

# the Nuclear Resister

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## Nuclear Resisters in Germany Face Prison and Deportation

The fabric of resistance to U.S. nuclear weapons stockpiled at the Büchel air base in Germany has many threads, some still weaving through the warp of prison bars.

American Susan Crane is more than half way through a 229 day sentence, while Susan van der Hijden from the Netherlands has completed a 115 day sentence and Gerd Büntzly from Germany turned himself in on October 14 to serve 45 days.

This is the fifth time Büntzly has gone to jail in lieu of paying a fine for protest at the air base in Büchel. He said, “I no longer want to stand by and watch the collective suicide that threatens us. I want to oppose this development with all my strength.”

About two months into their “vigil behind bars” at the prison in Rohrbach, the two Susans accepted transfer to a low-security prison in Koblenz. There they were granted daily leave for about an hour and some weekends out. Susan van der Hijden got a job inside the prison, and Susan Crane soon began gardening and other work at a Lutheran church center in the city. On Hiroshima Day, August 6, they made a paper disarmament banner that they held outside the train station in Koblenz during their daily leave, inviting discussion with passersby.

On July 22, American Dennis DuVall, who lives in Germany with his wife, reported to the prison at Bautzen for a 90-day sentence. Last year the 82-year-old military veteran served 60 days in lieu of a fine for protest at Büchel. He told supporters gathered to see him off, “I am here today as a United States citizen committed to removing American nuclear weapons out of Germany... I am back at Bautzen prison not because I am reverting back to criminal behavior, but because my civil resistance raises public awareness about a new nuclear arms race now speeding ahead with fantastically costly bombs and warplanes.”

One week later, DuVall’s fine was anonymously paid and he was released – just in time to fight an immigration order to be expelled from the country on October 31 because of his anti-nuclear recidivism. The expulsion order describes DuVall’s nuclear resistance as a serious threat to security and public order.

An appeal has delayed his threatened deportation and an application has been made for a family residency permit.

In early November, two more Büchel activists were notified of imminent prison sentences. German Miriam Krämer was told to report to prison on December 4 to serve 15 days. Another American who joined the international protests at Büchel, Brian Terrell, was informed that he would soon be told when to report to a German prison to serve 30 days. Check in coming weeks and months for prison addresses at nukeresister.org/inside-out.

On October 21, the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) rejected appeals by Germans Marion Küpker of Hamburg, Stephanie Augustin of Dortmund and American John LaForge of Luck, Wisconsin, who were all convicted of trespass and/or property damage following nonviolent “go-in” actions at the Büchel air base. The three had earlier appealed their convictions to the Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe, Germany’s highest, with no success. That court has routinely rejected similar appeals in a total of 20 separate cases of nuclear weapon protests. The ECHR considers appeals from individuals only after applicants have exhausted all the paths of recourse in their own country.

LaForge argued in his complaint that the ECHR’s judicial requirements were violated by the German courts which he claimed had denied him the right to present a complete defense. The complaint, filed June 9, 2023, argued that the German trial court in Koblenz erred by refusing to consider expert witness testimony, which he

August 6 & 9

## Commemoration and Resistance



photo by Mike Wisniewski

**Celebrating 50 years of marriage, Jeff Dietrich and Catherine Morris cross the line at Vandenberg Air Force Base on August 10.**

The 79th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were commemorated with civil resistance actions at three west coast sites that are key to U.S. nuclear war plans.

### LIVERMORE

At the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California, the annual August blockade of the gate resumed this year after a four-year pandemic pause.

Marilyn Bechtel writes in *People’s World*:

...Over 100 demonstrators assembled at the West Gate of Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, one of two locations designing and developing every nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal.

Standing before a banner proclaiming “Back from the Brink: The Imperative of Nuclear Abolition,” Scott Yundt, executive director of Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment (Tri-Valley CAREs), which monitors nuclear weapons and environmental clean-up activities with a special focus on Livermore Lab, told demonstrators that the 9,500 workers there are busier now than at any time since the end of the Cold War. “And while we are contemplating a world where what happened 79 years ago never happens again,” he said, “inside the fence, they are contemplating total nuclear annihilation.”

Among the many nuclear warhead programs the lab is working on are the W80-4 warhead for the

claimed would have corroborated his defense of “crime prevention.” He had offered the testimony of the eminent international law scholar Francis Boyle of the University of Illinois, who has said that international treaties prohibit any planning or preparation for nuclear weapons attacks and forbid nuclear weapons “sharing” by parties to the 1970 Nonproliferation Treaty. However, the ECHR decision found that Germany’s trial courts’ decisions were not unfair and did “not appear arbitrary or manifestly unreasonable”. This final ruling is not subject to appeal.

Susan Crane’s appeal to the ECHR was previously dismissed on a technicality, and two other Germans have similar appeals pending.



Please support Dennis DuVall’s bid to remain with his family in Germany by signing the German petition at bit.ly/DuVallPetition. Letters of support should be sent to Susan Crane, JVA Koblenz, Simmerner Str. 14a, 56075 Koblenz, Germany (release date January 19); and Gerd Büntzly, JVA Ummeln, Postfach 120208, 33652 Bielefeld, Germany (release date November 27). See Crane’s Inside Line on page 7.

air-launched LRSO (long-range standoff) cruise missile and the W87-1 warhead for the new Sentinel intercontinental ballistic missile.

After demonstrators joined in the symbolic Japanese Bon dance to honor those who died at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 23 participants took part in nonviolent civil disobedience, blocking the gate as police ordered them to disperse. All were cited and released.

### BANGOR

Farther north at the Naval Base Kitsap Bangor in Washington state, the west coast home port for Trident ballistic missile submarines, eight nuclear abolitionists were removed from the roadway on the morning of August 5 by the Washington State Patrol after blocking the entrance

to the site of the world’s largest concentration of deployed nuclear weapons. The action was part of the annual commemorative demonstration organized by the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action.

Most of the blockaders were wearing black t-shirts that read “Pope Francis Says Possessing Nuclear Weapons is Immoral” in white letters on the front and back. Behind them was a banner reading “No More Genocide in My Name”. Caroline Wildflower, Mack Johnson, Deacon Denny Duffell, Rev. Gilberto Perez, Michael “Firefly” Siptroth, George Rodkey, Vic White and Susan Delaney were cited for being “pedestrians in the roadway,” and then released on site.

### VANDEMBERG

Five days later, on California’s central coast, Jeff Dietrich and Catherine Morris of the Los Angeles Catholic Worker renewed their wedding vows on Saturday, August 10 during a protest at Vandenberg Space Force Base (formerly Air Force Base). Seventy-five people joined them to celebrate their 50th anniversary – five decades together of community, hospitality, love and resistance – and to commemorate the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombings. The U.S. regularly test-launches nuclear missiles from the Vandenberg base.

After renewing their vows, Morris and Dietrich crossed onto base property (90-year-old Morris with the aid of a walker), along with Frank Cordaro, Nuri Ronaghe and Dimitri Kadiev. All were cited and released.

The demonstrators then went to a nearby park for an afternoon of prayer, celebration and delicious food!

## Election Night

Unarmed nuclear missiles are periodically launched on test flights over the Pacific Ocean from Vandenberg Space Force Base on the California coast. The tests are nearly always conducted at night for technicians to better evaluate the launch and re-entry of its multiple warheads landing in Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Often a handful of vigilers stand at the main gate in protest.

Military police were watching closely as vigilers who coordinated via the Defuse Nuclear War coalition gathered to protest a test launch scheduled for 11:00 p.m. on election night, November 5. Activists came from as far south as Los Angeles and north from Livermore to stand against the provocatively timed reminder of American nuclear dominance.

As the bright arc traced by the rocket launch faded to “a deadly glow,” MacGregor Eddy and Lynn Hamilton stepped across the boundary line. The women were both issued a citation and released on site.

# where we're at

One of the most vital ways we sustain ourselves is by building communities of resistance, places where we know we are not alone.

- bell hooks

We began writing this before Election Day, while hard at work on this issue. Sitting at our computers, we welcomed a half-inch of gentle rain that soaked the ground after three months of record-breaking heat and drought in Tucson. Even the cactus had shriveled and needed the water!

