much anything that's legal." Why, there will even be a subscription to the Maine Statewide Newsletter to bid on. Deadline is Nov. 4 for submitting items, so hurry with your donations. You don't have to live in Washington County to donate or bid. Just write Your Store, 28 Main St., Machias 04654 or call 255-3726.

A second Oxfam event will be a breaking of the fast at the Bucksport Methodist Church at 6 pm on Nov. 21 with a simple meal. Elaine Hewes, POB 115, Blue Hill 04614, 359-2785 info

Maine's S. Africa Connection ④ Bok - Brand - Benefits

The first issue of "Wind of Change," the newsletter of the Maine Project on Southern Africa (MPOSA) is out, with 12 pages of articles, cartoons, a quiz, and a few shocking facts about US-South Africa connections.

The lead article links the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant with South Africa, through the purchase of 186,000 pounds of uranium oxide from that country, the largest amount, percentagewise, of any plant in the country. Thus, by our use of electricity, we keep South Africa's segregated mines going, suggests the article. For a copy of the newsletter: MPOSA, POB 3354, Portland 04104, 774-9833.

Meanwhile, a shantytown representing apartheid conditions in South Africa was constructed by students at the U. of Maine, Orono, on the mall in the center of campus. It was to have stayed up through most of October and may still be up as you receive this around Nov. 1. This idea may be appropriate for other colleges and communities as well to illustrate conditions for those who suffer under apartheid.

For details on how to do it and how it was effective, contact Maine Peace Action Committee, Memorial Union, UMO, Orono 04469 or call Steve Gray at 866-2219.

For Our Compañeros

Tools for Peace is an effort to provide Nicaraguans with badly needed tools, spare parts and other materials in short supply because of the U.S. embargo.

Particularly needed are hand tools of all types, tractor parts for John Deere and Farmall, paper, pencils and office supplies and medical supplies from aspirin to IV tubes.

These supplies will be sent with a Canadian shipment for delivery in January. Beat the Christmas rush and send early to: Peace People, RFD #4, Box 202, Houlton 04730.

Another collection campaign destined for Nicaragua is a school supplies drive sponsored by the AFSC. This appeal emphasizes school-to-school contact between children of the US, and Nicaragua. US schools are encouraged to send a box of school supplies to AFSC-Philadelphia by Jan. 15. To obtain a list of needed supplies and to receive an info packet and poster call Jo-Anne Skinner at 772-2172, 42 Alba St. Portland, 04103.

Support Amnesty International to the tunes of Different Shoes and Gordon Bok at a benefit concert, Sat. Nov. 9 at 8 pm, at Pickard Theater, Bowdoin College, Brunswick.

A.I. works for the release of prisoners of conscience worldwide--people detained because of their beliefs, color, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence. They work to obtain fair and prompt trials for all political prisoners, and to end torture and the death penalty in all cases.

Requested donations are \$20 for an A.I. Patron, \$6 general, and \$4 students and seniors. Tickets are available at Macbeans Music, Brunswick, 729-6513, Buckdancers Choice, Portland, 774-2219, Brunswick AIUSA, Box 116, Brunswick, 729-4720.

.....And JAZZ FOR S. AFRICA

The Maine Project on Southern Africa (MPOSA) is sponsoring a special concert with jazz pianist Abdullah Ibrahim, to benefit the African National Congress and MPOSA.

The concert will be Sat. Nov. 23 at 7:30 at Immanuel Baptist Church, 156 High St., Portland.

Ibrahim, of Johannesburg, performed in Portland in the Summerjazz series, was recently featured on NPR, and is making an international tour this fall. He is a member of the Cultural Committee of the African National Congress, which represents the S. African people in the UN.

Tickets are \$8, and \$5 for seniors and students. Childcare is available; a reception will follow. Call 774-9833, or write POB 3354, Portland 04104.

"A Peasant" Presented

"A Peasant of El Salvador", an original two-man play created by the actors Peter Gould and Stephen Stearns has been reviewed as having... "the gentle eloquence of a folk tale, the simple beauty of a folk song, and the impact of a bulldozer."

