

EASTERN IOWA COPY EXCHANGE

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GWEN TOWER

NOON VIGILS AT THE GWEN TOWER WILL CONTINUE ALL WINTER.

Dec 20 ... The day that the Reagan Administration plans another "accuracy and dependability" nuclear test, join us noon at the GWEN tower site, two miles east of Mechanicsville. Stand up for your right to a nuclear weapons free world!

Jan 17 ... On the 3rd Saturday in January begins our "The Coffee's On Us" series. Warm up in the back room of Doc & Jo's (Hiway 30, Mechanicsville) and hear SAM DAY explain What the Tower's All About. The event is scheduled to begin at 1:00 PM after the vigil, and the public is invited.

Watch for upcoming programs about how the arms race impacts farm policy. 3rd Saturday of each month: 1:00 PM programs follow the Noon Silent Vigil.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Dec 4 Speaker: Ray Hodgson, a missionary to the Misquito Indians in Bluefields, Nicaragua, will talk twice on the subject, The Church, Liberation Theology, and the Revolutionary Process: Noon at Cedar Hall at Kirkwood Community College, and at 7:00 PM at 105 Hickcock Hall, Coe College.

Dec 4 The US Army Reserve based in Dubuque is scheduled to leave for Honduras in January. A MEETING TO PLAN PROTEST is set for 7:30 PM at the Anamosa City Hall, on Ford Street. Call Bev at 489-3881 for details.

Dec 12 ... NOON POST OFFICE VIGILS will protest inappropriate use of the National Guard, on the day the post office issues a Guard commemorative postcard. See story inside.

NUCLEAR FREEZE

Dec 5-7 .. Chicago Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign will hold a Freeze Conference. For details write to the Freeze Campaign at 17 North State St. Suite 1173, Chicago IL 60602.

NUCLEAR WASTE

Dec 10 ... Duane Arnold Energy Center plans to transport 3,000 pounds of radioactive waste to the Hanford Reservation in Washington State. Noon on December 10, Human Rights Day, a vigil is planned in front of IE Headquarters, 200 1st St SE in Cedar Rapids. Call 362-9041.



Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) addressing the contra aid "People's Filibuster" rally.

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GROUND WAVE EMERGENCY NETWORK

SCOPING ISSUES

The following issues have been identified for inclusion in the GWEN environmental analysis:

Potential conflicts with local land use and with zoning and land use ordinances. Although according to the doctrine of federal supremacy the Air Force is not required to comply with local land use regulations, the public is likely to be concerned with potential impacts of incompatible development on surrounding properties. Issues such as noise and visual impacts, television and radio reception near the towers, security and impacts on local law enforcement, impacts on property values, construction impacts, and growth inducement are seen as affecting the overall quality of life in locations in which relay nodes are sited. These local issues are identified during the Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination For Environmental Planning (IICEP) process.

Radio frequency radiation emanating from the relay nodes and possible shock hazards. Public comments have stated that these concerns were not adequately covered in the Generic EA and that more information needs to be provided.

Potential effects on water quality resulting either from the copper ground plane or from the potential for fuel spills. Specific concerns are likely, especially in conjunction with down-slope estuaries, other biologically sensitive habitats, and water resource areas. The public will be interested in Air Force plans for containment, clean-up in case of a spill, and site restoration. Concerns about copper leaching into the soil and possibly into the groundwater as a result of the copper wire ground plane to be installed at each site may also be raised. This issue was brought up at public meetings and has been addressed in some of the site-specific environmental surveys.

Specific compliance requirements will be addressed, particularly by representatives of regulatory agencies. These requirements may include compliance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the National Historic Preservation Act, the Coastal Zone Management Act, Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Orders on Floodplains and Wetlands, and others.

There may also be remarks concerning cumulative impacts of the program. These may include impacts to migratory birds that may fly into the 130 RN towers and their guy wires or that could be shocked by attempting to perch, the impacts to burrowing animals that cannot be contained by fences, and impacts associated with the abandonment of the system.

The perception that GWEN is an undesirable neighbor. This can be expressed as Locally Undesirable Land Use (LULU) and Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY). The motivation for these attitudes may be from concern about effects of the GWEN tower on the desirability and, therefore, the value of neighboring properties.

Peace Alliance, Box 2906, Iowa City IA 52244 (319) 337-5187

A PROPOSAL FOR NOON VIGILS AT POST OFFICE

It's 12 noon, December 12th. Do you know where your National Guard is?

