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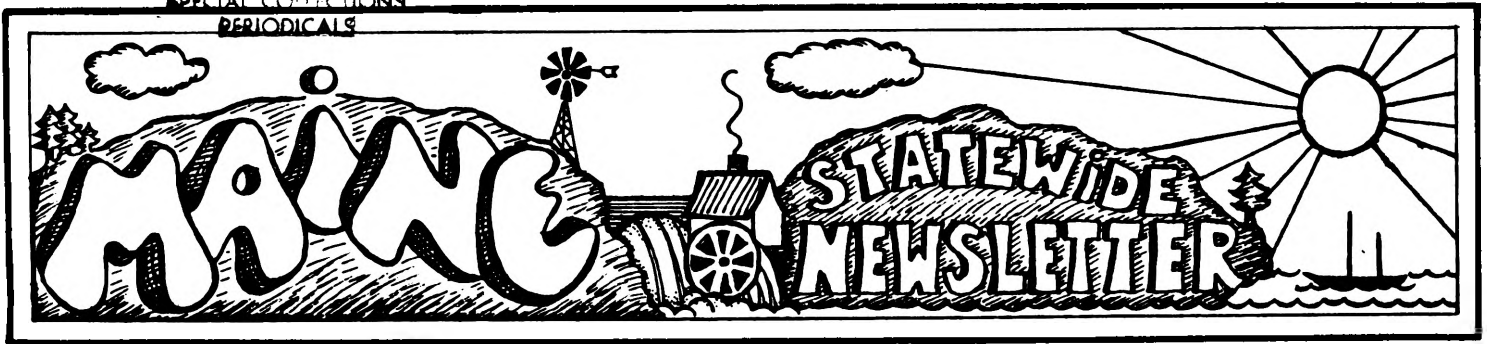
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Number 72

"All the News That Fits to Print"

January, 1986

"We Shall Overcome"

Beginning in 1986, the "holiday" season will go not just to New Years but to the 3d Monday in January, the 20th this year, when Martin Luther King's birthday will be officially celebrated. Groups in several areas of the state are planning big bashes in honor of the good doctor. Will you be doing something in his memory in your community that day?

People in the Portland area certainly will on Jan. 20. Members of the NAACP (National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People), the Coalition on Undoing Racism, the Maine Project on Southern Africa, and other groups are planning quite a show: A breakfast at the Sonesta Hotel with a guest speaker; a march and rally at noon down Congress St.; a 7 pm ecumenical religious service at St. Lukes Cathedral on State St.; followed by a dramatization of King by Al Eaton and a discussion of his life led by two professors. Contact phones for more details are 774-9833 days, 761-0572 eve, or 772-7767 eve.

A two-year tradition will stretch into three with the 3rd Martin Luther King Sing-a-long on Sunday, Jan. 19 at the First Universalist Church, 120 Park St., Bangor. A slide show about Big Mountain will be shown by Maine CALC's Pam Montanaro and Roberto Mendoza at 3:30 pm. A potluck will follow at 5:30, and then singing of civil rights and peace songs at about 6:30 pm. Nostalgia and the 60's will return for one brief evening. Call 827-3107, Sponsored by Bangor CALC and the Coalition on Undoing Racism-North.

A similar sing-a-long will happen the following afternoon in Machias. Time: 2 pm. Place: St. Aiden's Episcopal Church, Machias. All voices great and small, on-key and off, are welcome. Bring instruments too. Call 255-4750 or 255-4419 for all the poop.

The Western Me. CALC event on Jan. 15(see calendar) will also celebrate King's Birthday. Other events may also be set up. Don't forget to celebrate the "holidays"!

"We Shall Not Be Moved"

Over 10,000 Navajo people living in the Big Mountain area of northern Arizona are slated to be "relocated" by the U.S. government by next summer. Many of the Navajos, seeing their traditional life of self-sufficiency being threatened, are refusing to move and are appealing for help to people throughout the country who want to support the rights of native people. Although a law enforcing removal has been passed, the Navajos believe the government is after the coal, uranium, and other minerals that are on the land, and not out to protect the rights of the Hopi tribe, as has been claimed. Like other removals of tribal people in the past, this move is expected to be traumatic and destructive to the Navajo.

Maine CALC (Clergy and Laity Concerned) is coming to the aid of the Navajos with a slide show and program about Big Mountain that they are taking around the state. They are also preparing for an action, "We Shall Not be Moved," where people from Maine and other states will go to Big Mountain in the spring and summer to physically stand in the way of efforts by the government to move the Navajos.

Another group which has taken an interest in the issue is the Feminist Spiritual Community, which will host the first Big Mountain presentation, Monday, Jan. 13 at 6 PM (potluck followed by service and discussion) at Portland Friends Meeting, 1845 Forest Ave., Portland. Call 773-2294 for details. A second slide showing/discussion will happen at the Jan. 18 (6 pm, Old South Congregational Church, call 293-2390) meeting of the Western Mountains Peace Action Workshop in Farmington. The next day, Sun. Jan. 19, there will be a 3:30 pm presentation in Bangor at the First Universalist Church, 120 Park St., (call 827-3107) as part of the Martin Luther King holiday celebration.

For a packet of information about Big Mountain or to arrange a presentation: Maine CALC, 96 Lawn Ave., Portland 04103, 879-0171.

Wanted!