After watching a dozen U.S. presidential elections come and go since the Nuclear Resister began in October of 1980, we've learned that it's important for us to consistently focus, year in and year out, on the important work of the Nuclear Resister. That remained true even over the last few weeks, while here in the swing state of Arizona, we experienced many phone calls, text messages, knocks on the door, and what seemed like enough campaign literature in our mailbox and screen door to wallpaper the living room, if not the whole house. We've long understood that whoever is elected, nonviolent resistance to nuclear weapons, ongoing wars and the false hope of a resurgent nuclear power industry *must continue*.

Then, Election Day arrived, with its sobering results. We see a republic rushing headlong into chaos right behind the climate.

We hope that you are taking good care of yourself during this time of sadness, anger, anxiety and despair,

while we face the threat of yet more repression and suffering for people and planet.

In the months and years ahead, we will continue what we have been doing, with increased mindfulness and intention, and finding new ways that we are called to act. Building community. Engaging in nonviolent resistance and supporting those who are. Caring for ourselves and others. Standing up. Sitting in. Speaking out. Fighting back. Mending the part of the world that is within our reach.

Friends, we may never know what seeds are planted by our acts of conscience, solidarity and mutual aid.

We find hope in the knowledge that one person can make a difference and can help change the world. Consider the life of nuclear and war resister Randy Kehler, who died in July. While preparing to go to jail for refusing the draft during the Vietnam War, he gave a speech that inspired Daniel Ellsberg to copy and share the Pentagon Papers, which helped to end the Vietnam War. Ellsberg often said over the years, "No Randy Kehler, no Pentagon Papers."

Aaron Falbel eulogized in the *Greenfield Recorder* that Kehler often said to people, especially to young activists, "Don't ever, ever assume that anything you do, particularly if it's an act of conscience, won't make a difference."

We may never see the results of our acts of resistance but this much remains clear: We need to continue supporting one another, and supporting the people who are in prison because of their actions for a peaceful and nuclear-free future.

Thank you for all the ways that you make the world a better place, for supporting the work of the Nuclear Resister, and for being part of this global community of anti-nuclear and anti-war resisters!

Onward, together,  
Felice and Jack

## Thanks

Thanks to Aston, Ted, Cathy, El'ad, Noa, Jim, Cindy, Ray and Sarah for helping to mail the last double issue. Thanks also to Helen Schietinger for helping us document the many ceasefire arrests on Capitol Hill during CodePink actions there.

## "You are not giving up, and neither am I"

Activist and author Rebecca Solnit wrote in the hours after the presidential election results were in:

They want you to feel powerless and to surrender and to let them trample everything and you are not going to let them. You are not giving up, and neither am I. The fact that we cannot save everything does not mean we cannot save anything and everything we can save is worth saving.

You may need to grieve or scream or take time off, but you have a role no matter what, and right now good friends and good principles are worth gathering in. Remember what you love. Remember what loves you. Remember in this tide of hate what love is. The pain you feel is because of what you love. The Wobblies used to say don't mourn, organize, but you can do both at once and you don't have to organize right away in this moment of furious mourning.

You can be heartbroken or furious or both at once; you can scream in your car or on a cliff; you can also get up tomorrow and water the flowerpots and call someone who's upset and check your equipment for going onward. A lot of us are going to come under direct attack, and a lot of us are going to resist by building solidarity and sanctuary. Gather up your resources, the metaphysical ones that are heart and soul and care, as well as the practical ones.

People kept the faith in the dictatorships of South America in the 1970s and 1980s, in the East Bloc countries and the USSR, women are protesting right now in Iran and people there are writing poetry. There is no alternative to persevering, and that does not require you to feel good. You can keep walking whether it's sunny or raining. Take care of yourself and remember that taking care of something else is an important part of taking care of yourself, because you are interwoven with the ten trillion things in this single garment of destiny that has been stained and torn, but is still being woven and mended and washed.

## ¡Presente!

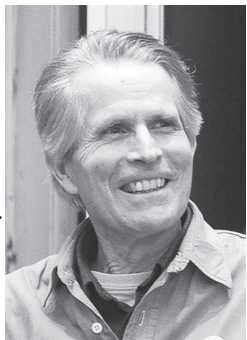
We give thanks for the lives of these peace activists and nuclear resisters.



**Brenda McMillan**  
1933 - 2024



**Dr. David Hall**  
April 11, 1946 -  
August 12, 2024



**Randy Kehler**  
July 16, 1944 -  
July 21, 2024



**Michael Sprong**  
February 10, 1963 -  
October 16, 2024



**Kim Wahl**  
May 27, 1937 -  
July 31, 2024

## SHUT DOWN DRONE WARFARE CALIFORNIA

Shut Down Beale activists have sustained a monthly peace vigil at Beale Air Force Base in northern California for 14 years. On October 9, eight members of the group went to the base to commemorate the first anniversary of the ongoing war crimes in Gaza. Chris Nelson writes:

Because October is "Keep Space for Peace" month, we also included this issue in the letter we addressed to the new base commander. Catherine Hourcade and I read it to the military staff at the main gate of Beale, then gave it to an MP to be delivered to Colonel Keagan L. McLeese...

We invited the base commander to speak with us about how to demilitarize and decarbonize, and how to resist complicity in genocide and participation in nuclear war. The letter was signed by the eight of us who were at this month's demonstration. We have not received a reply.

Both women, using their walkers to avoid injury, crossed the line and were detained by military police until sheriff's deputies arrived. Citations alleging "trespass onto private property" were issued, a charge that was dismissed at their arraignment on November 7.

## NEVADA

A small group of activists with Veterans for Peace, CodePink and Ban Killer Drones converged October 13 - 19 in the southern Nevada desert at Creech Air Force Base for a week of nonviolent resistance to the illegal U.S. drone warfare program. They traveled from four states for the 15th annual protest at the base, located an hour northwest of Las Vegas. Some participated for the entire week and others came when they could, but they shared one thing in common: an abhorrence of the inhumanity and illegality of the U.S. drone program that takes human life remotely and covertly from thousands of miles away.

Some of the week's twice-daily commute hour vigils emphasized the horrors of Israel's ongoing assault on Gaza, assisted remotely by U.S. drone pilots and operators. On October 16, a nonviolent blockade of the entrance road temporarily halted business as usual at the base with a large banner: "Send Food to Gaza, not Weapons to Israel". Most blockaders stayed in the road until police gave dispersal orders. Toby Blomé

held the blockade for as long as possible, displaying a sign directed at the Creech commander: "Prosecute Col. Pederson 4 War Crimes." She was arrested, detained for an hour, then cited and released.

Visit [www.ShutDownDroneWarfare.org](http://www.ShutDownDroneWarfare.org) for more information.

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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

# 60 Days for Direct Action at New Hampshire Arms Factory

Four women have each been sentenced to two months in jail in New Hampshire, after pleading guilty in September to charges of misdemeanor criminal mischief and criminal trespass following their November 20, 2023 direct action to disrupt production at Elbit Systems in Merrimack. Elbit is notoriously Israel's largest arms manufacturer, with factories and offices across both Great Britain and the United States being a focus of anti-war protest and direct action.

During the November action, supporters had blocked the entry road before the morning shift arrived. Sophie Ross, Bridget Shergalis and Calla Walsh approached the Elbit factory, chained the doors shut, broke windows, marked graffiti and ascended to the roof of the building. Standing on the roof, they poured red paint down the front wall and held aloft colorful theatrical smoke flares that drew the attention of arriving workers to their protest.

The three were initially charged and released on bail, then later indicted on multiple felony charges, as was a fourth defendant, Paige Belanger. Belanger was arrested in January as police looked for co-conspirators. Months of negotiation with prosecutors through the summer led to a diversion from court and the agreement by all four to plead guilty to the lesser charges.

"Our action was to show solidarity with the people of Gaza in a material, not abstract, way – not to appeal to weapons factory workers or to the New Hampshire masses," Walsh told a writer on substack.com. Belanger added, "Declaring solidarity without material support seemed performative at best, and counter-revolutionary at worst."

The four took action under the name Palestine Action U.S., inspired by the British organization Palestine Action, which since 2020 has engaged in a series of direct actions intended to drive the company out of business. Palestine Action groups in Great Britain have repeatedly occupied Elbit arms factories and offices to disable facilities and equipment with hand tools and mark the war merchants with red paint and graffiti. Several sites have been shut down, and consequently 16 Palestine Action

## Leonard Peltier Denied Parole

The Leonard Peltier Official Ad Hoc Committee urgently appeals to his supporters to contact members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and demand an emergency medical transfer for the indigenous political prisoner to the medical center for federal prisoners at Rochester, Minnesota. Leonard Peltier turned 80 years old on September 12.