The drama depicts war-torn El Salvador, and the struggles of a peasant family to maintain the life they have always known. It will be performed at 8 pm, Sunday, Nov. 10 at the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, 33 Main St., Yarmouth. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and senior citizens. Call 846-5285, or 846-5857 for tickets; supplies may be limited at the door.

The Pressure Ad 412... ⑤

The upcoming nuclear arms summit between Secretary Gorbachev and President Reagan has some nuclear freeze and disarmament supporters hopeful, but they are not taking progress for granted. The Maine Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign and many of its local affiliates are working on Summit Sabbath in Maine churches, an ad project, and local vigils at the beginning of the summit, Nov. 19, to express public demands for some progress during US-USSR talks.

Summit Sabbath, Nov. 2-3, will feature special prayers in many Maine churches and synagogues and a bulletin appeal for religious people to sign and send to the White House. A number of major denominations have endorsed the Sabbath.

The next day, Nov. 4, is the deadline for signatures for an ad which will appear in the Nov. 17 Maine Sunday Telegram (and possibly Lewiston and Bangor papers). The ad will ask for US support for a comprehensive ban on all nuclear testing (the Soviet Union has already instituted such a ban). A ban by both countries could significantly slow down or freeze the arms race. To have one's name appear in the ad, a form must be returned by Nov. 4 (call 772-0680 to get one), although contributions to have the ad placed can be made up to Nov. 17 (and beyond).

Some local freeze groups are planning candlelight vigils in their areas on Nov. 19 to highlight the importance of the summit. So far vigils are planned for Augusta, Bath, Portland, with about 15 expected throughout the state. For more information on any of these efforts, contact the Maine Freeze Campaign, PO Box 3842, Portland 04104, 772-0680.

Finally, information will be available from Educators for Social Responsibility (ESR) for teachers, students and parents to use in discussing the summit during ESR's "Days of Dialogue," Nov. 11-15. Resource materials are available from ESR members Roger Bennatti, Reach Rd., Brooklin 04616, 359-4660 or Gaye Ballant, 104 Morning St., Portland 04102, 761-1543.

THE RIBBON COMES TO PORTLAND

Mothers for Peace is offering a slide show & presentation on the Peace Ribbon on Mon. Nov. 8, 7:30 pm at the 1st Parish Unitarian Church, 125 Congress St., Portland. The show is free & open to the public. For more information: Peg Richard, 774-5444.

Peace Begins At Home

If you believe that helping create a peaceful world should begin with your own family in your own home, then you might be interested in "Parenting for Peace and Justice," a workshop for adults who want to enrich their family lives and begin to make a difference in the world.

The workshop is scheduled for Fri. Nov. 8 thru Sun. Nov. 10 at the Hope Lutheran Church, 2070 Washington St., Braintree, Mass. Presenters are Jim McGinnis, co-author with Kathy McGinnis of Parenting for Peace and Justice, and Wendy Northup, all of the Institute for Peace & Justice.

Focus is on how whole families, co-operating with other families, can resist sexism, materialism, racism, violence and other degenerative social forces by integrating commitment to social action into family life.

Cost of \$45 per individual or \$75 per team of two includes meals but not accommodations. For more info contact workshop co-ordinators Jack and Evie Tracey at (617) 843-7360.

Second Generation Remembers

The "second generation" are the children of women and men who lived in Europe in the 1930's or early 40's who either were in concentration camps, ghettos, who worked in the resistance movement, or who were forced to hide or flee their homes as targets of Nazi oppression. Included are individuals of all faiths united by common experiences.

On Sunday Nov. 10, 2-6 pm at Temple Beth El, 400 Deering Ave, Portland, there will be a gathering for the purpose of networking, support, and enjoying each other. Refreshments will be served. Free admission, reservations not required, but appreciated. This event is wheelchair accessible, and childcare is available with advance notice (\$4/child). Contact: Asherah Cinnamon, 60 Mabel St., Portland, 773-1394.

"Hold On" to These 2

Following up on last month's bumper stickers, try a poster, 11" x 17", "Don't Waste Maine, No Nuclear Dumping," available in bulk (most useful before Nov. 5) from Julie Maas and John Bart Gerald, POB 252, Moody 04054, 646-2764.

And our sticker of the month: "Put Local Measured Service 'On Hold'" for \$1 from Maine People's Alliance, Box 2490, Augusta 04330, 622-4740.