Women candidates to run for office and win! On Saturday, Feb. 1 from 9:30 to 3:15 at Jewett Hall, U. of Maine at Augusta, the American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, League of Women Voters, Maine Commission for Women and NOW are sponsoring a workshop designed to give you the necessary information to become politically involved and successful!

Participants can meet with state and local women who have run for office and won, meet other women interested in running, learn how to get involved in a campaign as a non-candidate, and/or develop the know how to run.

Cost of \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door includes lunch. Registration due by Jan. 25 to: Community Programs, U. of Maine at Augusta, Augusta 04330. For more info: call 622-7131x330.

This WAND Makes Things Disappear

Nuclear weapons, that is. Seacoast WAND (Women's Action for Disarmament) is sponsoring "Our Voices, Our Visions, A Workshop on How to Speak Out on Nuclear Disarmament" on Fri. Jan. 18 and Sat. Jan. 19 6 pm Fri.-5 pm Sat. at Barton Hall, University of New Hampshire. Fee is \$10; childcare available on request.

Participants will move through 3 phases of speaker training: Input, Presentation and Action. They will learn to express their concerns about the nuclear arms race in any setting--from the family to the community to the workplace or in public speeches. The workshop is designed not only to provide facts and figures but also to help participants overcome personal barriers to speaking out confidently and effectively.

Call early to reserve space. Contact Seacoast WAND, PO Box 4312, Portsmouth, NH 03801, 603/431-5272.

IS YOUR SPIRIT HUNGRY?

The United Church of Christ Northeast Leadership Conference is sponsoring a conference entitled: "Economic Justice and Hunger of the Spirit II" on Jan 10-11, 1986. The conference runs from 10 am to 4 pm Sat. at the Quality Inn and Conference Center, Chicopee, Mass. Registration is \$35. If you'd like to attend the conference, or would like to plug into the economic justice movement, contact Joyce S. Harmon, 24 Winn Rd., Falmouth 04105.

A Gayla Affair

② During the past year they put Madison on the map, filled the statehouse with gays & friends, and starred in a TV soap opera with the religious right. They also became a visible political lobbying force for the Gay Rights Bill in Augusta, are one of the sponsors of a series of public forums on AIDS, and have formed Pine Tree PAC, their very own political action committee to support those who support them.

To celebrate these achievements and to plan directions for the next year the Maine Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance is planning its annual meeting and gala fund raising dinner starting at Jewett Hall at the U. of Maine at Augusta on Sat. Jan. 18 at 10 am. Tenant's activist and openly gay Boston City Councillor David Scondras will conduct a workshop on "Getting Your Candidate Elected".

Fundraising dinner starts at 6 pm at the Holiday Inn, Western Ave., Augusta. Cost is from \$25-15 (sliding scale) in advance. For tickets make checks payable to MLGPA and mail to PO Box 108, Yarmouth 04096. To renew membership, subscribe to Our Paper or for more info about the organization, contact the same address.

CALL OF THE MONTH

For all you cheapskates out there, another free phone call of the month: 1-800-322-5455. In case you are wondering who you'd call... it's Literacy Volunteers of Maine. If you've got time to tutor or know of someone who needs to be tutored, give them a call.

They Have A Dream

There is no focal point for women's activities in Portland and southern Maine, but the Women's Community Project hopes to change that. They are seeking a building or location, a space to "serve the needs of women in southern Maine". And they dream on--day care center, legal aid, counseling, a community kitchen, offices, studios, gallery, performing arts, print shop, meeting space, and an information clearinghouse. An organizing group has formed, but they need help. (They also need "angels," people with \$.) There are committees for publicity, fundraising, outreach, and philosophy. A core group has met several times & will meet again on Sun. Jan. 5 11:30 am-2 pm (with a coffee/lunch break). Call 780-4083 or 772-3966 for the location and/or to join core group or a committee.

AIDS: The Dark Ages Return?

AIDS is still affecting only a small number of people, and an even smaller percentage in Maine, but it's an epidemic and a disaster if you are a gay man or someone concerned about the rights of lesbians and gays. As a way to spread understanding so the myths of the Dark Ages are not repeated, a series of forums on AIDS is planned to answer "Everything you want to know but didn't know who to ask." On hand will be representatives of the medical community, trained and experienced in dealing with the disease and its victims, the lesbian/gay (at risk) community, and state government. The format will likely be statements from each panel member about the myths and problems of AIDS, followed by questions and answers.

The forums scheduled so far are:

Portland--Jan. 9, 7 pm, Cummings Center,
134 Congress St.

Fort Kent--Jan. 26, 7 pm, UMFK Auditorium
Lewiston--Feb. 4, 7:30 pm, Lewiston Junior
High School

Other presentations are scheduled for Bethel, Brunswick, Kennebunk, and Farmington for February and March.

For more details, contact the AIDS-Line, a new information service about AIDS with an even newer phone number, 1-800-851-AIDS, answered 7-10 pm Mon, Wed & Fri.

Got too many pens or notebooks for Christmas? Last minute donations of school supplies for Nicaragua are still being accepted. Another dropoff point (by Jan. 15) is Gulf of Maine Books, 61 Maine St., Brunswick 04011. Or call Joanne Skinner of AFSC, 772-2172, for other dropoff locations.