On July 2, the U.S. Parole Commission again denied Leonard Peltier's application for parole. Twice since then he has been hospitalized for complications of diabetes.

Shortly before the decision was announced, Peltier wrote, "Do not weep if I am not granted parole. Cry freedom. Coalesce yourselves, galvanize your relationships, establish alliances. In the power of our people we find strength. Hold your head up high. It is not over, until it is over."

His attorneys responded to the denial of parole:

[O]n behalf of Mr. Peltier, [we] will appeal the United States Parole Commission's grotesquely unconstitutional decision...

The USPC's July 2, 2024 decision continues to impose upon Mr. Peltier a slow Death by Incarceration. The Parole Commission's decision only illustrates the truth of the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention report stating that Leonard's incarceration constitutes an arbitrary detention and noting his parole hearings as a key contributing factor to what they have characterized as his unjustly prolonged incarceration...

We who believe in freedom cannot rest. We will not give up the fight for Leonard – and neither should you.

Visit the Leonard Peltier Official Ad Hoc Committee website at [www.freeleonardpeltiernow.org](http://www.freeleonardpeltiernow.org) for more information.



The Ad Hoc Committee asks that supporters submit a message on the Bureau of Prisons website at [www.bop.gov/inmates/concerns.jsp](http://www.bop.gov/inmates/concerns.jsp) requesting an emergency medical transfer for "Leonard Peltier, prisoner #89637-132." Letters of support should be sent to Leonard Peltier 89637-132, USP Coleman I, POB 1033, Coleman, FL 33521.

activists are now in prison, either denied bail until their trial, or serving sentences up to 14 months. For more information and prisoner addresses, visit [palestineaction.org](http://palestineaction.org).



The women are scheduled to begin serving their 60 days in jail on November 14. Letters of support should be individually addressed including registration number to Paige Belanger 68132, Sophie Ross 67969, Bridget Shergalis 67968 and Calla Walsh 67970; Hillsborough County House of Corrections, 445 Willow St., Manchester, NH 03103.

## TRESPASS AT NUCLEAR TEST SITE

On October 14, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Catherine Hourcade crossed the boundary line of the Nevada National Security Site and was arrested. She was given a citation for trespass with a notice to appear in Nye County Court on December 9.

A short while earlier, she had joined with others at the conclusion of the Nevada Desert Experience's Justice for Our Desert 2024 events for a Shoshone/Paiute sunrise ceremony led by Jeremiah Jones. The group then walked the short distance to the entrance of the nuclear weapons test site. Carrying the tribal permit Jones had issued, granting Hourcade permission to be on Western Shoshone land, she entered test site property and handed the officer the permit along with her ID. He asked her why she had trespassed, and whether it was because of the Shoshone. "Yes!", she replied, "This is sacred Shoshone land and you don't belong here!"

Before being released at the site, Hourcade was warned that as a recent repeat offender, if she trespasses there again she will be taken to the Nye County Jail.

Visit [NevadaDesertExperience.org](http://NevadaDesertExperience.org) for more information.

## Five Jailed for Boeing Blockades in Ohio

Five people were sentenced in September to 30 days in jail for protesting the supply of weapons for Israel's war. They'd blocked four entrances to a Boeing missile guidance plant in Heath, Ohio on March 11. Multiple felony charges first sought against the five were then filed as misdemeanors, including impeding emergency responders, failure to comply with police and disorderly conduct. A plea agreement was reached and four have completed their sentences. Nancy Epling split her sentence and began serving the second 15 days on November 12.



A note of support may be addressed to Smart Communications / Licking County Justice Center, Nancy Epling 00003367, P.O. Box 9160, Seminole, FL 33775-9137 (release date November 27).

## Father's Day at Indian Island

For the last eight years, Doug Milholland has invited friends to join him on Father's Day at the naval weapons depot at Port Townsend, Washington for dialogue with military members in the tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. Milholland writes, "This Father's Day action was a nonviolent active meditation on our responsibility as Americans to become aware of and stop the violence that comes from our government. Naval Magazine Indian Island is the west coast's only conventional weapons transfer depot. Weaponry shipped from here serves all branches of the U.S. military and U.S. allies, and has been used in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Korea."

After conversing with security personnel at the gate, Milholland walked over the line to continue the conversation with others. He was arrested, briefly handcuffed, and released with a citation.

## Inside & Out



**Please refer to [nukesister.org/inside-out](http://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

**Nurlan Zhaulibayev**  
**Nurlan Temirgaliyev**  
**Zhanat Kazakhbai**  
**Fazylzhan Sydykov**  
**Aidar Mubarakov**

address unavailable  
(two months - in ~9/29/24)  
(Charged with organizing anti-nuclear power protest)

**Leonard Peltier** 89637-132  
USP Coleman I, POB 1033, Coleman, FL 33521.  
(Framed for murder while defending traditional indigenous from threats including uranium mining on sacred lands, 6/75)

**Please note:** Most U.S. prisons no longer accept cards, only white paper letters with blue or black ink and envelopes using no labels, crayon, markers, drawings, stickers or scents. Increasingly, correspondence is photocopied for the prisoner and the original is destroyed. Include name and return address on all correspondence as it may be separated from its envelope.

### **Susan Crane**

JVA Koblenz, Simmerner Str. 14a, 56075 Koblenz, Germany.  
(229 days – out 1/19/25)  
(Multiple go-in arrests at Büchel air base, 2018-2019)

### **Gerd Büntzly**

JVA Ummeln, Postfach 120208, 33652 Bielefeld, Germany.  
(45 days – out 11/27/2024)  
(Trespass at Büchel air base, 4/30/19)

### WAR RESISTERS

**Paige Belanger** 68132  
**Sophie Ross** 67969  
**Bridget Shergalis** 67968  
**Calla Walsh** 67970

address individually to: Hillsborough County House of Corrections, 445 Willow St., Manchester, NH 03103.  
(60 days - in 11/14/24)  
(Pled guilty to misdemeanor criminal mischief for property damage at Elbit arms plant in New Hampshire, 11/23)

**Nancy Epling** 00003367  
Smart Communications / Licking County Justice Center, Nancy Epling 00003367, P.O. Box 9160, Seminole, FL 33775-9137.  
(30 days - out 11/27/2024)  
(Blockade of Boeing plant in Heath, Ohio; pled guilty to misdemeanor)

### PREVIOUSLY LISTED, RECENTLY RELEASED

**Daniel Hale, Susan van der Hijden**

# CEASEFIRE NOW!

The Nuclear Resister continues here with this day-by-day record of dissent, a chronicle of 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, there were thousands more arrested in protests throughout the world. The full report of more than 10,000 arrests from October, 2023 through October, 2024 can be found online at [bit.ly/CeasefireChronicle](http://bit.ly/CeasefireChronicle) and [nukeresister.org](http://nukeresister.org).

As far as we know, and unless otherwise noted, within 24-48 hours everyone arrested was released on bail or with a promise to appear. Many charges have been dismissed or likely will be, and many others have been resolved by bond forfeiture, deferred prosecution, fines, community service and/or probation, but mainly no jail time.

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.

**June 27 Smyrna, GA 6 arrests**

Six people were arrested blocking the entrance to Hudson Technologies. One had to be cut free from a vehicle at the center of the blockade. Company owners claimed they have no business with Israel, and that activists had confused their company for another.

**June 28 New York, NY 32 arrests**

Police clashed with ceasefire protesters outside a fundraising event at the Hammerstein Ballroom featuring President Biden.

**June 29 Wilton Manors, FL 3 arrests**

At a Pride parade, CodePink demonstrators with fans in the colors of the Palestinian flag and the printed words "Free Palestine" and "Gays for Gaza" were confronted by organizers and police. One was arrested, as was an unrelated attendee trying to tape the arrest, and a third later for trespass.

**June 30 Roseville, CA 4 arrests**

Ceasefire protest at a fundraising event for Rep. Adam Schiff ended in clashes and four arrests. Two were released after a few hours, while two others were charged with felony lynching and jailed until arraignment on July 2, when the charges were dropped.

**July 1 Montreal, PQ 1 arrest**

A spokesperson for the Divest for Palestine Collective encampment was arrested after anti-war graffiti appeared at the office of a provincial pension fund invested in Israel. They were charged with theft, concealment of stolen property, obstruction and attempting to evade arrest.

