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Number 71

"All the News That Fits to Print"

December, 1985

## FROM THE GRASS ROOTS

As a public service the MSN publishes the following opportunities for social action which come in a variety of guises. While you may agree or disagree with the causes stated herein, we bet you'll find something to get involved in. What gets you riled up? What rights would you like to protect? If you can't find it in MSN, maybe you'd like to start an organization to address your concerns. It's fun and sometimes it's even effective! Just be sure to tell us so YOUR entry can make it into our January edition.

### Don't Dump on Me!

Did you know that Maine could become a high-level nuclear waste dump for the entire Eastern United States? There are currently 31 sites in Maine under active consideration as potential locations for the dump. The U.S. Department of Energy will be choosing the finalists for the site before the end of 1985.

Although the Department of Energy claims that the issues in site selection are not political but purely technical, the fact that Maine is a relatively low-populated, geographically isolated state with little political clout, increases our vulnerability.

As Vermont Congressman James Jeffords recently stated, "The state that lies back and does nothing and says nothing is most likely, due to human nature, to end up with the waste disposal site."

The High Level Nuclear Waste Project is being organized by concerned Maine citizens who believe the state should not even be considered for a dump site. They aim to ignite citizen awareness and to develop vocal opposition. They are asking for financial donations and letters to Maine's Congresspeople and to Governor Brennan, to get rolling. To contribute or for more info contact: State Senator Tom Andrews, 58 Gray St., Portland 04102, 774-6734 or the Maine Nuclear Referendum Committee, POB 2627, Augusta 04330 622-4395. Continued on Next Page.

## LET US HEAR FROM YOU

Do you have a number (1-11) and "/86" on your address label? If not, it probably means that we haven't heard from you this year. If you think this newsletter is useful and important to yourself and others in Maine, why not support it with a subscription (form on Page 11). If you have a red "X" in the box on the last page, this is your last issue. We do make mistakes, however, and if you did respond this year or (if red "Xed") last year while HOME did the newsletter (we don't have their subscription records), just write or call and let us know so we can correct our mistake. And thanks for your support these past 6 years!

## TORTURE AT TONTINE

"Help stop torture" is the theme. Tontine Mall in Brunswick is the scene. International Human Rights Week are the days.

Amnesty International #169 of Brunswick will shatter the complacency of shoppers on Sat. Dec. 7 from 10 am to 9 pm with a dramatic display of 30 posters of torture, a 50-yard petition to the USSR on behalf of a political prisoner, and cards and letters for people to sign and send to Ronald Reagan and other government heads.

In addition, "Colors of Hope," about how an Argentine prisoner survived physically and mentally in spite of torture and imprisonment will be shown that day at Eveningstar Cinema. For more on this day of awareness, contact AI #169, POB 116, Brunswick 04011, 729-4720. Similar events planned for the Portland area are in flux at this time. Call Lois at 772-1855 to find out more.

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Can you help us reach our goal? We now have 724 subscriptions and \$3,629.94 toward our 1985 goal of 1,000 subs and \$4,200. Can you make our dream come true and keep a good (we hope), useful newsletter going? Give us a holiday present of your subscription today!

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# MORE GRASS ROOTS OPPORTUNITIES ...

SPEED KILLS--RADAR DETECTS?? GRR!!

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WHEN YOU SEE ORANGE, DO YOU SEE RED?

Has it ever happened to you? You're cruising along and suddenly you see the blue lights flashing! With a sinking feeling you glance at the speedometer only to find that it says you're within the speed limit. That "hands caught in the cookie jar" feeling is abruptly replaced by one of righteous indignation. Only trouble is you can't fight the wonders of modern science.

Or can you? It happened to Nicholas R. Camp--his first speeding ticket in 34 years--and he thinks we can fight it. He is starting an organization called GRR--Get Rid of Radar and asking interested persons to 1) call your State Senator 1-800-423-6900 and your State Representative 1-800-423-2900 asking them to co-sponsor a bill outlawing the use of police radio positioning machines 2) Join GRR by sending thoughts, suggestions and ideas with an enclosed SASE and 3) Spread the word among friends.

Camp contends that radar readings can be distorted by unsettled weather conditions, nearby interfering machinery, other close operating radio equipment, and low flying airplanes. He has been told that police officers sometimes "jump" their machines in order to up their daily arrest totals.

## A BIRTHING BIRTH

To work together to keep our birth options open is the aim of the newly-conceived Maine Friends of Midwives. They seek to preserve the personal freedom to choose how, where and with whom we give birth. They believe that midwives should be able to function without fear of legal repercussions. They seek to raise funds, generate public support, exert influence on decision makers and foster a spirit of communication among the birth-related professions. They are presently conducting a membership drive.

Early in 1986 they will be co-sponsoring Maine Midwifery Week, an enormous undertaking which will require your help, energy and enthusiasm. If you have skills, time, and/or the desire to participate, contact your area rep: for Southern Maine Carla Koski, 62 Linton St., So. Portland 04106, 773-2765; for Central Me. Naomi Meyer, RFD 1, Box 453, No. Vassalboro 04962, 923-3716; for Northern Me. Wendy Munsell, 34 Bruce St. Bangor 04401, 945-5109.

You may have experienced this unequal confrontation: In defiance or ignorance of the "Posted--No Hunting or Trespassing" signs, hunters are stalking your posted ground. Boldly, unarmed, you have to sally forth into the elements to face down these several people with their guns. If you feel alone in this situation, you need not any longer.

An organization called Save Ourselves: Allied Private Landowners of Maine has arisen to deal with issues of trespass on private property, which extend beyond hunting to include all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles. Save Ourselves works to make views, needs and rights of private landowners heard and considered when their land is involved. It had a voice in recently passed legislation which requires hunting licenses to state plainly that the license does not give permission to go on private land. Another recently voiced proposal (not yet law) would require hunters hunting on private land to wear on their back an identification card supplied by the landowner granting permission.

