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# PERSIAN GULF REPORT

PERSIAN GULF COMMITTEE OF THE PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER OF EASTERN MAINE

JULY 1991

## REPORT #1 DEFENDING FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY?



On July 4th, United States citizens observe Independence Day to celebrate freedom from British colonialism and a commitment to ideals of democracy. Rather than simply a matter of being allowed to cast a vote every four years, real "freedom" and "democracy" have to do with human beings having the means (capacity, power) to make decisions that determine their political, economic, and cultural life. This year's July 4th celebrations will focus on the Gulf War "victory," how the U.S. military "fought for freedom" and "liberated Kuwait." Did the Persian Gulf War have anything to do with freedom or democracy?

### IRAQ: FRIEND OR FOE?

Naked Iraqi aggression against Kuwait was illegal and immoral. But this was nothing

new. For more than 20 years, Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi Baath regime have been guilty of human rights violations, gassing their own Kurds, invading Iran in 1980, torturing and executing workers and any opposition. (Samir al-Khalil, *Republic of Fear: The Politics of Modern Iraq*.) And yet Iraq under Saddam Hussein, until August 2, 1990, was one of Washington's favorite allies: the U.S. gave Iraq massive military and economic aid, saved Iraq from military defeat against Iran, granted Iraq the second largest loan of any nation (\$1 billion in 1989, see *Z Magazine*, Oct. 1990), prevented human rights measures against Saddam Hussein, and looked sympathetically at Iraq's territorial and economic grievances against Kuwait (*New York Times*, March 21, 1991). Did Washington's approach to Saddam Hussein and Iraq show concern for freedom and democracy?

### KUWAIT: WHOM DID WE DEFEND?

Has U.S. friendship with the dictatorial Emir and his ruling al Sabah family in Kuwait had anything to do with freedom and democracy? A tiny country of about 2,000,000 inhabitants, Kuwait is one of the most hated, repressive, and wealthiest nations in the Arab world. (*Middle East Report*, May-June 1991.) Only 3% (60,000 males and no women) are allowed to vote (*The Nation*, Aug. 27-Sept. 3, 1990). Most of the labor force is from such countries as India, Pakistan, Yemen, the Philippines, and Egypt, includes almost 200,000 Palestinians, and works under conditions often resembling slavery. (*The Nation*, March 18, 1991; Mahmood Ibrahim, "Citizenship and Civil Rights in Kuwait," *Against the Current*, March-April 1991.) While denying the freedom and human rights of its own inhabitants, the small Kuwaiti ruling class/family has worked with western multinational corporations to keep the price of oil low and has been rewarded with unimaginable wealth.



## SYRIA AND OUR OTHER ALLIES

President Bush has been applauded for his skill in putting together a wide-ranging anti-Iraq regional coalition. What do Washington's key allies reveal about our Gulf War concern for freedom and democracy?

Before the war, Syria was labeled the "world's leading terrorist nation" by our State Department. The brutal dictator President Hafez Assad and his Syrian regime were our enemies: responsible for the invasion and occupation of Lebanon (doing to Lebanese the same things we claimed Iraq would do to Kuwaitis, *Middle East Report*, Jan.-Feb. 1990); for gross human rights violations (including the massacre of 20,000 Syrians in one incident); for the death of hundreds of U.S. soldiers in the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut; and for other acts of international terrorism. Hafez Assad was our enemy, Saddam Hussein our friend. In a remarkable August conversion, including \$1 billion being transferred to Syria, Saddam Hussein became our Hitler and Hafez Assad our new-found friend.

Our most important Arab friend has been oil-rich Saudi Arabia, one of the most repressive, anti-democratic monarchies in the world. King Fahd and his Saudi regime, perhaps the world's richest royal family, are ruthless rulers: subjects have essentially no power, there is no constitution, unions and strikes are illegal, a foreign work force lives under horrendous conditions with no freedom, Saudi women are victims of one of the worst examples of male privilege and domination, and Amnesty International regularly condemns cases of arbitrary arrest, torture, and execution. (See *Amnesty International Reports*, Jan. 1990 and Oct. 1990, on torture, detention, and political prisoners in Saudi Arabia.)

