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Two Women in German Prison for Nuclear Weapons Protests

Two Catholic Workers named Susan – Susan Crane from Redwood City, California and Susan van der Hijden from Amsterdam, the Netherlands – both turned themselves in at Rohrbach prison in Germany on June 4. Both are serving time in prison in lieu of paying a fine for

Time in his own end time and those blind figures in their black gowns standing on the wrong side of history for the umpteenth time.”

Also supporting the two Susans was German activist Gerd Büntzly, who has been fined 90 day wages for a May, 2023 occupation action inside the fence at Büchel. Büntzly will also pay no fine, but under a new sentencing act will only have to serve a substitute sentence of 45 days. He awaits a date to report to prison.

Büchel air base, long home to an estimated twenty U.S. nuclear bombs fitted for German warplanes, is currently being upgraded to stockpile a new generation of the bombs, under NATO nuclear “sharing” agreements predating the Treaty on the

Nonproliferation of Nuclear Weapons and its universal prohibition of such generosity.

For more information and a diary with photos of the peace walk to prison, visit noelhuis.nl/acties/kernwapensweg.



Letters of support may be sent individually to Susan Crane and Susan van der Hijden, JVA Rohrbach, Peter-Caesar-Allee 1, 55597 Wöllstein, Germany. If you wish you may send photos or enclose a few blank postcards or sheets of paper with your letter, that they can use for stationery.



Peace Walk Büchel 2024 photo

The peace walk from Büchel air base to the prison stopped by the military barracks and headquarters of the base commander, where Susan Crane read the letter they sent him to other walkers, including Susan van der Hijden at left.

multiple protests against U.S. nuclear weapons stockpiled at the Büchel air base in Germany.

The women took part in fence-cutting and go-in actions at Büchel during summer peace camps in Germany. In September, 2022, Susan Crane was ordered to pay a fine equivalent to 229 “day wages” in prison for six trespass and criminal damage arrests in 2018 and 2019. She refused to pay, and an appeal of her conviction is pending before the European Court on Human Rights. This winter she was ordered to report to prison in lieu of payment.

The 80-year old Plowshares activist, who has served a total of about six years in U.S. jails and prisons, is now serving the longest “substitute” sentence yet among more than two dozen people who over the past decade have refused fines to assert their own innocence and the criminality of nuclear weapons.

Susan van der Hijden was fined the equivalent of 115 days in prison, also resulting from Büchel actions in 2018 and 2019.

The two activists and about two dozen German, Dutch and American supporters took part in a five-day peace walk from Büchel to the prison gate in Rohrbach, arriving at the appointed hour for the two Susans to report. After about a week, they were able to share a cell where they are locked down for 22 hours a day. (See page 2 for their statement from prison.)

Among the supporters walking to the prison was Dennis DuVall, the 82-year-old American peace activist and military veteran living in Germany who served a 60-day substitute sentence in the spring of 2023 for protests at Büchel. He was back in a German court on January 22, coincidentally also the third anniversary of the Entry into Force of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. The charge that day was for painting “Crime Scene – Atom Bombs” in hot pink German across the entrance road to the base last summer.

Despite DuVall’s clear and calm defense that he acted to expose criminal preparations for mass murder, the court sentenced him to 90 more day wages that he will not pay. He has not yet been told when to report to prison.

Supporter Frits ter Kuile wrote, “It was a sad display. An elder man warning with great clarity for the End of

Federal parole was abolished almost 40 years ago, but

CEASEFIRE NOW!

Beginning on page 5, this issue of *the Nuclear Resister* continues the day-by-day reports of ceasefire arrests in the U.S. and Canada.

From last October through mid-June, the Nuclear Resister has tallied more than 8,800 arrests on over 350 occasions across more than 125 cities and towns in 36 states and 5 provinces, with ongoing news of arrests as we go to press.

More than 3,400 of the arrests noted here took place on the campus of at least 70 colleges and universities.

This chronicle began in issue #202 of *the Nuclear Resister* with reports of arrests that occurred from October 11 through December 7 (posted at www.nukeresister.org).

These numbers exceed the number of anti-war arrests reported through mid-April, 2003, when the Nuclear Resister chronicled over 7,500 anti-war arrests in the U.S. alone in the lead-up to and first weeks of the second U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Peltier Parole Decision Due July 14

Anishinaabe-Lakota elder Leonard Peltier had his first parole hearing in nearly 15 years on June 10, following his wrongful conviction for the murder of two FBI agents in 1975. Their deaths – subject of the 1992 film *Incident at Oglala* – came during the infamous “Reign of Terror” on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, when corrupt and murderous forces coveted the rights to mine uranium and other minerals there. Peltier became the scapegoat for the murders in a notoriously unjust trial.

The 79-year-old prisoner is serving two life sentences and has been denied proper medical care for decades. The federal prison where he is captive at Coleman, Florida has been locked down since the pandemic of 2020, adding to the isolation of prisoners there. Peltier has a multitude of ailments common to older prisoners after decades of confinement. He uses a walker but is in need of a wheelchair. Peltier’s relatives in the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa are ready to welcome him home in Belcourt, North Dakota.

those like Peltier who were sentenced before November 1, 1987 are still subject to a Parole Commission hearing. Peltier’s refusal to show remorse for a crime he did not commit has been cited for previous denials of parole. A decision from the Parole Commission is expected by July 14.

Peltier’s letter to supporters written on February 6, the 48th anniversary of his arrest in Canada and the start of his long imprisonment, is reprinted on page 15, *The Inside Line*.

For more information, visit www.freeleonardpeltiernow.org.



Letters of support should be sent to Leonard Peltier #89637-132, USP Coleman 1, P.O. Box 1033, Coleman, FL 33521-1033.

where we're at

Sonoran Desert monsoon rains have arrived, cooling down the scorching temperatures a bit! We are glad to be nearly done with this issue of the Nuclear Resister, even though it's a bit later than we had hoped for. First, we could see that we would need to publish a 12 page issue instead of the usual 8 pages, and recently we realized that including a day-by-day account of the still-growing number of ceasefire actions leading to arrests in the U.S. and Canada would require these full 16 pages.

Since October, thousands of protests and actions have called for a ceasefire and end to Israel's occupation of the

West Bank and Gaza. The Nuclear Resister has chronicled more than 8,800 arrests in the U.S. and Canada in more than 350 of these actions across 36 states and 5 provinces. Over 3,400 of these arrests have taken place on at least 70 university campuses since mid-April.

While the majority of these arrests are misdemeanor criminal or civil citations that are not commonly punishable by jail time, and many of these charges will eventually be dismissed or settled before trial, we believe these thousands of arrests are a useful barometer of the depth and breadth of public opposition to Israel's war in Gaza.

We've read, watched and listened to media and first-hand accounts about hundreds of demonstrations across the U.S. and Canada, taking note when arrests were made. We have also reviewed reports of dozens of sit-ins and blockades of buildings, bases, roads, railroads and bridges that stood for hours before dispersing or being cleared with no arrests made, despite sometimes involving hundreds of participants.

It has been inspiring to gather information about all of these actions resulting in arrests, and we hope you will be inspired when you read them!

While the scope of the Nuclear Resister is narrowly focused on arrests and prosecutions related to anti-nuclear and anti-war action, we continue to appreciate seeing that many such direct actions make explicit connections with other movements, such as those addressing the climate crisis, migrant justice, stopping the arms trade and the militarization of police.

One of the challenges of reporting on 8,800+ arrests has been having very limited information about some of them. Given the sheer number of arrests that have occurred at these protests, there's really not a way for us to know the motivations of every person arrested. But it seems clear to us that one defining, shared motivation of the activists is the call for a ceasefire, even though this might not be true in all cases.

Something else we have come to appreciate during nearly 44 years doing the work of the Nuclear Resister and publishing this newsletter, is that it's possible to support activists with whom we may disagree about messaging and tactics. Even when we disagree, if the



motivation to act is anti-nuclear or anti-war, and the result is the arrest of an activist, we have reported it in the newsletter and offered support to any who are jailed or imprisoned as a consequence. We've witnessed time and again the positive impact of activists nurturing solidarity and engagement across such differences.

This present movement is no exception, with its passion born of witnessing, often in real time on social media, ongoing war crimes of genocidal intent and the humanitarian crisis and famine continuing to unfold in Gaza. The universal demands for a ceasefire, an end to Israel's decades-long occupation of Gaza and the West Bank and the cessation of U.S., allied and corporate complicity, have brought together many diverse organizations and individuals from a wide political, religious and ideological spectrum. This has given rise to many different expressions and tactics of protest, with varied and sometimes conflicting demands, analysis and messaging.

One difference that regularly emerges regards a commitment to nonviolence.

It is worth noting that on college campuses in recent months, the great majority of demonstrators have been nonviolent. While authorities have at times blamed escalation and violence on outside agitators, the most agitating of the outsiders have been the police, sometimes undercover, and with weapons often employed at the behest of the same authorities. (Case in point: At the University of Arizona, a mile from the Nuclear Resister office, the outgoing president personally authorized the use of rubber bullets and pepper spray to clear out two relatively small student encampments.)

Now two generations removed from our own college-age activism, we have deep gratitude and a lot to learn from the students involved in protest and resistance today, as they take risks and take a stand.

Peace,
Felice and Jack

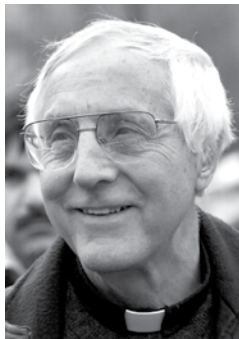
¡Presente!

We give thanks for the lives of these peace activists and nuclear resisters.



Treena Lenthall

March 12, 1973 –
March 27, 2024



Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

January 26, 1930 –
April 4, 2024

WRITINGS FROM PRISON

~ from JVA Rohrbach

Vigil behind Bars - For a Disarmed World

June 2024

Here in Rohrbach prison we are awakened by the sounds of doves and other birds, giving the illusion that all is well in the world, until other sounds, keys rattling, doors being shut, and guards doing the morning body check, bring us back to reality.

We are sitting in a prison cell, 123 km from Büchel Air Force Base, where ~20 U.S. nuclear bombs are deployed. At the moment, the runway at Büchel is being rebuilt to accommodate the new F-35 fighter jets that will carry the new B61-12 nuclear bombs that were designed and built in the U.S.

The planning, preparation, possession, deployment, threat or use of these B61-bombs is illegal and criminal. The U.S., Germany and NATO know that each B61 nuclear bomb would inflict unnecessary suffering and casualties on combatants and civilians and induce cancers, keloid growth and leukemia in large numbers, inflict congenital deformities in unborn children and poison food supplies.

"We have no right to obey," says Hannah Arendt.

Although our actions might seem futile, we understand that it is our right, duty and responsibility to stand against the planning and preparation for the use of these weapons. They are illegal under the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which both Germany and the U.S. have signed and ratified, and under the the Hague Convention, the Geneva Convention and the Nuremberg Charter.

During the international peace camps in Büchel (organized by the G.A.A.A. which consists of, among others, IPPNW, ICAN and DFG-VK, the German War Resisters League), we, together with other war resisters, and with the help of many supporters, went onto Büchel Air Force Base to communicate with the military

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personnel about the illegality and immorality of the nuclear bombs. We also wanted to withdraw our consent and complicity to their use.

The judges who sentenced us for these actions made a decision to follow some laws and ignore others. It is common sense, and we all know, that even the law against trespass can be broken when life is endangered.

The judges and prosecutors, as well as the guards in prison, treat us respectfully and politely while at the same time sticking to laws and rules that are unjust and cause suffering. The biggest crime in their eyes is to upset the "order", even though the order is set up to be criminal.

We wake up every day with determined joy to continue our "vigil behind bars". A joy constrained by knowing that the other women here have pain, from being separated from their family and children or from constant physical or psychological difficulties or from being locked in a cell all day with nothing to do.

We are only able to "vigil behind bars" through the immense support of people making sure our Catholic Worker houses can continue, people sending us cards and stamps, organizing visits and money for phone calls, remembering us in their prayers, doing press work and those that continue fighting the death dealing warmakers in the world.

Blessings to you all!

Susan Crane and Susan van der Hijden

[Susan Crane is serving a 229 day sentence, and Susan van der Hijden a 115 day sentence, for their nonviolent nuclear disarmament actions at Büchel air base.]

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ABOUT THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

Since 1980, *the Nuclear Resister* has provided comprehensive reporting on arrests for anti-nuclear civil resistance in the United States, with an emphasis on providing support for the women and men jailed for these actions. In 1990, *the Nuclear Resister* also began reporting on anti-war arrests in North America, plus overseas anti-nuclear and anti-war resistance with the same emphasis on prisoner support.

The Nuclear Resister serves to network this nonviolent resistance movement while acting as a clearinghouse for information about contemporary nonviolent resistance to war and the nuclear threat. We believe that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. Behind bars, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist are essential to the movement for a peaceful, nuclear-free future.

Each issue provides the names and jail addresses of currently imprisoned anti-nuclear and anti-war activists. Readers are encouraged to provide active support by writing letters to those behind bars and in other ways requested by the prisoners.

Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, Editors

CATHOLIC WORKERS ARRESTED AT KANSAS CITY PLANT

compiled from longer reports
by Jerry Windley-Daoust and Jane Stoever

Jerry Windley-Daoust:

As most residents of Kansas City slept during the pre-dawn hours Monday, April 15, dozens of Catholic Workers [attending the annual Midwest Catholic Worker Faith and Resistance Retreat] rose from their beds at Cherith Brook Catholic Worker and Jerusalem Farm. After a hurried breakfast and a few strong cups of coffee, they drove half an hour to the sprawling Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC).

The city may have been asleep, but the factory that makes 80 percent of the components for the U.S. nuclear arsenal was lit up and busy. A long line of vehicles carried the factory's overnight workers home as thousands more streamed up the facility's long driveway to replace them. Across the street, giant earth-moving machines idled with their lights on, waiting to continue the construction project that would double the size of the complex.

As the overcast sky began to lighten, the Catholic Workers met up with local peace activists. Including the children, they constituted maybe fifty people – not much, compared to the 7,000 workers and billions of dollars powering the KCNSC.

Even so, their plan was to beg those workers – and the U.S. government – to stop assembling the parts necessary to have a global nuclear war...

As the Catholic Workers met in small groups Saturday evening to plan the protest, word came that Iran had launched hundreds of armed drones and cruise missiles at Israel in retaliation for Israel's deadly strike on its consulate in Syria.

The news changed the tenor of the meeting, said Kathy Kelly, the board president of World BEYOND War and co-coordinator of the Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal.

"The sense was, you know, we need to make this very, very clear: no nuclear weapons for World War III," she said. "I think the news sort of catapulted us into a sense of responsibility and accountability, needing to make sure that, you know, we didn't make ourselves irrelevant to the news at hand, but rather emphasize how relevant this is."

Jane Stoever:

With workers streaming into the Kansas City Nuclear Security Campus (KCNSC) – not a campus but a giant factory making parts for nuclear weapons – three people put "crime scene – do not enter" tape on a huge dump truck on the field the KCNSC needs flattened for the new building to make new nukes.

Two more, Brian Terrell and Bennette Dibben, put the same "crime scene" tape on the hulking sign at the KCNSC entry road. Dibben was not arrested while Terrell and six others crossed the purple KCNSC property line and stayed until they were placed under arrest. Our presence and commotion led the guards to place waist-high concrete highway dividers across the main entry road and sent employees to a further entry. Brian later said, "We stopped the workers from getting to the plant as usual!"

Ten people – Greg Boertje-Obed, Scott Bohl, Eric Garbison, Tom Fox, Paul Freid, Barb Kass, Mike Miles, Jane Stoever, Brian Terrell and Albert Zook – were arrested and driven hand-cuffed to a police station for fingerprinting, picture-taking, and release. No bond was demanded, no fee had to be paid to get out of the police station. Later, resisters and supporters met at Cherith Brook Catholic Worker in Kansas City, Missouri for a feast. The arraignment for most of the line-crossers will be June 3 in the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Court.

The media tracked the action. *The Kansas City Star* interviewed us, took pictures, and gave us a front-page story on April 16. A photo drone flew overhead, thanks to a volunteer from the local Free Palestine group.

For more information, visit peaceworkskc.org.



photo by Bill Ofenloch

LIFESIZE CUTOUTS OF OPPENHEIMER JOIN NUCLEAR BLOCKADE

"Don't be a 'Destroyer of Worlds' – Stop the Columbia Sub" read the long banner blocking the main entrance into General Dynamics' Electric Boat facility in New London, Connecticut on March 4. The Columbia class nuclear ballistic missile submarines, successor to today's Los Angeles class Tridents, are being designed and built there. The banner was being "held" by 27 life-size plywood cutouts joined in a row, each one a full-length photo of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the celebrated "father" of the atomic bomb.