TRAINING FOR TRAINERS

The Training for Trainers ("T for More than Two"--last issue) is really happening on Jan. 11, 9 am-8 pm at Green Street Methodist Church, 13 Green St., Augusta. It will help you to train others around various issues--nonviolence, direct action, community building, racism, and other aspects of social change that most of us know too little about. Focal point for the T for T will be role plays & demonstrations to enable trainers to help others to understand these important issues. For more details or to register: Sheila Garrett, Box 143, S. Harpswell 04079, 833-6314, or Karen Harlan, 11 Old Mill Rd., Orono 04473, 827-3107. Costs minimal; donations helpful.

Vets Join War on War

The first issue of the Veterans for Peace newsletter, appropriately named "Veterans for Peace Newsletter," is out. It is an issue of testimonials, the stories of a number of veterans and how they came to a different view of the armed forces and how to achieve peace. Several also talk about the role of veterans in the peace movement.

Since its formation in July, 1985, the idea of a peace group for veterans has really taken off, with people from about 25 states responding to articles in two national publications. The Maine VFP group has been meeting as a board of directors and has scheduled public meetings for Portland and Augusta (dates to be announced).

They will also be participating in a Draft and Military Counselors Training Session on Feb. 15 in Augusta. For a copy of the newsletter or more about VFP, both vets and non-vets are urged to write VFP, PO Box 3881, Portland 04104 or call 761-0984, 395-4339, or 293-2580.

Cherchez Votre Argent

Your interest, participation and financial support are needed for the success and restoration of a museum and cultural center. The center will aim to preserve the historic, religious, folk and aesthetic heritages of the whole St. John Valley.

A drive for charter members is underway to raise funds for badly needed restoration and repairs to the museum buildings. Larger donations will be used to replace the roof and repair the foundation. The Association is eligible for matching funds, and all donations are tax deductible.

An annual fee of \$5 will entitle members to reduced rates for activities at the museum, and give them a subscription to the center's newsletter which will keep them posted on the progress of the restoration.

For membership and/or donation please send your name, address, telephone number, and the \$5 fee to: L'Association Culturelle et Historique Du Mont-Carmel, Lille-Sur-St. Jean, Me. 04749-0155, 895-3339.

The Silent Auction sponsored by Your Store Coop in Machias was a huge success. Spirited bidding by an enthusiastic group resulted in a profit of \$1,145. Even the MSN subscription had a bidder!

--- THE KID'S PAGE, (GOATS, TOO) ---

Most people agree that children need a multifaceted education if they are to avoid a narrow view of themselves and the world. One way to do this is to give them opportunities for learning outside the state of Maine. They learn by seeing the country...and the world, and can appreciate the diversity of humanity rather than fearing it through lack of contact.

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The Trailside Country School of the National Audubon Society offers a high school and college accredited spring semester of bus and backpacking through wilderness areas of the Eastern U.S. About 15 students live and plan communally as they travel. Interpersonal relations and community are stressed in the learning experience. Credit is given in a variety of subjects such as geology and anthropology. What better way to learn about the people and environment than by personally examining it?

Young people will learn to live in and love the outdoors (every night is a campout). The program will begin or end (or both) in Maine, and also include Pennsylvania Amish country, Washington DC, the Smokey Mountains, the Everglades, and Kentucky's coal mining areas. Application deadline for students is fast approaching; for forms and specifics: Debbie/Alan Furth, RFD 1 Box 162, Lubec 04652, 733-2154. (P.S. If you can't go but need a place to live until May, the Furths need a housesitter. Feeding the goats buys you 3 months rent!)

There's lots to learn in this country, but there's a big world out there that most of us know nothing about. That's why Karl and Penelope Olson sponsor Grassroots Educational Expeditions each spring. Their 12th annual trip to Greece, March 8-May 10, will guide 12 young people, ages 12-16 through archaeological sites and countryside by horse cart and on foot. Participants learn Greek, keep travel journals, and assume responsibility for daily plans and needs. School credit can be arranged. The cost is \$1900+ airfare.

And if you're jealous because you're not a kid anymore, Grassroots also has an adult tour on May 17-31, again to Greece. Participants will learn some Greek, enjoy indoor/outdoor lodging, travel by every imaginable means, and see what Greece's socialism and historical treasures have to offer. The Olsons are available to lead similar trips for

groups of 10 or more of any age. They are also involved in development work in Haiti and seek others involved in or interested in similar work. GEE, RFD 1 Box 2314, Freedom 04941, 342-5422. (PPS--They may also need housesitters.)

Then there is Children's International Summer Villages, begun by Doris Twitchell Allen of Ellsworth in 1951 in other areas of the U.S., which came to Maine in 1983. Based on the idea of building international understanding through exchanges between children of different countries, Maine's CISV program has already enabled Maine children to interact with children from 37 countries from six continents.

The Maine chapter is in its third year of sending approximately 30 youth, ages 11-18, to summer villages overseas and in Quebec. This summer 11-year olds will go to Rumania or Brazil, 13 and 14-year olds to Florence, Italy, and 12 and 13-year olds to Quebec. Several opportunities in other countries, including Australia, are open to older teens. Families of children who participate will host an exchange visit the following summer, except in the case of Quebec, which will interchange this summer.

The deadline for applications was Dec. 20, but there may still be openings as you read this. Hurry & call today if interested: Betty Vrooman, 989-3579 or Doug Springer at the Old Town YMCA, 827-6111. Some scholarship help is available.