Other allies include Turkey, which invaded and annexed part of Cyprus and has had one of the worst records of human rights violations against Kurds and other Turkish citizens (but which let Washington use its military bases and expects to be rewarded); Israel, which is the largest recipient of U.S. military aid (*Congressional Record*, March 7, 1990), has ignored (along with U.S. support) all United Nations resolutions on the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and has been cited for human rights violations

against Palestinians; and impoverished Egypt, which was bribed/rewarded for its coalition partnership by the cancellation of billions of dollars of military debt and promises of future arms sales. (*The Nation*, Feb. 11, 1991; *Z Magazine*, Oct. and Nov. 1990.)



## SO WHY DID WE FIGHT?

Post-war prospects for the Persian Gulf and Middle East are bleak. At least 150,000 Iraqis were killed by U.S. bombing, and Iraq has been sent back into a pre-industrial age (according to *Report of the United Nations Mission to Assess Humanitarian Needs in Iraq*, March 10-16, 1991; *Middle East Report*, May-June 1991; *Boston Globe*, March 23, 1991; *The Nation*, March 11, 1991; *Z Magazine*, June 1991). Schools, hospitals, bridges, roads, communication centers, factories, and power stations were destroyed. Contaminated water threatens the spread of cholera and typhoid. Hundreds of thousands of Kurds and Shiite Muslims are homeless refugees faced with starvation, disease, and death. Kuwait, especially its environment and poor working force, has been devastated. Prospects for peace, freedom, and democracy in Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and other parts of the region have not improved because of the war. If the Persian Gulf War had little to do with freedom and democracy, why did Washington commit itself to what was probably the most rapid, large-scale military build-up in history? Why are we



celebrating a military victory that was little more than a slaughter, leaving massive death, devastation, and instability that will plague Iraq, the Middle East, and the world for years to come?

### 1) **Control over Oil**

First, and foremost, there is Almighty Oil. Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf nations are sitting on the world's most attractive oil resources. At the end of World War II, U.S. policy makers defined Middle Eastern oil as "our oil," and made it a U.S. foreign policy imperative to have access to and control over this vital resource. If Iraq and Kuwait were not so oil-rich, there would not have been such a massive U.S. military mobilization; there would have been no Gulf War.

Our determination to control this oil has not helped those struggling for freedom and democracy in the Middle East. Indeed, the U.S. multinational corporations and banks have usually preferred working with Middle Eastern despots, concerned with their own wealth and power, as opposed to



democratic revolutions, in which the masses of people might demand freedom and a greater share of their own oil resources. Saddam Hussein the dictator was fine, but he became too uppity and unpredictable in Washington's eyes when he occupied all of Kuwait.

### 2) **Domination over the Third World**

With the end of the Cold War and the decline of the Soviet Union, military superiority is the one area in which the United States is the acknowledged world superpower. With the U.S. in relative economic decline, as the world's largest debtor nation and increasingly unable to compete economically, the military is the tempting lever for Washington to use in asserting itself as a world power. A predictable military slaughter of a relatively weak country like Iraq was illegal and immoral. But this was necessary

a major world player: not only to reassert its domination over much of the Third World (Asia, Africa, and Latin America) but also to counter western European, Japanese, Korean and other economic challenges. (See former CIA-officer John Stockwell's *The U.S. in the New World Order*.)

### 3) **Deflecting Attention from Domestic Problems**

The Persian Gulf War succeeded in deflecting our attention away from domestic problems and discontent and in sabotaging the anticipated "Peace Dividend." Before August 1990, the news was dominated by our domestic problems: the national and state budgetary debts and crises, economic recession and lack of productivity, the Savings & Loan (S&L) scandal, and so forth. With the decline of the Soviet military threat, legislators began

to debate how to cut the bloated Pentagon budget of \$300 billion, perhaps in half, and how this "peace dividend" might be used to solve our severe problems at home. Our largest corporations (Exxon, Mobil, General Electric, General

Dynamics, Boeing, McDonnell-Douglas, etc.), with their close connections and interlocking relations with Washington and the military, were threatened and resisted this opportunity to redefine our national priorities and commitments. With the Persian Gulf War, the military is glamorized, weapons contracts and military-related profits are guaranteed, and no one discusses the peace dividend. Shortly after the end of the war, it was announced there were to be increased subsidies for arms exports; \$23 billion for arms sales to the Middle East (*New York Times*, March 18, 1991).