Joining the Oppenheims' blockade to bring attention to the new arms race now escalating between the nuclear superpowers were Jackie Allen-Douçot, Ellen Grady, Frank Kartheiser, Mark Scibilia-Carver and Scott Schaeffer-Duffy. They also decried the recent deployment of a Trident submarine built at Electric Boat to the Mediterranean Sea to enforce Israel's genocide in Gaza.

Schaeffer-Duffy said, "Especially now that the movie Oppenheimer is up for 13 Academy Awards this weekend, we want to remind the scientists and engineers of Electric Boat not to repeat the nuclear sins that Oppenheimer regretted for the rest of his life."

Allen-Douçot, who lives in New London, said, "We come here in the spirit of the 1943 anti-war and anti-Nazi German activist movement called the White Rose to say no to the evil conducted by our government."

The five, all affiliated with the Catholic Worker movement and Atlantic Life Community, were arrested and cited for criminal trespass and disorderly conduct. The court later agreed with prosecutors to dismiss the charges after they complete 15 hours of community service each.

Plans are underway to return to Electric Boat in September. See Future Actions on page 11 for more information.



photo by John LaForge

Jane Stoever and Scot Bohl place crime scene tape on earth moving machines working to expand the Kansas City H-bomb factory.

Daniel Hale Out of Prison

Daniel Hale was released from federal prison to home confinement in February, more than a decade after his arrest for disclosing documents and speaking publicly about the limits and failures of U.S. drone warfare. An ankle monitor was attached to supervise his location at all times until the completion of his sentence on July 5. Following a protracted prosecution for violating the Espionage Act, Hale eventually pled guilty in 2021 to a 45-month sentence.

Hale served most of his time behind bars at the notorious Communications Management Unit (CMU) of the federal prison at Marion, Illinois, where his correspondence, phone calls and visits were limited and closely monitored. Correspondence that had been withheld during his imprisonment at Marion was given to him upon release. Hale's support group reports that "until [Pentagon whistleblower] Daniel Ellsberg got very ill, he was still Daniel Hale's weekly Sunday call from prison – serving as a confidante, mentor and moral compass on the darkest of days."

Reprinted on page 13 of this issue is the opinion piece Hale wrote for Al Jazeera shortly after his release, contrasting his own prosecution under the Espionage Act with President Biden's handling of classified material.

For more information, visit standwithdanielhale.org.

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Please refer to nukesister.org/inside-out for current addresses before writing.

Name ID# (if needed)
prison or support address
(sentence – in/out date if known)
(action & date)

NUCLEAR RESISTERS

Susan Crane

JVA Rohrbach, Peter-Caesar-Allee 1, 55597 Wöllstein, Germany
(229 days – in 6/4/24)
(Multiple go-in arrests at Büchel air base, 2018-2019)

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(115 days – in 6/4/24)
(Multiple go-in arrests at Büchel air base, 2018-2019)

Leonard Peltier 89637-132

USP Coleman I, POB 1033, Coleman, FL 33521.

(life)

(Framed for murder while defending traditional indigenous from threats including uranium mining on sacred lands, 6/75)

Please note: Leonard Peltier's prison no longer accepts cards, only white paper letters with blue or black ink and envelopes using no labels, crayon, markers, drawings, stickers or scents. Always include name and return address on all correspondence as it may be separated from its envelope. If not approved by the prison, letters are often returned to sender. Sometimes letters don't reach Peltier, nor are they returned.

ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIONS

Daniel Hale

Released to home confinement 2/24 until end of sentence, 7/05/2024).

(45 months)

(Drone warfare whistleblower pled guilty 3/31/21 to violation of Espionage Act)

LENT & HOLY WEEK

Pentagon

Early Good Friday morning, as a beautiful sunrise unfolded, about 40 peacemakers from the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area held a nonviolent witness at the Pentagon.

Art Laffin of the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker wrote that, “Our witness was yet another prayer of intercession at the center of warmaking on our planet. We carried in our hearts many from our extended communities who could not be with us physically but joined us in spirit for this witness.”

As Pentagon police kept a watchful eye from a distance, workers and soldiers walked by the designated protest area where the peacemakers stood behind the barricades holding signs, crosses and photos of Gaza victims. On the fence hung a large banner with a quote from the late renowned peacemaker, Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen: “Nuclear Arms are the Global Crucifixion of Jesus.”

Following a prayer service, they all processed down to the nearby checkpoint where workers enter the Pentagon. Holding signs that read, “War is a Sacrilege – Pope Francis,” “Stop Starving Gaza Children,” “Put Up the Sword,” and “Stop Bombing Gaza’s Children,” Steve

Baggarly, Bill Frankel-Streit, Kathy Boylan and Ollie blocked this entrance. They were soon arrested, charged with “interfering with government agency functions and disobeying a lawful order,” and released by Pentagon police with a June 6 court date. Their charges were dismissed just before then.

For more information, visit dccatholicworker.wordpress.com.



photo by Dan Moriarty

Lockheed Martin

Participation in the annual Good Friday peace witness at the headquarters of Lockheed Martin was boosted this year by the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage, a coalition of activists of Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu and other faiths, as well as atheists and agnostics.

Beginning on Palm Sunday, the Pilgrimage walked from the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia to the campus of the war business behind a shopping mall in suburban King-of-Prussia, Pennsylvania. It was one among many allied pilgrimages worldwide during Holy Week.

Shane Claiborne of Red Letter Christians wrote,

In the Easter story, Pontius Pilate washes his hands as Christ is being killed, attempting to wash the blood off his hands and pretend he was not responsible. So that was part of our message at Lockheed Martin on Good Friday. Our lead banner read: Lockheed Martin, YOU HAVE BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS.”

Ironically, Lockheed Martin covered up the large signs at their main entrance with large blue tarps and duct tape, making the point even stronger. They literally tried to hide any evidence of their corporate logo as we gathered. You can’t make this stuff up... we carried the signs and banners. We had posters with large images of the devastation from the bombing, and the shattered lives... each one branded with “Made In the USA.” And we carried six large black signs with the names of the children, a reminder that they are not just numbers. Every one of them has a name, a precious child made in the image of God. We carried thousands of those names onto the property of Lockheed Martin... an act that was part religious ceremony, part street theater, part public lament.

As we crossed over the blue line that designates where the public property ends and the private property of Lockheed Martin begins, we were given a warning that we were trespassing and could face arrest. The folks with the names of the children laid down on the ground... Others of us began to sing. Several participants unrolled yellow “Crime Scene Do Not Enter” tape and roped off the entrance, calling it what it is – the scene of a crime, a war crime. On the other side of the boundary we laid several dozen red roses. One after another, kids and adults brought those flowers over the blue

line and laid them on the names of the children – it was all so powerful and moving.

As the police began arresting us, we sang hymns and freedom songs ... And we said the “Lord’s Prayer” which had a new ring to it as we said the part about forgiving us “our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us” as we were arrested for trespassing.

Twenty-five people were handcuffed and taken to the police station where they were issued citations for disorderly conduct and then released. Some have since paid fines, while Terry Rumsey and Brad Wolf had their trials May 10. They were found guilty and sentenced to 20 hours of community service each. Others continue to do nothing.

For more information, visit www.gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com.

Sacred Peace Walk in Nevada

from the Nevada Desert Experience

Nuclear weapons abolition and liberation of the Western Shoshone homeland were in the hearts and minds of the Sacred Peace Walkers as they concluded their annual pilgrimage from Las Vegas to the Nevada National Security Site in Mercury, Nevada on Good Friday, March 29.

They had also walked all week with the images of Aaron Bushnell, the memory of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and now the fire in Gaza and Ukraine. They walked demanding ceasefire and atonement.

As the pilgrimage approached the boundary line, Beth Blattenberger quietly continued walking across it and was arrested for trespass.

Jeremiah Jones, the Western Shoshone spokesperson, welcomed all of the walkers and gave them permission to enter the Western Shoshone traditional lands. The nuclear test site occupies Western Shoshone land, in violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. In the spirit of friendship, Jeremiah also made it very clear the Nevada National Security Site is illegal, while concluding his remarks with the affirmation, “We all live on this planet together in

Ministry of Defence, London

Almost every year for the last 40, Catholic Peace Action in London has visited the Ministry of Defence office during Lent to mark the walls with charcoal as a witness against the nuclear war preparations of the British government. On March 13, Ray Towey and friends met in a nearby park for prayers and readings, before walking over to the building. The police arrived after Towey had marked the sign of the cross under the building nameplate, and printed these words in charcoal: “Trident is Genocide” and “Choose Life not Terror.” He was stopped, arrested and then released without charges. Towey was required to provide his identification, told not to return to the Ministry of Defence, and sent on his way.

“Go away and come back to write another day,” one of the officers said.

For more information, visit catholicpeaceaction.org.

love, peace and harmony. That is what we are here for.”

Jeanne Firth also came forward to speak. “We have all been told that this is just how it has to be, that there is no other option. It is not true.” Firth then crossed the line and was arrested. Blattenberger and Firth were cited for trespass and soon released.

Two days and twenty miles earlier, walkers held a small protest at the gate of Creech Air Force Base in Indian Springs. On the morning of March 27, 89-year-old retired pastor George Killingsworth was arrested for drawing a peace sign with chalk on a large boulder near Creech’s gate. He was charged with defacing public property and released outside the base.

Karen Pettit and Sylver Pondolfino were also arrested while blocking traffic at the drone base. They were taken to the Clark County Jail in Las Vegas, charged with failure to disperse and later released. Prior to their arrests, a driver wearing a USAF flight suit lurched forward with her vehicle and made contact with Pettit. No injuries resulted.

For more information, visit nevadadesertexperience.org.

ARRESTS AT NEVADA NUCLEAR TEST SITE

by Felice Cohen-Joppa

Members of the Pacific Life Community converged outside of Las Vegas from March 16 – 18 for their annual gathering to protest nuclear weapons. Two of them were arrested on Monday morning, March 18 during a nonviolent action at the Nevada nuclear weapons test site.

Before Rush Rehm and Jim Haber crossed the line onto the site, 40 people gathered for a ceremony in the desert outside of the boundary fence of the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). They placed a plaque honoring the life of Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM under a creosote bush. Vitale was a co-founder of the Nevada Desert Experience in the early 1980s, who often protested and was arrested at the Nevada test site over the years. The activists then joined hands in a circle to take part in the Elm Dance, a modern circle folk dance that “celebrates commitment to life and solidarity with activists the world over.”

Following the dance, the group carried colorful, handmade signs and banners, and processed the short distance to the road leading into the test site. They stopped at the boundary line, where Rehm shared words from Pope Francis with all gathered, including the test site/National Nuclear Security Administration employees and Nye County sheriff’s deputies waiting on the other side of the line: “The courageous vision of the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons appears ever more timely. Nuclear weapons are a costly and dangerous liability. A world free from nuclear weapons is both necessary and possible. We must all be responsible for the well being of our brothers and sisters.”

Once the two men crossed the line, they were escorted to the nearby pen and briefly held before being processed, charged with trespass and released.

Haber later said, “I have opposed U.S. militarism as hypocritical and offensive for several decades now. Nuclear weapons under-gird our illegal and immoral state violence, including the U.S./Israeli genocide against anything Palestinian. Despite any rhetoric to the contrary, our government supports more nuclear weapons not

their elimination and makes horizontal proliferation seem reasonable or necessary for other states parties. Martin Luther King, Jr. told us not to be ‘mesmerized by uncertainty,’ so I crossed the line at the Nevada National Security Site in the hope that my little action will be like a grain of sand that helps grind the wheels of injustice to a halt.”

One hundred atmospheric nuclear tests took place at the 1,300+ square mile site between 1951 and 1962, followed by more than 800 underground nuclear tests through 1992, when the U.S. put a hold on full scale nuclear weapons testing. Since then, subcritical tests have been conducted there in underground tunnels. Today, working one thousand feet below the ground at the site and skirting U.S. obligations under the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, three national nuclear weapons laboratories are pursuing a new nuclear arms race by building Scorpius — “a machine as long as a football field, to create images of plutonium as it is compressed with high explosives, creating conditions that exist just prior to a nuclear explosion,” to quote the Sandia National Laboratories website.

More than 15,000 activists have been arrested at the Nevada test site over the past six decades in protest of nuclear weapons testing.

The nuclear test site occupies Western Shoshone land, in violation of the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. The Western Shoshone National Council has declared their nation a Nuclear Free Zone.

The Pacific Life Community is a network of spiritually motivated activists from U.S. Pacific coast and other western states who engage in anti-nuclear direct action. They protest at different nuclear weapons-related sites each year on or around March 1, which is Nuclear-Free and Independent Pacific Day and the anniversary of the Bravo nuclear bomb detonation by the U.S. at the Bikini Atoll in 1954.

For more information, visit pacificlifecommunity.wordpress.com.

THOUSANDS ARRESTED FOR CEASEFIRE NOW!

This day-by-day record of dissent chronicles the arrests in the U.S. and Canada of demonstrators demanding a ceasefire and end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. In addition to this chronicle of arrests, there were thousands more arrested in protests throughout the world.

By "arrested," we mean when a person is detained by police for any length of time and is not free to go or to continue the activity they were engaged in before police intervened. Whether charges are then filed is another issue, and whether prosecution proceeds after that, yet another. As far as we know, and unless otherwise noted, within 24 hours everyone arrested was released on bail or with a promise to appear. Many charges may have since been dropped.

The resistance actions that resulted in arrests span a wide array of tactics, some long under debate within the broader peace movement and among advocates of direct

action. With the aim of encouraging prisoner support, we endorse tolerance and constructive criticism of diverse, conscientious action. A principle of any prisoner support work is to address the needs of the person behind bars, regardless of how they got there.

We know that despite our best efforts, we have undoubtedly missed related arrests that should be included here. If you are aware of arrests related to ceasefire/anti-war protest not noted in these pages, please send us the information. Please also let us know of any substantial errors in this chronicle so that they can be corrected.

Finally, if you or someone you know about is jailed for anti-war actions, please let us know as soon as possible so that the news can be included on the Nuclear Resister website and in the next issue of this newsletter.

Thank you!

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December 9 Miami, FL 2 arrests

Police prohibited the use of a bullhorn at a demonstration. A juvenile who pushed against police was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest, as was a man who intervened in the teen's arrest.

December 9 Iowa City, IA 9 arrests

A holiday party hosted by the University president at Kinnick Stadium was blockaded and doors were locked shut to protest "the University of Iowa's partnerships with weapons manufacturers who are aiding in the slaughter of Palestinians." All were charged with trespassing, interference with official acts and disorderly conduct. They pled guilty in April to disorderly conduct and will pay fines and \$1,000 damages.

December 9 Royal Oak, MI 2 arrests

Aggressive policing of a march led to the arrest of two men who were held for four hours and charged with obstruction, assaulting a police officer and disorderly conduct.

December 10 Toronto, ON 1 arrest

One person was arrested for assaulting a police officer in the midst of a pro-Palestinian demonstration that started outside the U.S. Consulate in Toronto.

December 11 Washington, DC 18 arrests

Hours before the White House Hanukkah party, "Jewish Elders for Palestinian Freedom" – women wearing shirts declaring "Not In Our Name" – locked themselves to the White House fence. They face federal misdemeanor charges.

December 11 Washington, DC 49 arrests

Before being arrested, demonstrators scattered children's shoes on the floor of the Capitol Rotunda to remember Palestinian children who have been killed in the conflict. All were charged with incommoding and two also with resisting arrest.

December 12 Providence, RI 41 arrests

Brown University students were arrested after a sit-in at University Hall, demanding divestment. They were booked on-site for trespass and released. At their bench trial in May, Judge Nicholas Parrillo entered a not guilty filing, with the charges expunged after six months of good behavior. He noted that none had a criminal record and he thought their protest was respectful. "I think this is a reflection of what nonviolent and peaceful resistance, frankly, is supposed to look like," he said.

December 13 Los Angeles, CA 75 arrests

If Not Now organized about 100 people to bring morning rush hour traffic to a halt with a blockade of the 101 Freeway through downtown. Being Hanukkah, a 7-foot menorah was set up to complete the scene. Scuffles broke out with angry motorists.

December 14 Chicago, IL 13 arrests

The Washington Street bridge was shut down for a short time by a ceasefire blockade.

December 15 Philadelphia, PA 32 arrests

Jewish Voice for Peace demonstrators hung "Let Gaza Live" and "Ceasefire Now" banners from a bridge over I-76 through downtown, then some stopped their cars on the freeway, where they got out and blocked the road for 25 minutes.

December 17 Toronto, ON 2 arrests

An altercation with police took place during a demonstration at a Zara store. The clothing company is a target of protest over offensive "war porn" advertising and ties to Israel's right wing.

December 19 Washington, DC 60 arrests

Police roughly removed an occupation of the Capitol Rotunda featuring a display of children's shoes representing those killed in Palestine, and protesters were arrested for "crowding, obstructing, or incommoding" in violation of D.C. Code § 22-1307, a common misdemeanor citation for such protests in D.C.