If you're afraid to walk in the woods in November, or fearful that your grazing horse might be mistakenly shot for a deer (as happened to Eugene Swan in 1982 to provide the impetus for the organization) you might want to join Save Ourselves. Contact Eugene Swan, Box 4068, Athens, 04912.

IF WE CAN ABOLISH SMALLPOX, WHY NOT WAR??

Or maybe your concerns are more global, more centered on the organized violence of war than the stray violence of errant gunshots....If so, check out the World Federalists Association, which this autumn formed a Maine chapter.

The goal of the World Federalists Association is the abolition of war between nations with the creation of a structured and just world community. They believe mounting threats to all humanity require immediate steps toward this goal. The way to abolish war is to disarm simultaneously by creating a body of world law enforced by a federation of nations that would handle international conflicts by political and judicial means rather than by violence. National governments would remain free to manage their own internal affairs. Intermediate steps toward this goal include reform of the UN, development of functional global authorities such as the International Seabed Authority, and education for world citizenship. If this line of reasoning appeals to you, contact Shirley Moran or Michael Pelletier, RFD 2, Box 2690, Brunswick 04011.

## NO MORE TOYS FOR THE BOYS

These days the military's message is getting out to young people loud and clear. But what about the message of peace? What about a way to counteract militaristic propaganda, or at least to put forth an alternative? 3

Young people DO have choices: whether to register for the draft or not, whether to apply as conscientious objectors, whether or not to enlist, whether to support militarism or oppose it. But they can't make REAL choices until they know the full range of their different options. That's where YOUR help comes in.

If you are interested in helping form a network of draft and military counter-recruitment counselors in Maine, you are invited to a gathering on Dec. 7 10 am-2 pm at the Lithgow Public Library, State and Winthrop Sts. in Augusta.

The meeting will decide whether to form such a network, what long range goals it will have, how to prepare to do counseling, and how to generate local support for counseling and alternatives to militarism in our schools.

Please bring a bag lunch. Child care is available if requested in advance. For more info: Larry Dansinger, POB 110, Stillwater 04489, 827-3107 or Lee Armen, RFD 4, Box 202, Houlton 04730.

Still doubt such a network is needed? Please check out the next item.

### NO COMMENT

The following item was reprinted from Time Magazine, Nov. 25 issue:

I saw a bird with a yellow bill  
Sitting on my windowsill  
I coaxed him in with a piece of bread  
And then I crushed his little head  
I guess I'm just a mean marine!

Thus sang female marines as they marched in cadence through 12 weeks of boot-camp training at Parris Island, S.C., until Peter Berle, President of the National Audubon Society, fired off a letter to Marine Commandant General Paul X. Kelley. "A tough marine may well consider this as another crank letter from a pansy," wrote Berle. But, he protested, the women could find some way to celebrate their toughness other than "idolizing people who smash bird's heads." Brigadier General Donald Miller, Kelley's

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## DON'T COWER FROM THE TOWER

The Air Force thought it could hold a hearing without much public interest, but over 300 attended in Castine and over 50 in tiny Sherman Mills (between Millinocket and Houlton) in mid-November for hearings on the Air Force's proposed GWEN (ground wave emergency network) towers. The towers would be used to transmit radio signals to whatever aircraft were still functioning after a nuclear attack. The towers, 300 ft. high, have been questioned not only for their appearance and constant flashing but also because of potential radiation hazards & their questionable use/value.

With support from a group in Massachusetts, the No GWEN Alliance of Maine was recently born to fight the Air Force's attempt to put towers in these two areas. Although the Air Force has a legal right to disregard local laws banning the towers, the Alliance will be participating in a lawsuit for temporary and permanent restraints on the construction of any towers in Maine. They are also urging letters to Maine's congresspeople and senators asking for legislation to overturn the Air Force's "pre-eminence" to put up the towers.

A public meeting in Castine is scheduled for Dec. 3, 7 pm at the Castine Town Hall (Emerson Hall) to discuss further action. Contact the No GWEN Alliance, Box 722, Castine 04421, 326-8202 to help out. Organizing is just getting underway in the Sherman Mills area. A contact person there is Jacklyn Greulich, Star Rt. Box 40A, Sherman Mills 04776, 365-7101  
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### PASS IT ON!

Reminder: Tools for Peace are still being collected for shipment to Nicaragua in January. They are being collected in the U.S., legally "smuggled" into Canada, and shipped south.

If you'd like to donate tools, or for more info contact Peace People, RFD 4, Box 202, Houlton 04730.

The American Friends Service Committee is sponsoring the Nicaragua School Supplies Campaign, an appeal which emphasizes school-to-school contact between the children of the U.S. and Nicaragua. Schools in the U.S. are encouraged to send a box of school supplies to AFSC-Philadelphia by January 15. The AFSC has an information packet about Nicaragua and a slide show entitled "Nicaragua--Where Everybody's Learning" available upon request. If you'd like to take part in this effort, please contact Jo-Anne Skinner, 772-2172.