### **DEMOCRACY AT HOME**

We have tried to show that the Persian Gulf War had nothing to do with a unimagined wealth.



Iraq, Kuwait, and the rest of west Asia/Middle East. In the carefully orchestrated public relations success of uniting the country around the President and the military forces and deflecting attention from our severe domestic crises, the war also had a very negative effect on freedom and democracy at home.

In Maine and throughout the nation, we face a drastic reduction in federal funds and services with a rising tax burden on the shoulders of local citizens; devastating state and national debts and cut-backs with increasing levels of poverty and gaps between the rich and the poor (with probably the greatest concentration of resources in the hands of the wealthy few of any industrialized country); unacceptable levels of unemployment and employment at poverty-level existence; domestic violence, alcoholism, and drug abuse; a crumbling infrastructure of roads, bridges, public works, and industrial capacity; insufficient investment in education and job training for decent employment; lack of affordable housing and medical care (the only modern industrialized country, except for South Africa, without a national health care policy); and no sound energy and environmental policies. The "victory" in the Persian Gulf has been used to deflect attention from these problems at home and to continue to justify huge military spending.

Since 1982, Maine has lost \$1 billion in federal domestic spending while military spending doubled and spending on domestic problems was cut by one-third. Just a 7% annual cut in military spending would mean \$380 million more for Maine that could be spent for education, environment, job training, social and health services, and transportation.

We began by stating that freedom and democracy have to do with self-determination,

with the capacity and power of people to make decisions that affect their destiny. Maine citizens, who live under constant threats of poverty, are thrown out of work, cannot afford decent housing or medical care or education, are denied resources that could help them overcome problems of domestic violence or alcoholism or drug abuse, etc., do not enjoy this kind of real freedom and democracy.

Foreign policy "chickens come home to roost," not only in deflecting attention away from domestic crises but always in defining the priorities and commitments of Washington, our multinational corporations and banks. Those with power, who have little concern with freedom and democracy in the Persian Gulf/west Asia, usually show the same disregard for empowerment and real self-determination of citizens at home.



### *Watch for future Persian Gulf Reports*

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- ☐ I am interested in learning more about the Persian Gulf Committee of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine.
- ☐ I would like more copies of the *Persian Gulf Report* to distribute in my community.
- ☐ I have enclosed a check made out to the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine to help fund future brochures and other educational material on the Persian Gulf War.

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---, large-scale military build-up in history? Why are we



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Kitty Graham, 942-9343

### PRESS RELEASE--FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Seeing the need for a major shift in federal spending priorities, a statewide campaign calling itself Real Security '92 is kicking off efforts to change federal budget decisions at a press conference in the Mother Angela Conference Room of St. Joseph's Hospital (Center Street entrance) at 2 PM on Thursday, February 20, 1992.

Representatives of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine are coordinating the conference. Speakers will include Susan Brainerd of the Greater Bangor Area Shelter (housing needs), biology professor and environmentalist Jonathan Carter, Bangor School Committee member Judy Guay speaking on education and job training needs, and Joseph Ditre (tentative) of Consumers for Affordable Health Care. Each will speak briefly about how the Bangor area can benefit from major cuts in military spending and increased funding of human services.

Real Security '92 is a growing coalition of over ten regional and statewide groups united under the theme "Cut Military Spending--Rebuild America." It will be demonstrating the negative impact of high levels of military spending on the U.S. economy and its citizens, including those in the Bangor area.