More Than Shelter + ⑥

In the interest of opening Hospitality House, a shelter for the homeless in Central Me., a casserole supper will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Front St., Waterville on Nov. 7.

The proceeds will go toward renovating a large house in Hinckley which will house the shelter. The shelter will be for adults who are in need of support and temporary housing while in a time of transition and/or drug or alcohol detoxification. It will be staffed by a coordinator, a 3-member house team and a cook, and will utilize volunteers.

With a good show of support, Hospitality House may soon be operational. Most tickets will be sold in advance for the supper. Call 453-2986 to reserve a place.

Aid for AIDS

The AIDS-Line, 775-1267 is now taking calls. Trained volunteers are on hand to answer the public's questions, to offer comfort and support, and to make referrals in the following areas: medical, legal, financial (help with obtaining benefits), counselling (spiritual, peer and support groups).

After months of careful planning and training, the Maine Health Foundation and Gay Health Action Committee-sponsored hotline responds to a need in the state to provide quality support and information of any number of AIDS-related issues.

The hotline hours are Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 7 pm to 10 pm, and are likely to increase. When unstaffed, a taped message will refer callers to other sources of assistance. The AIDS-Line, 775-1267, is ready to help.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

A second Sexual Assault Awareness Program has been organized by the Portland Rape Crisis Center. These free sessions at the Portland YWCA on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9:30 pm beginning on Nov. 12, are open to both men and women. Those who attend and complete the series are qualified as hotline volunteers, although anyone may attend.

Some of the topics covered include rape and its avoidance, incest, men who rape, sexual assault law, and volunteer advocacy. For further details: Rape Crisis Center, POB 1371, Portland 04104, 774-3613.

NOW is NOW

This means to say the Maine NOW Annual State Conference entitled "Feminism, The Power of Diversity", is Nov. 2. Both NOW and non-NOW folks are welcome to attend from 9 am to 6 pm at Memorial Union, UMO.

Judy Goldsmith, immediate past president of National NOW will be keynote speaker. More than a dozen workshops will be offered throughout the day on a wide range of topics from running for public office to incest and racism. Music, films and exhibits are part of the day's events, and a social evening, dinner, film and dance is also planned at the Unitarian Church in Bangor.

Conference fees are \$5 for NOW members, \$7.50 for the general public. Meals, dance and evening film will have separate costs. All events are wheelchair accessible, and childcare will be provided. For more info call Isa Silva, 945-7639, day, and Ada, 947-2537 eve.

A Fair Choice

If you want to participate in the 2nd Annual Alternative Holiday Gifts Fair and Auction of the Feminist Spiritual Community of Portland--they want to hear from you. This alternative fair gives folks the chance to buy individualized and lovingly made goods and services for loved ones, and works as a major fundraiser for FSC. Last year's fare included everything from quiches to sculpture, jewelry repair to the making of wills, to massage.

What is sold and auctioned depends on you and your imaginative donations, and friends and neighbors you ask to donate. Help spread the word and make this a special day for donors and shoppers alike. Call the Community to make donations: 773-2294, FSC, 9 Deering St., Portland 04101. The Fair will be held Dec. 1, at the Baxter Bldg. 619 Congress St., Portland.

NO LIMITS FOR WOMEN

A celebration day for women is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 3 from noon to 6 pm at Luther Bonney Hall, USM.

Workshops on goal setting, body awareness, women in trades, and Central American Women will be offered. Refreshments, entertainment, and art exhibits will enrich the afternoon. Men are welcome. Cost: \$10/person, \$15/couple with reservation or \$12/person, \$17/couple at the door. For info call 772-0266.

Fancy Words, Simple Idea ⑦ What Shape is the Roundtable In?

Coming right up is the Weekend Permaculture Workshop with Dan Hemenway, sponsored by the Maine Tree Crop Alliance, Nov. 1-3, at Unity College.

Permaculture is a philosophy of land use developed in Australia, based on ideas of growing food with maximum utility and minimum negative impact on land. Educators, farmers and gardeners are encouraged to participate in sharing ideas on ingeniously mimicking natural patterns of environmental interaction.

To register, contact MTCA, Environmental Sci. Center, Unity College, Unity 04988 or call Chris Marchall, 589-4632. For carpoo-ling from the Bangor area contact Caellaigh Bennett at 866-5682.