COMPOST, SLUDGE & BEE PASTURE

Are among the topics that will be addressed at MOFGA Day (Maine Organic Farmers & Gardeners Assn.) at the Agricultural Trade Show in Augusta. MOFGA Day is Tues. Jan. 21 starting at 9 am. Highlights include speakers Dan Hemenway on Permaculture, Will Bonsall of Khadigar Farms on farm systems & fertility, Jim Tabor on bee pasture, and panel discussions on the use of sludge, impact of agricultural practices on groundwater, the home orchard, and Agriculture in the Classroom. A one hour showing of the Nova television program entitled "An Uncertain Harvest" will be followed by a one hour review and discussion.

MOFGA will also have its annual meeting on Sat. Feb. 1 at the So. Parish Church on State St. in Augusta starting at 10 am. and including a potluck lunch. The public is invited. For more info: MOFGA, PO Box 2176, Augusta 04330, 622-3118.

Look for Organic Grower Supply Inc's co-operative soil amendment and garden supply order coming soon.

WHILE THE GRASS ROOTS GROWETH

Last month as a public service the MSN published a variety of opportunities for social action. The response has been gratifying, and this month we have another listing of varied organizations and causes.

GRR!!

We start by revisiting one of last month's entries. We hope that Nicholas R. Camp isn't saying GRR! to the Maine Statewide Newsletter because last month when we discussed his new organization we forgot to list his name and address. Camp, who was recently pinched for speeding for the first time in 34 years of driving, contends he was not going the speed alleged by the officer, and has started an organization called Get Rid of Radar--G R R for short. Camp is asking those supportive of his organization to join it by sending him thoughts and ideas along with a stamped self-addressed envelope. Send to Nicholas R. Camp, RFD 2, Box 1240, Buckfield 04220 or call 388-2493.

The next organization also relates to our highways.

DON'T YOU WISH EVERYONE DID?

Aren't you glad you wear seat belts? Don't you wish everyone did? If you do wish everyone did, you can help make your desire reality by joining the Maine Seat Belt Coalition.

The Coalition, based in Augusta, has more than 70 members and 5 paid staff who are gearing up for the next legislative session in hopes of gaining enough support to pass a mandatory safety belt law in Maine.

The Coalition contends that such a law would save 20-40 lives per year in Maine, as well as a great deal of money in reduced hospitalization costs. In New York, the first state to pass such a law, auto fatalities declined 28% the first six months after passage.

To help, or for more information, write Maine Seat Belt Coalition, PO Box 5189, Augusta 04330, or call 622-0951.

Turning from highways to waterways we have:
NOT JUST SITTING & WATCHING THE RIVER FLOW

Friends of the Kennebunk River recently celebrated their organization's first anniversary. They have been: monitoring the quality of the water in monthly tests since April, photographing the lower river and its tributaries to provide visual documen-

tation of the wilderness and beauty that still can be seen along its shores, attending local planning board and selectmen's meetings that are relevant to the river's future, and have received a Coastal Zone Management Grant from the State Planning Office to study the river in depth and design a zoning ordinance acceptable to the towns of Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Arundel which would protect the river and adjoining lands.

They are looking for new members who can continue the work on these projects and toward some of their goals. Goals include improving the purity of the river and its watershed, calling attention to waste disposal violations which affect the river, creating conservation plans and setting aside wilderness areas, increasing public awareness of the beauty and ecology of the river.

To join or for more info: Friends of the Kennebunk River, PO Box 1347, Kennebunkport 04046 or call Gale McCullough, 967-3319.

Out of the river and into the woods...

HOW MUCH WOOD COULD A WOODCHUCK CHUCK....

if a wood chuck could chuck wood? In Maine, quite a lot of wood because the state has 16 million acres of woods. Around 40% of this total area is held by the 181,000 private landowners. These are the folks the Small Woodland Owners Assn. of Maine (SWOAM) hopes to attract to its organization. 800 have already joined, comprising 7 chapters in various areas of the state.

Chapters and contacts include:

Mid-Coast: Carl Waterman, Main St., Waldo-boro 04572, 832-5291.

Southern Maine: Peter Lawrence, 5 Bond St. Portland 04102, 772-6863

Down East: Chuck Hulsey, 7 North St., Machias 04654, 255-4544

Dover-Foxcroft: Bill Dauphinee, RFD 2 Box 150, Guilford 04443, 997-3368

Upper Kennebec Valley: Bob Leso, RFD 2, Farmington 04938, 778-2000

Western Me.: William T. Newcomb, RFD 1 Box 3812, Norway 04268, 743-7848.

Much of the organization's activity centers around monthly chapter meetings which include many hands-on demonstrations and panel discussions. General topics range from integrating wildlife and woodland management to tax problems for woodland owners to pruning to demonstrations of woods equipment.

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SWOAM aims to benefit Maine's ecology and economy, maintain and improve wildlife habitat, promote responsible management of Maine's woodlands, sustain Maine's renewable resources and preserve its unique aesthetic character...so that the chuck will always have plenty of wood to chuck.

To join or for more info: SWOAM, S. Gouldsboro, Me. 04678, 963-2331.

THIS CUB AIN'T FOR SCOUTS

Just found a notice in my CMP bill that they want to raise their rates again! What else is new? Don't like your utility? Well, it's kind of tough to shop around...Think you want to fight? Well it's mighty tough for one small citizen to fight a big utility.

But wait! Maine Common Cause is considering undertaking a project which if successful could even the odds. That project is called a CUB: Citizens Utility Board. A CUB represents residential customers on electric, telephone, gas and water issues. It uses contributions to hire experts to work for consumers' interests by challenging unnecessary or unfair rate increases, investigating proposals and sites for new power plants, rooting out inefficiencies in utility operations. It gives consumers clout that they cannot have as individuals.