# INVERT'S BEST <sup>44</sup>ONE-LINERS FOR 1986 \*

Here is another collection of some of our best quotes collected painstakingly over the past year, ideal for that valued or high traffic spot on your refrigerator, bathroom or outhouse wall, or where you get most frustrated at work. It's a holiday present from us to you for being such loyal supporters. They're guaranteed to give you a lift or provide the inspiration you need to get through a tough day. Here goes:

1. The upper crust--a bunch of crumbs held together by a lot of dough.--Bruce Phillips
2. In the defense of civil liberties there can be no exceptions, or soon there will be many.  
--A.J. Muste
3. Robbers are far less dangerous than a well organized government.--L. Tolstoy
4. If there is dignity in all work, why isn't there dignity for all workers?--J. Wurf
5. The pioneers of a warless world are the young men (and women) who refuse military service.--A. Einstein
6. The land belongs to those who work it.--National Land for People
7. Eat before you shop. Hungry shoppers buy too much.--Sign in Berkeley Coop
8. I have cast my lot with those who, age after age, with no extraordinary power, reconstitute the world.--Adrienne Rich
9. A prison cannot be improved...there is absolutely nothing to do but abolish it.--Kropotkin
10. If our principles are right, why should we be cowards?--L. Mott
11. Give our boys footballs for their hands instead of guns.--K. Rockne
12. You won't find justice in the military, just us.
13. What would happen if one woman told the truth about her life? The world would split open.--M. Rukeyser
14. I may be arrested, I may be tried and thrown into jail, but I will never be silent.--E. Goldman
15. I wouldn't vote for anybody who would run for office.
16. What is Maine series: Maine--land of two seasons: winter is coming, winter is here; Maine--where the elite meet the sleet; Maine--glove it or leave it; Maine--have you jump-started your kid today?; Maine--closed for glacier repairs; Maine--home of brown hair and blue ears; Maine--if you love it, raise your right ski; Maine--come fall in love with a loon.
17. The trouble with laws is that good people don't need them and bad people don't obey them.  
--B. Phillips
18. ...when human lives and dignity are at stake, neutrality is a sin.--E. Wiesel
19. If there is no struggle, there is no progress.--F. Douglass
20. We cannot change unless we survive, but we will not survive unless we change.--button.
21. Between 1979 and 1983 100% of all uranium mined in the U.S. came from Indian lands.--Big Mountain News
22. Civilization is a limitless multiplication of unnecessary necessities.--M. Twain
23. Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.--M. Twain
24. If the people lead, the leaders will follow.--bumper sticker
25. Power should not be concentrated in the hands of so few and powerlessness in the hands of so many.--Maggie Kuhn
26. The melting pot--where the poor fall to the bottom and the scum rises to the top.  
--B. Phillips



## ~SIMPLE GIFTS FOR A COMPLEX WORLD~

Yes, friends, it's time for another famous <sup>(5)</sup> Maine Statewide Newsletter holiday gift issue. December gives you a choice of several--winter solstice, Hanukkah, Advent, John Lennon's death, or even Jesus' birthday. But before we give you suggestions of good things to buy that also support good causes and good ideas, we take this opportunity to warn you of a few things not to buy or that you can do that don't cost bucks.

We can't wait for our January boycott article to let you know that you are not supposed to buy war toys. Peace workers have declared Nov. 30 as International Day against War Toys and are urging a boycott of all war toys and "War Toys Free Zones." One toy that is especially being "targeted" is the Rambo doll, which, critics fear, will teach young people, especially boys, that killing is fun, exciting, and the best way to wipe out "evil." Rambo is not just first blood, he's all blood. Those opposed to war toys in general and Rambo in particular are urged to make their disagreements known to Rambo doll producer Coleco Industries (they also make Cabbage Patch dolls), 999 Quaker La. S.W. Hartford, Ct. 06110. Petitions and "Stop War Toys Campaign" kits (\$3.50) are available from New England War Resisters League, Box 1093, Norwich, Ct. 06360, 203-889-5337.

Are you saying to yourself, "Do I have to buy all these presents again this year?" If so, check out the Alternative Celebrations Catalogue, which suggests a number of ways of simplifying and de-commercializing the winter holidays. How about home-made cards, lots of singing, going back to the religious roots of Christmas, and emphasizing less consumer-oriented activities that create awareness of how much the "haves" have and the "have-nots" don't have in this world (and how to more equally balance the two). The Alternatives resources (catalogue, packets, posters, cards) are especially useful for Christians and are available from PO Box 429, Ellenwood, Ga. 30049, 404-961-0102.

Well, it is nice to give to others, especially when you don't have to do it, and here are some items that promote progressive ideas as well as being good gift items.

Karen Smiley at Womanswork has come up with a unique idea--pigskin work gloves especially for women. They come both lined and unlined in women's sizes (S,M,L) with "Womanswork--strong women building a gentle world" on the

back. A T-shirt with the same words is also available. Gloves are \$13-17+tax/postage, shirts are \$7.50+. For a brochure: Womanswork, RFD Box 539K, S. Berwick 03908, 676-9964.

Gro-Tek again offers Mainers most anything they need for their greenhouses or indoor growing projects. Pots, insulated material, glazing, plant food, books and insect controls are a few of the products listed in a 36-page catalog. And, as a holiday special just for MSN readers (our first exclusive!), the catalog will be sent free (50¢ otherwise) and no shipping costs will be charged to any MSN reader requesting their catalog or placing an order in December. Whip out that post card and send it today to Gro-Tek, RFD 1 Box 518A, S. Berwick 03908, 676-2209.

A good source of tools is the Woodbutcher Tools catalog from the Shelter Institute, 38 Centre St., Bath 04530, 442-7939. If you are building or remodeling, they have lots of chisels, planes, saws, drills, and other hand tools for those who prefer a simpler technology.

Going up the coast, we find Avena Botanicals, staffed by herbalist Deb Soule. Her own gathered, grown, and crafted herbs, tinctures, oils and salves are recommended for those who prefer herbal remedies (or want to try them out) for good health and a long life. They are also unique gifts. For a catalog of items (\$1) or info on classes, contact Deb Soule/Avena, PO Box 365, Rockport 04856.

Moving farther north to Deer Isle, we find "In the Tradition," traditional music albums, tapes, music books, instruments, and accessories from Debbie Suran, formerly of County Down. No doubt every family member will not want a Swedish Nyckleharpa, but there are dulcimers, guitars, banjos, and many kinds of records and tapes, especially international/ethnic. You may not find many of these items elsewhere in Maine. ITT, PO Box 223, Deer Isle 04627.