December 23 Philadelphia, PA 2 arrests

Hundreds of demonstrators marched through the city center, calling for a ceasefire amidst last-minute Christmas shoppers. Disorderly conduct arrests were made near Rittenhouse Square.

December 23 San Francisco, CA 4 arrests

Hundreds demonstrated in San Francisco calling for a permanent ceasefire, and police arrested four in Union Square for assault and vandalism.

December 25 New York, NY 6 arrests

A Christmas Day demonstration of hundreds in midtown led to arrests for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and graffiti.

December 26 Montreal, QC 1 arrest

Police arrested one man for unlawful assembly and assaulting a police officer at a Boxing Day demonstration.



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December 27 New York, NY 26 arrests

Protesters were arrested for blocking the road leading to JFK Airport.

December 27 Los Angeles, CA 36 arrests

About the same time as the New York airport blockade, an approach road to the Los Angeles International Airport was blocked by traffic cones, dumpsters and debris. Some blockaders dispersed and others were arrested and charged with rioting and one charge of battery of a police officer.

December 28 Fairfield, CA 14 arrests

After a dawn rally, some of 150 demonstrators blocked traffic at all four gates of Travis Air Force Base. Arrested and taken to county jail, they were charged with unlawful assembly and released.

January 6 Seattle, WA 12 arrests

Demonstrators used a dozen vehicles to block I-5 for four hours. Police made only a few arrests initially pending investigation. By April, charges against 12 people had been referred to prosecutors, and six people were formally charged, five with criminal trespass and disorderly conduct and one with disorderly conduct only. All pled not guilty on May 1.

January 8 Dallas, TX 13 arrests

Palestine Youth Movement and others blocked an entrance to Love Field airport in protest of President Biden's arrival there and were charged with obstruction.

January 8 New York, NY 325 arrests

A series of sit-ins disrupted rush-hour traffic at the Holland Tunnel and three major Manhattan bridges.

January 9 Washington, DC 6 arrests

Twenty people had a sit-in at the office of Rep. Glenn Ivey (D-MD), chanting, "Which side are you on, Glenn Ivey?" and "Ceasefire!" Six refused orders to leave and were arrested for incommoding.

January 11 Portland, OR 20 arrests

Demonstrators calling attention to South Africa's charge of genocide against Israel before the International Court of Justice blocked a downtown street in front of the federal building with banners reading "Jews Say Ceasefire Now" and "Never Again For Anyone." They pled no contest to disorderly conduct and will have charges dismissed upon completing 16 hours of community service. Annie, one of the arrestees, told a press conference, "Netanyahu has blocked roads, blocked borders and blocked aid trucks, while killing at least 30,000 people, but he has not faced any consequences or punishment. Meanwhile, we block ONE intersection for 30 minutes and get arrested. Where is the justice in that? Peaceful protest is not a crime; genocide IS. The true criminals are Netanyahu and Biden. When will they get arrested? As a climate activist, I also have to point out that these criminals are doing more than destroying a people and a culture, they are also devastating the environment in Gaza."

January 13 Washington, DC 2 arrests

Two protesters were charged for damaging the security fence at the White House at the end of the March for Gaza.

January 14 Toronto, ON 3 arrests

After a series of "awareness" protests and banner drops from bridges around the city, a new policy forbid such actions at the Avenue Road Bridge downtown. Demonstrators nevertheless turned out days later for a large demonstration and banner drop from that bridge, resulting in one charged with mischief and two others with obstructing police.

January 15 New York, NY 3 arrests

A march through Manhattan targeted McDonalds, Starbucks and the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center over ties to Israel.

January 16 Washington, DC 150 arrests

In the Rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building, Mennonite Action held a sit-in with prayer, song and chanting, calling for "a permanent ceasefire, a release of all hostages, and an end to the occupation of Palestine."

January 17 Tewksbury, MA 18 arrests

Red paint was splashed on the sign of Raytheon/RTX during a protest of the war on Gaza. Initial charges of disorderly conduct were investigated, and most were dismissed in March.

January 20 Eugene, OR 2 arrests

There were two arrests for disorderly conduct during a protest march through city streets around the University of Oregon.

January 20 New York, NY 10 arrests

Amid daily marches across the city for a permanent ceasefire and an end to the genocide, at least ten people were arrested.

January 21 Chicago, IL 6 arrests

A protest march attempted to blockade I-55 at Harlem Avenue, near O'Hare International Airport. Police blocked a car caravan before it could enter the expressway. People then left their cars to walk onto the highway. Some vehicles were towed from the scene and state police arrested four for disobeying a police officer, obstruction of justice, battery to a police officer, resisting arrest and various vehicle violations. Chicago police arrested two others.

January 22 Toronto, ON 1 arrest

Another person was arrested for mischief, related to the vandalism investigation into a November 22 incident of graffiti and posting at Indigo Books, while charges against four of the original 11 defendants have been dropped. The bookstore owner provides support for Canadians enlisting in the Israeli military.

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January 22 West Hartford, CT 1 arrest

In February, weeks after the demonstration where graffiti was left on multiple businesses, police charged Hicham Talal with one count of third-degree intimidation based on bigotry or bias and one count of second-degree criminal mischief. He was released on \$50,000 bond.

January 23 San Luis Obispo, CA 9 arrests

Some of dozens of demonstrators against a career fair featuring Gaza war profiteers tried to push their way into the event at the California Polytechnic University recreation center. All were charged with misdemeanor battery of a police officer, including one professor. One person was additionally charged with obstructing or resisting police. Seven pled not guilty in March.

January 23 St. Louis, MO 1 arrest

About 50 Washington University students and others started chanting for a ceasefire, interrupting the city council meeting. The meeting was shut down, and one person was arrested for trespass.

January 26 Austin, TX 1 arrest

Jarrid Cornell was held overnight following his arrest for trespass, resisting arrest and evading. He was attending a University of Texas Graduate School of Business event titled, "Israel's Moral War." The event description said that the main speaker, a former Israeli military intelligence officer, would "explain why it might be morally necessary for Israel to not only see Hamas, but the Palestinian population at large as an enemy."

Cornell used his phone to video the speaker and those who then asked questions. When he stood to record one particular questioner, police intervened and demanded he stop.

On the video he was recording, Cornell calmly questions why he must stop when others in the audience were also recording. Police grabbed Cornell as he tried to leave, and he was arrested. Prosecutors only found cause to file a charge of resisting arrest.

January 26 Renton, WA 10 arrests

A ceasefire sit-in at the office of Rep. Adam Smith ended with police escorting demonstrators out in handcuffs at the end of the day.

January 27 Brooklyn, NY 10 arrests

Eight hundred people marched down Broadway from Union Square, chanting.

January 30 Washington, DC 5 arrests

CodePink activists holding up "bloodied" hands were ejected from a congressional hearing on defunding the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) following Israel's charge that UNRWA employees took part in Hamas' October 7 attack.

January 31 Toronto, ON 3 arrests

In April, more than two months after they took part in a sit-in protest inside the office of Israeli-Canadian business Awz Ventures, police charged three activists with forcible entry, mischief to property, member of an unlawful assembly, member of an unlawful assembly while masked and failure to leave premises when directed.

February 1 Washington, DC 23 arrests

Multiple rush-hour blockades around town disrupted government workers with the demand for a permanent ceasefire and the end of all U.S. aid to Israel.

February 1 Warren, MI 1 arrest

Police said Maherr Salah Jaeran walked into President Biden's motorcade route during a demonstration and assaulted an officer. Organizers said that demonstrators were returning to their cars when police in riot gear plucked Jaeran from the rear of the crowd. He was held overnight and arraigned on felony charges of assaulting, resisting and obstructing police, and a \$5,000 bond was set.

February 2 Louisville, KY 15 arrests

Ceasefire demonstrators seeking to disrupt weapons commerce blocked all entrances to the Naval Ordnance complex, located just across a major railroad corridor from the international airport. RTX and BAE Systems, both suppliers to Israel's military, are tenants there. Blockaders were charged with trespassing upon key infrastructure.

February 2 Portland, ME 11 arrests

From a rally for Palestine of about 200 people, some blocked the road for about 45 minutes before being arrested. All were released on \$60 bail.

February 2 New York, NY 9 arrests

Demonstrators were arrested during protests in and around Columbia University.

February 5 Harrisburg, PA 126 arrests

Jewish Voice for Peace, the Philly Palestine Coalition and the Pennsylvania Council on American-Islamic Relations demonstrated outside the Pennsylvania State Capital Building against the state's \$56 million investment in Israel bonds. Later, scores of people wearing "Divest from Genocide, Invest in Pennsylvania" t-shirts moved to occupy the rotunda, where at least 126 were arrested, cited for trespass and released.



Travis Air Force Base, December 28

Riot, "I'm out here today because the weapons that are being manufactured at this facility are being sold to empires around the world, including Israel, for genocide and violence. And knowing that these weapons are being produced right here in our communities in the heart of empire, we have a responsibility to stand up and take action. And today, in Minneapolis, there's politicians debating whether or not to call for a ceasefire. And I'm tired of waiting for politicians to take action."

February 9 New York, NY 1 arrest

About 200 New Yorkers joined a demonstration that marched on the headquarters of the online streaming platform Hulu, over an ad featuring faux images of pristine Gaza beaches and smiling children, claiming "this is what Gaza could have been like without Hamas." Police arrested one organizer on a noise violation over the use of amplification equipment for the march.

February 9 Seattle, WA 4 arrests

About 100 people demonstrated outside the World Trade Center Seattle over its support of Israel's war on Gaza. Four people were arrested when police moved in to disperse the rally and clear a vehicle and human blockade of the driveway. One of those arrested, a 62-year-old school teacher, suffered a head injury as police knocked her to the ground. She was released to the hospital after three hours in custody, while the others were released the next day with charges of pedestrian interference, obstruction and assault. Meanwhile, police were filmed stabbing holes in the tires of three of the vehicles before they were removed from the road.

February 10 Brooklyn, NY 11 arrests

Within Our Lifetime organized a protest outside the Brooklyn Museum over its corporate partnership with financial institutions deeply invested in Israel's arms production. Ten people were arrested on various charges including resisting arrest, assault, unreasonable noise, harassment and obstructing governmental administration. Another summons was issued for using a "sound reproduction device" without a permit.

February 11 Oakland, CA 2 arrests

CodePink activists returned to Rep. Nancy Pelosi's home in an ongoing protest of her support for Israel's war on Gaza and with their plea for her reconsideration. Cynthia Papermaster, concluding a 20-day hunger strike for Gaza, brought plenty of washable red tempera paint that was poured onto the sidewalks and street around the house and used to mark handprints on Pelosi's garage doors. Heather Phipps was arrested at the scene and jailed on two counts of felony damage over \$400. Brought to court later that week, she pled not guilty and was released.

Papermaster was not detained, but a few days later she was notified she'd been charged with a misdemeanor. Rather than mailing her a citation, the San Francisco police wanted her to come down to the station and talk about it. She passed on the invitation.

A month later, she called to ask about the status of her citation. Unbeknownst until she asked, Papermaster got an upgrade to the same felony charges as Phipps. She was encouraged to turn herself in if she wanted to control the time of her arrest and make arrangements for her service dog should she be detained in the process. When she surrendered in late March she was held overnight. After pleading not guilty the next morning, Papermaster was held for hours more before finally being released on her own recognizance at 9 p.m. She was ordered to stay away from the Pelosi residence and have no contact with Pelosi or her husband.

February 12 New York, NY 13 arrests

Monday morning commute in Manhattan was disrupted by ceasefire street protests backing up traffic on the Brooklyn Bridge, Midtown Tunnel and Holland Tunnel.

February 12 Wilmington, DE 21 arrests

With signs demanding "Fund Climate, Not Genocide", almost two dozen Sunrise Movement activists demonstrated inside the office building housing President Biden's campaign headquarters, warning that the incumbent will lose the critical support of young voters unless he ends his support for Israel's war and takes bolder climate action. When they did not leave, they were arrested, taken away in handcuffs and later released on charges of criminal trespass and disorderly conduct.

February 15 Washington, DC 13 arrests

United We Dream staged a ceasefire die-in in the

February 5 Chicago, IL 2 arrests

Two Northwestern University students, who in October produced a parody of the campus newspaper that blazoned "Northwestern Complicit in Genocide of Palestinians", were charged under a little-known state law originally aimed at the distribution of Ku Klux Klan recruiting materials in newspapers. The law prohibits inserting an "unauthorized advertisement in a newspaper or periodical." The students, both of whom are black, faced a fine and jail time until the charges were dropped two days later, after widespread criticism of the prosecution.

February 7 New York, NY 61 arrests

Multiple demonstrations met President Biden on his visit to New York, including dozens of people who blocked Fifth Avenue in front of a building where Biden was fundraising, with banners declaring "Jews to Biden: Stop Funding Genocide of Palestinians." The blockaders were arrested and cited for disorderly conduct, then released.

February 7 Niles, IL 33 arrests

Youth-led activists blocked five entrances to Woodward MPC, a manufacturer of "control actuation systems" for tactical missiles and guided weapons. The activists said the company is making parts for Boeing-produced bombs used in Gaza. The blockade held for more than six hours until police made arrests, issued citations to seven men and 26 women for unlawful assembly, and released all from custody.

February 7 Fairfield, CA 5 arrests

Using banners, ceasefire activists blocked the entry road to Travis Air Force Base, then dispersed when police ordered them to. A short while later, a second wave of blockaders was met by a line of police in riot gear who moved on them quickly and grabbed and arrested as many as they could.

February 8 Miami, FL 1 arrest

During a demonstration at Florida International University, one man was arrested for battery of a police officer and held overnight, alleged to have tried to pull the cop into the crowd "with such force that the defendant almost pulled the victim's watch off his wrist."

February 8 Plymouth, MN 6 arrests

Dozens of people assembled at 4 a.m. to block the entrance of a Northrup Grumman arms factory with locking devices and banners. Most complied when police arrived and ordered them to disperse, but four were cited for impeding traffic and two who were locked down between steel drums were removed and charged with trespass. One of the locked-down activists told Unicorn

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Rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building, joining that call to their mission of protecting immigrant rights in the United States.

February 16 New York, NY 8 arrests

Friday afternoon commute through midtown Manhattan was disrupted by a city-wide school walkout as college and high school students marched down Fifth Avenue for a ceasefire and Free Palestine. After a stop in front of the New York Times building, just off Times Square, at least eight were arrested when they refused to leave the street.

February 22 Raleigh, NC 26 arrests

Nearly 100 people participated in a Jewish Voice for Peace protest and die-in on Fayetteville Street, downtown. Chants and signs were directed at U.S. Rep. Deborah Ross, demanding she call for a ceasefire. Traffic was disrupted and those arrested were released after processing.

February 22 New York, NY 20 arrests

Jewish Voice for Peace activists, wearing black t-shirts declaring “Not In Our Name” and prayer shawls, demonstrated outside the midtown offices of Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Senator Kristen Gillibrand. Citations were issued for disorderly conduct and one person was also charged with resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental administration.

February 26 New York, NY 51 arrests

Hundreds of anti-Zionist Jews and allies filled the lobby of Rockefeller Center during President Biden’s scheduled appearance on Seth Meyer’s TV show. A chant of “Not another nickel, not another dime, no more money for genocide” rang through the building as they sat behind banners reading “Lasting Ceasefire”, “Jews to Biden – Stop Arming Genocide” and “The Whole World is Watching”.

February 29 Amity Township, PA 7 arrests

The road in front of Aydin Displays, a subsidiary of Elbit Systems, was blocked by a memorial service featuring a reading of 300 names of civilians killed in Gaza by the Israeli military. Dozens of shoes, mostly children’s, were placed in the road to represent the victims. Arrestees were charged with disorderly conduct.

March 2 New York, NY 11 arrests

Thousands joined the Hands Off Rafah! march through pouring rain, calling for a ceasefire. Arrests occurred near the end of the march when police tried to drive through the crowd in response to reports of a grenade in Times Square, prompting clashes.

March 2 Los Angeles, CA 5 arrests

Police reported making four vandalism related arrests at a demonstration – two for felonies, two for misdemeanors and a fifth arrest of a person who tried to free one of the others being arrested.

March 4 Montreal, QC 2 arrests

More than 100 people demonstrated outside an event featuring members of the Israeli Defense Forces. Two were arrested on allegation of harassing attendees.

March 7 Boston, MA 47 arrests

More than 300 people blocked traffic at South Station during the morning rush hour on the day President Biden delivered the State of the Union address.

March 7 Garland, TX 23 arrests

Anti-war demonstrators used vehicles and their bodies to block the entrance to a General Dynamics munitions factory that sends some of its products to Israel. Five were charged with obstructing a roadway and the others with trespass, while 13 vehicles were towed away.