CUBs have already formed in Wisconsin, Illinois and Oregon (50,000 people joined Wisconsin CUB in just a few months). A CUB is formed by passing a law creating it and giving it the right to enclose notices in utility bills. Citizens join the CUB by contributing a few dollars a year. Members elect a Board of Directors which hires staff and decides how CUB will spend its money and what it will do. CUB receives no tax dollars.

A broad coalition will be needed to pass a CUB law. If you're intrigued, you can obtain more detailed information & materials by sending a SASE to Mainers for a CUB, 335 Water St., Augusta 04330, 622-5798.

CMP beware! That CUB may grow into a bear!

MOVING BEYOND WAR

The Beyond War grassroots movement is a response to the greatest threat of our time: the threat of nuclear annihilation. It began in the Silicon Valley area of California in 1982 with about 50 people. Now there are 10,000 volunteer workers in this country.

This year Beyond War became a national educational foundation, and is spreading into other countries rapidly.

The goal of Beyond War is to inform people about the very real threat the world's nuclear arsenals pose, and to communicate a sense of hope. Our situation is critical but it is not hopeless. Beyond War provides opportunities for people to come together to discuss, develop and demonstrate a new way of thinking which can bring about a world beyond war.

The new way says that we are all interconnected on this planet. Since nuclear destruction means the destruction of all, we must relate to our oneness. We must extend our concern for our own wellbeing to a concern for the survival of all humanity and the whole planet. Expanded identification is the foundation of the new way of thinking.

For more information about Beyond War, contact Winnie Kierstead, RFD 1 Box 993, Fairfield 04937, 453-2320 or Cynthia or Ed Ferdinandsen, 206 Foxcroft Cir., Scarborough 04074, 883-6029.

GOVERNMENT ON YOUR BACK?

Bothered by archaic drug laws? Bugged by mandatory Selective Service registration? Baffled by backup withholding? Burned up with court decisions making it easier for cops to search your property without a warrant? Feel that Ronald Reagan has betrayed his promise to "get government off our backs"? Convinced that Big Brother is more intrusive than ever? Then consider joining Get Government Out of Everything! (GOOEY). For more info on GOOEY write CR Lawn, 52 Mayflower Hill Dr., Waterville 04901.

PUFF TODAY, HUFF 'N PUFF TOMORROW!

Jim Loomis has challenged the MSN to be a bulletin board of announcements with the following:

"Cigarette smokers who are really interested in breaking the habit are invited to send an SASE (long) to Jim Loomis, Box 264B, Cherryfield 04622, 546-2131.

He claims to have given up smoking cigarettes 24 years ago by using a simple scientific DE-CONDITIONING procedure, which does not require 'heroic cold-turkey' measures...the habit can really be broken in 2-4 weeks. He will send you a 2-page description of the procedure, and some recent references on the general problem of cigarette smoking. 50 cents would help defray expenses and demonstrate your motivation."

- TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY, THAT IS THE QUESTION -

The boycott, since it began "officially" in the late 1800's, has proven to be an effective weapon against those corporations, governments, and businesses which insist on exploiting or oppressing their workers, the environment, animals, or even their own customers. In spite of persistent requests to "STOP!", these targets of boycotters have refused to stop their practices.

But the victims and their advocates have persisted and "gone to the jugular," in this case the economic vulnerability of the government or company. In some cases, consumer boycotts have been successful in changing policy; in other cases they have failed. Often success or failure depends on how many people are aware of and adhere to the boycott.

As a service to its readers, the MSN provides an overview (we could write a book with what we've collected) of existing boycotts so that readers can choose which ones they will support in their consumption habits. There's no middle ground or non-involvement in a boycott. Either you buy a product or you don't.

Here's a partial list of products being boycotted--something you can cut out after you've finished reading the article and post on a wall, refrigerator, bulletin board, or other appropriate place.

Just so you won't accuse us of being total naysayers, here are a few items being girlcotted--ones you are encouraged to buy: Products from New Zealand, coffee from Nicaragua or that is grown organically, "No Nuke" lightbulbs (not made by GE, Westinghouse, or Sylvania), union paper products, and "alternative" businesses such as cooperatives or worker-owned enterprises.

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Superfund Seven	Penthouse Magazine (and
Burger King	advertisers)
Marval Turkeys	Non-union table grapes
Scott Paper	Coleco Industries
Union Carbide	Products from Japan, Norway,
Armour Meats	and the USSR
Folgers Coffee	Top 50 Nuclear Weapons
McDonald's	Contractors
Coors Beer	Banks doing business with
Coca-Cola	South Africa
TACA Airlines	R.J. Reynolds Tobacco
Campbell's	General Electric
Mattel Toys	Chiquita Bananas
Schwinn Bikes	Continental Airlines
El Al Airlines	Red Coach Lettuce

Let's try to explain as briefly and completely as possible why these items are being boycotted. Note that other brand names of the parent company are listed in parentheses () after the parent company.

Let's start with something that is appearing more and more in Maine, Coors Beer (Herman Joseph's, Killian's Ale, Golden Lager). The Brewery Workers Local 366 called the boycott because of lie detector tests and forced search and seizure of employees by the company. But Coors' refusal to hire lesbians and gay men (one reason for the lie detector), and its support for Nicaragua's Contras, and its general union-busting policies have made it a classic case. The Maine AFL-CIO (72 Center St., Brewer 04412, 989-3630) has Coors boycott flyers. People in the Midcoast area can contact Andy Young, RFD 1 Box 77, Lincolnville 04849, 763-4103, who wants to organize in that area.