Heading east, we find the Gypsy Wagon in Wesley, on the Airline Highway (Rt. 9) outside of Calais. The Kaminskys have an eclectic collection (just like this newsletter) of gift items--hammocks, womens' shawls, scarfs and other apparel, Passamaquoddy baskets, the most popular books by Helen and Scott Nearing, Maine books and cookbooks, imported items from Latin America, and their own blueberry jam. Your one-stop gift shopping center if you're 20 miles north of Machias, or write for a catalog: Gypsy Wagon, Rt. 9 Box 327, Wesley 04686, 255-3711.

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# MORE SIMPLE GIFTS MORE SIMPLE GIFTS MORE..

There are, of course, lots of choices when it comes to locally produced crafts. Can we recommend some of Maine's cooperative craft stores such as:

Chosen Works, Haymarket Sq., Bangor 04401  
 Perspectives, 54 Bayview, Camden 04843  
 Praxis, 136 Main St., Freeport 04032  
 Maine Potter's Guild, 9 Moulton St., Portland  
 H.O.M.E. Coop, Box 408, Orland 04472

Susan Aldrich recommends something less physical--wellness counseling--which she will provide. She offers relaxation, meditation, therapeutic touch, stress management, creative arts, nutrition, psychosynthesis, and other techniques to help each person find their full human potential. "No matter where you are on the wellness spiral, there are new places to explore." Although she is not the only person in Maine offering these services, she was the only one smart enough to write us with the suggestion of giving wellness as a holiday gift. Contact Susan Aldrich RN, 50 Gray St. #1, Portland 04102, 774-4940. She will also have classes in therapeutic touch early in 1986.

Crafts, services, you name it. If it's a unique gift, you can find it at the Alternative Holiday Gifts Auction, 1-4 pm on Sun. Dec. 1 at the Old Baxter Library Building, 619 Congress, Portland. A weekend by the sea, cheesecakes, legal consultation, massage, and live music are a few of the special items being auctioned off to benefit the Feminist Spiritual Community. Call 773-2294.

A practical gift that also satisfies our stomachs is food. For example, there is the State of Maine Cheese Co., 75 Front St., Rockland 04841, 596-6601. Their varieties are like a Maine geography quiz--Aroostook Jack, Allagash Caraway, Kennebec Dill, Katahdin Cheddar etc.

What goes with cheese? Why, wine, of course. Chartrand Imports has organic wine and champagne from France. Look for it in a natural foods store or write Chartrand Imports, PO Box 729, Waldoboro 04572, 832-4129 for locations.

If you want to support the cooperative movement in Maine, you can buy some of your holiday foods at one of Maine's 8 cooperative food stores. Visit the one nearest you:

Your Store, 28 Main St., Machias 04654  
 Belfast Coop, 67 Main St., Belfast 04915  
 New Peak Mountain, Rt. 7/202, Dixmont 04932  
 Main St. Market, Main St., Unity 04988  
 Good Tern, 216 S. Main, Rockland 04841  
 Rising Tide, Round Top, Damariscotta 04543  
 Good Day Market, 155 Brackett, Portland 04102  
 Fare Share Coop, Tannery St., Norway 04268

Going beyond food to the outdoors, for Audubon supporters and bird freaks there's books, cassettes, calendars, ornaments, and binoculars for spotting those elusive feathered creatures. Maine Audubon, 118 Old Rt. One, Falmouth 04105, 781-2330.

And if you like peace, try "Save the Humans" T-shirts (\$6-8) or "Bread Not Bombs" aprons (\$12) from the Maine Freeze Campaign, PO Box 3842, Portland 04104, 772-0680.

What would a holiday be without good books? Several bookstores in Maine specialize in progressive titles, such as: New Leaf Books (esp. feminism), 438 Main St., Rockland 04841, 596-0040; Gulf of Maine Books (environmental), 61 Maine St., Brunswick 04011, 729-5083; Our Books (lesbians/gay men), 4 Pine St., Portland 04102, 773-5540; and Wise Woman Books (feminist), 652 Forest Ave., Portland 04101, 761-2053.

The Maine Writers' and Publishers' Alliance, Box 7542, Portland 04112, 775-6260 has a large collection of mail order books about Maine or from Maine authors or poets. Write or call for a catalog. Catalogs are also available from Dog Ear Press, PO Box 143, S. Harpswell 04079, 729-7791, one of Maine's more prolific small publishers; Thorndike Press, PO Box 159, Thorndike 04986, 948-2962; and Granite Press, Box 7, Penobscot 04476. And for specialty books on farming or agriculture try Farmstead, Box 111, Freedom 04941, 382-6200.

We were looking for calendars and stationery this year but didn't come across much. Here are two, however: The 1986 Wood Cookstove Calendar (\$4.95), available in bookstores, drug stores etc. and a bargain special--For only \$1 the Boycott Census will send you an appointment calendar with poems for each month. Throw in a few extra coins or dollars and they will send you the latest issue of the Boycott Census. Boycott Census, RFD 1, Box 3445, Norway 04268.