Get the Drift?

Drift Regulations proposed by the Board of Pesticides control are now ready for public hearing. Hearings are slated for Keddy's at Presque Isle on Mon. Oct. 28, 9-5, and Room 113 of the State Office Building in Augusta on Wed. Nov. 13 from 9-5.

On Sept. 18 the Board voted 4-3 to delete the section of the regulations which would have required pesticide applicators to inform landowners abutting the targeted spray area in advance of when the spraying was due to take place. Notification would allow those concerned about pesticide drift to leave the area, keep children & livestock inside, and protect themselves from the consequences of drift.

Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Assn. contends that with the elimination of notification, the original intent of designing regulations to protect the public from unsafe pesticide use has been changed to that of protecting the pesticide user from the public. (Some users fear that notification would mobilize further public opposition to spraying).

MOFGA requests that the more than 400 signers of its No Spray Register and others who are concerned about pesticide use, either attend the hearings or submit written testimony to the Board. If there is sufficient testimony, the Board will have to consider re-writing the regulations to include a notification system.

For more info: MOFGA, POB 2176, Augusta 04330, 622-3118.

The Belfast Peace Roundtable continues to meet. Having concluded weekly summer rounds of Amsterdam Peace Conference tapes, they have turned toward a winter schedule of meeting the 1st Monday of every month.

These monthly rounds will consist of group study, reading and discussion on Peace topics, and occasional guest speakers. Welcome are new thoughts, topics, energy and new faces.

The next Roundtable meeting is Nov. 6 at 7:30 pm, Artfellows Hall, Belfast. Topic will be conflict resolution: personal and global. For more info contact Lucy, 338-4200 or Bindy, 338-4427.

Small Farms, Small Article

Are you a small farmer? Willing to go to "school" to learn better business management? The Maine Small Farm Association is sponsoring a course beginning some time in November at the Univ. of Maine, Augusta, and CMVTI in Auburn to help small and beginning farmers to make a few bucks, at least, and to learn how to stay in business. For details: Gardiner Young, RFD 1 Box 303, Kingfield 04947, 265-2505.

A BULB IN THE GROUND IS WORTH TWO IN THE SPRING

Fedco Seeds still has a limited supply of spring flowering bulbs in stock. You can call Fedco to check prices and varieties, and place an order, and they will ship directly to you. Call 872-9093 (52 Mayflower Hill Drive, Waterville). But hurry--before the ground freezes!

- Attention Buckhustlers -

What's a buckhustler? A person with initiative and pizzaz, and in this case, also with a social conscience, who's not afraid to approach potential lenders to convince them about a good place to put their money to work.

Maine Organization for Co-operative Assistance (MOCA, Inc.) is looking for such a person to serve as part-time Executive Director, initially at 20 hours per month. Duties include loanraising, finding alternative organizations who might benefit from MOCA's revolving loan fund, & net-working with other loan funds & community action groups.

Send letters of inquiry and/or resumes to Susie Ellis, 14 Water St., Thomaston 04861, or call 354-8185. Deadline for applications is Nov. 15.

Don't Waste Your Vote

In the October MSN we reviewed the 1A, 1B, or 1C choice on the Nov. 5 ballot for deciding on storage and disposal of Maine's low-level nuclear waste. The Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee, POB 2627, Augusta 04330, 622-4395 or 774-8567 is seeking people to pass out flyers, do phone calling, and in other ways support choice 1A on the ballot. Contact them to help out.

There are also eight other items requiring Maine voters to think (hopefully) and choose. Six are bond issues, for items such as: \$15 million for sewage treatment and water quality (Question #2); \$4.3 million for "advanced technology," (#3); \$20 million for highways, bridges, and airports (#4); \$850,000 for rail services (#5); \$2 million for restoration/preservation of historic buildings (#6); \$2.2 million for vocational/technical institutes (#7).

The last two questions are constitutional amendments asking that state legislators be allowed to take civil service jobs if they resign from the legislature (#8) and that sheriffs be elected for four years instead of two (#9). You won't have much time to decide once you are in the voting booth, so get copies of these questions to study before Nov. 5 from almost any town office. Good luck!