**July 4 Philadelphia, PA 6 arrests**

Police intervened when marchers began burning flags outside City Hall. In the ensuing clashes, five people were arrested for disorderly conduct and another was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault, failure to disperse and disorderly conduct.

**July 4 New York, NY 37 arrests**

Within Our Lifetime led the "Flood July 4th for Gaza" march from Washington Square Park to Hudson Yards. Two men were arrested trying to snatch flags away from counter-demonstrators and face larceny charges, while seven others were arrested on charges including obstruction of governmental administration, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and criminal possession of a controlled substance. Citations were issued to 28 others.

**July 5 Montreal, PQ 1 arrest**

On the day police deployed tear gas while dismantling solidarity encampments at McGill University and in Victoria Square, a 66-year-old man was arrested and charged with breaking windows at a McGill building and assaulting a campus security guard.

**July 7 Chicago, IL 2 arrests**

Two people locked themselves atop a security fence along the route of the NASCAR Chicago Street Race,

where they unfurled large protest banners reading "We Charge Genocide" and "Bombs for Gaza, Prisons for Illinois". A statement they released was a three-pronged critique of the Illinois governor's prison-building plans, U.S. aid to Israel, and NASCAR's support of an outspoken Zionist racer.

**July 15 New York, NY 10 arrests**

More arrests were made during the near-daily morning blockade of workers heading into the headquarters of Citi, a major financial institution supporting Israel. The *New York Post* reports that police have made around 200 arrests for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and other charges at Citi protests since April.

**July 16 Milwaukee, WI 1 arrest**

Rep. Derrick Van Orden publicly accused CodePink's Palestine Campaign coordinator Nour Jaghama of battery after he bumped into her, linking the group to terrorism and political violence. She was released after 15 hours in custody and after a review of the evidence, the charge was dismissed the next day.

**July 23 Washington, DC 250 arrests**

On the eve of accused war criminal Prime Minister Netanyahu's visit to Washington, Jewish Voice for Peace demonstrators in t-shirts proclaiming "Not in Our Name" and "Jews Say Stop Arming Israel", occupied the rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building and were arrested for "crowding, obstructing or incommoding."

**July 24 Washington, DC 25 arrests**

Multiple demonstrations in protest of Netanyahu's visit to Congress resulted in arrests made by Metropolitan D.C., National Capitol and U.S. Park police. Nearly half of the charges were dismissed in the following days, including those against family members of hostages held by Hamas who protested from the Gallery of the House. Police sought at least five people following mayhem at Columbus Circle that saw flags burned and statues and fountains vandalized. Federal charges including felonies for attacking police are pending against up to eight people.

**July 27 Bath, ME 9 arrests**

Three entrances to the Bath Iron Works were all blocked by more than two dozen people protesting the christening of a new Navy destroyer for U.S. "force projection." Nine were arrested to open one of the gates to invited attendees.

**July 30 Washington, DC 46 arrests**

After an 11-day, 141-mile "All God's Children March for a Ceasefire" trek from Harrisonburg, Virginia to Washington D.C., Mennonites and interfaith allies lobbied Congress and then held a sit-in at the Hart Senate Office Building. "Their actions are intended to be disruptive," said a spokesperson. "The protests aim to speak into the political arena as an outside, prophetic voice."

**August 13 Los Angeles, CA 9 arrests**

During the morning rush hour, protesters demanding a ceasefire and U.S. arms embargo of Israel blocked the busy 405 Freeway downtown for more than an hour before police made arrests.

**August 14 New York, NY 14 arrests**

Free Palestine protesters were pushed out of a Kamala Harris campaign rally. Later, demonstrators entered a nearby restaurant to disrupt and harass rally-goers gathered there, leading to arrests.

**August 18 Chicago, IL 3 arrests**

On the eve of the Democratic National Convention (DNC), a Gaza solidarity protest march led to the arrest of three people on different charges including property damage, resisting arrest and failing to provide ID.

**August 19 Chicago, IL 13 arrests**

Protesters breached the outer security fence at the DNC in five places, resulting in arrests. More arrests occurred during a protest march, including of a 70-year-old emergency room doctor who said he just rode his bike by to see what was happening and ended up in jail for 12 hours.

**August 20 Chicago, IL 72 arrests**

Protest continued outside the DNC and the Consulate of Israel, where marchers pushed past a police line, leading to misdemeanor arrests for disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, battery and criminal damage. One felony was charged. Three journalists were cited for disorderly conduct and failure to obey. Many protesters were arrested at the end of the evening when police kettled those who still remained.

**August 21 Chicago, IL 1 arrest**

On the last night of the DNC, one woman was arrested during a protest at a Green Line transit station.

**August 28 Ann Arbor, MI 4 arrests**

Depicting victims of Israel's U.S.-supplied war, 50 people held a die-in on the University of Michigan Quad

during the annual campus Festifall. Police surrounded the protest for awhile, arresting four who then did not disperse.

**September 3 New York, NY 2 arrests**

Two people were cited for obstruction and disorderly conduct following a protest outside the gates of Barnard College.

**September 5 Montreal, PQ 3 arrests**

Samar Alkhdour, who has held a regular vigil outside the parliamentary office of immigration minister Marc Miller, was arrested when Miller showed up after a protest at the Liberal party campaign office. As the minister sat in his car, Alkhdour and others approached and briefly shouted at him, "Shame on you" and "You're a child killer." Consequently, Alkhdour and two others were charged with criminal harassment.

**September 5 Fort Wayne, IN 2 arrests**

Mike Ferner and Cliff Kindy were arrested as they delivered a Veterans for Peace letter of protest to the local Raytheon arms plant.

**September 14 Calgary, AB 4 arrests**

Police broke up a peaceful rally in Tomkins Square Park, arresting the lead organizer Wesam Khaled for obstruction and assaulting an officer.

**September 16 New York, NY 5 arrests**

Following a march from the South African Mission, demonstrators blocked the street in front of the Israeli mission to the United Nations, calling for the U.N. to impose an arms embargo on Israel over its violence against civilians in Gaza and the West Bank.

**September 18 Ithaca, NY 3 arrests**

Four Cornell University students have been suspended after three of them were arrested during the disruption of a career fair at the Statler Hotel. Chanting demonstrators with cymbals, drums and bells went straight for the Boeing recruiters table, replacing the literature with a "People's Court Indictment of War Crimes and Genocide" featuring a list of the total Gaza death count of children under the age of one.

**September 20 Denver, CO 2 arrests**

During a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Metropolitan State University, two Students for a Democratic Society members demanding divestment quietly chanted, "Which side are you on? Which side are you on? Justice for Gaza is justice for us all." Campus police arrested both for disrupting a lawful assembly.

**September 21 Orlando, FL 8 arrests**

A solidarity march and rally were winding down when a counter-protester began harassing activists. Police rushed to intervene and one was filmed shoving a Queers for Palestine activist to the ground. Others rushed in to protect the person and in the ensuing altercation, arrests were made on charges of disorderly conduct, battery and resisting arrest.

**September 24 New York, NY 32 arrests**

Police in riot gear trailed a midtown march, constantly corralling marchers onto the sidewalk under threat of arrest. When the march turned on 32nd Street towards Park Avenue, police moved in and made arrests. Most were issued citations, five were released with a civil court date, and three face criminal charges.

**September 25 Montreal, PQ 3 arrests**

Coordinated demonstrations at universities across Canada led to arrests in Montreal, where police clashed with graffitiists in a pedestrian underpass into the Sir George Williams campus and arrested three on charges of mischief, assault and obstruction of a peace officer.

**September 26 New York, NY 26 arrests**

Protesters blocked the motorcade of alleged war criminal and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu outside the United Nations headquarters.

**September 26 Philadelphia, PA 4 arrests**

Protesters interrupted the Temple University College of Engineering Career Fair with a bullhorn to condemn the arms industry. University police arrested four, including one student and one alumni. All were later released without charges.

**October 7 Santa Cruz, CA 1 arrest**

A woman was arrested for wearing a mask after leading protest chants on a megaphone, despite the fact that nearly all the rally attendees were also masked. In a recent letter to the leadership of local campuses, University of California system President Michael Drake said the use of "masks to intimidate others or to conceal one's identity after violating a law or policy" is something that should not be tolerated during student protests.