December 12, 1986, the post office will issue a postcard commemorating the 350th anniversary of the National Guard. In 1636 the US did not yet exist as a nation. The state militias which were formed before the War of Independence may in some sense be precursors of today's National Guard, but they were not dispatched to Central America.

The image of the National Guard as a group which lends a hand during floods, blizzards, and other natural disasters is not without an element of truth. However, in the past few years the National Guard has been integrated into the military's "total force" concept -- joining the army reserve units and regular military personnel in maintaining a US military presence in Central America and elsewhere. The National Guard has become an increasingly important element in the Reagan Administration's war in Central America.

These recent developments have made the National Guard a tool of repression. Many Iowans oppose Gov. Terry Branstad when he sent an Iowa City based National Guard unit to Honduras last summer. Vigils and pickets at the local post offices would give us another opportunity to voice our opposition to the use of the National Guard in the war in Central America.

Several Vigils are already being planned and a leaflet is in the works. Contact the Peace Alliance. Send suggestions, write for details, and help plan a noon vigil at your post office.

"We have never interfered in the internal government of a country and have no intention of doing so, never have had any thought of that kind."

-- Ronald Reagan 09/28/82



Farms not Arms T-shirts

Show your support for peace and agriculture

color choices: navy, fuschia, aqua, burgundy, black, purple, lt. blue, and green.

Adults	Children
Small	lt. blue, navy, green
Medium	Small
Large	Medium
Ex. Lg.	Large

Rates: 1-5, \$8; 6-11, \$7.50; 12-20, \$7; 21-50, \$6.50; 51-100, \$6.00; 101-200, \$5.75

Need holiday gifts? We have FARMS NOT ARMS T-shirts, buttons and cards; NICARAGUAN COFFEE; Cashews from MOZAMBIQUE; and more. Help support peace and justice near and far. Free delivery in Iowa City (and at the GWEN tower vigils.)

Call (319) 337-5187.



Hats also available (black or navy) for \$8 each.

Local Actions Planned To Protest "Amerika"

Washington, DC—Peace groups around the country are mobilizing now to protest the scheduled February 1987 airing of the ABC miniseries "Amerika." The program chronicles the Soviet Union's takeover of the United States using the UN security forces.

In the course of the 12-hour series, the Soviets massacre the US Congress and burn the Capitol. American progressives work as agents for the Soviet government. American women are raped by occupying Third-World soldiers. Those who resist the Soviets are herded into concentration camps and brainwashed.

Former Attorney General Elliot Richardson has characterized the show as "McCarthyesque" and "xenophobic." Robert K. Musil, SANE's Director of Communications, says, "The danger in a foolish, pandering series like 'Amerika' is that it could create an atmosphere that further blocks serious arms control talks. What a tragic tradeoff."

SANE is encouraging grassroots activists to join in a nationwide protest against the series. Those who oppose the airing of "Amerika" should:

- write letters to ABC, 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, and its local affiliate expressing objections to the series and demanding that it be cancelled or, at least, that air time be allotted for rebuttals to the series.

- write letters to the editor of local newspapers explaining why the series is offensive and condemning ABC, its local affiliate, and the Chrysler Corporation, the show's sponsor, for perpetrating it.

- write letters to local Chrysler dealerships expressing anger that they would be associated with such jingoistic material. Ask them to pressure Detroit into canceling its sponsorship of the series and demand that they not participate in any local advertising on the show.

- picket the local ABC affiliate and uncooperative Chrysler dealerships in the weeks preceding the series. Pass out flyers referring customers to other Chrysler dealerships that have cooperated with the advertising boycott.

For more information on what you can do, write or call Bruce Birchard at the National Disarmament Program, AFSC, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215) 241-7171.