And if you've got spare time on election day, you can also collect signatures for the Telephone Customers Coalition (RFD 2, Gardiner 04345, 582-5236, 773-4830), which is seeking people to ask voters on their way in or out to sign a referendum petition banning mandatory local measured telephone service. They will supply petitions and background information on how to help out.

⑧ Invitation to a Loathsome Rite

UG! "An eerie mist illuminated the heavens, heralding the Birth of Bug!" BUG! "With winged innocence Bug pierced the skies amidst the glowing haze, unaware of its transcendent destiny."

UGBUG! "Time passed; Bug met people and vice versa. A tranquil tribe named the Uh-Pods made peace with their Bugs. Together they lived in harmony. In their Heathen Utopia Bug and Uh-Pod bathed together in the sacred river."

UGBUGGERY! "Unfortunately, less liberal tribes became dominant. Bugeating tribes became prevalent...elaborate rituals of spicing and dining were favored by some. Insects were imprisoned alongside lunatics. The bourgeoisie favored dissections at the dinner table...Innocent pupae were the quarry of hunters...."

THE INVITATION: LORD OF THE BLACK FLIES AND PATRON SAINT OF THE MID-COAST SUB CHURCH OF PARANOIA CRAVES YOUR EARTHLY PRESENCE FOR THE LOATHSOME RITE OF UGBUGGERY, all Hallow's Eve at Mid-Coast Sub-Church of Paranoia World Headquarters, 331 Pleasant St. Rockland...just off Rte 1 across from Rockland Welding.

"Unbeknownst to their masters the bugs were plotting a revolt. Each day they grew more organized."

SERVICES WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ABJECT MINISTRY OF UGBUG WITH A MALEDICTION OFFERED BY THE ARACHNOID HONCHO OF ALL ROCKLAND.

"Soon bugs were popping up everywhere in the most unexpected places. Their arrogance was unsettling indeed!..."

tone control by the infamous Rio Bisbee Band!

"At last the Day of Reckoning Arrived..."

Cred. Dr. Bey's Bedside Bug Book by Derek Pell.

~ Contribute to the December Issue ~

Our December issue will again feature a list of INVERT's most famous and infamous collected quotes (from Frederick Douglass to Knute Rockne) AND... Our equally famous listing of alternative and good cause holiday gift listing, whether you celebrate Hanukkah, the Winter Solstice, Christmas, or Hallowe'en for the second time.

If you have items to recommend for the holiday gift list, calendar events, events to publicize in December, or anything else worthy of this newsletter, the deadline is NOVEMBER 20. Send all stuff to INVERT, POB 110, Stillwater 04489 or call it in to 827-3107.

We are slowly inching our way toward our 1985 goal of 1,000 subscriptions and \$4,200. So far we have received 543 subs and \$2,945. We've enclosed a subscription form and return envelope in this newsletter for those who have not yet subscribed this year. Don't blow it! Help us meet our goal. Send in your form and donation (\$4, more or less) today.