**October 7 Cambridge, MA 3 arrests**

City and campus police made arrests when confronting

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the MIT Coalition for Palestine (C4P) weekly campus protests for an “MIT Arms Embargo” campaign to cut research ties with companies supplying Israel’s weapons.

**October 7 Philadelphia, PA 4 arrests**

Hundreds of marchers stopped by the University of Pennsylvania to protest outside the offices of Ghost Robotics, maker of 4-legged robots used by Israel. A large contingent of city police clashed with some protesters who intended to block workers from leaving.

**October 7 Ann Arbor, MI 1 arrest**

When marchers returned to the University of Michigan campus from surrounding streets, they met campus police who tried to disperse them, arresting one student and deploying pepper spray against others.

**October 7 Palo Alto, CA 2 arrests**

During a march through a shopping center, police tried to detain Fatima Yahyaa after she was alleged to have spray-painted pro-Palestine slogans on Apple and Sephora store windows. As they pulled her away from the car she was getting into, the driver pulled away, knocking an officer to the ground. Both were identified and Yahyaa was arrested later that night in Berkeley. The driver was arrested three days later. Yahyaa was booked on charges of felony vandalism, conspiracy, and resisting arrest with violence, as well as misdemeanor resisting arrest. True Brading was charged with felony assault with a deadly weapon and conspiracy and misdemeanor resisting arrest. Both were later released on bail.



JVP photo

**Jewish Voice For Peace and friends blockade the New York Stock Exchange on October 14.**

**October 7 Los Angeles, CA 1 arrest**

Alex Guillen was arrested during a protest march for spraying “Free Palestine” graffiti and other acts of vandalism.

**October 7 New York, NY 7 arrests**

Within Our Lifetime marchers clashed with police near Wall Street. Two people were cited for an infraction and released, and five were charged and given court dates. One of them, Abdulsala Elrais, faces added felony and misdemeanor charges for allegedly slugging an officer to prevent the arrest of someone else.

**October 10 Chicago, IL 12 arrests**

Members of the U.S. Palestinian Community Network, Anti-War Committee Chicago and others chained themselves together and blocked two entrances to a downtown Barclays Bank, demanding divestment from Israel and its war on Gaza.

**October 11 Chicago, IL 3 arrests**

Hundreds attended the United for Palestine demonstration outside Cobb Gate at the University of Chicago. As graffiti was painted around the area, police responded with pepperspray and batons to subdue some demonstrators, provoking a melee embroiling at least 50 cops and 200 demonstrators. Two people were charged with assaulting police, and another with criminal damage.

**October 14 New York, NY 206 arrests**

Just before the bell rang to open trading for the day, hundreds of Jewish Voice For Peace activists converged on Wall Street, surprising police and quickly blocking entry to the New York Stock Exchange. “Stocks are rising while children are dying. As Israel drops bombs on homes, schools, and hospitals in Gaza, Wall Street booms, and all the members of Congress who invest in these companies get richer every day,” said a spokesperson.

**October 17 St. Louis, MO 3 arrests**

Three St. Louis University students whose protest blocked the entrance to Pius XII Memorial Library were detained by campus police and released a short time later.

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**October 18 Philadelphia, PA 1 arrest**

In pursuit of a perpetrator who poured red paint on the statue of Benjamin Franklin at the University of Pennsylvania, city and campus cops raided the home of student divestment activists at gunpoint. A student was detained and soon released without being charged and without their seized phone.

**October 21 Los Angeles, CA 1 arrest**

One person was arrested for failure to disperse after refusing to leave the Gaza solidarity Sukkah set up on the UCLA campus that police said violated new campus protest policies.

**October 21 Minneapolis, MN 11 arrests**

Eleven protesters barricaded themselves inside Morrill Hall at the University of Minnesota, where they covered security cameras, sprayed graffiti and broke some windows. “We are seeking to force admin to act on our demands. We are taking this over because we’re gonna shut down the University until they divest from genocide.” One woman was jailed two nights for 4th degree assault before being released, while pending charges for the others, including riot and trespass, are still under investigation

**October 22 Cambridge, MA 2 arrests**

Members of the Coalition Against Apartheid at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology entered a research lab and called on robotics researchers to reject Israeli military funding for drone research. After picketing and

handing out flyers for 20 minutes, MIT police detained several people briefly and arrested two.

**October 23 Hanover, NH 2 arrests**

Five people stood up to heckle Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman during a public event at Dartmouth College. “Fetterman, you can’t hide, we charge you with genocide,” they chanted, among other slogans. Three people left the room when University police ordered them out, but one student and a college staff worker were arrested and cited for disorderly conduct.

**October 25 East Lansing, MI 5 arrests**

Following a meeting where the Michigan State University Board of Trustees

rejected calls to divest from Israel, students held a sit-in in the President’s office lobby, urging reconsideration of their divestment demands. They were arrested after the building closed at 6 p.m., cited for a misdemeanor and released.

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*Following are reports of arrests that were not included in the previous two issues. The full chronology of arrests from October, 2023 through October, 2024 can be found online at [bit.ly/CeasefireChronicle](http://bit.ly/CeasefireChronicle)*

**October 18, 2023 Cambridge, MA 2 arrests**

Two Harvard grad students were charged in May, 2024 with misdemeanor assault and a civil rights violation, almost eight months after a now highly-politicized incident at a large die-in on the lawn outside the Harvard Business School. A tense situation arose when another student began stepping among the supine demonstrators to take video of individuals. While attempting with others to obstruct his phone camera and usher the man away, graduate students Elom Tettey-Tamaklo and Ibrahim Bharmal are accused of making unwanted contact with the man because of his Jewish identity.

**January 30 Washington, DC 5 arrests**

Five CodePink activists were arrested for repeatedly disrupting a House Foreign Affairs Committee hearing about defunding UNRWA, the largest provider of aid to Palestinians in Gaza.

**February 27 Washington, DC 1 arrest**

At a hearing about U.S. Navy clashes with Houthi militias in Yemen, a CodePink activist told Senators to secure Red Sea shipping by ending support for Israel’s war on Gaza. She was removed from the room and arrested.

**February 6 Raleigh, NC 1 arrest**

A North Carolina State student was arrested for leafletting against the war at an Engineering Career Fair. The charges have since been dropped.

**March 5 Fort Collins, CO 3 arrests**

After listening to pleas for a ceasefire resolution over several weeks, the city council declined to put it on their agenda. Three women then glued their hands to the wall to bring “attention to the unprecedented scale of the destruction and civilian death in Gaza,” and were arrested. The case was resolved out of court in September.

**March 7 Washington, DC 2 arrests**

Outside the locked office of Rep. Nancy Pelosi, Capitol police ordered a makeshift altar to the slain children of Gaza be removed, and then arrested Cynthia Papermaster and Susan Witka, both Pelosi constituents, when they remained to persistently demand a meeting with their congresswoman.

**April 9 Washington, DC 1 arrest**

At least one CodePink activist was led away in custody when more than a dozen disrupted the Senate testimony of Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin with one clear message: Stop the Genocide in Gaza! Austin responded to the committee, “We don’t have any evidence of genocide.”

**April 10 Washington, DC 1 arrest**

Helen Schietinger was arrested when she interrupted Samantha Power, head of USAID who wrote a book about preventing genocide, as she testified that Gaza was merely a “humanitarian crisis.”

**April 15 Detroit, MI 5 arrests**

Police intervened before a protest caravan of vehicles could reach the Ambassador Bridge and block it. Five people were arrested and 38 traffic citations issued.

**April 17 Washington, DC 1 arrest**

Several people spoke out as Secretary of Defense Austin testified at a congressional hearing, including a Palestinian woman who held her child aloft and declared, “My child is human. Stop killing Palestinian children!” Most left the hearing voluntarily while Helen Schietinger was arrested.

**April 20 New York, NY 1 arrest**

In September, James Carlson was indicted for felony criminal mischief and misdemeanor arson for burning an Israeli flag at an April 20 protest outside Columbia University.

**April 25 Chicago, IL 4 arrests**

In July, Northwestern University police charged four educators with misdemeanor obstruction for placing themselves between the students and aggressive police on the first day of a student protest. Prosecutors dismissed the charge two days later, “consistent with our office’s policy to decline prosecution against peaceful protesters.”

**April 30 Washington, DC 2 arrests**

Secretary of Defense Austin was confronted by CodePink activists over U.S. support for Israel at two congressional hearings, resulting in two arrests.