Another fairly well-known boycott is against Campbell's (soups, Pepperridge Farm, V-8, Mrs. Paul's, Prego, Swanson, Bounty Stews, Vlasic, and Franco-American), called by FLOC (Farm Labor Organizing Committee), 714½ S. St. Clair, Toledo, Ohio 43609. FLOC has been trying unsuccessfully to bargain collectively with Campbell's and its growers over wages, child labor, and poor working conditions (toxics, housing). The boycott has been endorsed by religious denominations and has spread to corporations connected with Campbell's board of directors members, such as Prudential and Equitable Life Insurance and big city banks.

The United Farm Workers (Box 62, Keene, CA 93531) is urging boycotts on non-union table grapes (97% non-union), Chiquita Bananas, and Red Coach Lettuce. Grievances are mostly unwillingness of companies to recognize or bargain with the UFW regarding pay, layoffs, and working conditions. Hazardous pesticides have also been a factor in the grape boycott, with both farm workers and consumers as potential victims because of exposure to sprays. Charlene Rydell in Brunswick (725-5803) has more details on the grapes issue.

The AFL-CIO has called for a number of boycotts because of unwillingness of various companies to bargain collectively, to meet safety demands (workplace toxins or hazards), or where rights of workers have been denied. Among the brands to avoid are Armour Meats, Brown and Sharpe Tools, Continental Airlines

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El Al Airlines, Faberge personal care products, Holiday Cups, Louisiana Pacific wood products, Marval (Lancaster, Top Frost, Food Club, etc.) turkeys, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco (Camel, Winston, Salem, Vantage, etc.), Schwinn Bikes, and Trojan Luggage, plus Coor and UFW boycotts. Contact the Maine AFL-CIO for more details.

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General Electric (GE and Hotpoint) is a boycott target because of its involvement in nuclear power and weapons technology. It is a company that produces easily recognized home appliances, but also produces bomb delivery systems, parts to the weapons themselves, and weapons for overseas sales. "GE is making a killing in killing." It is also involved in uranium mining, nuclear power waste handling, and manufacturing parts for nuclear power plants. Its \$11 million lobbying budget is used to influence government policy as well.

Does this make you ill enough to want to go out and get a Big Mac or a Whopper? Don't. Both are being boycotted by animal rights groups--McDonald's for its refusal to offer a vegetarian "burger", Canadian Burger Kings for offering veal (baby cows) on the menu. American outlets have removed veal due to public pressure. According to Beedy Parker (68 Washington St., Camden 04843), Burger King should also be boycotted because some of its meat comes from Central America, which promotes an export economy (while Central Americans are malnourished) and destroys rain forests and agricultural land.

Fish, though perhaps less of an environmental problem, should also be avoided if they're from Japan, Norway or the USSR. These three countries have decided not to "save the whales" but instead to kill them, ignoring an international whaling ban to begin in 1986. Fish products to avoid include King Oscar, Crown Prince, and Underwood sardines, Gorton's and Van de Kamp's seafoods, and Geisha and Three Diamond products. American canned tuna and salmon (sorry tuna and salmon lovers) are being boycotted by animal welfare groups because corporate fishing practices call for nets which trap and kill thousands of porpoises. Buy from your local fish market to avoid this problem.

Coca-Cola (Coke, Tab, Sprite, Minute-Maid, Hi-C, Ramblin' Root Beer, Taylor Wines, etc.) has been boycotted a number of times for labor and environmental reasons. Now the International Society for Animal Rights is taking it to task for its sponsorship of rodeos ("spectacles of cruelty inflicted on animals"). Anyone for a Pepsi? Better yet, a No-Brand Cola?

Women's groups are beginning to use the boycott to pressure magazines which they feel are exploiting and promoting violence against women. Penthouse, thanks to its December, 1984 display of Asian women bound and hung from trees (apparently dead) is the first target of Citizens for Media Responsibility without Law (nicknamed Outlaws for Social Responsibility). They are also urging a boycott of a major Penthouse distributor, B. Dalton Books, and several advertisers of that issue--Panasonic, Canon, Sanyo, and Casio. They are organizing a nationwide campaign of civil disobedience to destroy publications which promote "sexually violent images in the media."

Finishing up the food items, we have Folgers Coffee, being boycotted because it gets much of its supply from El Salvador, with its bad human rights record. Critics are recommending either Rey Coffee (organically grown in Guatemala, hopefully its rights record will get better) or Nicaraguan or Tanzanian coffee, available in many food coops and natural food stores. Another boycott involving Central America is against TACA Airlines, because it is transporting Salvadoran refugees who have been refused entry into the US back to El Salvador, where torture, imprisonment, and death may await them.

Union Carbide (Eveready, Simoniz, Prestone, Glad) is still on the list, coming on it before the Bhopal disaster because of its refusal to clean up millions of tons of uranium tailings and a hazardous waste dump in Colorado. Pressure from the state, from a law suit, and even the EPA may eventually bring a settlement on this issue, but consumers may find other reasons for continuing to boycott Union Carbide. Another environmental boycott is against Scott Paper (Viva, Cottonelle, Confidants, Fresh Wipes, Cashmere) because of its forestry practices in Nova Scotia.

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TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY...