We don't usually suggest gifts (or anything else) from outside the state of Maine, but here are a few items or catalogs you might consider before buying all your holiday gifts:

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## STILL MORE SIMPLE GIFTS

- 1) Pueblo to People, 5218 Chenevert #1013, Houston, Tex 77004 AND
- 2) Jubilee Crafts, 300 W. Apsley, Philadelphia, Pa. 19144 (crafts from Central America, most from refugees, cooperatives, or peasant groups).
- 3) War Resisters League Peace Calendar, "The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword," \$6.75 from WRL, 339 Lafayette, New York, NY 10012.
- 4) In These Times holiday catalog, including books, records, and "Sylvia" calendar, from ITT, 1300 W. Belmont, Chicago, Il. 60657.
- 5) Wireless (products from Prairie Home Companion), books, records, cards, T-shirts, etc. Call 800-328-5252.
- 6) Greenpeace catalog (shirts, buttons, stickers, pins, information). Greenpeace, 139 Main St., Cambridge, Mass. 02142.
- 7) "Appalachia 1986 Simple Lifestyle Calendar," \$5.75, ASPI, Rt. 5 Box 423, Livingston, Ky. 40445.
- 8) Coop America, (items exclusively from coops), 2100 M St. NW, #310, Washington, DC, 20063.
- 9) Guardian Marketplace (lots of books, clothes, records, posters), 33 W. 7th St., New York, NY 10011.
- 10) Donnelly-Colt (lots of buttons & stickers), Box 188, Hampton, Ct. 06247.
- 11) Animal Town Game Co. (cooperative board games), PO Box 2002, Santa Barbara, Cal 93120.

Exhausted yet? Here are just a final few more suggestions to boggle your mind. Wouldn't you like to give a gift subscription to a struggling newspaper to a friend to support a good cause? Here are a few examples:

The Cultivator, Fed. of Coops, Box 15, Albion 04910, \$3.50/4 issues.

Our Paper, Voice of Maine's Lesbian and Gay Community, Box 10744, Portland 04104, \$10/12 issues.

This Time, c/o HOME Coop, Box 10, Orland 04472 \$4 or donation/4 issues.

Maine Organic Farmer and Gardener, Box 2176, Augusta 04330, \$5/6 issues.

Coping, c/o Maine Assn. of Handicapped Persons, 32 Thomas St., Portland 04102, \$5/12 is.

Maine Central America Paper, 40 Garland St., Bangor 04401, \$5/6 issues.

The Alliance, c/o Maine Peoples Alliance, Box 2490, Augusta 04330 \$15 (membership included)

Munjoy Hill Observer, 195 Congress St., Portland 04101, \$3/12 issues.

FAROG Forum, c/o Le Centre Franco-Americain, 126 College Ave., Orono 04473 donation/8 iss.

Neighbors Care, c/o Oxford Co. Community Services, Box 278, S. Paris 04281, donation/4 is.

## GRIST FOR THE MONEY MILL

The Maine Organization for Cooperative Assistance (MOCA, Inc.) operates a revolving loan fund for consumer and worker co-operatives and other alternative businesses who normally have difficulty in raising loan capital from conventional sources.

Past MOCA loans have helped set up a grist mill and cogeneration project in Union, helped organic blueberry growers to build winnowing machines for improved harvest quality, aided several of the state's co-op stores, helped Maine People's Resource Center in publishing a Guide to Maine's Legislators and Lobbyists, and prolonged the life of the troubled Fedco food Warehouse.

MOCA is searching for more loan capital. Increasing its pool of loanable funds would enable it to make larger loans, thereby providing a wider range of alternative businesses with needed capital. At MOCA's Annual Meeting, Sun. Dec. 1 at 1 pm at 40 Church St. Oakland, a fund raiser/executive director position will be created.

If you are interested in MOCA's activities and/or would like to put your money to work for social good, contact Susie Ellis at 354-8185, or come to the annual meeting.

## \*\*\* STICKY STUFF \*\*\*

Not only do we have a bumper sticker of the month in December, but also a toll-free number (scroungers that we are): "Break the Apartheid Link" (lobster snaps link between Maine and S. Africa), \$2, or "Cut Maine's Ties to South Africa," \$1.50, from Maine Project on Southern Africa, Box 3354, Portland 04104, 774-9833. (Their Nov. 23 concert with Abdullah Ibrahim was postponed until the spring, by the way.)

Call 800-648-6732 for Toxic Substance Information in the home or workplace, sponsored by the Natural Resources Defense Council.

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JANUARY COPY DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 20

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And, last but not least, here's the pitch... How about subscribing to the Maine Statewide Newsletter (if you don't have a "number and /86" on your address label). Just fill out the form on page 9 and send \$4 (more or less) to us. You'll receive a lot more than you give and will immediately receive a large dose of holiday spirit.

Do it today!!



## TO THE MAINE STATEWIDE NEWSLETTER:

"Maine is a feudal state, an occupied territory...We are ruled by paper companies, Great Northern being the largest and most power hungry of these. Our legislators and our Governor do their best to make sure that the paper companies have their way. Just before LURC begins hearings on the Big A Dam, Governor Brennan appoints two former paper company employees to the commission. This is the governor who called nuclear power "a socially acceptable risk," who called million-acre spray programs an "economic trade-off."

Now Great Northern, seeming to get its way so far with the Big A, wants its way with the Appalachian Trail. The National Park Service is working to permanently protect the trail here in Maine. They are working deals with each paper company owning land through which the trail passes. Most of the paper companies have been willing to work with the park service, and have been quite generous, giving the trail wide corridors of land, mountain tops, scenic areas, etc. Great Northern...won't deal with the Park Service, will deal only with the state. They want very narrow land corridors, few passes over logging roads, and when possible are trying to use shore frontage--land which they would not be able to cut anyway. The state seems to be going along with this.

We at Earth First wonder how long this state will continue to be ruled by multinational paper conglomerates? Why isn't the public given more information on this and other related issues?

A related issue is the Saddleback Mtn. expansion plan being worked on by a group headed by John Menario (of Save Maine Yankee fame and a possible gubernatorial candidate). This plan proposes, as part of their commercial expansion, to move their section of the Appalachian Trail off the mountain top it now moves across. We are hoping that Maine citizens will take more of an interest in this issue."

To get more involved in these issues, contact Earth First, c/o Gary Lawless, Box 687, South Harpswell 04079.