March 8 Chicago, IL 33 arrests

A large coalition of area groups organized a 24-hour public reading of 10,000 names of Palestinians killed during the assault on Gaza. The memorial reading and vigil in front of the Kluczynski Federal Building began on March 7. Before 8 a.m. the next morning, after the names had all been read aloud, about 40 people blocked a nearby intersection, snarling downtown traffic until 33 were arrested and the intersection was cleared. They were cited for obstructing traffic.

March 8 Chicago, IL 30 arrests

Two other demonstrations in the city later in the day also resulted in arrests.

March 8 Miami, FL 1 arrest

A Students for Justice in Palestine activist was arrested

for assault and battery during a protest of a Florida International University campus event hosting Israeli soldiers.

March 10 Los Angeles, CA 1 arrest

The Academy Awards provided a high-visibility venue for demanding a ceasefire. Multiple street and intersection occupations in Hollywood delayed the arrival of some celebrities but only one arrest was reported.

March 10 Teaneck, NJ 2 arrests

A seminar on buying real estate in Israel and Occupied Palestine, held at a local synagogue, was the target of a protest. Police made arrests after demonstrators reportedly threw things at vehicles and pedestrians.

March 11 Heath, OH 5 arrests

By 4 a.m., three entrances to a Boeing factory were shut down. One was blocked by two activists who locked on to a disabled vehicle, while two others were suspended from two bridges entering the plant in a way that prevented their use. It took police and fire crews a few hours to cut the top off the vehicle to separate the activists, and safely take the climbing activists down from their perches. All four and another person taken into custody during the action are charged with felony obstruction of justice. Boeing has reportedly sought to have critical social media posts that highlight their role in arming genocide removed.

March 11 Richmond, VA 10 arrests

Ceasefire protesters climbed an embankment onto I-95S, where they bound themselves together with two ladders, chains and “sleeping dragon” devices, blocking all traffic. When police arrived, they formed a line that lifted, carried and pushed the entire blockade onto the shoulder. Various charges were filed, and six were jailed overnight.

March 14 New York, NY 124 arrests

Actions targeted *The New York Times*, first at the loading dock of the printing facility in Queens, and then at the midtown Manhattan editorial offices where arrests were made.



Golden Gate Bridge – April 15

March 14 Fairfield, CA 5 arrests

Joint actions at two California air force bases saw five people arrested blocking the north entrance to Travis Air Force Base.

March 14 Marysville, CA 5 arrests

Occupy Beale activists shut down two gates to Beale Air Force Base for over an hour, resulting in five arrests.

March 12 Seattle, WA 1 arrest

One woman was arrested for graffiti at a Resist U.S. Led War protest of the Boeing-sponsored Aerospace and Defense Supplier Summit. The meeting was moved online in anticipation of the protest.

March 15 Toronto, ON 1 arrest

A Liberal Party fundraiser for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was the occasion for a large demonstration at the downtown hotel hosting the event.

March 16 New Orleans, LA 1 arrest

Students at Tulane University picked the weekend their campus hosted the New Orleans Bookfest to occupy an administration building and hold a die-in to protest the school’s partnership with Israel.

March 19 Sacramento, CA 12 arrests

After several warnings about outbursts from the audience, the mayor ordered city council chambers cleared during the debate on a proposed ceasefire

ordinance that eventually passed. Those arrested were booked into jail on charges of unlawful assembly and failure to disperse.

March 20 Burbank, CA 4 arrests

If Not Now/Los Angeles demonstrated at the entrance to Rep. Adam Schiff’s office, requesting a meeting to ask his support for a permanent ceasefire, that he refuse money from the Israel lobby and advocate for an end to unconditional military support for Israel. They literally got a foot in the door, late in the day, and were able to ask if Schiff could be reached on the phone to talk with them. Staff refused the request and called police, who eventually arrested four for trespass.

March 21 Washington, DC 12 arrests

Christians for Ceasefire held a prayer vigil on Capitol Hill, followed by nonviolent action at the Russell Senate Office Building.

March 22 Merrimack, NH 8 arrests

Israeli war industry Elbit Systems was again the target of protest when ceasefire demonstrators blocked the entrance and exit. They were arrested and charged with criminal trespass and resisting arrest.

March 22 Ithaca, NY 24 arrests

The Coalition for Mutual Liberation sat in at Cornell University’s Day Hall to demand the university call for a ceasefire and divest from weapons makers complicit in Israel’s “plausible” genocide. Later, undergrad students voted 2:1 to divest from ten such companies.

March 22 Fairfield, CA 11 arrests

Activists were arrested for blockading Travis Air Force base.

March 22 Boston, MA 13 arrests

The inauguration of the new Emerson College President was the occasion for a ceasefire protest leading to the arrest of twelve students and one other person.

March 26 Stony Brook, NY 9 arrests

A day of action organized by State University of New York Stony Brook Boycott, Divestment and Sanction included a permitted march on campus. As the march concluded, about 30 students broke away to occupy the administration building. They asked for a meeting with the Board of Trustees. Some left when police arrived, and those remaining were arrested, including one alumnus and one community member.

March 2 Nashville, TN 27 arrests

Twenty-five Vanderbilt University students had occupied the administration building overnight, calling for an Israel divestment question on a student government ballot. In the morning, University police implied that the occupiers were being arrested for trespass before escorting them out. Rather than being arrested, 16 participating students were given interim suspensions from the University, while three were charged with assault (one later had that charge dismissed). The three, and another student arrested for vandalism at a demonstration outside the building the night before, were released later that day. A reporter for the *Nashville Scene* was also arrested for “attempted trespassing” outside the building the night before. At later

disciplinary proceedings, three students were expelled from the university, one was suspended and 22 were given disciplinary probation.

March 27 Bakersfield, CA 5 arrests

Several city council meetings had already been disrupted by members of the United Liberation Front chanting and calling for a ceasefire resolution. When the chanting persisted, the mayor ordered the room to be cleared. Scuffles erupted as police forced demonstrators out of the building, and a glass door was broken, wounding a cop. One man was charged with 14 counts related to misdemeanor vandalism, while the others face various charges including trespass, battery of an officer and resisting arrest.

March 28 New Haven, CT 13 arrests

Following a demonstration on the New Haven Green calling on local politicians and representatives to support a ceasefire, a group marched to Union Station, where some disrupted the afternoon commute by blocking an escalator and staircase leading to the commuter railroad tracks.

March 28 New York, NY 1 arrest

At least one person was arrested for disorderly conduct during large demonstrations outside a Biden fundraising event at Radio City Music Hall.

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March 28 Tallahassee, FL 2 arrests

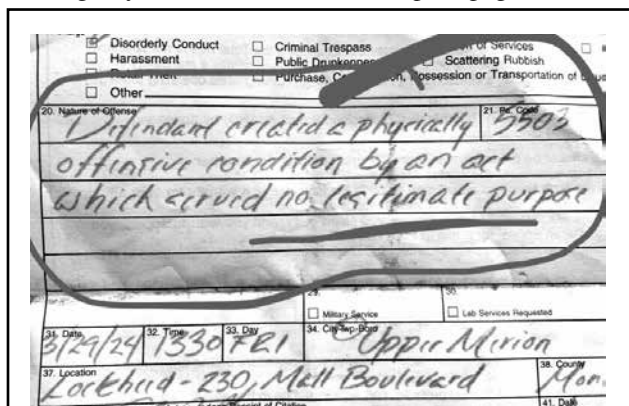
"FREE GAZA" was spelled out on concrete bollards outside the Florida State Capitol. Two people were charged with criminal mischief.

March 29 San Francisco, CA 14 arrests

Some from a large group of anti-war demonstrators at a send-off for the USS Harvey Milk, bound for the Mediterranean Sea in support of Israel's assault on Gaza, breached security and chained themselves to the gangplank. Ten women and four men were arrested and cited for trespass, and five had an added charge of resisting arrest. Cynthia Papermaster (see February 11) attended the demonstration, and was later informed that she had violated a court order to stay away from Nancy Pelosi, who, unbeknownst to Papermaster, attended the send-off.

March 29 King of Prussia, PA 25 arrests

The Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage concluded on Good Friday with a blockade of Lockheed Martin's corporate campus and arrests for disorderly conduct. Two have been found guilty and fined \$20. See full report, page 4.



Citation issued on Good Friday at Lockheed Martin reads, "Defendant created a physically offensive condition by an act which served no legitimate purpose."

March 30 Toronto, ON 5 arrests

Police aggression at a ceasefire protest led to arrests.

April 1 Teaneck, NJ 1 arrest

A large police presence separated peaceful ceasefire demonstrators from a private fundraising event at a synagogue. As the evening wound down, police arrested one man for spitting in someone's face.

April 5 Claremont, CA 20 arrests

At least 30 police in riot gear from four area towns came into the office of the Pomona College president to arrest student occupiers. Nineteen were charged with trespass and another with obstructing law enforcement for allegedly refusing to clear out of the officer's path. All were booked for misdemeanor trespass at the Claremont police station. Seven Pomona College students were suspended.

April 5 Houston, TX 3 arrests

Police arrested a man at a Palestine solidarity march and rally for not staying on the sidewalk. Two more were arrested for interfering with his arrest. All were released from jail on a small bond.

April 8 San Antonio, TX 1 arrest

Police apprehended a 21-year-old student spotted painting "anti-Israel graffiti" at Sombrilla Plaza on the University of Texas San Antonio campus. He remained jailed at least two days later on \$7,000 bond.

April 9 Washington, DC 50 arrests

Christians for a Free Palestine held a prayer and communion service on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. Following the service, more than 50 people, a majority Christian clergy, held a nonviolent blockade in the Senate Cafeteria in the Dirksen Building. They called for "Food Not Bombs to Gaza" to address the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, a permanent ceasefire and end to the U.S.-backed Israeli war in Gaza, a halt to U.S. arms and military aid to Israel, release of all captives, and an end to Israel's illegal occupation of Palestine. Those arrested, cited and released included Baptists, Lutherans, Catholics, Presbyterians, Mennonites, Unitarian Universalists, Quakers and members of the United Church of Christ and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

April 11 Philadelphia, PA 12 arrests

The "Fridays@Fetterman's" weekly protest for peace escalated as a group of Christian activists held a sit-in at the Custom House office of Sen. John Fetterman, calling out his support for Israel and demanding an end to U.S. support for Israel's war. When a group sat down in front of the doors, police gave a warning then arrested those who remained and led them handcuffed from the building.

April 13 St. Louis, MO 12 arrests

Students campaigning for Washington University to divest from Boeing shut down an Admitted Students Day program by occupying the campus chapel where it was being held. Banners were unfurled from the balcony while other demonstrators took the stage. The event was canceled and the chapel was cleared but for 12 students who remained in protest. Two hours later, they emerged from the chapel with a summons to court for trespassing, disturbing the peace and refusing to disperse.

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Coordinated global actions in 75 cities, 18 countries and 6 continents aimed at disrupting the local economy and blockading major traffic routes

April 15 Middletown, CT 10 arrests

Ten people were charged with disorderly conduct for blockading the Pratt & Whitney plant.

April 15 Endicott, NY 1 arrest

Veterans for Peace member Jack Gilroy was arrested for trespass when he attempted to deliver a letter to BAE Systems detailing the company's violations of law in providing arms to Israel.

April 15 Halifax, NS 21 arrests

Dozens of activists blocked the road to the port, where Israel's largest transport services company ZIM has an office. Police eventually arrested 21 people for obstructing an officer. All were released later the same day.

April 15 New York, NY 24 arrests

At least two dozen people were arrested during a morning march from Wall Street to the Brooklyn Bridge and a blockade of the busy westbound lanes into Manhattan. "Israel Bombs, Wall Street Profits" read a leading banner. One arrest was reported on Wall Street, and others on the bridge.

April 15 San Francisco, CA 26 arrests

Three major highways were blocked in the San Francisco Bay area. A "Stop the World for Gaza" banner led the blockade of the Golden Gate Bridge, resulting in 26 people being arrested and then released. The San Francisco district attorney suggested charges of conspiracy and false imprisonment might be appropriate, considering the planning evident in executing the action and its impact on commuters trapped in stalled traffic.

April 15 Oakland, CA 12 arrests

Across the Bay in Oakland, I-880 was shut down in two locations for several hours. At one point, both north and south bound lanes were stopped before police could arrest five people at one location and seven at another. Alameda County prosecutors threw the book at some, charging unlawful assembly, remaining at an unlawful assembly, refusal to comply with a lawful order, unlawful stop on bridge, resisting and delaying an officer, unlawful pedestrian on freeway, conspiracy and false imprisonment.

April 15 Chicago, IL 54 arrests

In Chicago, westbound lanes of I-190 leading to O'Hare International Airport Terminals One, Two and Three were blocked for well over an hour by demonstrators demanding a ceasefire, resulting in 40 arrests. They were held about 20 hours before release in the wee hours on misdemeanor charges. Later that day as crowds began to gather for what had become a weekly end-of-the-war march through city streets, police changed the rules and let it be known they could not march through the streets as they had been. Police efforts to rein in the marches escalated and then turned chaotic around 4:30 p.m. Protesters chanting "Let us march!" attempted to push past a police line and 14 were arrested. Two young students among them were held for up to 32 hours before being released.

April 15 Philadelphia, PA 69 arrests

In Philadelphia, people across the city took part to demand an end to the genocide and occupation in Palestine being carried out by the apartheid government of Israel. Key weapons manufacturer Day & Zimmerman and Philadelphia City Hall reportedly both went on lockdown as a result of these actions. Over 50 people blockaded a major intersection that effectively stopped traffic on I-76 in both directions. Across town a coordinated funeral procession mourning the slaughter of more than 38,000 Palestinians slowed traffic to a near stop on both I-95 north and south bound, while Philly Palestine Coalition took to the streets in the city center with 200 people who formed human chains blocking traffic at multiple intersections. Organizers reported 69 arrests and police said 19 vehicles were towed away. Hatem Abudayyeh, of the United States Palestinian Community Network (USPCN), told *Mondoweiss* what happened at one blockade: "The police decided they were gonna stop us from marching. They said that we weren't going to

go any further. And we demanded to continue to march because that's what we do. It is our free speech right, it's our constitutional right, and we've been doing this for six months. After they stopped us there, they put their hands on us. They initiated the violence, they started pushing and shoving. People have reported that they were being grabbed by the police. They initially arrested two young men, two brothers, and when that happened we made a decision — a tactical decision on the spot, to say 'we're not moving until those two brothers are released.' And what the police did at that point was they singled out the leaders of the coalition. When they went after the leaders of the coalition, they knew exactly what they were doing. They were trying to cut us off from the knees." All of those arrested were released later that day.

April 15 Eugene, OR 57 arrests

Marchers in Eugene, Oregon got onto I-5, the major west coast freeway from San Diego to Canada that passes through the college town. Police towed 6 vehicles away and the arrestees were jailed overnight. They were arraigned the next morning on disorderly conduct charges and released with court dates.

April 15 Seattle, WA 46 arrests

Traffic into the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport was blocked for three hours by anti-war activists, some in blood-stained white overalls, who sat in the road. Charged with disorderly conduct, 37 pled not guilty in May while some others waived arraignment and hired private attorneys.

April 15 St. Charles, MO 7 arrests

Anti-war demonstrators disrupted Monday morning traffic by blocking the road outside the Boeing bomb factory in St. Charles, Missouri that makes the small-diameter bomb commonly used by Israel in its war on Gaza. Prosecutors pursued charges of unlawful assembly and trespassing.

April 15 Miami, FL 7 arrests

In Miami, about 100 people demonstrated outside PortMiami. Police on horseback, motorcycles and with riot gear stopped the protest march, and several people used sleeping dragons to help block traffic on Biscayne Boulevard until police dragged them away in handcuffs. They were charged with obstructing traffic and unlawful assembly.

April 15 Newburg, NY 15 arrests

Rush hour demonstrators blocked I-84 where it crosses the Hudson River on the Newburg-Beacon Bridge. Blockaders were charged with misdemeanor trespass and disorderly conduct, and released with court dates.

April 15 Los Angeles, CA 6 arrests

Sunday night about 40 young activists pitched camp outside the Brentwood home of Vice President Harris with demands for more action on the climate and a halt to support for Israel's war. Monday morning, some blocked a nearby intersection and were arrested for trespass and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors.

April 15 Montreal, QC 45 arrests

Protests took place across the city, with arrests reported at ScotiaBank, a major investor in Israeli arms maker Elbit. A few dozen people entered the lobby and formed a human chain between the customers and tellers. A journalist who'd been tipped to the scene was present and also arrested, charged as the others were with criminal mischief. All were cited and released.

April 16 New York, NY 4 arrests

Simultaneous worker sit-ins at Google corporate offices in New York and California, live-cast on the Twitch platform, protested the tech giant's billion-dollar-plus involvement with Israel on Project Nimbus, "an all-encompassing cloud solution" for the military and government.

April 16 Sunnyvale, CA 5 arrests

The companion sit-in at Google's home office ended with the arrest of five workers protesting Project Nimbus and the eventual termination of the Nimbus Nine and at least 19 more workers.