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We're down to the last few on the list. Hang on. We mentioned Coleco Industries (Cabbage Patch Dolls) and its Rambo doll last month. All military toys and toys promoting violence should be boycotted, according to the Military Toys Campaign, because of their promotion of violence and war to young children. Similarly Mattel Toys (Barbie, Hot Wheels, etc.) are being boycotted by the National Coalition on Television Violence because they sponsor several violent children's programs.

The Superfund Seven (GE, DuPont, Monsanto, Mobil Oil, Allied, Union Carbide, and the US government) are the seven corporations (or institutions) responsible for over 100 of the 195 toxic waste dumps eligible for EPA Superfund cleanup. Although only two (or maybe three if you include the government) are already being boycotted, there are recommendations for all seven to be included.

A boycott of both banks doing business in South Africa (a list of 48 is available) and consumer products from South Africa (diamonds, gold jewelry, Granny Smith apples, wool, and, indirectly through S.A., uranium, electricity from Maine Yankee) is being urged by the Maine Project on Southern Africa, PO Box 3354, Portland 04104, 774-9833. They can send you a more specific list of products and probably some stores where they are sold, plus the bank list (probably)--or write to MSN.

Finally, a boycott of the 50 top nuclear weapons contractors is being promoted by Nuclear Free America (2521 Guilford, Baltimore, Md. 21218) which has a 12-page list (no price given) of the 50 and the names of all consumer products for each one. A few of the better known contractors: AT&T, Ford, GE, General Motors, Honeywell, IBM, ITT, Motorola, RCA, Singer, Texas Instruments, and Westinghouse. Sounds like the Fortune 500, doesn't it? Subsidiaries include names like Bendix, Teflon, General Tires, Sylvania, Sheraton, Aetna, Burpee Seeds, Nutra-Sweet, Almaden, Norelco, Windham Hill Records, Water Pik, Monroe Shocks, Bostich, WBZ-TV/Radio. They're everywhere!

For specific addresses of individual boycott organizing groups or companies to write to to complain about their policies,

"HELPING THE VICTIMS OF CRIME"

Many of us have been victims of crime. We have learned to fear crime, have become angered by it, but also learned to accept it as part of our society. Until we have learned to identify and reject that acceptability, we will continue to be hampered in our attempts to deal with our own victimization. When we have begun to address the needs of victims and potential victims of crime, we will also become more able to want to understand the needs of the offenders and to want to change the inadequate criminal justice system which prevails today.

The Prison Ministries Committee of the Maine Council of Churches in cooperation with the Prison Fellowship Care Committees of Maine is sponsoring a seminar to attempt to bring victims and offenders closer together. This seminar is being held on different dates in 5 locations. The next presentation will be Jan. 11 at the First Baptist Church in Bangor, followed by one on Feb. 8 at the First Congregational Church in Scarborough. The March meeting will be in Rockland and the concluding April one in Augusta.

The all-day seminars begin with registration at 8:30 am. They explore who are the victims of crime and how they can be helped, and include a video presentation and a series of individual workshops dealing with restitution, trauma of victimization, victims and their families, and a panel discussion made up of local professionals and volunteers.

Cost is \$5, including lunch. For further information, call Leslie Harris Cosgrove, 375-4971.

CELLI and CELLO

You can hear compositions by Baltar, Berleant, Elam, Enslin, Gardner, Hoffman, Linscott, McClean, Re, Rohe, Stratton and guest composer Joseph Celli at the 4th Annual Maine Composers Festival sponsored by New Musik Directions. Classical, jazz, original.

Tickets are \$4 for the Jan. 11 concert at St. Marks Church in Augusta at 7 pm, or for the Jan. 12 performance in Lord Hall at the University of Maine, Orono, 7 pm.

For more info: 623-1941 in Augusta or 947-7419 in Bangor.

write to INVERT. But if you are interested in supporting boycotts, we recommend you send \$2 to either the Boycott Census, RFD 1, Box 3445 Norway 04268 and/or National Boycott Newsletter, 6506 28th Ave. NE, Seattle, Wash. 98115 for much more detailed information.

Financing The Revolution

You may learn how to do that by attending a two-day training session in fund raising on Fri. Jan. 31 and Sat. Feb. 1 at H.O.M.E. in Route 1 in Orland. Sponsoring organizations include the Maine Haymarket People's Fund, the Maine Coalition for Peace and Justice in Central America, and H.O.M.E. Inc.

Friday's session will concentrate on helping organizations make an annual development plan, write a budget and design a comprehensive annual fund raising drive. Trainers will include H.O.M.E.'s President Lucy Poulin, General Manager Nancy Upton and Director of Development Karen Saum.

Saturday's session, dubbed "How to Help Others Be Part of the Answer" will cover changing your attitude toward fund raising, developing a "hot" mailing list and organizing a major donor campaign.

The training session is structured so that it is possible to attend either day or both days, with the emphasis on "nuts and bolts" sessions for staffs Friday and on "how to" sessions for volunteers on Sat. Costs for the two days are \$25, less for one day. Scholarships are available, and also child care to cover at least part of the time.

Participants will be limited to 30 at a time. Agendas & timetables will be finalized & sent to all participants by mid-January. To register or for more info: H.O.M.E. Inc. PO Box 10, Orland 04472, Attn. Karen, 469-7961.