**May 3 Bloomington, IL 7 arrests**

After meeting about Gaza with Illinois State University President Aonover Tarhule, seven people remained in the building and were charged with two counts of criminal trespass. They eventually pled guilty to trespass to a building, in exchange for the more serious trespass to state land being dropped. They were sentenced to 18 months court supervision plus \$739 in fines and fees.

**May 8 Chapel Hill, NC 3 arrests**

Campus protests at the University of North Carolina continued with three demonstrators charged with assault on a government official, impeding traffic, disorderly conduct and resisting a public officer.

**May 9 Des Moines, IA 5 arrests**

Five demonstrators entered the federal building to deliver a list of people killed in Gaza to the offices of Senators Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley. They were detained and issued a citation to pay \$80 for disturbing the peace.

**May 11 Edmonton, AB 3 arrests**

Police struck protesters with batons and used “special munitions” to clear the camp on the Quad of the University of Alberta, arresting three. All charges were dismissed in June. “There was no reason for the amount of force that was being deployed,” said one defense attorney.

**May 15 Knoxville, TN 11 arrests**

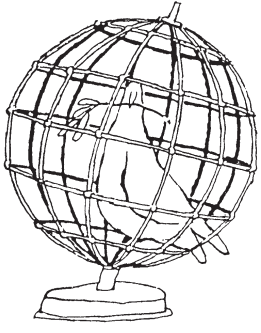
A Nakba remembrance and ceasefire demonstration was given ten minutes to leave a public area near the University of Tennessee Law School, leading to the arrest of those who did not disperse.

**May 17 Washington, DC 4 arrests**

The only voices in defense of funding UNRWA at a congressional hearing were activists in the audience. Four of them were taken out and arrested, including some who were not disrupting the hearing at all.

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# INTERNATIONAL NOTES



## Australia

Australia's premier international military trade fair, the biennial Land Forces International Land Defense Exposition, was held in Melbourne in September. The city welcomed what protesters call the "harms merchants" by providing the largest police operation since Melbourne hosted the World Economic Forum in 2000. Multiple agencies supplied 1,600 police and an armory of military-grade weapons, not to rein in those supplying war criminals, but to defend the expo from diverse and decentralized protests. Acting under the banner Disrupt Land Forces, a coalition of activist groups including Wage Peace, Extinction Rebellion and Students for Palestine (SFP) had made clear in advance their intention to shut down the event and "make the harms dealers have a bad time."

Israel's continuing war on Gaza and the West Bank gave a big boost to the number and energy of the anti-war actions, and drew more than ten times the number who participated in protests against Land Forces 2022 in Brisbane. Two thousand people rallied outside the barricaded Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre before dawn on September 11, the opening day of the expo.

A SFP organizer said those attending the expo "are not welcome in Melbourne."

"What we're trying to accomplish is disrupting a conference that is dedicated to glorifying, selling weapons," James McVica said. "We're trying to send a message to the Victorian state government and to all weapons manufacturers that they're not welcome in Melbourne and wherever they go we will follow them and disrupt them. The real disruptors, the real opposers of peace are the people assembled in that room."

Chanting pro-Palestine and anti-war slogans, the rally dispersed to marches through the central business district, tangling traffic.

Many expo attendees, walking from nearby hotels and transit stations and easily identified by lanyards and ID tags, were subjected to verbal harassment as they made their way to checkpoints in the police lines. A handful of demonstrators assaulted some delegates, spraying their

## Japan

*reprinted from the Kyodo News, July 9, 2024*

A Chinese national living in Japan was arrested July 9 for allegedly conspiring with two others to spray paint the word "toilet" in English on a stone pillar at the war-linked Yasukuni shrine in Tokyo earlier this year, police said.

Jiang Zhuojun, 29, is suspected of purchasing the spray paint and playing other roles to vandalize the pillar engraved with the shrine's name near the entrance.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department's Public Security Bureau issued arrest warrants for two other Chinese nationals, Dong Guangming, 36, and Xu Laiyu, 25, placing them on wanted lists.

The three allegedly vandalized the pillar at approximately 9:55 p.m. on May 31.

Dong and Xu left Japan for China on June 1.

The graffiti was discovered early that Saturday morning. Two pieces of paper with the messages "People of the world, unite" and "But not you guys" in Chinese were also found near a guardian lion-dog statue on the premises.

A video was posted on Chinese social media showing a man, who introduced himself as "Iron Head," appearing

clothes with a red liquid, and engaging in pushing and shoving as tensions escalated. Elsewhere, some marchers broke off to confront lines of police, both sides equipped for a riot.

Dumpsters were overturned and small fires set in the street outside the expo. Mounted police who tried to push back against demonstrators were met with rocks, eggs, manure and rotten tomatoes. Riot cops responded with rubber bullets, flash-bang grenades and sticky foam pepper spray against anyone in their vicinity. Legal observers, the press, medics, those in wheelchairs and with children were targeted. The clashes injured over 100 demonstrators, some while the injured were trying to protect vulnerable others from police abuse. Two dozen police reported injuries, some reportedly caused by other police in the scrum.

By the end of the day, 42 people had been arrested on charges including assaulting and hindering police, arson and blocking roadways. Ten were fined, and the others released on bail or expecting charges later.



**Demonstrators display photos of war casualties in Gaza while blocking a Melbourne military base during Disrupt Land Forces.**

photo by Matt Hrkac

For the second day of the expo, police enlarged the exclusion zone and barricades around the center to better control the demonstrations. Five arrests were reported in minor clashes. Another half dozen disruptors were arrested over the next couple of days, including a woman who blocked the road by locking down to a load of concrete in the back of her car.

More charges were laid in the days and weeks following, and by October 1, 89 people had been charged or fined. Arraignments are set for November 21. Victoria police released photos of eight more people they were looking to identify as they investigated alleged assaults and animal cruelty – a dozen police horses were exposed to the various substances sprayed. By mid-month, four of them had been arrested on related charges.

More than 30,000 people have since signed an open letter to the Victoria premier and police commissioner, demanding a ban on police weapons at protest events, and cessation of "strategic incapacitation" policing. For more information, visit [wagepeaceau.org](http://wagepeaceau.org).

to urinate on the stone pillar and then spray painting the word "toilet" in red.

At the start of the video he voiced his opposition to the discharge of treated radioactive water from the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant into the Pacific, saying "faced with the Japanese government's permission to discharge nuclear wastewater, can't we do anything?"

"No, I will give them some color to see," he added.

According to the bureau, the damage is estimated at 4.2 million yen (\$26,000), with Dong suspected of being the perpetrator and Xu alleged to have filmed the act.

The police declined to disclose whether Jiang has admitted to the allegations.

Yasukuni has been a source of diplomatic friction with China and other Asian countries as Japan's wartime leaders, convicted as war criminals in a post-World War II international tribunal, are among the more than 2.4 million war dead honored at the shrine.

Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa said at a press conference last month that the Japanese government had expressed its concerns about the actions to the Chinese government through diplomatic routes.

## Kazakhstan

On October 6, a national referendum supporting construction of Kazakhstan's first nuclear power plant was held. During the prior week, and even at some polling stations that day, authorities across the country took social and environmental activists into custody on suspicion of conspiring to cause "mass disorder" and related crimes while opposing the referendum.

The landlocked Asian country has a complicated relationship with nuclear technology, beginning with decades of above and underground Soviet-era nuclear weapons tests at the Semipalatinsk site (now known as Semey). The 1986 Chernobyl catastrophe introduced cracks in the dome of secrecy that surrounded all of the Soviet Union's nuclear programs, in particular revealing a profound impact on the health and environment around the Semey test site. The affected Kazakhs founded the Nevada-Semipalatinsk movement that helped propel the Russian Federation into closing the test site and joining the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. Since then, Kazakhstan has given up the nuclear weapons they held after the collapse of the Soviet Union, ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and is now the largest global exporter of uranium for nuclear fuel.

Opponents of the referendum said the crackdown was a sign the government was worried the public would reject the reactor plan. The government's desired outcome was achieved, and the referendum passed decisively.

The first arrests were reported September 29 and 30 in the region of Almaty. At least a dozen people were charged and some of their homes were searched. Five of the activists faced immediate trial under Article 272 of Kazakhstan's Code of Administrative Offenses, "attempting to organize a mass riot".