April 16 Toronto, ON 4 arrests

Following on the global A15 actions, hundreds of people demonstrated in Toronto, blocking a railroad critical to freight services from Canada to the United States. In solidarity with starving Palestinians, they demanded that the government of Canada impose an immediate and comprehensive arms embargo on Israel. "For months, as calls from our families and friends in Gaza have grown increasingly dire, we have written, phoned and petitioned our MPs. We have held teach-ins, community meetings and town halls. We have flyer, marched, picketed and rallied at every government office you can name. And yet still the Canadian government has refused to act decisively to save Palestinian lives and

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impose a full arms embargo on Israel,” said Dalia Awwad of the Palestinian Youth Movement. “So we have no choice but escalate, and stop the weapons being sent to and from Israel ourselves.”

April 17 New York, NY 5 arrests

While students on campus were setting up a protest encampment demanding an end to Columbia University’s “continued financial investment in corporations that profit from Israeli apartheid, genocide and military occupation of Palestine,” just outside the gates at 116th St. and Broadway, 50 officers used barricades to surround a “Flood Columbia for Gaza” demonstration. This led to clashes and five arrests, including one minor, on charges including resisting arrest, reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct.

April 18 New York, NY 4 arrests

Demonstrations outside Columbia in support of the new encampment continued, with more arrests in the same gate area as the night before.

April 18 New York, NY 108 arrests

Although other campus occupations, encampments and arrests had already taken place, when police were called in to clear the encampment at Columbia University and arrested more than 100 students, the mainstream media finally took notice. Police swept through the Columbia campus, clearing away the tents and making arrests, mostly for trespass and also obstruction of government administration. More than 100 students were suspended in the immediate aftermath of their arrest. Classes were all moved online.

April 19 Richmond, VA 1 arrest

Women interrupted comedian Chelsea Handler’s show to protest her strong support for Israel’s war on Gaza. Several were escorted out and one was arrested. As one was being led out to jeers from some in the audience, she replied, “You guys should be this angry about genocide, not people standing up.”

April 22 New York, NY 133 arrests

Complaining later that the “press kind of got in the way of our operation,” police broke through a barricade of tables, chairs and even faculty members joined arm in arm to dismantle the encampment at New York University and make arrests. When some people tried to block the buses transporting the arrested students away, police used pepper spray to disperse them. All but four were cited for trespass, and the others were issued summons for resisting arrest and obstruction of governmental administration.

April 22 New Haven, CT 48 arrests

Yale University sent the police in that morning to break up the three-day-old protest camp on the main plaza demanding divestment from weapons makers. All those arrested were cited and released. In the hours after the arrests, hundreds of demonstrators blocked a downtown New Haven intersection.

April 23 Minneapolis, MN 9 arrests

At the University of Minnesota, police dismantled a protest camp hours after it was set up and made arrests for trespass. Late that night, some returned to re-establish the camp but dispersed after being warned of arrest.

April 23 Columbus, OH 2 arrests

Two students were arrested for trespass during what school officials deemed a “disruptive” protest on the Ohio State University campus.

April 23 Brooklyn, NY 300 arrests

Hundreds of Jewish Voice for Peace activists and supporters gathered in Grand Army Plaza, near the home of Senator Schumer, for a Passover Seder. Reports varied on the number of disorderly conduct arrests, from more than 200 to more than 300.

April 23 Columbia, SC 2 arrests

At the University of South Carolina, the chanting of anti-war students disrupted the annual finals week “midnight breakfast.” The protest moved outside and when police moved to arrest the noisemakers, they dispersed. Campus and city police combed the area and finally found two people they recognized from the protest. The pair were apprehended for breach of the peace and taken to the station for processing.

April 24 Austin, TX 57 arrests

Hundreds of state and local police, some on horseback, moved onto the campus of the University of Texas at Austin to forcefully evict demonstrators and arrest dozens, mostly for trespass. Among them was a local Fox TV reporter who troopers pulled to the ground and then took to jail with the others. A school spokesperson said about

half of those arrested were not students. Prosecutors later dropped all charges, noting that, “all 57 lack sufficient probable cause to proceed.”

April 24 Los Angeles, CA 93 arrests

At the University of Southern California, just before lunchtime, police encircled the Alumni Park protest encampment set up earlier in the morning. Orders were given to leave the area or face arrest. Those who did not leave were systematically zip-tied and driven away for processing, to shouts of “Shame! Shame!” from other demonstrators. An attempt to re-establish the encampment later in the day was rebuffed. All were charged with trespass, and one was also charged on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon.

April 24 Boston, MA 118 arrests

City police broke up an Emerson College encampment just off Boston Common in Boylston Place, a narrow passageway partially owned by the college. The city claimed jurisdiction over the area as a public right-of-way.

April 25 Atlanta, GA 28 arrests

In a brutal raid on the encampment at Emory University, police swept in with tear gas, rubber bullets and tasers to clear out demonstrators who had tied their protest of Emory’s complicity in Israel’s war on Gaza to the university’s support for Cop City, a planned police training camp in Atlanta. Administrators said those involved in the camp were “largely not affiliated” with the University, but 20 of those taken to jail in fact did have ties, including three faculty. One professor who was beaten on camera was charged with battery of police. Another, the Chair of the Philosophy Department, Professor Noëlle McAfee, told Democracy Now!, “I saw in front of me a student on the ground with about three or four policemen pummeling the student, just pummeling and pummeling. And I tried to video it. I was standing there about three feet away from it. And it went on for like a minute or two. And then I screamed, “What are you doing?” And then they stopped pummeling the student,



and a policeman stood in front of me and said, “You need to leave.” And I felt like the person who just needed to stay and witness what had just happened, and so I stood there, several feet away. And then he started dragging me off and putting my hands behind my back and took me in.”

April 25 Princeton, NJ 2 arrests

At Princeton University, two graduate students were quickly arrested in McCosh Courtyard when police interrupted establishment of a protest camp and the two refused to remove their tents. They were charged with trespass.

April 25 Bloomington, IL 33 arrests

Police dismantled the encampment on the campus of Indiana University Bloomington, and took 33 people to jail for trespass and resisting law enforcement. All were released on a promise to appear. In June, charges against all but one of those arrested here on April 25 and 27 were dropped. A student is charged with felony battery for biting an officer.

April 25 Columbus, OH 38 arrests

Two students were arrested for chanting too loudly outside Ohio State University buildings on “reading day”, and 36 others that night for trespass, hours after establishing an encampment. Sixteen were current undergrad or graduate students.

April 25 New York, NY 1 arrest

City University of New York campus police observed a ceasefire graffitist using washable chalk on campus and followed her off campus, accosted the Palestinian Muslim woman and turned her over to New York City police who charged her with a felony.

April 25 Indianapolis, IN 14 arrests

A morning ceasefire protest blocked streets near the Indiana governor’s residence, leading to arrests for obstructing traffic.

April 26 Champagne-Urbana, IL 2 arrests

Police moved quickly on a protest encampment being set up in the early morning at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. As tents were removed, George Vassilatos went limp when police removed him from demonstrators who had linked arms together, and had to be carried away. He was arrested for felony “mob action” and obstructing police, and was cited and released. Chris Zelle was also arrested later that evening on campus after police recognized him from the encounter that morning, and charged him with felony mob action and two counts of aggravated battery against a cop. Zelle was jailed over the weekend awaiting arraignment, then released.

April 26 Tempe, AZ 3 arrests

Students began setting up camp on the campus of Arizona State University, leading to three arrests and foreshadowing the mass arrests the next day.

April 26 Denver, CO 44 arrests

The Auraria campus in downtown Denver is shared by the University of Colorado Denver, Community College of Denver and Metropolitan State University of Denver. Student ceasefire protesters who began setting up prohibited tents on the Tivoli Quad, calling on the University of Colorado to “divest from genocide”, were arrested for trespass after they refused to remove the tents. “I think we need to be occupying more spaces, disrupting more events because every day that passes hundreds of people die and that’s our tax dollars,” one student told reporters. “The more that we can get out and disrupt business as usual until the U.S. pulls their support from this genocide, the better.”

April 26 Storrs, CT 1 arrest

University of Connecticut police arrested one man for interfering with an officer during a campus demonstration.

April 26 Detroit, MI 1 arrest

About 50 students disrupted a Wayne State University Board of Governors meeting demanding divestment from Israel’s war machine with banners and chants of “We will not rest until you divest!” Many were pushed out of the room and an Oakland Community College student was arrested for disorderly conduct. “They can do whatever they want, attack us, tear down our tents, lock us up and even point their sniper rifles at us from the rooftops,” the arrested student said after release from jail. “But one thing’s for sure, they can never, ever stop our fight for a free Palestine. We won’t give up, no matter what they throw at us.”

April 27 Boston, MA 98 arrests

State police took down a two-day-old encampment at Northeastern University. Students showing university ID were released; others were charged with disorderly conduct and trespass.

April 27 Tempe, AZ 72 arrests

Following three ceasefire protest arrests earlier in the day at Arizona State University, police made most arrests after campers ignored multiple orders to disperse. Sprinklers went on all around the protesters after the first arrests, but police denied knowing who turned them on. One active-duty U.S. Marine was among those arrested, and some arrestees were held for more than 24 hours. Four Muslim women had their hijabs forcibly removed in public during their arrests. Twenty students among those arrested were suspended and lost an emergency federal court bid to overturn the disciplinary action. They could not complete their courses, or in one case, graduate.

April 27 Bloomington, IL 24 arrests

After tents and canopies were set up on the campus of Indiana University Bloomington the night before, officials again called in state police to prevent an indefinite occupation. Arrests were made for trespass and resisting law enforcement. In June, charges against all but one of those arrested here on April 25 and 27 were dropped.

April 27 St. Louis, MO 100 arrests

Police aggressively cleared out a new encampment on Dunn Meadow at Washington University, and were seen on video pushing their bicycles against protesters, pulling some to the ground and beating a professor. The Green

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Party 2024 presidential candidate Jill Stein was among those arrested.

April 27 Fredericksburg, VA 12 arrests

Students set up tents at the University of Mary Washington the day before, agreeing to take them down that night and return the next day. On Saturday night, some refused to break camp at the end of the day and were arrested for trespass, including nine students.

April 28 New Orleans, LA 12 arrests

Five officers claimed injury as they broke up an evening protest in Jackson Square. Charges of trespass, hate crime on law enforcement, aggravated battery of an officer, resisting an officer by force or violence and interfering with a law enforcement investigation have been filed.

April 28 Atlanta, GA 6 arrests

Six people were arrested for graffiti and other vandalism at Emory University. None were students.

April 28 Blacksburg, VA 82 arrests

Students and community members calling for Virginia Tech University to divest from companies supporting the Israeli military were arrested for trespass when they refused to leave the campus protest. Most agreed to pre-trial diversion, performing community service and paying a \$99 fine to have their case dismissed.

April 28 Pittsburgh, PA 2 arrests

A campus divestment protest went on for several days until Pittsburgh University tried to move it back on to city streets and sidewalks, leading to two arrests for trespass.

April 29 Princeton, NJ 13 arrests

Five undergrads, six graduate students, one postdoctoral researcher and one person not affiliated with Princeton University occupied Clio Hall for more than two hours while hundreds rallied in support outside, linking arms around the building doors. When the first two arrested were brought out and put in a nearby university bus, the crowd banged on the bus, cracking a window and chanting "Admin, Admin, talk to us, we hate your fucking bus." Those arrested were cited for trespass and barred from campus pending disciplinary proceedings.

April 29 Austin, TX 79 arrests

Protesters returning to the University of Texas were quickly greeted by dozens of cops, many in riot gear. Police loaded up the first van load of arrestees, but protesters blocked its path. Police first used pepper spray to begin pushing the crowd back, followed by two flash-bang grenades that finally cleared the way. Most of those arrested were charged with trespass. Two people were additionally charged, one with obstructing a highway and the other for interfering with public duties. Police accused a Fox 7 photojournalist of felony assault but that was soon dismissed. The district attorney said his initial review of probable cause affidavits showed more substance than those from the mass arrests on April 24 that he had dismissed, and meet the standard of probable cause.

April 29 Albuquerque, NM 16 arrests

Police clashed overnight with a group of students, former students and community members occupying the University of New Mexico Student Union, leading to arrests for trespass and wrongful use of public property.

April 29 New Orleans, LA 6 arrests

Protesters began to set up a small camp on Tulane University's Gibson Lawn, defended with a human chain. University police made arrests for trespass, battery of an officer and resisting arrest.

April 29 Gainesville, FL 9 arrests

The University of Florida got the book thrown at students arrested in a clash with police after being warned to disband their occupation of a plaza. Those arrested were variously charged with failure to obey a lawful command, resisting without violence, trespassing, battery on a law enforcement officer and wearing a hood or mask on public property. "The University of Florida is not a daycare, and we do not treat protesters like children – they knew the rules, they broke the rules and they'll face the consequences," read their public statement.

April 29 Tampa, FL 3 arrests

Once the tents started going up, campus police at the University of South Florida used tear gas to break up a midday protest that administrators said was causing a disruption, leading to trespass arrests.

April 29 Athens, GA 16 arrests

University of Georgia campus police learned in the early morning that an encampment was being set up. They responded quickly and ordered the group to disperse. The protesters instead linked arms and stayed until police made arrests for trespass. All were cited and released from jail that night, and the nine undergraduate students were suspended by the University.



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April 29 Salt Lake City, UT 21 arrests

An encampment at the University of Utah ended violently after dark as 100+ police in riot gear from five agencies charged in to make arrests. Students were pushed down with shields and some dragged away to be charged with unlawful assembly.

April 29 Richmond, VA 13 arrests

Police used tear gas to evict the camp at Virginia Commonwealth University, arresting six students and others for unlawful assembly and trespass. The students were subject to school disciplinary proceedings.

April 29 Cleveland, OH 20 arrests

Campus police at Case Western Reserve University "detained" students who tried to pitch tents on the Kelvin Smith Library oval lawn in the center of campus. Negotiation led to other forms of continuing protest and no charges were filed.

April 30 Salt Lake City, UT 1 arrest

Barred from the University of Utah campus and not to be intimidated, protesters gathered outside the city jail. One student organizer was arrested at the jail for participation in the campus protest the day before, and charged with trespassing, failure to disperse and disorderly conduct.

April 30 Tampa, FL 10 arrests

Late in the afternoon, University of South Florida police broke up a nascent encampment by 80-100 students in violation of school rules. Many of the protesters linked arms in a tight knot behind plywood sheets and chanted "hold the line" before police used tear gas to send some scattering. Those arrested were charged with trespass and released.

April 30 Flagstaff, AZ 24 arrests

Arrests for trespass were made after an overnight protest on the campus of the University of Northern Arizona.

April 30 New York, NY 173 arrests

New York City police were called in to break up demonstrations and the Gaza Solidarity Encampment on the City College campus. Most of those arrested were cited and released, but 22 of 28 who attempted to occupy a building on campus were initially charged with burglary. Seven later had the burglary charges dropped. Of the remaining six, five were charged with felony assault and one was charged with misdemeanor criminal possession of a weapon.

April 30 New York, NY 112 arrests

New York City cops were called to Columbia University for the second time in two weeks, this time on the 56th anniversary of the now-celebrated mass arrests of Vietnam War protesters who had shut down campus. Reporters, even Columbia student reporters, were barred from the private campus as police evicted those who had occupied Hamilton Hall. They'd renamed it Hind Hall after a young girl killed with her family in Gaza as she spoke with aid workers by phone who recorded her chilling testimony. Arrests were made inside and outside

of the building, and police gave some non-students a chance to leave campus or face arrest for trespass. Others face possible charges of burglary and criminal mischief.

April 30 Arcata, CA 31 arrests

Anti-war activists who occupied a building at the California Polytechnic University Humboldt were cleared out in an early morning police action, after hundreds of supporters had demonstrated all night outside the building, defying threats of tear gas and rubber bullets.

In addition to disciplinary actions against the students, those arrested face charges including unlawful assembly, vandalism, conspiracy and assault of police officers.

April 30 Tallahassee, FL 5 arrests

Arrests for trespass came soon and without incident after several tents were set up on Landis Green at Florida State University. All were barred from campus for one year, including two students who could then not participate in their commencement ceremony.

April 30 Raleigh, NC 1 arrest

After an hour, police ordered demonstrators to leave the campus of the University of North Carolina Greensboro, then arrested the woman using the megaphone, a graduate of the university.

April 30 Storrs, CT 25 arrests

After five days, the University of Connecticut student encampment had grown to about 20 tents. After multiple warnings that their tents were a stake too far outside campus free speech boundaries, arrests of 24 students

and one former student were made for disorderly conduct and trespass.

April 30 Chapel Hill, NC 36 arrests

Protesters at the center of the Triangle Gaza Solidarity Encampment at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill were arrested after the administration said they were violating campus rules. All were cited for trespass and most were released on site, but six facing additional charges of resisting, obstructing and delaying law enforcement were taken to court first, and two of those were also charged with assaulting a cop.