ANOTHER PAPER INDUSTRY GIFT TO MAINE: Recent tests show that several Me. rivers contain dioxin, which has been traced to the sludge by-product of the paper industry's "craft" process. An emergency ban on dumping this sludge into rivers is now in effect. See the Jan. issue of MSN for more on this.

## INCINERATOR GETS TRASHED

The Auburn Energy Recovery Plant seemed to be the answer to the area's growing accumulation of trash. They could even sell the electricity generated by burning garbage to Pioneer Plastics. A perfect environmental solution... except for a few things.

The biggest problems are the smell (unbearable) and the leftover ash from the burning which is being landfilled but causing major problems. The ash (and with it toxins like dioxin) may have leached into water supplies.

People from the area contacted the Maine People's Alliance and have formed a committee. Testing is now being done in the area to see whether the ash and its contents are spoiling water or making living in the area hazardous.

People in the Auburn-Lewiston-Danville-New Gloucester-Poland area will especially be needed to pressure Auburn officials if contamination is present, and similar problems may be faced by other towns with incinerators and ash landfills. To find out how you can help: Persis Grover, HCR 33, Box 300, Danville 04223, 784-3889 or MPA, 622-4740.

## HOUSING FOR HOPE ~

The prospect of a family or single parent household owning their own home has improved with the help of Habitat for Humanity, an international, interfaith ministry dedicated to providing low-cost housing to low-income people.

The families who are chosen are unable to compete in the commercial market for adequate housing. Through the donation of materials and "sweat equity," they can buy the home by paying the actual cost of the house on a no-interest, no-profit basis. Funds are recycled for building more houses.

For literature or a slideshow on H. for H., contact Miles Freeman, PO Box 897, Ogunquit 03907, 646-7745.

Habitat also has a project in Maine, in conjunction with Woodfords Congregational Church, other churches, and neighborhood/city agencies. The house, at the corner of Oxford and Mayo Sts. in Portland, is being built with donated materials and volunteer labor. If you can pound nails or lug lumber for a few hours, call Woodfords at 774-8243 or Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization at 775-3050.

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"The future is not a place we are going--The future is a place we are creating." -- St. Joan of Arc.

## AFRICA, ASIA & THE WORLD !

Here is our continuation of last month's list of possible speakers for your group or house party. We mentioned those from the Maine Civil Liberties Union and then ran out of space. Here are three more:

Jessy Thomas represented the United Methodist Church at the UN Conference for Women in Nairobi, Kenya last July. Workshops on the general themes of equality, development, and peace were very stimulating, and Thomas wants to describe women's progress, especially in areas of health development, from an international perspective, to people in Maine. She can also speak from her experience living for several years in India. Jessy Thomas, 27 Blanchette St., Lewiston 04240.

Simple living involves recognition of solidarity with people in other parts of the world and a willingness to consume less. If we in the U.S. don't cut down, our next generation won't have many resources to draw upon. To arrange for a presentation on "how to live more simply," contact Larry Dansinger, POB 110, Stillwater 04489 or call 827-3107.

Finally, Lucy Carver (RFD 2 Box 103, Lincolnville 04849, 338-4200) and Daphne Williams (HCR 60 Box 66, Waldoboro 04572, 529-5557) have just returned in late October from 2 weeks in the USSR as part of Bridges for Peace. They spent time in Leningrad, Kiev and Moscow, met with dissidents, viewed a Ukrainian wedding, and met with peace community members. They have slides, a description of their activities, and a view of the USSR they would like to share with groups around Maine. Lucy Carver will be tentatively speaking on Dec. 1 at 7:30 pm at the Belfast Library.

Reserve your speakers now for 1986.  
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### LOOKING AHEAD?

Looking forward to 1986? In the January MSN you can look forward to our annual review of items being boycotted, plus a lot of events surrounding the holiday commemorating Martin Luther King. In Portland, for example, a big day is planned for the Jan. 20 holiday, sponsored by the Portland NAACP, Maine Project on Southern Africa, and Coalition on Undoing Racism, with a breakfast, parade, rally & evening religious service & performance. Call 774-9833 (day) or 761-0572 (eve) to get involved.

## ATTENCION AMIGOS !

If winter's chill doesn't thrill you, perhaps you'd like to thaw out in Central America for a week or two. Opportunities abound for work brigades, tours, and even a peace walk to Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatamala, and Honduras. Costs for any such adventure are expected to be about \$750. Here are a few opportunities and their Maine connections:

As mentioned last month, there will be work brigades going to harvest coffee and cotton in Nicaragua all through December, January and February. For more information, try Suzanne Murphy, 82 Pine St., Portland 04102, 773-8904. Habitat for Humanity (see separate article) also invites you to help their housebuilding crew from Jan. 20-31 in Nicaragua. Contact Miles Freeman, Box 897, Ogunquit 03907, 646-7745 for details.

An invasion of Nicaragua is planned by artists and writers from Maine and other states about Jan. 17-Feb. 1. If you have any artistic blood in you, write Joe Richey, Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance, Box 7542, Portland 04112, 775-6260.

The Maine Coalition for Peace and Justice in Central America is looking for people interested in joining tours either to Guatamala or El Salvador, with the understanding that they would come back and speak about what they saw and did. Very few Mainers have personal experience about the war-like conditions in either of these countries. For more info on these tours, try Sally Buckwalter, Orland 04472, 469-3471.

Finally, call Donna Gold, 623-1196 ASAP if you want to be part of a Central America Peace Walk set for late December-January. Over 300 people from all over the world are expected to participate in this special event. Adios, Amigos!

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### UNIFICATION at the UNITARIAN

Maine's Green Party and Rainbow Coalition supporters will get together at All Souls Unitarian Church, 11 King St., Augusta on Dec. 8 at 1 pm to add some color to the 1986 elections. They hope to agree on principles of unity and then decide to field third party candidates for many local and statewide offices. They welcome anyone who is tired of or bored by only two choices--Republicans and Democrats.