An estimated 2,000 people statewide wearing bright red Real Security '92 hats and making military spending a prime campaign issue will be attending caucuses of the Democratic and Republican parties over the next few weeks. Attendees will be encouraging planks in both party platforms asking for new spending priorities. A copy of the proposed plank will be available at the press conference.

Current budget proposals for the next five years call for minimal reductions in military spending in spite of major revolutions in Eastern Europe and the disintegration of the Soviet Union. "About \$150 billion is currently spent to defend Western Europe against a non-existent enemy while people in this and other countries are homeless and jobless," stated Peace and Justice Center member Larry Dansinger. "This is pure foolishness. Politicians are out of step with the needs of their constituents."

A recent "Penny Poll" by the Center and a survey published in the *Bangor Daily News* have confirmed that most Bangor area citizens want their tax money to go for education, health care, and other programs that they can benefit from rather than for more military weapons.

Free Real Security '92 hats will be given to all members of the press who attend the conference.



THIRD THURSDAY BROWN BAG LUNC

Thursday, February 20

12:15-1:00 PM

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58 COLUMBIA STREET, BANGOR

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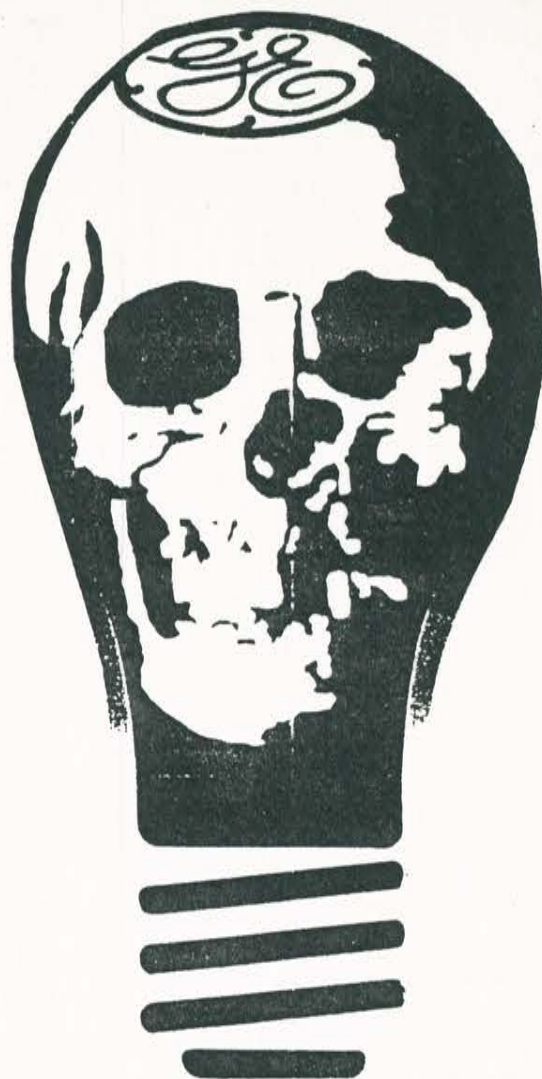
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of GE Boycott in Hancock County**

**For more info, call P & J Center**



# One year later

One year ago this evening the war in the Gulf began in earnest, with an aerial bombing the likes of which never had been seen before. It was a spectacular assault of the most technologically advanced weapons ever launched against humanity, justified by the idea that war would free the region of the greater evil of Saddam Hussein.

After the victory parades and the cheering, the chest-thumping and the lionizing of Norman Schwarzkopf, reflection on the swift, brutal battle in the Gulf makes the victory seem more like a draw. America, as all the polls last year concluded, may feel better about itself for its troops having clobbered the Iraqi army, but that joy is hardly substantiated by the results of the war today.

Saddam's troops are out of Kuwait, but the image that they were first driven there by a Middle East Hitler no longer holds, if it ever did. Congress is only now finding out that many of the atrocities charged against the Iraqis were fabricated. And though life certainly is better in Kuwait without the invading army, it has come nowhere near the democracy that was supposed to blossom after the fighting. Similarly, comrades in arms of the United States, the Saudis, haven't gotten around to drafting their Bill of Rights yet, either.