May 1 New Orleans, LA 14 arrests

Six students from Tulane and Loyola Universities were among those arrested by a police SWAT team that moved before dawn against the two-day-old encampment. It was dismantled and arrests for trespass were made.

May 1 Tucson, AZ 4 arrests

Police in riot gear used tear gas and rubber bullets against hundreds of demonstrators in the predawn hours to evict the ceasefire encampment on the University of Arizona Mall.

May 1 New York, NY 15 arrests

Anti-war protesters were arrested after pushing their way inside a building and setting up tents at Fordham University.

May 1 Dallas, TX 17 arrests

The protest camp at the University of Dallas blocked a main walkway, and those who did not move when officials gave a written warning were arrested and held overnight. Dozens of supporters vigiled outside the jail.

May 1 Hanover, NH 89 arrests

As the May Day Labor for Liberation Celebration on the Dartmouth University campus wound down, a group of people started to set up tents on the main lawn and were soon chanting "Divest not Arrest!" as police moved in aggressively to make mass arrests. When Annelise Orleck, former head of Jewish Studies, started taking videos of the arrests, police grabbed her phone and pushed her down when she reached to take it back. Despite wearing press ID, a student reporter witnessing her arrest was also arrested, as was a student editor. Charges of trespass and resisting arrest were filed.

May 1 Buffalo, NY 15 arrests

Over 200 faculty signed a letter condemning the State University of New York at Buffalo's arrest of seven students and others for loitering, disorderly conduct and trespass. They wrote in part that, "The gathering was entirely peaceful and students were well organized. When told that erecting tents for an encampment would lead to their arrest, students reorganized the gathering immediately to comply with the policy... The sundown deadline for arrest coincided with Maghrib, Muslim evening prayer, which police seemed unaware of until informed by the protesters. The rules about student protests were being updated in real time on the day of the protest, appearing discriminatory and making it difficult for even the most informed students to comply."

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May 1 Durham, NH 12 arrests

Ten students were among those arrested for disorderly conduct and trespass at the University of New Hampshire.

May 1 Madison, WI 34 arrests

Police evicted the encampment on the University of Wisconsin Library Mall, injuring some. Four were charged with attempting to disarm a police officer, resisting arrest, attempted escape and battery to a police officer. Others were arrested for disorderly conduct and trespass, and some were released without citations.

May 1 New Haven, CT 4 arrests

After an evening rally, Yale University police split the departing crowd, in the process tackling two non-students who objected, and subduing with excessive force while arresting them. A student was arrested as soon as he asked a lieutenant whether the protesters could disperse in front of Sterling Memorial Library. Another student wearing a vest designating them as a police liaison asked why the first student was being arrested despite the protest dispersing. They were also arrested. All were charged with trespass and disorderly conduct, and one also for interfering with police.

May 2 Portland, OR 31 arrests

Two days into a campus occupation, Portland police forced their way through barricades and across floors slicked with paint and soap into the Portland State University library. Their use of tear gas sent occupiers fleeing. Six students were among the 24 arrested. Protesters returned to re-occupy the library at 5 p.m., using police fencing set up earlier in the day to barricade themselves. More arrests resulted, and charges including trespass, resisting arrest, interfering with an officer, harassment, assault and burglary have been lodged.

May 2 Stony Brook, NY 29 arrests

Administrators at the State University of New York Stony Brook decided that peaceful protests had escalated to include intimidation, harassment and tents, so police arrested students, faculty and others. In June, 27 agreed to dismissal of their disorderly conduct charges after six months arrest-free.

May 2 New Paltz, NY 133 arrests

A student encampment had been up less than 36 hours on the State University of New York New Paltz when police with dogs and batons attacked. Many locked arms, and two people were knocked unconscious as police forcefully pulled them apart and made arrests for trespass. Possessions were bulldozed as the area was cleared.

May 2 Los Angeles, CA 209 arrests

In the early morning, hundreds of police dismantled the latest protest camp at the University of California Los Angeles. They launched flares overhead and fired rubber bullets at demonstrators, arresting people for failure to disperse and taking them to the jail downtown for processing and release. Less than two days earlier, the camp had been attacked by counter-demonstrators who assaulted protesters for hours as police looked on and made no arrests that day.

May 2 Notre Dame, IN 17 arrests

Occupation Free Notre Dame activists were arrested following a meeting with officials who refused to discuss their demands to divest and more. They remained on campus after being told their protest must end by 10 p.m., and were arrested for trespass. The group pointed out that university investments in major arms makers "completely violate all seven principles of Catholic Social Teachings and the guidelines laid out by the United States Conference on Catholic Bishops Socially Responsible Investing Guidelines."

May 2 Knoxville, TN 9 arrests

Seven students and two other ceasefire demonstrators were arrested for trespass when they refused to leave the grounds of the University of Tennessee Knoxville law school.

May 2 Purchase, NY 68 arrests

After 10 p.m. quiet hour on campus, and just hours after it began, police noisily broke up a peaceful demonstration on the quad of the State University of New York Purchase, arresting students and faculty for trespass and taking them away in handcuffs. Many were arrested without incident, but police did not hesitate to throw others onto the ground and tables, injuring some. The University later offered disciplinary amnesty to students who don't violate the rules of conduct in the future. Many later agreed to pretrial diversion and dismissal of the trespass charge.

May 3 New York, NY 43 arrests

New York City police were called in to arrest protesters who'd camped inside tents at the New School for Social Research for a week.

May 3 New York, NY 13 arrests

New York police cleared out a follow-up ceasefire and divestment encampment at New York University.

May 3 Ann Arbor, MI 1 arrest

One person was arrested when police clashed with 200 demonstrators outside an awards dinner at the University of Michigan Museum.

May 4 Charlottesville, VA 27 arrests

The University of Virginia policy on tents was changed without notice at 11 a.m., and police clashed with campers who were surrounded yet refused to leave. Chemical irritants were used and arrests made for trespass. Some charges have since been dismissed or deferred, but six people await a preliminary hearing July 16 before deciding whether to go to trial.

May 4 Chicago, IL 68 arrests

Dozens of students and others face charges of criminal damage and/or trespass after the encampment outside the Art Institute of Chicago was cleared by police.

May 6 New York, NY 27 arrests

When Hunter College announced classes were going remote due to widespread protest, students poured out of campus to join more than 1,000 demonstrators marching down Madison Avenue for the "Day of Rage for Gaza: From the Encampments to the Streets." Police tried in vain to keep the march from spilling onto Fifth Avenue and disrupting the annual Met Gala taking place there. Most of those arrested were cited for disorderly conduct, while six face various other charges including resisting arrest, obstruction of justice, trespass, menacing, harassment and attempted assault.

May 6 San Diego, CA 66 arrests

With just ten minutes warning to leave, police from three agencies quickly took down tents and made unlawful assembly arrests at the University of California San Diego. Clashes with police ensued near the library as demonstrators tried to block police buses from leaving with arrestees. Two faculty and 60 students were among those arrested. Prosecutors do not intend to bring charges for 62 people represented by the National Lawyer's Guild.



University of Virginia at Charlottesville – May 4

May 6 Los Angeles, CA 44 arrests

Early in the morning, university police arrested 35 students and others for conspiracy to commit burglary when they were found in a University of California Los Angeles parking garage, preparing for a sit-in at Moore Hall. A journalist was also arrested and fingerprinted then released without charges, and a prominent police critic live-streamed his own arrest and eventual release without charge.

May 7 New York, NY 50 arrests

The last of the New York City university ceasefire encampments was roused from the Fashion Institute of Technology, with arrests for trespass.

May 7 Denver, CO 14 arrests

As finals were underway and an encampment continued on the Tivoli Quad, students occupied the first floor of the aerospace and engineering sciences building on the Auraria campus, where another entire floor is dedicated to Lockheed Martin's work. They demanded disclosure of details of that arrangement and a conversation with the president of Metropolitan State University of Denver. When they refused to vacate the

building, they were arrested for trespass and released. Later in the day the University made public all of their investments, one goal of the student protests.

May 7 Lawrence, KS 1 arrest

One person refused to leave their tent on the University of Kansas campus, and was arrested for interfering with law enforcement.

May 7 Amherst, MA 130 arrests

The second encampment at the University of Massachusetts was forcefully taken down by campus and state police, with mass arrests for trespass, rioting, failure to disperse and resisting arrest.

May 7 Charlotte, NC 1 arrest

An 18-year-old man was arrested in the morning when police took down the encampment on the University of North Carolina Charlotte campus. James Farrell was charged with resisting a public officer and disorderly conduct on school grounds, and barred from campus. Released a few hours later, he was again arrested protesting at the school. This time he was held overnight for trespass, and released on bond the next day.

May 8 Houston, TX 2 arrests

Students were arrested when University of Houston police took down the tents that had been pitched overnight for 60 students protesting the Israel-Hamas war. One was charged with felony assault on police, and another with misdemeanor trespass. Both were released that evening.

May 8 Washington, DC 33 arrests

Police used pepper spray and arrests to clear out the two-week-old encampment on the George Washington University campus, just as the mayor of Washington was due to be grilled by hostile lawmakers in Congress over the city's response to the protests. That hearing was canceled after the crackdown.

May 9 Washington, DC 1 arrest

Chanting demonstrators returned to the George Washington University campus and a large D.C. police force assembled nearby. One person was arrested for throwing a water bottle at police. After multiple warnings, demonstrators dispersed around midnight.

May 9 Calgary, AB 5 arrests

Police gave a warning to leave, then late in the evening pushed their way through the encampment at the University of Calgary using flash bang grenades and tear gas. Those arrested were later released, and three were charged with trespass.

May 9 Boston, MA 10 arrests

The day after 23 students were suspended for participation in the Students Against Genocide encampment, graduate and undergraduate students blocked a parking garage at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Police quickly pushed them aside and made arrests.

May 9 Las Cruces, NM 11 arrests

At New Mexico State University, police arrested five students and others protesting the war who refused to leave Hadley Hall. A window was broken during the incident, and various charges included misdemeanor trespass, misdemeanor resisting/obstructing an officer, felony battery of an officer and felony criminal damage. One protester was hospitalized for head injuries.

May 10 Syracuse, NY 1 arrest

Someone who had previously been part of the Gaza Solidarity Encampment at Syracuse University was arrested for trespass when he returned to campus.

May 10 Philadelphia, PA 33 arrests

University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia city police in riot gear took down the 16-day-old encampment and made arrests for defiant trespass.

May 10 Dover, DE 5 arrests

Demonstrators were arrested during a sit-in at the office of U.S. Representative Chris Pappas, seeking a meeting in support of a ceasefire. All pled not guilty to criminal trespass, with trial set for October 29.

May 10 Boston, MA 10 arrests

Police in riot gear encircled the three-week-old encampment at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at 4 a.m., and gave residents 15 minutes to leave. Those who remained were arrested.

May 10 Boise, ID 1 arrest

For five days, people camped on the grounds of an old courthouse near the State Capitol "promoting humanity, a ceasefire and support for Palestine while protesting

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genocide, war and anti-semitism.” Police cleared the area for “maintenance” and arrested one woman who then tried to retrieve property from the site. She initially refused to identify herself and was held overnight on suspicion of obstructing police. She was released on bond the next day.

May 11 Orlando, FL 2 arrests

Police used pepper spray against demonstrators who linked arms to protect an organizer using a megaphone from arrest. Two people were charged with battery of an officer.

May 11 Lake Buena Vista, FL 3 arrests

Police responded to a report of two vehicles sporting “Free Palestine” signs that had blocked westbound I-4 near Disney Springs. The vehicles were towed away and three women face misdemeanor charges of refusal to obey police.

May 11 Cincinnati, OH 2 arrests

Two women, a student and alumnus, protesting outside Xavier University’s commencement event, ignored a police order to move to the designated protest area. They were arrested and charged with felony conspiracy while wearing a disguise (face masks) and misdemeanor trespass, and ordered to stay away from the campus.

May 11 New York, NY 150 arrests

Hundreds of demonstrators blocked traffic on the Manhattan Bridge. Some then blocked buses carrying those arrested off the bridge and were pushed back by police batons and tear gas.

May 13 Denver, CO 10 arrests

Students for a Democratic Society demonstrators demanding disclosure and divestment held a sit-in at the bursar’s office at the University of Colorado Denver’s Auraria campus. They were cited and released by campus police.

May 14 Denver, CO 12 arrests

More arrests were made at the Gaza Solidarity Encampment on the Auraria campus downtown.

May 15 Irvine, CA 47 arrests

The encampment at the University of California Irvine was removed, leading to the arrest of 26 students, five faculty and staff and 19 community members, most for failure to disperse and others for trespass. Dr. Tiffany Willoughby-Herard, an associate professor of African American Studies, said that she stood with the students because Americans “cannot have a genocidal foreign policy in a democracy. These young people are going to be the ones that have to pay the price for these horrible decisions. What job do I have if the students don’t have a future?”

May 15 Grand Rapids, MI 4 arrests

When about 100 marchers took to the street through downtown, police appeared to wait until it was almost over before targeting three organizers wearing high visibility vests for arrest on charges of obstructing police in the course of refusing a lawful order.

May 15 Albuquerque, NM 7 arrests

The encampment at the University of New Mexico was taken down, leading to the arrest of at least two students and a reporter and photographer. They were held for 12 hours on charges of trespass and wrongful use of public property.

May 16 Berkeley, CA 12 arrests

Arrests for vandalism, burglary and conspiracy were made when police from 20 different agencies joined up to remove occupiers from a building on the University of California campus that was boarded up after a fire two years ago. At least one student was among those arrested.

May 16 Chicago, IL 2 arrests

About 5:30 a.m., a last warning was given before hundreds of Chicago police in riot gear began to dismantle the 17-day-old protest encampment on the DePaul University Quad. Students scattered to avoid arrest as their tents and tables were bulldozed away, and plywood barricades were replaced by fences to prevent protesters from returning to the area. A student and a former student were arrested for obstructing traffic.

May 18 Brooklyn, NY 41 arrests

Video documented police confronting a march through the Bay Ridge area, shoving and punching people and injuring both press and demonstrators. Two people were arrested on charges of assault and resisting arrest, 15 more were ticketed for resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, and 24 for disorderly conduct only.

May 18 Philadelphia, PA 19 arrests

Protesters tried to occupy Fisher-Bennett Hall at the

University of Pennsylvania, then clashed with police outside and on streets near campus after the building was cleared. A dozen people, students and others, were cited for failure to disperse and released, and seven were held for arraignment on felony charges, including one for assaulting an officer.

May 19 Austin, TX 2 arrests

Several thousand people marched through downtown Austin on a weekend Nakba commemoration. One arrest was made for flying a drone over the Capitol grounds, and another for failure to obey and resisting arrest.

May 19 Detroit, MI 10 arrests

A youth-led civil rights group and another opposing police brutality joined up for ceasefire protest marches while President Biden visited Detroit. Police responded aggressively, pushing barricades against the marchers, throwing some to the ground and using tasers while making arrests. Those arrested were all cited and released, including one charged with felony assault of an officer.

May 20 San Francisco, CA 1 arrest

Ceasefire demonstrators were outside the Harvard Club in San Francisco where Rep. Nancy Pelosi was being honored at an event. One person was arrested after entering the hall and disrupting the event, while another who did so was escorted outside but not arrested.

May 21 Washington, DC 1 arrest

A CodePink activist was arrested after leaving a congressional hearing where she had briefly held up her hands, painted red, as she passed behind the witness, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken. Such non-disruptive protest has usually been tolerated during CodePink’s frequent, visible and at times disruptive anti-war presence at such hearings.



Philadelphia – April 15

May 21 Ann Arbor, MI 5 arrests

University officials had police clear the encampment on the University of Michigan Diag at dawn, citing escalating tactics that included fake corpses on the lawns of seven of eight members of the Board of Regents. Those arrested were taken to jail for processing and released.

May 23 San Luis Obispo, CA 8 arrests

A small group used wooden barricades to block an entrance into California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo. Four students, one professor and three others were arrested on various charges including resisting arrest, obstructing an officer, obstructing a road, obstructing free movement, unlawful assembly and two felonies related to removing a person from police custody. Two were cited and released, and the others taken to jail.

May 23 Portland, OR 7 arrests

Three students and four others were arrested during demonstrations at the Neuberger Center on the Portland State University campus. A bus taking arrested demonstrators away from the scene was blocked, leading to clashes with police.

May 29 Ottawa, ON 8 arrests

Anti-war protests at the airport and blockades downtown greeted the CANSEC arms fair. Police made eight arrests and three people were jailed overnight.

May 29 Vancouver, BC 1 arrest

Police made one arrest when the month-long ceasefire demonstration at the University of British Columbia escalated to include a blockade of a major downtown intersection.

May 30 Detroit, MI 12 arrests

Early in the morning, police shut down the encampment at Wayne State University. Those arrested

were released in the afternoon.