LATE FLASH! The Nicaraguan musician performances in Belfast and Portland (Page 9, Nov. 14-15 calendar) have been cancelled due to refusal to grant visas.

~~~~~What's Happening -- -- Continued~~~~~

Nov. 8-9: Empowerment workshop w/Interhelp, 7-10 pm, 9:30-5 pm, Church of St. Mary, Rt 88, Falmouth, \$15-45. Kathleen Sullivan, Porters Landing, Freeport 04032, 865-6695.

Nov. 8-10: Parenting for Peace & Justice (5).

Nov. 9: Amnesty International Concert (4).

Nov. 10: Pax Christi Annual Meeting, 11 am (mass, brunch, meeting), Holy Cross Church, Lisbon St. Lewiston. Fr. Jim Gower, Box S, Bucksport 04416, 469-3322 or Fr. Jim Plourde, Holy Cross, 782-9463.

Nov. 10: Peasant of El Salvador (4).

Nov. 10: Second Generation Gathering (5).

Nov. 10: Concert by Crowsfeet Dance Collective for NEST (New El Salvador Today), Luther Bonney Aud., USM, Portland, 8 pm, \$6-7. Contact Univ. Women's Forum, 780-4141.

Nov. 11: South African Motilelepula Chabaku speaks at 7:30, Daggett Lounge, Bowdoin Col., Brunswick. David Newberry, History Dept., Bowdoin Col., 729-8731.

Nov. 12: Sexual Assault Awareness Program (6).

Nov. 12: "My Beloved Country" w/Desmond Tutu, Cambridge Forum, 12:30 pm, MPBN Radio.

Nov. 13: "Women in Science Since 1940" lecture, Chase Hall, Bates College, Lewiston, 786-6330.

Nov. 13: Pesticides hearing in Augusta (7).

Nov. 13: "The Times of Harvey Milk," 9 pm, MPBN and WCBB-TV.

Nov. 13: "Annapurna--A Woman's Place" shown. Women Outdoors, Barbara Woodruff, 79 New Gloucester Rd., Cumberland 04021, 829-5392.

Nov. 14: "Women in the Political Process" w/Jamaica's Beverley Manley, Daggett Lounge Bowdoin College, Brunswick, 7:30 pm. Call Afro-American Studies, 729-8731x272.

Nov. 14: Sandy Phippin reads Maine stories, 7:30 pm, free, Lisbon Falls Comm. Library, 28 Main St., L.F. 04252, 353-6564.

Nov. 14: Nicaraguan musicians (New Song Movement) at Free Library, Belfast, 7:30 pm, donations, potluck earlier. Call 338-2374.

Nov. 15: International Dinner in Norway (3).

Nov. 15: Nicaraguan musicians (New Song Movement) in Portland. Call 761-0973 for time/place.

Nov. 16: Central America Planning (2).

Nov. 16: Jean Ritchie concert, 8 pm, Luther Bonney Aud. USM Portland, \$5-6. Port. Folk Club 773-9549.

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Nov. 17-19: "The Good Fight" (Spanish Civil War) at The Movies, 10 Exchange St., Portland. Roz Hendrickson, 410 Capisic, Portland 04102.

Nov. 18: The Ribbon in Portland (5).

Nov. 18: Lesley Fernow and David Frase of Physicians for Social Responsibility speak at St. John's Episcopal Church, 225 French St., Bangor 6:30 potluck/slides. Call 945-6831 or 947-0156 for childcare/info.

Nov. 18, 19, 20, 21: Constance Hunting reads at Fort Kent, Orono, Gardiner, Portland public libraries respectively, 7:30 pm.

Nov. 19: Summit vigils (5).

Nov. 20: "Economic Injustice in Maine" w/Connie Allen of OCCS, Second Congregational Church, Norway, 7 pm. Call Jim Chandler, 674-2963.

Nov. 20: Maine Statewide Newsletter deadline (8).

Nov. 21: "Profiles of Black Women Writers," 12:30 pm, MPBN-Radio.

Nov. 21: Oxfam Fast & breaking in Bucksport (3).

Nov. 22-3: Mime from Stromberg & Cooper, 7&9 pm (2 pm on 23rd), \$4-7, Theater of Fantasy, 50 Danforth St., Portland 04101, 775-5957.

Nov. 23: Abdullah Ibrahim Concert (4).

Nov. 24: "Breathing Work" group session (self-healing process like rebirthing) plus potluck, 10-3 in St. George, \$16. Register by Nov. 18 w/Nonie Valentine, Box 490, Spruce Head 04859, 236-9711.

Nov. 26, Dec. 3, 10, 17: "Pilgrim at Gillsland Farm," \$40-50 (course on relationship of humans to nature), evenings. Maine Audubon Society, 118 Old Route One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

Nov. 27: "Sister Adrian, the Mother Theresa of Scranton," 10:30 pm, MPBN & WCBB-TV.

Dec. 1: Feminist Spiritual Comm. Gifts Fair (6).

SEEK YE A SPEAKER?

Are you seeking a speaker (say that fast 10 times!) for your bridge club meeting? How about someone for your peace group, women's organization, poor people's coalition, or anti-intervention group? Several appropriate speakers are available. For example: the Maine Civil Liberties Union has a speakers bureau available to speak on subjects as varied as civil or women's rights, freedom of speech, school prayer, or rights of the accused. Contact Peg Richard, MCLU, 97A Exchange St., Portland 04101, 774-5444 for bookings.

To be continued next month...

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