A CALL TO ACTION

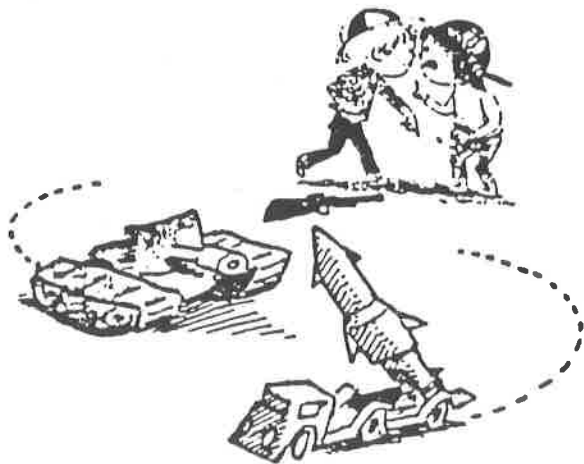
INTERNATIONAL DAYS OF PROTEST AGAINST WAR TOYS

NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 1986

JOIN THOUSANDS AROUND THE WORLD WORKING FOR A PEACEFUL AND JUST WORLD. PROTEST THE MILITARIZATION OF CHILDREN FOR COMMERCIAL ENDS! LAST YEAR OVER 400 GROUPS IN SIX COUNTRIES TOOK PART IN THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST WAR TOYS.

WAR TOYS ON THE MARCH

- Since 1982, sales of war toys have risen 600%, and last year amounted to a record estimated \$1.2 billion.
- War toys are the leading category of toys sold, making up five out of six of the best selling toys, all of which are promoted by TV cartoon shows.
- Many psychologists, researchers and activists feel that war toys teach the values of militarism: domination, glorification of killing and conquering, dehumanization of the enemy, and racism and sexism.



Graphic: Science for the People & NE WRL

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. On the International Days of Protest hold a vigil, put on an alternative toy fair, do street theater, hold a public meeting, or demonstrate outside a toy manufacturer who produces war toys.
2. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper, and encourage friends and family to refrain from buying toys that encourage violence.
3. Write or arrange a meeting with your local toy stores. Ask them not to carry war toys. Leaflet outside to educate customers, or go inside and place informative anti-war stickers on military toys. "War Toys on the March" flyers are available for distribution.
4. Write local television stations which produce and air Rambo, GI Joe, Transformers and other violent cartoons.
5. Send \$4.00 to New England War Resisters League for a "Stop War Toys Campaign" packet which includes organizing ideas, alternatives, and background and publicity materials.

Local contact:

Return coupon to: New England War Resisters League, Box 1093, Norwich, CT 06360.

203 889-5337 or 455-9621

- Send _____ "Stop War Toys Campaign" packets. Enclosed is \$ _____, \$4.00 per packet.
- Send _____ copies of WRL's "War Toys on the March" flyers. Enclosed is \$ _____. (Self-addressed stamped envelope for sample, \$7/100, \$25,500).
- Put me on your mailing list. Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____.
- Our group is planning to _____ on Nov. 28/29th. We would like to be listed in the national press release. Organization _____ Contact _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____

A PETITION AGAINST WAR TOYS

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PRODUCTION AND PROMOTION OF WAR TOYS ARE HARMING CHILDREN. THESE TOYS DESENSITIZE THEM TO THE REAL HORRORS OF VIOLENCE AND WARS.

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MARKET TOYS THAT PROMOTE CREATIVITY AND COOPERATIVE PLAY.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS PETITION BY JANUARY 30, 1987. THESE WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL TOY CONVENTION IN N.Y.C. IN FEB. PHOTOCOPY THIS PETITION WHEN COMPLETED & SEND COPY TO WAR TOYS CAMPAIGN, BOX 1093, NORWICH, CT 06360. YOU PRESENT ORIGINAL PETITIONS TO YOUR LOCAL TOY STORE MANAGER, OR A WAR TOY MANUFACTURER.

return to Peace Alliance, PO Box 2906, Iowa City 52244

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Charles Hyder sits most days wrapped in a coat on the sidewalk in front of the White House in Washington, D.C., talking to people who pass by, asking them to work harder for the cause of peace.

He has not eaten food since September 23 and is intent on starving to death unless the U.S. government makes three binding commitments:

(a) to dismantle and disable all nuclear warheads safely by the year 2000 and not replace them;

(b) not to use or support violent offensive military operations outside of the USA as an option in international relations; and

(c) to pursue an aggressive good-faith effort to get the USSR and the rest of the nations of the world to join the USA in these commitments.

Otherwise he expects to die around Christmas, 1986.

The purpose of this chain letter is to convince Ronald Reagan and the U.S. Congress to stop the insanity of the arms race NOW, before Charles dies.