Good Deals from Seedy Folks

Yes, it was 22 below zero in Waterville this morning and you don't feel much like thinking about gardening...but the folks at Fedco Seeds are already thinking about your garden. Seed is arriving almost daily now, and soon enough you will want to plan your garden (huddling by your woodstove dreaming fondly of July). When you do, you might want to think of Fedco Seeds. These coop folks have been putting together a New England regional seed order for 8 years now. Their selections have slowly expanded, while their prices have remained low.

Fedco Seeds order forms and info are available from CR Lawn, 52 Mayflower Hill Drive, Waterville 04901, 872-9093. To qualify for discounts, orders are due Feb. 1. Other orders accepted till late March, but early ordering is recommended.

How Green Is Your Rainbow?

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The Maine Green Party and the Maine Rainbow Coalition agreed to sponsor the formation of a "Maine Coalition for the 1986 Election" at a meeting on Dec. 8. They are asking all interested people, local groups and statewide organizations to join together to run candidates for public office in 1986. They hope to find the best, most progressive candidates to run for local offices, the state legislature, and possibly statewide offices.

They are contacting a number of organizations directly and have submitted this article to reach everyone else.

They are asking organizations 3 basic questions: 1) Do you want to join together to recruit and run candidates for political office in 1986? 2) What banner (Republican, Democrat, Green, Rainbow, Independent or other) should these candidates run under? 3) What are the three most important issues in the campaign? (These will vary from office to office).

They are asking for your help in changing the political map of Maine. Will we unite to make 1986 a year of action?

The next meeting of the Maine Coalition for the 1986 Election will be Sun. Jan. 12 at 1 pm at the Green St. United Methodist Church, 13 Green St. Augusta. For more info, or to get involved, contact Greg Gerritt, RFD 1 Box 1182A, Industry 04938, 778-6722, or the Maine Project on Southern Africa (MPOSA) PO Box 3354, Portland 04104, 774-9833.

WELCOME TO MACINTOSH

If you still hate computers (or even if you never did hate them or even if you love them) you might want to take a look at your address label this month. Yup. You got it. Mac is at work for us. in the process of transcribing information on the 1,480 folks who receive this rag, we might have made some copying boobos or we might even have had incorrect information to begin with (garbage in, garbage out!)

If we didn't get it right, please tell us about it. Write INVERT, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489. We hope you like your new label.

February 1 is the deadline for requests for money from groups to the Maine War Tax Funds for Life. They will be donating at least several hundred \$ to low-income and social change groups around the state. To apply: MWTFFL, 11 Old Mill Rd., Orono 04473, 827-3107.

More January Events

Jan. 18: Winter Coastal Life Program, Freeport 10-5:30, \$15-20. Harraseeket Project, Box 358, Freeport 04032, 865-3170.

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Jan. 18: Big Mountain in Farmington (1).

Jan. 18: MLGPA Ann. Mtg. in Augusta (2).

Jan. 18-19: WAND Workshop (2).

Jan. 19: King Sing-a-Long in Bangor (1).

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Jan. 20: M.L. King Day in Portland (1).

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Jan. 21: MOFGA Day at Trade Show (4).

Jan. 22: "AIDS: Profile of an Epidemic," 10 pm, MPBN-TV and WCBB.

Jan. 23: "Late 19th Century Attacks on Co-Education" w/Marilyn Mavrinc, 4:30 pm, Roberts Union, Colby College, Waterville 04901, 872-2000.

Jan. 23-24: "Home and Community Family Life Education" workshop, Holiday Inn, Augusta, Family Planning Assn., PO Box 587, Augusta 04330, 622-7524.

Jan. 25: "Ethics of the Nuclear Age" w/Sisela Bok, 1 pm, MPBN-Radio.

Jan. 25-26: Food Abuse Workshop, Portland, 9-5, \$50 (snow date Feb. 1-2) Maddy Spadola, 17 South St., Portland 04101, 879-0770.

Jan. 26: AIDS Forum in Fort Kent (3).

Jan. 29: "What Soviet Children Are Saying about Nuclear Weapons," 7:30 pm, St. John's Catholic Church, 207 York, Bangor. Educators for Social Responsibility, c/o Roger Bennatti Reach Rd., Brooklin 04616, 359-4660.

Jan. 30: "Caribbean Literature by Women" w/Vé Clark, Daggett Lounge, Bowdoin College, 7:30 pm. Afro-American Studies, Bowdoin, Brunswick 04011, 725-8731x272.

Jan. 30: Pornography Workshop, City Hall, Bangor, 7 pm. Call Gr. Bangor NOW, 989-3306.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1: New England Regional American Dance Festival, (modern, jazz, ballet) plus performances, 8 pm, Bates College. Call 786-6077 or 786-6161.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1: Finance the Revolution (10).

Feb. 1: Women as Candidates Workshop (2).

Feb. 1: Deadline for War Tax Fund (10).

Feb. 1: Deadline for Fedco Seeds (10).

Feb. 1: MOFGA Annual Meeting (4).

MORE FROM EARTH FIRST

According to Gary Lawless, Maine recently received improved equipment for measuring levels of dioxin contamination and found that several rivers indeed contained dioxin. This dioxin was traced to the sludge by-product of the paper industry's "craft" process. An emergency ban on the release of this sludge into rivers went into effect, and the sludge is presently being stored. (Great Northern Paper, which does not use this process, comes off clean this time).

Conversion to a new process would be very costly for the companies involved. The public should be made aware of this dioxin contamination, in order that we may view the later decisions to be made on the process, the sludge, and the introduction of dioxin into our waterways. Box 687, S. Harpswell 04079

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