May 31 Brooklyn, NY 34 arrests

Within Our Lifetime called on supporters to “flood” and “de-occupy” the Brooklyn Museum with the demand it disclose and divest from investment linked to Israel’s war on Gaza. Guards tried in vain to prevent a surging crowd from entering the building. Police took at least six people into custody on charges ranging from trespass to assault, and others were released after being cited for trespass, graffiti, damaging property and/or resisting arrest.

May 31 Santa Cruz, CA 80 arrests

Fortified encampment barricades blocked the main entrance to the University of California Santa Cruz, disrupting campus operations including access for emergency vehicles. Police in riot gear faced off with protesters linking arms around the encampment before the mass arrests and removal of the tents and supplies.

May 31 East Vancouver, BC 14 arrests

At least 100 anti-war demonstrators blocked mid-day traffic and commercial/commuter railroad tracks at a critical intersection. Arrests were made for mischief and obstruction.

June 2 Pittsburgh, PA 4 arrests

A Gaza Solidarity encampment was re-established outside the Cathedral of Learning at the University of Pittsburgh, with demonstrators quickly erecting wooden barriers around it. Police detained one person bringing food and water to the barricaded activists, and another who intervened in that arrest was arrested for aggravated assault, resisting arrest and obstruction. Weeks later, video evidence led to the arrest of two other men for knocking over police security barriers, breaching police lines and refusing to comply with multiple police orders during the days-long protest.

June 3 San Francisco, CA 70 arrests

Ceasefire demonstrators occupied the building housing Israel’s consulate for hours. One person was cited and released but 69 others were zip-tied and taken to county jail before their release.

June 5 Palo Alto, CA 13 arrests

About 6 a.m., ceasefire protesters broke into and occupied the office of the Stanford University president, demanding divestment, transparency and amnesty for those arrested. Two hours later, supporters surrounded the bus taking away those who had been arrested inside, and had to be moved as well.

June 6 Toronto, ON 1 arrest

About 40 demonstrators left the York University encampment when police gave the order to go, but one person returned and was ticketed.

June 6 Milwaukee, WI 7 arrests

Protesters interrupting the Board of Regents meeting at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee were arrested for disorderly conduct after refusing an order to leave.

June 6 Montreal, QC 15 arrests

Police in riot gear used chemical irritants to forcefully evict an occupation of a McGill University building, arresting two for obstructing police and 13 for breaking and entering.

June 6 Northampton, MA 4 arrests

After three hours of cutting, drilling and grinding, police arrested anti-war protesters who had locked onto a pickup truck filled with concrete, blocking the gates of the L3 Harris arms plant. They were held overnight before being arraigned on charges of disturbing the peace, trespass, resisting arrest and interfering with police. They all pled not guilty and were released with conditions pending trial.

June 6 Minneapolis, MN 5 arrests

Three adults and two juveniles were caught spraypainting anti-war graffiti outside a downtown speech by a former Israeli prime minister.

June 8 Toronto, ON 4 arrests

When police saw a woman painting slogans on the road during a demonstration, she was arrested for mischief and property damage. Three people intervened in her arrest and were also taken into custody for obstructing, and in one case also assaulting police.

June 8 Boston, MA 2 arrests

After 60 pro-Palestinian groups asked local Gay Pride Parade organizers to stop accepting donations from corporations tied to Israel, protesters who temporarily

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Mother's Day at Bangor Nuclear Sub Base

from the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action

On May 12, as part of a weekend-long Mother's Day gathering at the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, six activists were detained and cited for blocking traffic entering Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor during a peaceful vigil and nonviolent direct action.

While others maintained a vigil along the roadside at the Bangor Main Gate, the six entered the roadway, temporarily blocking access to the Trident nuclear submarine base. Washington State Patrol officers removed the protesters from the roadway and issued citations for Pedestrian in Roadway Illegally.

Those cited are Gilberto Perez, Sue Ablao, Carolee Flaten, Caroline Wildflower, Michael Siptroth and Mack Johnson.

Activists started gathering on Saturday to share meals and discuss abolishing nuclear weapons. A discussion was led by Naiome Krienke, from Longhouse for the People, on indigenous ways of peace and raising children. Naiome is a Chemakum, rebuilding her people one longhouse at a time and with a desire for us all to live in harmony with each other and nature.

Nuclear weapons abolitionist Ward Hayes Wilson addressed the group by video, and led a discussion about the very real possibility of abolishing nuclear weapons. While these discussions were going on, activists prepared paper poppies and placed them along the Ground Zero Center's shared fence line with the base to spell out "LET GAZA LIVE!", while others planted sunflowers, poppies, and other plants in a peace garden.

The weekend was capped on Sunday with a gathering for breakfast, morning discernment and training on nonviolence and nonviolent resistance. Afterwards the activists marched in silence to the beat of a lone drum, in solidarity with all the mothers and their families lost to war and famine, down to the Bangor Main Gate. Bangor's role in the war machine is to maintain and supply submarines with the power to destroy the world many times over.

The Bangor base is homeport to eight of the U.S. Navy's 14 Ohio Class Trident ballistic missile

Shutting Down Drone Warfare at Holloman AFB



Holloman Air Force Base – April 24

photo via Shut Down Drone Warfare

The Shut Down Drone Warfare Coalition brought about three dozen people to Alamogordo, New Mexico April 20-27 to take part in Stop Killer Drones Action Week at nearby Holloman Air Force Base. The base is now home to the largest military drone training program in the U.S.

Twice-daily vigils with large banners and signs greeted hundreds of cars during the morning and evening rush hours. For this year's event, the messaging highlighted the destruction of Gaza, where drones of many types play a vital role in Israel's deadly assault. Attendees from four states created the banners and props together, and shared a simple breakfast and dinner each day. Between vigils and in the evenings, they hiked in the area, made music together and joined a special teach-in about Uganda, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Students and faculty from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces led a midday ceasefire rally on Friday in downtown Alamogordo, then joined the final afternoon vigil at the base.

On Wednesday morning, April 24, the training for drone warfare at Holloman was interrupted by nonviolent blockades at two gates. At the commercial West Gate, five

submarines. The other six are based at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay in Kings Bay, Georgia. The Bangor base represents the largest operational concentration of nuclear weapons in the world.

For more information, visit gzcenter.org.

people blocked the road for about 20 minutes, then ended their blockade after a police warning. They joined others at the main gate, some of whom had stopped traffic with a large banner imploring, "Drone Pilots Refuse to Fly." No warning was given before police there moved in to quickly arrest Toby Blomé, Ray Cage, Virginia Haufaire, John Reese, Natasha Robinson and Denise Sellers on a charge of blocking the road. They were held at the police station for a few hours, arraigned in court and released.

The Otero County District Attorney brought just one of the defendants to trial via video on May 29. Denise Sellers was in the defendant's screen from San Diego, and she agreed to do four hours of community service in her own community and make a \$50 payment to an Otero County "crime-stoppers" group.

HOLLOMAN UPDATE

Five people arrested at the first Holloman blockade in April, 2023 wanted a full trial and had expert defense witnesses lined up to testify online. But after six months of legal wrangling with three different prosecutors, three judges and three on-line trial dates postponed, it hadn't happened by early October when the latest prosecutor successfully moved instead for an in-person trial. It was difficult for the defendants to justify the time and travel costs of attending a mid-winter trial in New Mexico, and they were each now involved in protesting U.S. support for the assault on Gaza. When the prosecutor offered successively better plea deals, the defendants agreed to an online Plea and Disposition hearing that took place on February 5. After hearing a statement from each of the defendants about why they acted against the crimes of drone warfare, Judge Greene sentenced Elliott Adams, Richard Bishop, Toby Blomé, Michael Kerr and Ken Mayers to 30 days, 29 days suspended and credit for time served on the day of their arrest. He then noted that the value of one day in jail being \$288, it would cover the court fee and any fine he might impose. They were stunned, but free to go off.

For more information, visit www.shutdowndronewarfare.org.

WRITING (JUST OUT) FROM PRISON

~ from home confinement

March 5, 2024

by Daniel Hale

In February, I was released from federal prison, having served 33 months for a violation of the Espionage Act, after I disclosed classified information detailing what I saw as the high moral cost of America's drone assassination program. Before having time to adjust to the world beyond concrete walls, I was struck by the news of Special Counsel Robert Hur's report wherein he lays out the reasons he decided not to charge President Joe Biden for alleged violations of the same law.

I am always encouraged to hear whenever the Justice Department decides against using the Espionage Act. By the time the ink of the 1917 law had dried, it was already being used to silence voices of dissent across the country. Thousands were rounded up and summarily convicted for their opposition to America's involvement in the bloodiest conflict in human history at the time.

While some of the worst aspects of the law have since been amended, the Espionage Act remains the premier criminal statute for prosecuting government sources who rely upon the press to expose secret government abuses to the public. The decision by Justice Department officials to go after government whistleblowers with the Espionage Act has been a part of a concerted effort to signal clearly that the next person who dares speak with a reporter could find themselves facing decades of incarceration.

After reading Special Counsel Hur's report, I was curious to find the similarities between my case and that of the investigation into the president. According to the report, President Biden kept classified information outside of a secure facility at his home and office – as did I. The president later spoke with a reporter about the classified information he retained – again, as did I.

Both President Biden and I expressed to our respective reporters the concerns we had about official U.S. policy – his about the failed 2009 surge in Afghanistan (as vice president) and mine about the consequences of that policy. So why the decision to prosecute one and not the other?

According to Hur, the president would have been seen as too sympathetic to convince a jury of fault in this case. That Hur believes Biden is a well-meaning individual who did not intend any harm by his actions is a good reason for not charging him. Now contrast that with what the government said about me at my sentencing, accusing me of endangering the public and likening me to a heroin dealer. I was portrayed not as someone with good intentions, but as someone who tried to "ingratiate himself with reporters" for the sake of notoriety, as opposed to acting in the public interest.

Hur goes on to cleverly dodge the matter of intent where the Espionage Act is concerned. Counterintuitively, the law does not require proof of intent to harm the United States – only evidence that the unauthorized possessor of national defense information knowingly retains it and willfully communicates it to someone not entitled to receive it.

Prosecutors usually prove this by pointing to the stacks of nondisclosure agreements every clearance holder must sign in order to remain employed. Being elected, Biden might never have had to sign such an agreement, but – his degree of sympathy aside – it would not have taken much to prove that he knew the disclosure of classified information to be unlawful.

Nevertheless, Biden is let off the hook because he did not mean any harm. In contrast, the government's pretrial motions in my case argued that I not be allowed to present evidence of what it called my "good motives". Afraid my motives might make me appear too sympathetic to a jury, I – like every other whistleblower before me – was rendered effectively defenseless because of a legal technicality in the way the law is written. Given no other choice, I was forced to plead out to avert a costly, unwinnable trial.

THE INSIDE LINE



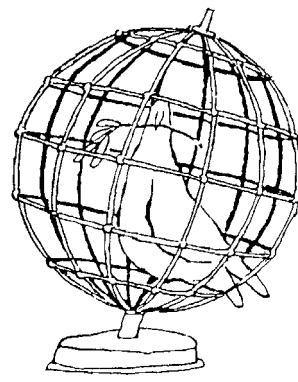
All told, the guilt I professed for willfully delivering national defense information to a journalist was nothing compared to the immense shame I felt for willfully participating in the drone program. In 2021, scarcely weeks after I was sentenced to federal prison, Zemari Ahmadi and nine members of his family, most of them small children, were the victims of a mistaken U.S. drone strike. The Pentagon called it a "righteous strike" before the truth forced them to quietly back away and conduct an internal investigation in which it found no one to be at fault for the innocent lives that were taken.

To this day, I am the only person to have worked in the drone program to have been held responsible. Not for my role in it, but for my effort to reveal the deadly truth of it to the public with the help of a journalist.

I am sincerely glad President Biden was able to receive what so many others in the cross-hairs of the Espionage Act have been denied – the benefit of the doubt. But if Joe Biden truly wishes to convey the kind of ideals that helped secure his presidency in the first place, he would utilize his power as president to pardon the whistleblowers and cease the global war on terror policy of "targeted" killing.

[Drone war whistleblower Daniel Hale has been serving time on home confinement since release from prison in February, and will complete his sentence on July 5. This opinion essay was originally published by AlJazeera.com.]

INTERNATIONAL NOTES



Holy Innocents, Then and Now

10 Downing St. London

Christians on both sides of the Atlantic observed December 28 with nonviolent direct action decrying the modern-day slaughter of innocents in the Holy Land and beyond. In the liturgical calendar, the date commemorates King Herod's Massacre of the Innocents, as described in the New Testament Book of Matthew.

Outside Downing Street and the Prime Minister's home in London, Chris Cole and Virginia Moffat poured fake blood and left bloody hand prints on the gate, then held signs declaring "Blood on Your Hands" and "Stop the Slaughter".

In a public statement, the married couple from Dorset said:

Britain's and Israel's justification for this slaughter is that Israel is acting in "self-defense." That the deaths of innocents are to be regretted, but Israel must be allowed to act in its own defense. This is nonsense. Again and again, leading international lawyers have clearly stated that "self-defense" cannot justify the slaughter of so many innocent Palestinians.

We cannot help being reminded of the Massacre of the Innocents (Matthew 2:13-18) in the Christian Gospels. King Herod, seeking to secure power, ordered the deaths of all the infants in and around Bethlehem. For many years, this occasion has been chosen by Christians involved in work for peace and justice to draw attention to the suffering and deaths of innocent people as a result of war and injustice.

As bombs rain down on Gaza, destroying homes, hospitals, families, schools, cultural centers, mosques, churches and civic buildings, we cannot help but act. By refusing to back a ceasefire, and continuing to supply arms to Israel, our government is complicit with this slaughter.

They were arrested within minutes and held for eight hours before being released on bail, forbidden to carry paint in public and ordered to stay outside of metro London. In court on April 25, they were both found guilty of criminal damage. Cole, who has prior protest convictions, was fined £692 and ordered to pay court costs of £656.34. Moffat, with no priors, was not fined, but was ordered to pay the court £405.34.

The Pentagon

Hours later in Alexandria, Virginia, peacemakers from Catholic Worker communities in Washington, D.C., Norfolk and rural Louisa, Virginia, gathered at the Pentagon to commemorate the day. As part of a litany of song, poetry, Gospel reading and prayer, Bill Frankel-Streit and Kim Williams led a procession from the Pentagon police-designated protest area to the main checkpoint gate of the Pentagon, next to the Metro entrance. Frankel-Streit and Williams proceeded to block this gate holding a banner: "Wounded Knee to GAZA – Stop the Massacre of Innocents!" They both spoke about why they acted as they were given three warnings to leave or be arrested. When they did not comply and leave, they were placed under arrest. After processing by Pentagon police, the two were released and charged with "disobeying a lawful order," a charge that was later dismissed.

Belgium

Greenpeace Belgium activists and allies used fairy costumes and an inflatable castle to tell how "Nuclear Fairytales = Climate Crisis" outside the international Nuclear Energy Summit in Brussels, Belgium on March 19. The summit aimed to accelerate the goal of tripling global nuclear energy capacity by 2050, a goal the protesters denounced as pure fantasy.

It was one of several anti-nuclear actions including banner-hangs and blockades at the summit, which featured heads of state including French President Emmanuel Macron. Macron's press conference had to be postponed due to the protests, which resulted in 18 arrests.

South Korea

Last November, eight South Korean peace activists were found not guilty on appeal of disrupting the DX Korea arms fair in September, 2022. The judge noted that they had purchased their tickets lawfully, the arms fair was already a noisy place when they arrived, yet they had not used amplification of their demonstration, nor made any threatening remarks or actions.

Kenya

Communities in the Uyoambo-Watamu region along Kenya's southern coast are mounting widespread resistance to plans for a new nuclear power plant. The lack of public participation and consent to the project in the rural area, and its likely impact on the UNESCO-recognized bio-diverse area between the Watamu National Marine Park and the Arabuko Sokoke Forest, has fueled opposition that came to a head in late May.

Police accompanied nuclear officials to the Uyoambo Girls Secondary School to install a seismic station, the first construction related to the project. A local woman who questioned officials about proceeding without informing the community was set upon by police and hospitalized with injuries.

Ireland

After almost six years, 25 pretrial hearings and a ten day trial, a Dublin jury of 12 has found that Dan Dowling and Edward Horgan acted with "lawful excuse" when they entered the international airport at Shannon, Ireland and wrote anti-war graffiti on a U.S. Navy aircraft.

Speaking after the trial, a Shannonwatch spokesperson said, "Over three million armed U.S. troops have transited through Shannon Airport since 2001 on their way to illegal wars in the Middle East. This is in violation of Irish neutrality and international laws on neutrality."