You can help by duplicating this letter and sending it to anyone you think might help. The more letters you send, the faster it will spread. Please do not delay, every day, even every hour counts. Also send copies to Ronald Reagan, your senators, and your congressperson. Send one to your local newspaper. To let Charles know that you are with him in spirit, send him a copy too, and write him a note. His address is:

Charles Hyder
Lafayette Park
Box 27217
Washington, D.C. 20038

The conditions that Charles makes for ending his fast are in the best interest of all of us. Please make copies of this letter and get them in the mail as soon as possible. Send them to as many people as you can.

The media have not covered the fast of Charles Hyder, but we can spread the word ourselves. Please be a link in this peace chain.

Contributor: Ralph Wilcox

THE PREDICAMENT OF MAN

Arthur Koestler

"The human mind contains some built-in error deficiency that would predispose him to self destruction. More precisely, that evolution has equipped our species with a type of brain in which the affect-based beliefs are dissociated from and in perpetual conflict with the reasoning intellect. The result, as we see it, is a split-minded or schizophrenic mentality which seems to be inherent in man's condition and is reflected in his absurd and tortured history."

"The evil and destructive tendencies in man do not arise from, as is commonly thought, man's selfish, greedy, aggressive tendencies of human nature, rather what the record indicates is that in the major disasters in our history, individual aggressiveness for selfish motives played an almost negligible part compared to unselfish loyalty and devotion to tribe, nation, religion, or political ideology. Tribal wars, national wars, civil wars, religious wars, world wars are waged in the purported interest of the community, not of the individual. In other words, the main trouble with man appears to be not that he is an excessively aggressive creature, but an excessively loyal one."

"The number of victims of individual crimes committed in any period of history is insignificant compared to the masses cheerfully sacrificed in blind devotion to the true religion, dynasty or political system. When we speak of the "blind devotion" we implicitly recognize the uncritical nature of the self-transcending urge in forming attachments to a person, group, race, flag or system of beliefs." (From the Book ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE published by Time Life Books.)

CRACKPOT REALISM

C. Wright Mills

IT IS TIME TO SUM UP AND TO MAKE A NEW BEGINNING. WAR IS NOW A STRUCTURAL FEATURE OF THE LEADING SOCIETIES OF THE WORLD; IT IS ALSO THE MAJOR ACTIVITY OF IDENTIFIABLE MEN, PERFORMED IN THE NAME OF THE LEADING STATES OF THE WORLD AND WITH THEIR MEANS OF NATIONAL POWER. WORLD WAR III, I HAVE BEEN ARGUING, IS BEING PREPARED AND COLDLY FOUGHT IN THE NAME OF THE SOVEREIGN STATES BY THE POWER ELITES OF THE TWO SUPERPOWERS, WITH THE ACQUIESCENCE OF PUBLIC AND MASSES AND THE DEFAULTS OF POLITICAL MEN AND INTELLECTUAL WORKMEN. THE HISTORY OF OUR TIME IS NOT A MATTER OF FATE. DECISIONS--AND IDEAS--DO COUNT IN WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN. INsofar AS THIS IS SO, I THINK WE MAY NOW, IN SUMMARY, ASSERT THE FOLLOWING: . . . (See book) (From the Book *The Causes of World War Three* by C. Wright Mills, 1958)

THE CENTRAL THEMES OF REALISM. (1) Idealism in foreign policy is moralism misplaced and dangerous. (2) It must be replaced with a foreign policy centered on its proper object, national interest defined as "interest defined as power." (*Politics Among Nations*, Hans Morgenthau)

THE IMMEDIATE CAUSES OF THE ARMS RACE are the official definitions of world reality (realism) These nationalist definitions and ideologies now serve as the mask behind which elite irresponsibility and incompetence are hidden; they are traps for any attempt to reason seriously and adequately about war as a political issue, and about peace as the moral keystone of a human program. (From the book *The Causes of World War Three* by C. Wright Mills)

THE BELIEFS OF THE REALISTS theirs is the rational decent honorable way of thinking--and if the nuclear holocaust will destroy everybody--it cannot be helped since there is no other course of action besides that of "reason" "decency," and "honor." (*Beyond the Chains of Illusion*, Erich Fromm, p. 118)

THE NATIONAL INTEREST, A REALIST MAGAZINE: The subject of this magazine is about foreign policy with these assumptions: (1) The primary and overriding purpose of American Foreign policy is to advance the national interest of the United States. (2) International politics is essentially power politics and that the efficacy of military power in the conduct of foreign policy remains undiminished. (3) The Soviet Union constitutes the single greatest threat to American interests and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.



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