For more on this unification effort, contact Greg Gerriitt, RFD 1, Box 1182A, Industry 04938, 778-6722 or call Brenda at 774-9004.

## T FOR MORE THAN TWO

Trainers with experience in many different areas are invited to a T for T (Training for Trainers) session on Sat. Jan. 11, featuring role-plays in a diversity of fields from consensus to community building, from affinity group formation to non-violence, from racism to resolution of conflicts.

The meeting will be all day Saturday, including a potluck supper and an evening session. Most of the day will be spent improving training techniques through a succession of diverse role-plays.

The meeting is attempting to network people who've been working with different issues so they can share skills, resources and expertise and broaden all the participants' perspectives.

If you have suggestions for areas to work on, or would like to volunteer to develop a role play in a specific area contact Karen Harlan, 11 Old Mill Rd, Orono 04473, 827-3107 or Sheila Garrett PO Box 143, S. Harpswell 04079, 833-6314.

Please bring written, or audio-visual materials to share. Meeting place will be in Augusta area, exact time/place to be announced  
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"WOMEN--YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM"

was the winning motto among nearly 120 entries submitted to Womancare of Dover-Foxcroft. This past spring Womancare was awarded a \$1,200 grant from the Haymarket Peoples Fund to compile, publish and distribute a second book of writings and drawings by abused women in the area. Womancare is now soliciting writings of all sorts, including letters, essays, poems, stories etc. They are particularly interested in hearing from women in Piscataquis, Somerset and Western Penobscot counties.

Write Womancare, Box 192, Dover-Foxcroft 04426, 564-2016.

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top spokesman, promptly sent a "cease and desist" order. So what will the female Marines sing now? It probably would not do for them to take a cue from the men. Says Miller: "The male Marines are singing and thinking about something that is far worse." No lyrics supplied.

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"Death, regardless of the executioner, is never justice."

## ATTENTION: MILITARY TAX CO.'S

What: Biannual meeting of war tax objectors

When: Friday, Dec. 6 (snow date, Dec. 13)  
Potluck at 5:30 pm, meeting at 6:30 pm.

Where: Home of Jeanne and Lang Davis, 98 Winthrop St., Augusta 04330, 622-1139.

Why: BECAUSE OVER 60% OF OUR TAX MONEY GOES TO PAY FOR PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE WARS!!

The agenda will include reports on the symbolic tax resistance campaign, the Maine War Tax Funds for Life, and plans for the 1986 tax season. Childcare will be available if you call 827-3107 by Dec. 1. For more information, contact the War Tax Resistance Resource Center, 11 Old Mill Rd., Orono 04473, 827-3107.

The Maine War Tax Funds for Life, established by the statewide network of conscientious objectors to military taxes, is now accepting applications for grants from groups whose purpose is to meet human needs and/or work for social change. Grants are small, in the range of \$200-500, and are most appropriate for small groups with limited funding. Applications and guidelines are available from the above address or by calling 797-5684 in Portland. Deadline is Feb. 1, 1986; awards are made in early March. (The Funds for Life also welcomes any deposits of refused military taxes or outright donations to support its work.)

## SHE'LL BOGG-LE YOUR MIND

On Dec. 3 and 5 at USM, Portland and Dec. 4 at UMO, Orono, Grace Boggs, author and organizer, will speak. Boggs is one of the founders of the National Organization for an American Revolution and co-authored Conversations in Maine, a series of reflections on what it means to be human in our time, revolution in advanced capitalist countries, and the roles of culture and community. The daughter of Chinese immigrants, she has been active in the women's black, and marxist movements since the 1920's.

At USM she will speak at 2:30 pm at Luther Bonney on the 3rd and at noon at the Student Center on the 5th. Call Tony Pezet at 774-7029 for details. Steve Gray (866-2219) has arranged for her to speak at 12:15 pm on the 4th at the Memorial Union at UMO and for an evening potluck.

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"The progress and survival of civilization are dependent upon the realization of the utter futility of force as an arbiter of international issues." Gen. Douglas MacArthur

# ~ MORE DECEMBER HAPPENINGS ~

Dec. 11: "Witness to War" w/Charles Clements  
Presque Isle (Turner) Library, 7 pm, call Jim  
Smith, 764-0144.

Dec. 13: Jim Scott/Martha Sandefer concert to  
benefit Your Store, 7:30 pm, \$4.50-5, Machias  
Grange Hall. Your Store, 28 Main, Machias  
04654, 255-3726.

Dec. 14: Christmas Bird Count. Many areas need  
covering. Maine Audubon, 118 Old Rt. One,  
Falmouth 04105, 865-3869, 781-2330.

Dec. 14: Sanford Peace Forum Coffeehouse, Uni-  
tarian Church, Sanford w/Morse Bros., Bob  
Fenderson, and Sing-a-long. Call diana Water-  
man, 636-3836.

Dec. 14: Candlelight vigil for peace through  
downtown Presque Isle. Call 764-0144.

Dec. 14: Beyond War Five Continent Peace Ini-  
tiative award telecast, 11:15 am, Waterville  
Jr. H.S. \$2.50. Winnie Kierstead, RFD 1, Box  
993 Fairfield 04937, 453-2320, or at West-  
brook College, 716 Stevens, Portland, 11:30  
am, \$5, call 883-6029.

Dec. 15: Readings by Alice Packard and Kate  
Barnes, 7:30 pm, Gulf of Maine Books, 61 Maine  
St., Brunswick 04011, 729-5083.

Dec. 16: Nancy Eckel, captured by contras in  
Nicaragua, speaks in Rockland or Camden. Call  
763-4103 for time/place.