Evidence was given in court that Shannon Airport has also been used by the CIA to facilitate its extraordinary rendition program that resulted in the torture of hundreds of prisoners, in breach of Irish laws including the Geneva Conventions (Amendments) Act, 1998, and the Criminal Justice (U.N. Convention Against Torture) Act, 2000. It was pointed out that at least 38 prosecutions of peace activists had taken place since 2001 while no prosecutions or proper investigations had taken place regarding these breaches of Irish law.

Perhaps the most important piece of evidence presented in the case was a 34-page folder containing the names of about 1,000 children who have died in the Middle East. They came from the "Naming the Children" project to document and list as many as possible of the up to one million children who had died as a result of U.S. and NATO led wars in the Middle East since the first Gulf War in 1991.

Spain

Valencia's ExpoJove, a children's and youth fair, bills itself as "an unmissable event for thousands of families during the Christmas period." Attendees on opening day, December 29, 2023 were met at the gate by about 20 members of the Conscientious Objector Movement (MOC), Acció Ecologista-Agró and the Valencia Popular Assembly Against Wars, rallying to denounce the display of military battle tanks in the main exhibit hall. The presence of tanks in a space intended for youth and children "represents a dangerous normalization and a certain apology for violent means of conflict resolution that contradicts ... values enshrined in educational laws," they said.

Inside, two Jejeército (the allied Clandestine and Rebel Army of Clowns or "ha-ha army") climbed on top of the tank and doused it with a bucket of their "artisanal anti-tank pink" paint. The jesters held small signs declaring "War is not a game" and "Weapons do not educate", while other clowns knelt in front of the tank holding signs demanding "Demilitarize ExpoJove".

The two atop the tank were arrested, and a few weeks later testified that this action, like all of those by the Jejeército, was "symbolic, nonviolent, artistic and humorous, planned with care not to provoke a feeling of fear or threat in the people attending and especially in

When a construction crew showed up the next morning, May 21, local opponents turned out in force, engaging police in running clashes while disrupting transportation in the area by blocking roads and leaving bonfires behind. Police fired 137 live rounds and 70 tear gas canisters to suppress the protests. Many injuries were reported and an uncounted number of people were detained. Local Center For Justice, Governance and Environmental Action activists Edward Kitole and Moses Kalume were arrested, beaten and held overnight and charged. Godian Kimbio, an official with the organization, was also arrested and held overnight. All three environmental activists were released on bond the next day.

For more information, visit www.centerforjgea.com.

The folder had been carried into the airport by Horgan as evidence of why they had entered. He read out some of the names of children killed from this list as he gave evidence, including the names of 10 children killed just three months before their peace action in April 2017.

One atrocity listed in Horgan's evidence was the terrorist suicide bombing attack carried out near Aleppo, Syria on April 15, 2017, just ten days before the peace action at Shannon. At least 80 children were killed in horrific circumstances. It was these atrocities that motivated Dowling and Horgan to undertake their peace action on the basis that they had a lawful excuse to try to prevent the use of Shannon Airport in such atrocities and thereby to protect the lives of some of the people, especially children, being killed in the Middle East.

The jury accepted their arguments that they acted with lawful excuse. Judge Martina Baxter gave the defendants the benefit of the Probation Act on the charge of trespass, on condition that they agree to be "Bound to the Peace" for 12 months and make a significant donation to a County Clare charity.

Both peace activists have said they have no problem being "bound to the peace" and making the contribution to charity.

For more information, visit shannonwatch.org.



boys and girls." They are under investigation for causing damages to a military vehicle of €44,000 and insulting the military. Both carry possible prison sentences.

Then in February, the Jejeército tried to give the "recently developed and tested" anti-tank paint to the Port of Sagunto, for a Saudi ship trafficking Spanish arms docked there. They were rebuffed at the gate.

The coordinated anti-militarist campaign has included a number of nonviolent direct actions over the last few years, and amassed more than €7,000 in fines against the groups.

WRITINGS FROM PRISON

~ from USP Coleman

February 6, 2024

My life was taken 48 years ago, at 11:00 a.m. The sweater that my adoptive mother Ethel and her daughter Donna placed on my shoulders as I was taken in the bitter cold of Canada was a kindness that I still remember.

I could not foresee that 48 years later I would be entombed in a lockdown nightmare. I live in lockdown, for no reason other than that they can get away with it.

If I had been tried with the others, I would be a free man. They were rightly found not guilty by reason of self-defense. We were under attack. We were facing the extermination of our people.

Justice never came for those they killed. I was chosen to be the sacrifice to cover up the crimes committed on that reservation. I am not here because I committed a crime. I am here because I stood in the way of their greed and corruption.

James Reynolds, the State Attorney who supervised my prosecution, has admitted that they could not prove I committed any crime. He stated, "We were not able to prove that Mr. Peltier himself committed any offense on the Pine Ridge Reservation."

Time has become so twisted with these lockdowns that night blurs into day, a miasma of time that has no sense to it. All hours are the small hours of the night. Life itself is suspended. We wait for a brief glimpse of what life looks like. We exist in cold, filthy cells, and we wait. The voices of those murdered on Pine Ridge Reservation are a constant echo in my mind.

Time has become a weapon they use to try and annihilate the essence of who I am. They have done their best to break me. They started by holding me in a lightless cell block in Canada, telling me that I was awaiting my execution, to try and force a confession.

But no one can break the spirit of a Sundancer.

I have fought for my freedom every single day of these past 48 years.

You, my people, my supporters, my family in a very real way, lift my spirit and enable me to hold fast to the beliefs they want me to denounce. You get me through these hours that last for days or years.

Keep fighting. Fight the parasitical influence of colonialism. Fight the lies, the greed, the corruption of the oppressor. Fight for the survival of our people.

The greed and corruption of the colonizers is infectious. My own Committee, which has stood behind me and been a training ground for activists for over four decades, was lost to the parasite of greed and corruption the colonizers infected us with.

The very greed and corruption that imprisons me will be the undoing of those who take too much. Power arises from truth, from the willingness to give voice to that truth, from lifting the voices of your brothers and sisters when they speak their truth. Truth is power. That is why they try to silence us, you know. You also know they are losing their ability to silence us.

Take care, my relations. Ask the Creator to set your

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path before you. Live in ceremony. When I choose my actions, I watch carefully to make sure those actions come from spirit, not ego. Sometimes the greatest enemy we will face comes from within. At times I want to lose myself to rage. The rage of being unlawfully imprisoned, the rage that drifts through the air here, a haze you can almost see, that arises from men caged in conditions that would be illegal for dogs.

If I allow that rage to take me, I may never come back. That is not who I am. I know who I am. That is why I am still here – I will not lie, I will not grovel, I will not beg. I will not denounce my beliefs. I will not betray myself.

I know you are out there, my relations, my friends, my supporters. You know the meaning of Mitakuye Oyasin. You give me the courage to stay strong and face these eternal twilight hours of lockdown. I know you are fighting for me, fighting with me, fighting for an end to the oppression and tyranny that take so many of us, in so many ways.

I have heard of a new cry going out. NOT ONE MORE YEAR. It has been said that I am a common man who stood up to an uncommon enemy.

People think of me as a symbol. I suppose I am, but I am a man. A man who wants to go home to his family.

Let this be the year that common sense prevails. Let this be the year that "liberty and justice for all" are not words that ring hollow. Let this be the year that America learns to live up to its own principles.

We will prevail. Our children will know who they are and know they are cherished. All of them, not just a privileged few, while the rest go hungry and lose their connection to Mother Earth. That connection is everything. Never, ever forget who you are. Mother Earth births us. She fires the blood that runs through our veins. She takes us back to her womb when our journey ends.

We will prevail. I can see a world that is not powered by lies, manipulation, greed. This will not happen by magic. We must come together, my brothers and sisters in solidarity, and let our truth illuminate the dark recesses of society.

It is time.

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse.

Doksha,

Leonard Peltier

[Leonard Peltier is serving two life sentences, wrongly convicted for the 1975 deaths of two FBI agents while defending traditional indigenous from threats including uranium mining on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.]

FUTURE ACTIONS

electric boat/ new london

The Atlantic Life Community and friends will return to the General Dynamics' Electric Boat shipyard in New London, Connecticut in September for nonviolent direct action against construction of the new Columbia-class nuclear ballistic missile submarine fleet. Date and time to be determined. For more information, contact Jackie at purplehousecw@gmail.com.

lakenheath, uk

The newly launched Lakenheath Alliance for Peace (LAP) is a coalition of groups that is dedicated to preventing the return of U.S. nuclear weapons to USAF Lakenheath, England. LAP is committed to nonviolent direct action and will host a peace camp near the base July 15-25. A peace walk/bike ride from Norwich Town Hall will depart for the camp on July 13. There will be indoors accommodation as well as camping nearby and a continuous presence at the base throughout. For more information and to register, visit lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk.

disrupt land forces, melbourne

Wage Peace Australia invites participation in dozens of people-powered direct actions at a festival of resistance September 8-14 in Naarm (Melbourne). Land Forces 2024, the southern hemisphere's largest exposition of "harm dealers", will also be setting up shop then. During disruptions of the expo in 2021 and 2022, "people blocked car parks, jumped on tanks, rampaged the streets, harassed the people attending, burst inside, stunk the place out. We rattled chains, we screamed, we sang, we prayed. Disrupt Land Forces!" For more information, visit the Disrupt Wars campaign at www.wagepeaceau.org.

kiel, germany

Resist the new normal of armaments, thousands of deaths, flight and expulsion to gather together with many hundreds of activists from September 3 – 8 for an action camp against war, armament and isolation in Kiel, one of the arms industry and military hotspots in Germany. Create a camp together! Together with international friends and comrades, discuss strategies for the common struggle and carry out direct actions against the military and the arms industry. For more information, visit rheinmetallentwaffnen.noblogs.org.

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blocked the parade with calls for a ceasefire clashed with police.

June 8 Portland, OR 8 arrests

Ceasefire protesters held a die-in on Martin Luther King Boulevard, blocking the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade.

June 10 Los Angeles, CA 27 arrests

Hundreds joined a funeral procession for Gaza's dead through the campus of the University of Southern California. Some clashed with police along the way as they were thwarted from setting up encampments in Dickson Plaza, Kerckhoff Patio and Shapiro Courtyard. Those arrested, including 18 students and two faculty, were cited for willful disruption and released, barred from the campus for 14 days. Earlier in the day another person was arrested on suspicion of interfering with police, cited and released.

June 12 New York, NY 3 arrests

Three people torched U.S. and Israeli flags in front of the barricades outside the building housing Israel's consulate. One man was arrested for reckless endangerment, menacing, disorderly conduct and failure to use a sidewalk, while police seek two others who got away.

June 13 Washington, DC 9 arrests

Outside the office of Senator Chuck Schumer, If Not

Now members protested the invitation for Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu to address Congress.

To be continued in the next issue...

Following are reports of arrests that were not included in the previous issue.

October 12 Toronto, ON 1 arrest

The violent arrest of a protester by Toronto police at a Human Rights Day rally was caught on camera.

October 28 Hanover, NH 2 arrests

Two students calling for Dartmouth College to divest were evicted from their tent and charged with trespass. Trial has been in recess since March over a subpoena for College President Sian Leah Beilock to testify.

November 10 Toronto, ON 3 arrests

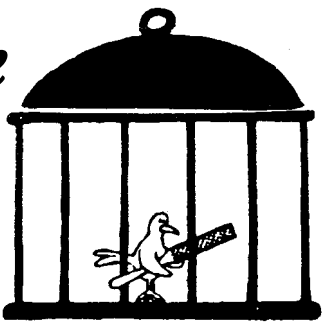
Protesters blockaded four area war industries, including L3 and Lockheed Martin. They were charged with mischief, covering their face while committing an indictable offense and interfering with lawful use of property. They were held two nights before release on bail.

November 13 Toronto, ON 3 arrests

A solidarity protest disrupted Scotiabank's Giller Prize gala, with demonstrators jumping on stage with signs reading "Scotiabank Funds Genocide!"

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RAYTHEON/RTX ARLINGTON: The African-American prosecutor told six people arrested last November serving a Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal subpoena at the war profiteer's main office that he was "not in the business of prosecuting people for exercising their right to free speech," explaining that "several decades ago other people did the same thing and were it not for them I would not be where I am today"...

MORDECHAI VANUNU: April 21 marked 20 years since the Israeli nuclear whistleblower was released from prison. He served a full 18 year sentence for sharing photographic evidence and first-hand testimony confirming Israel's nuclear weapons program with the *Sunday Times* of London in 1986. On the first of every month, Vanunu posts a similar message on social media to this recent one: "May 2024, No Freedom yet, not free to leave israel 1986-2024, nothing changed, no one telling me when can I be free, I will continue to wait until freedom come, Born to be free, See you in freedom. (Don't wait for my answers, comments, I am not allowed to meet, talk write to foreigners)"...

ANN ARBOR: In May, prosecutors filed felony charges of resisting/obstructing/assaulting a law enforcement officer against four people who occupied a building on the University of Michigan campus on November 16...

ELBIT SYSTEMS, MERRIMACK: In February, a New Hampshire grand jury indicted three women arrested last November on the roof of the Israeli arms maker on charges of felony riot, conspiracy to commit criminal mischief, burglary and conspiracy to commit falsifying physical evidence. Each charge carries a possible three-and-a-half to seven-year prison sentence.

A fourth defendant, Paige Belanger, was arrested in January and indicted in May on charges of riot, criminal mischief, conspiracy to commit criminal mischief and conspiracy to commit burglary. Calla Walsh's phone was seized after her arrest in November and given to the FBI for use in an investigation it has opened into connections between Elbit's nemesis Palestine Action UK and James Chambers, a Cox Communications heir and vocal supporter of Palestine Action US who posted \$45,000 cash bail for the three original defendants. The phone has since been returned to local police, who are seeking permission to search it for evidence of the alleged conspiracy...

SAN FRANCISCO: Of the 81 people arrested for the auto blockade of the Bay Bridge last November, three bystanders had charges dismissed while 78 took a pretrial diversion to complete five hours of community service and pay a share of restitution to a woman who had a medical emergency while stuck in traffic...

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...**A Ministry of Risk** is the definitive collection of Philip Berrigan's powerful writings on peace and nonviolence. Authorized by the Berrigan family and arranged chronologically, these writings depict the transformation of one revolutionary soul while also providing a first-hand account of a nation grappling with its martial obsessions. Spanning Phil's writings from 1957 to his passing in 2002, with a preface by Frida Berrigan. Edited by Brad Wolf and available for under \$25 at several online sites via philipberrigan.com.

...**No Money for Nuclear Weapons Week of Action.** The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is calling for a week of public actions around the globe from September 16-22, 2024, to highlight how expanding nuclear weapons programs divert public funds from health care, education, disaster relief and other vital services. 2023 spending on nuclear weapons by the nine nuclear nations totaled \$91.4 billion, or \$2,898 per second, as documented in the new ICAN report, "Surge: 2023 Global Nuclear Weapons Spending." For more information, resources and to add local actions to the international calendar of events, visit www.icanw.org/week_of_action.

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November 14 Chicago, IL 1 arrest

Investigating video evidence of "Free Palestine" and related graffiti, University of Chicago police trailed a Palestinian American student and arrested and handcuffed her inside a classroom, took her into custody and held her for hours, prompting community outrage. Charges were dismissed a week later.

November 16 Toronto, ON 1 arrest

A demonstrator was charged with mischief for posting a Starbucks over the company's alleged support of Israel.

November 18 Coral Gables, FL 4 arrests

Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP) South Florida rallied outside Senator Rick Scott's office, some blocking the entrance.

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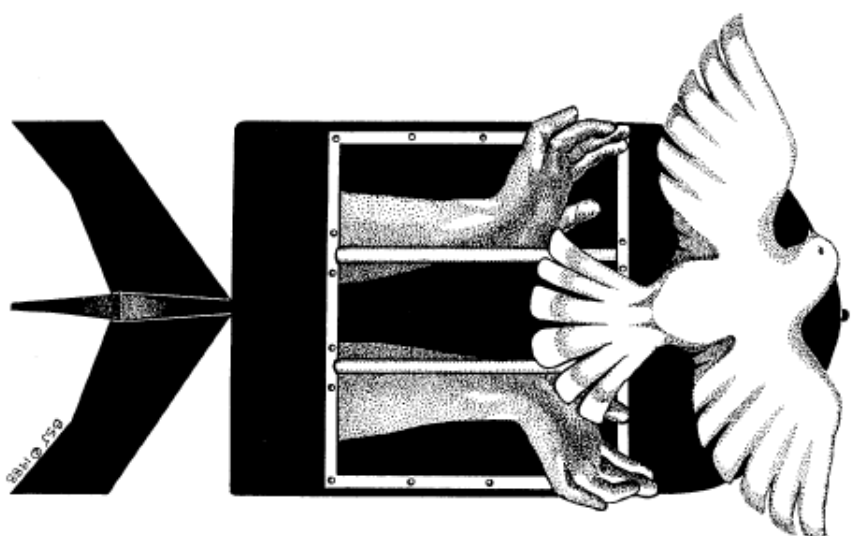
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