Nurlan Zhaulibayev, Nurlan Temirgaliyev, Zhanat Kazakhbai, Fazylzhan Sydykov and Aidar Mubarakov were summarily convicted the night of October 1 and sentenced to two months in prison. News of their convictions and sentencing paralleled reports of still more arrests around the country.

A human rights activist began compiling the reports on social media, a list that eventually included the names of 46 activists who were detained for a period of time. Some were charged with conducting unpermitted online polls on social media about the referendum, and a few for other social activism.

Many of those arrested were charged under Article 488 of the Code, which decrees the organization and participation in non-sanctioned assemblies can be punished by fines and short-term detention. A few of those have been fined and at least 20 people were jailed from five to 20 days.



[Editors' note: We have not been able to learn the prison addresses for the five activists, nor if they can receive mail.]

## New Zealand

*from Peace Action Wellington*

Peace activists staged a dramatic action inside Defence House in Wellington on June 26, in opposition to the deployment of New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) troops to the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) military exercises.

Ten activists staged a die-in at the security entry points to the offices of the NZDF, the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and the Ministry of Defence. More activists gathered at the building's entrances with banners and signs demanding an end to Aotearoa New Zealand's participation in RIMPAC.

"We are calling on people around the country to let the Minister know that we want an end to all NZ participation in RIMPAC," said Valerie Morse, member of Peace Action Wellington who was one of the two arrested at the action.

"In particular, we are horrified that the NZDF will be training alongside the Israeli Defence Force, which is responsible for the ongoing genocide in Gaza. ... It is absolutely right and reasonable that New Zealand refuse to train with a country involved in an active genocide. It is the very least we could do given the circumstances."

"RIMPAC is a giant show of imperial force led by the U.S. that takes place in and around the Hawai'ian islands – land that was illegally stolen from the Kanaka Ma'oli people and which remains occupied by the U.S. RIMPAC is a dangerous parade of military violence."

For more information, visit [peaceactionwellington.wordpress.com](http://peaceactionwellington.wordpress.com).

# England

Plans to bring U.S. nuclear weapons back to England have met with protest and a renewed resistance effort. More than 30 organizations have united to form the Lakenheath Alliance for Peace, including trades councils, faith groups and peace groups. Last July, members walked from Norwich to Royal Air Force Lakenheath, the base most likely to receive the new nuclear bombs and bombers. They set up a peace camp for a few days, and about 60 people attended a rally outside the base on July 20. Several women donned t-shirts spelling out "NO NATO" and briefly formed a line across the main entrance. Five women then walked through the main gate of the base, intending to deliver a letter to the base commander challenging the plans, a letter they'd first delivered last spring with no reply.

Suffolk police officers intercepted the women, informed them that the base commander would not be coming to meet them, and asked them to leave or be arrested. Three of the women left, while Angie Zelter and Ginnie Herbert sat down and said they would stay until a base commander was available to meet them. Both were arrested and taken to Bury St. Edmunds police station, where they were questioned and released on bail, with formal charges to be given at a later date.

Visit [lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk](http://lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk) for more information.

# FUTURE ACTIONS

## royal air force lakenheath

The next Lakenheath Alliance for Peace camp will be April 14 - 25, 2025. LAP is encouraging formation of local affinity groups all around Great Britain and providing trainers and advice to engage in nonviolent, effective direct action – on the runways, in the hangars, disrupting NATO war plans and preventing U.S. nuclear weapons returning to England. Activists from Japan, South Korea and European countries hosting U.S. military bases are encouraged to attend. Visit [lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk](http://lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk) or email [info@lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk](mailto:info@lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk) for more information.

## holloman air force base

Plan now to join the Spring Action Week to Shut Down Drone Training at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, April 19 - 26, 2025. Holloman is the largest drone training base in the U.S., where 700+ drone pilots and operators graduate annually. Visit [www.shutdowndrone warfare.org](http://www.shutdowndrone warfare.org) for more information.

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**May 21 Washington, DC 4 arrests**

Capitol police brutally suppressed demonstrators at a Senate hearing who called out Secretary of State Blinken as a failed diplomat over U.S. support for Israel's war on Gaza. Retired diplomat Ann

Wright was bloodied by the manhandling in the hearing room before she was shoved out and arrested, while two other women were simply picked up by much larger male officers and removed.

**May 22 Washington, DC 2 arrests**

At least two people were arrested when Secretary of State Blinken was again testifying at a congressional hearing about support for Israel. Dozens of protesters dogged him coming and going through the halls and in the hearing room. One woman was held overnight.

**May 25 Princeton, NJ 1 arrest**

Princeton University President Eisgruber, speaking at an alumni event, was greeted by shouts of "We are complicit in genocide!" Two dozen people stood and held up red-painted hands, and after six minutes, took their protest outside. Alumni Chase Hommeyer was arrested at the doors for defiant trespass and obstructing a government function and took a plea deal in September.

**June 8 Hollywood, CA 1 arrest**

Actor Dave Clemon was arrested at home for misdemeanor vandalism half a block away where he had just stenciled "Free Palestine" on the sidewalk. "I figured there was some law against making graffiti," he wrote... "At my arraignment I hope I will be allowed to make a statement about the Zionist occupation of Palestine, Israel's monstrous oppression of the Palestinian people, and the shameful complicity of Americans like me."

**June 12 Brooklyn, NY 2 arrests**

Independent videographer Sam Seligson covered a demonstration where paint was thrown at apartment buildings where Brooklyn Museum board members live, one of many protests of the Museum's investments tied to Israeli weapons. Subsequently, he was indicted on 17 counts, along with Taylor Pelton and Gabriel Schubiner on 25 counts each, related to these incidents. Some come with a "hate crime enhancement."

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# THE INSIDE LINE



Juergen Hosbach graphic

stationed at Büchel and in charge of security. He had to send some of his soldiers to Afghanistan, and when they came back, many were traumatized and needed help. He said that when the men went to Afghanistan, they thought they had a mandate from the German people, but when they got back, there was no help for them. So in thinking further about the NATO war in Afghanistan, the officer

said that he felt like a red porcelain cup among all the other black porcelain cups, and he decided to resign his commission rather than have to send another group of soldiers to Afghanistan. He also mentioned to me that he, too, was against nuclear weapons.

When I left, he came up to me and gave me a warm hug, and wished me strength for the rest of my prison sentence.

Back in 2017, '18 and '19, when we had walked onto the base, we brought a statement to give to the soldiers who we met. We never had a chance to have a real conversation with them. So it was a touching moment for me, to hear this officer's stand on conscience, of taking a step out of his comfort zone. I think he told me knowing that I had also taken a step out of my comfort zone, even coming to this gathering. I don't ever know how people will feel about me – the women in JVA Rohrbach told me that the people in Koblenz would not trust me. It's hard to know how people will respond to a prisoner from their local prison.

During the furlough I was also able to have a conversation with one of the German women who has been writing to me, and had published prison letters from me and Susan van der Hijden in the church bulletin. It turns out that she had studied theology, and then decided to live and work with a community of worker priests. They worked in factories, laundries, wherever there were jobs. They brought dignity to the work, and shared their lives, faith and hopes. She had married one of the worker priests, and after their children were older, she started to work again, not falling back on her degrees, but working in a laundry. I shared that during the U.S. war on Vietnam, I had lived in a community of mostly college graduates and post-grad students. We realized that we wanted to stop the war, but we also wanted a world that wasn't divided by class, but where everyone labored and everyone had time for other pursuits. We left our degrees aside and learned plumbing or electrical work.

It is hopeful to realize that we are more alike others than we are different, and that others continue to take one step out of their comfort zone as part of how they live their lives.

In light of the new nuclear weapons the U.S. is developing, the continued folly of fossil fuel use, nuclear power, theft of resources from the poorer countries and deliberate blindness about the military's increased emissions, we struggle to find hope. But until we have a general strike, we can find hope in our solidarity with others, with the Filton 10, the Letzte Generation, and the everyday people I meet who say, "War has no use except to kill people and destroy homes. It is brutal. We need to stop."

Susan Crane

[Susan began serving a 229 day prison sentence in June 2024 for nonviolent actions at Büchel air base in Germany, where U.S. nuclear weapons are stored.]