Dec. 17: "When the Mountains Tremble" (Guata-  
malan refugees), 9 pm, MPBN-TV and WCBW-TV.

Dec. 18: "The Women's Decade: Beyond Beginnings,"  
10 pm, MPBN-TV and WCBW-TV.

Dec. 18: "Macrobiotic Approach to Health," lec-  
ture, Webber Pond Rd., Vassalboro, call 622-  
5384.

Dec. 20: Racism workshop planning meeting, 4  
pm, Fernald Hall (basement), UMO, Orono, call  
827-3107.

Dec. 20-21: Edie Doughty's Christmas Solstice  
(benefits Center for the Arts), Rec. Hall,  
Front St., Bath. Call 442-8455.

Dec. 21: Solstice w/Fahey/McCutcheon (11)

Dec. 29: Glen Jenks and Bob Stuart, "Songs  
with music and without," Belfast Library,  
7:30 pm.

Dec. 31: "King of Hearts," 9 pm, MPBN-TV.  
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MAINE PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE IS HIRING!

Do you want to be a director of develop-  
ment for the Maine People's Alliance? How  
about a financial manager? If neither, move  
on to the next article. But, if you're in-  
terested, write them fast at PO Box 2490,  
Augusta 04330, 622-4740. Make them an offer  
they won't want to refuse (on hours, money).  
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## WORTH MORE THAN SALT

How often do you bring a can of food to a  
concert? The Winter Solstice Celebration Con-  
cert at Peakes Auditorium in Bangor, Dec. 21 at  
8 pm will ask you to do just that (along with  
\$8), since those food items will be donated to  
the Bangor Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Any con-  
cert worth its Salt (Pond) should be suppor-  
ting some other good cause while you are enter-  
tained, right? Salt Pond Community Broadcas-  
ting (2 Newworld Plaza, S. Blue Hill 04614,  
374-2489) is the sponsor. They hope to have a  
radio station going by some time in 1986.  
Guitarist John Fahey and hammered dulcimer  
player John McCutcheon will be the featured  
performers for the solstice.)

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER ???

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

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Nov. 30: "Meditation and Secrets of Inner Peace" intensive seminar 2-5 pm, Sri Chinmoy Centre, Topsham 04086, 729-5825.

Nov. 30: Rigoberta Menchu speaks on Guatemala, 2 pm Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, call 879-0171.

Dec. 1: MOCA Annual Meeting (7).

Dec. 1: Alternative Holiday Gifts Fair (6).

Dec. 3: "Latin American Women: An Historical Perspective" Memorial Union, UMO, Orono, call 581-1226.

Dec. 3: "Tim Sample: Back in Spite of Popular Demand," 10 pm, MPBN-TV.

Dec. 3: "Labor Law and the Worker" conference, 9-4, Augusta Civic Center, \$45. Bureau of Labor Education, 128 College, Orono 04473, 581-4123.

Dec. 3 (each Tues.): "Textures" world music w/Katherine Rhoda, 11:30-2 pm on WMPG (90.9) Portland.

Dec. 3-5: Grace Boggs speaks (10).

Dec. 4: Central America Affinity Group Formation Meeting for Waldo County area, 7:30 pm, call Ireen Cooper, 338-2374 for directions.

Dec. 4: "Women and the Outdoors," 7 pm 201 Learning Center, UMF, Farmington. Aimee Desroches, Farmington NOW, Box 375, Farmington 04938, 778-9682.

Dec. 6: War Taxes Meeting in Augusta (10).

Dec. 6: World hunger workshop, 7-11 pm, w/Hand to Hand, POB 881, Camden 04843, 236-9643.

Dec. 6: "Rosie the Riveter" and potluck at H.O.M.E. Coop, Rt. 1, Orland 04472, 469-7961.

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Dec. 6: "Women and Self-Esteem," (call for late registration openings), 8:30-4, Samoset Hotel, Rockport, \$40. Family Planning Assn., POB 587, Augusta 04330, 622-7524.

Dec. 7: "Daily Bread" w/Wendell Berry, MPBN Radio.

Dec. 7: "Before Stonewall," Unitarian Church, Bangor, 7 pm, \$3. Bangor Area Gay-Lesbian-Straight Coalition, Box 1805, Bangor 04401, 989-3306.

Dec. 7: Draft Counselors Meeting (3).

Dec. 7: Human Rights Display in Brunswick (1).

Dec. 7: Maine Endangered Species Workshop, 9:30-4 at Chewonki Foundation, Wiscasset, \$5. Endangered & Nongame Wildlife Program, Box 1298, Bangor 04401 or call 729-5181.

Dec. 7-8: "Christmas at Norlands" Norlands Living History Center, Livermore 04254, 897-2236.

Dec. 7-8: "Guatamala, a Photojournal," w/Darrill Bazy and Joanne Echer in Sedgwick (7th 7:30 pm call 359-2785) and Bangor (8th, 2 pm, St. John's Catholic Church), call 947-6858.

Dec. 8: Rainbow/Green Meeting in Augusta (9).

Dec. 8: "Folk Songs of the Sephardim," 7 pm, \$3-6, Jewish Comm. Center, 28 Somerset, Bangor 04401, 945-5631.

Dec. 9: Folk music coffeehouse, Chase Hall Lounge, Bates Col., Lewiston, call 786-6255.

Dec. 10: Presentations on tax resistance and "What is INVERT," Second Congregational Church, Norway, 7 pm, Robyn Currie, 127 High, S. Paris, 04281, 743-8419.

Dec. 10: "Tax Resistance" at Belfast Peace Roundtable, Artfellows Hall, 7:30 pm. (bring pillows). Call 338-4200 or 338-4427.

Dec. 10-12: "Kerouac" biography/documentary, 7&9 pm, Railroad Square Cinema, Box 945, Waterville 04901, 873-6526.

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