## WRITINGS FROM PRISON

~ from Koblenz, Germany

October 11, 2024

*While I'm in the prison, I feel wrapped in the kindness, generosity and community of the women in prison with me, and the kindness of guards. And while I'm out in the church and the community, I feel wrapped in kindness and compassion, and a generosity of spirit that continues to humble me.*

*The support of people in the U.S. and Germany and Amsterdam has been so warm, compassionate, and practical that it would take a book to thank everyone.*

*When I'm in prayer, I feel wrapped in God's love, and at the same time knowing that God's love includes all those in prison, all those under the bombs and running for their lives, and all those who are caught in the powers and principalities who participate in war and oppression.*

Through the ongoing tragedy of the genocide in Gaza and the climate crisis, there is good news. This morning I was excited to hear that the Nobel Peace Prize had been given to Nihon Hidankyo, the Japanese organization of witnesses and survivors of the nuclear weapons that the United States dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The members of Nihon Hidankyo have been advocating with their words, actions, and their lives to prevent nuclear war and to eliminate nuclear weapons.

Their witness and their lives are a warning to all of us, and a reminder of the consequences of these weapons.

The 20 U.S. nuclear weapons are still here in Germany at the Büchel air base. We in Koblenz are 55 km from the nuclear weapons, but in reality, there is no safe distance from the blast, heat and radiation, and we are all at risk.

During a furlough from prison last Sunday, I attended an ordination at the Evangelical Community Church in Cochem. Cochem is the closest large city near the Büchel air base. In the community house of the church, there was a map of the nuclear weapons at the base, with a heading about the need to disarm all nuclear weapons. After the service, I sat down with Rüdiger Lancalle, a lay minister and former vice rector of a public school, who has vigiled at the base for decades and is respected by both Catholic and Evangelical youth and adults in the area. He told me that when he was teaching, the prison where I am now was getting rid of their triple bunks, and gave them to the school. They were too uncomfortable to sleep in, and so Rüdiger put them in the basement and the students had a bunk to store their extra books and items that didn't fit so well in their rooms.

One of the church elders started a conversation with me. He had been an officer in the German army,

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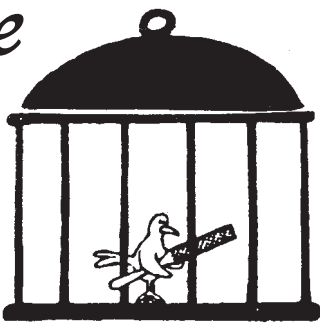
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**KANSAS CITY PLANT:** In June, the city prosecutor decided not to proceed with trespass charges against ten people who crossed the line in protest of the nuclear weapons parts factory last April 15, as part of the Midwest Catholic Worker Faith and Resistance Retreat...

**DANIEL HALE:** The drone warfare whistleblower completed the home confinement remainder of his custodial sentence on July 5, and the monitor strapped to his ankle was removed. In October, fulfilling the personal wish of the late Pentagon whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, Hale received the inaugural International Ellsberg Whistleblower Award, honoring "the integrity and courage of whistleblowers and their allies for disclosing information that significantly enhances free public or scientific debate to bolster democracy and the public's right to know..."

**HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE:** A series of online trials and hearings for six drone warfare resisters arrested last April at a New Mexico training base for drone operators concluded with deferred prosecution and dismissal of charges for some and plea agreements for minimal community service and fines for the others. See Future Actions on page 7 for information about next spring's week of action at this base...

**RICHMOND, VIRGINIA:** Eight of nine people who locked on to ladders and blocked I-95 in a Gaza war protest on March 11 were convicted of blocking traffic and sentenced to five days in jail, probation and a fine. One pled no contest and was sentenced to one day in jail...

**NEW YORK CITY:** Eight people are facing trial December 16 for felony burglary charges from April 30 arrests at the Gaza Solidarity Encampment at City College. A ninth person arrested April 30 at Columbia University, James Carlson, has been indicted for arson and criminal mischief (one felony, three misdemeanors) for allegedly burning an Israeli flag and destroying a camera in the jail...

**EUGENE, OREGON:** A handful of nearly 60 protesters arrested for blocking traffic on I-5 last April 15 have turned down a plea agreement and were convicted at trial. Two have been sentenced to fines, probation and community service, while Jeselyn Perkins was ordered to serve eight days in jail or on the work crew plus a fine and probation...

## CEASEFIRE NOW!, CONT.

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**June 18 New York, NY 18 arrests**

The Summer of Heat campaign rallied with ceasefire activists outside the headquarters of Citi bank, explicitly linking their condemnation of Citi's investments in fossil fuels to its investments in Israel's war. A sit-in began, with activists intending to camp overnight. New York Police Department's Strategic Response Group cleared the plaza after an hour, arresting 18, including a photographer documenting the protest.

**June 21 New York, NY 23 arrests**

Summer of Heat and ceasefire campaigners returned to Citi for an early morning action, blocking the bank's headquarters with four sections of large pipe boldly lettered, "Citibank Stop Funding Death." Two hundred employees were waiting to get in by the time police arrived and made arrests.

**June 22 Chicago, IL 11 arrests**

Protesters blocking Franklin Street downtown were arrested after refusing orders to disperse. Three later had charges dismissed and others await trial.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**... Arise and Witness: Poems by Anne Montgomery, RSCJ, About Faith, Prison, War Zones and Nonviolent Resistance.** Sr. Anne Montgomery was a nonviolent witness in war zones in the Holy Land and Iraq, and endured years of imprisonment due to her involvement in Plowshares actions. Her poems, now published posthumously, are rooted in her love for accompanying the marginalized, borne out of her experience of religious life and community. Most provide unique and rich biblical insights into what it means to be human and a faithful follower of Jesus. This volume serves as both a powerful spiritual anchor and a source of inspiration for all who seek to be a radical witness of truth and hope. Drawing on her experience as a religious, teacher and peacemaker, Anne's poetry offers powerful scriptural insights that can sustain people's hope. Edited by Arthur Laffin with Carole Sargent, New Academia Publishing/Scarith Books. \$18 paperback via [www.newacademia.com](http://www.newacademia.com).

**... Ground Zero Comics: Move Beyond Nuclear Weapons!** is a new collaboration between the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action and EduComics illustrator Leonard Rifas. The colorful nonfiction comic book with art by Rifas and four others features a 79-year-old character who explains to his grandchild that the unfinished work of resisting nuclear weapons has sometimes been more effective than even the protesters knew. The story is built around the Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, home of the world's largest concentration of deployed nuclear weapons just 20 miles from Seattle. **Ground Zero Comics** smoothly incorporates graphs, maps, portraits, illustrations and photographs in a clear and engaging, deeply researched, highly informative, hand-drawn story for mature readers. An online supplement to the comic includes a hundred pages of notes, sources and ideas for activism with others or by yourself. \$8 + postage from [fantagraphics.com](http://fantagraphics.com), or purchase single or multiple copies - with volume discounts - by emailing [gzcomics@gzcenter.org](mailto:gzcomics@gzcenter.org).

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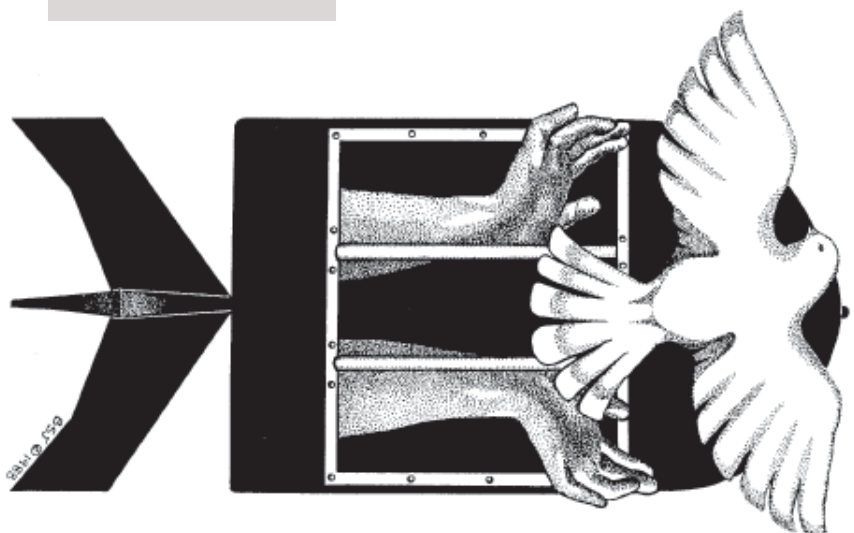
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