The Kurds, of course, don't have a country, much less vast pools of oil, to

call their own. In the year since the end of the war, Saddam has ordered them hunted down and killed, and the United States has offered only minimal protection. President George Bush's blunder of messages after the war, indicating that a revolt by the Kurds would be supported by the United States, has brought tremendous suffering to a people that have suffered too long under Saddam.

The Gulf War was a personal one, made so by Saddam and Bush, both of whom staked their careers on the strengths of their armies. While both are still enjoying the fruits of power, others are enduring the cruel results of a war they wanted no part of. Without electricity, clean water, medical supplies and decent food, the people of Iraq, especially the very young and old, are dying in frightening numbers. Misplaced sanctions on food and medicine combined with the devastation from the bombing have not unseated Saddam, but have brought misery to his people.

The photographs last month of Saddam laughing it up with some of his officers while awarding them Mother of All Battle ribbons and medals mocked the Desert Storm victory and made his stunning military defeat seem remote. A year after the start of the Gulf War, not much has changed there. Not much but 200,000 people (and counting) needlessly dead.

This editorial appeared on the same day as the "Another Viewpoint" column describing conditions in Iraq one year after the bombing. Peace and Justice Center members worked on a campaign to lift the sanctions, which among other actions, including paid ads in local papers, included this column.

We feel that we provided <sup>the</sup> information to our community, including the editors of this conservative paper, which affected the original views and opinions on the Gulf war and other issues.



*We need your HELP with ---*

# BANGOR TO BAGHDAD

## Children's Aid Day II

**FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1992**

**7:30 AM - 4:00 PM**

**WEST MARKET SQUARE, DOWNTOWN BANGOR**

The suffering of children in Iraq as a result of the Persian Gulf War continues. Last May, we collected nearly \$3,000 in West Market Square to bring medicine, food and other supplies needed by these children. We need your help as we once again collect funds from passersby in downtown Bangor.

### YOU can help by---

- offering to provide music, poetry or some other talent to attract attention to the Square during the day
- offering to take a shift of an hour or more collecting funds and passing out information flyers during the day
- offering other ideas to make this a successful event
- taking some Mothers Day cards and selling them to friends, co-workers, etc. (see below)

We have available MOTHERS DAY CARDS folks can present to their mothers telling them that a gift has been made in their honor to this campaign. Suggested donation - \$10. You may order cards by calling or writing the Center - see below.

**TO VOLUNTEER, SHARE YOUR IDEAS OR OBTAIN FURTHER INFO,  
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**942-9343**

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# CALENDAR



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

13: Poetry reading at 7:30PM at the Peace and Justice Center to benefit the Center, call 942-4398.

14: Maine Peace Action Committee potluck and discussion on peace/justice activism, 6PM, 57 Bennoch Rd., Orono, 866-3313.

14: Main Street Coalition for Prevention of Nuclear War meeting at Dr. Doug Trenkle's office, 306 Main St., Ellsworth. Call Dee Karnofsky, 288-4365.

15: Beyond War orientation, 9:00-4:00PM. Childcare available. Call Sandra Walsh Patrick 825-3458 for location and details.

16: PeaceWalk 88 is a 10 kilometer fundraising walk taking place in 13 Maine communities to promote a variety of peace issues. Walks in Bangor, Bucksport, and Camden. Call Bangor 827-6837; Bucksport 825-4454; Belfast/Camden 789-5403, 789-5310.

16: Scott Stoll shows films of Central America ("Under the Gun: Democracy in Guatemala" and "El Salvador: Another Vietnam") in the evening at St. Vincent de Paul's Church, Bucksport. Call 469-3322.

16: Bern Porter will read from his poetry and other works, 4PM, Late Sky Books, 127 High St., Belfast. For more information call Harry Marshall 338-3225.

17: World Food Day Teleconference, noon-3PM, Alumni Hall, UM, Orono, with speakers and local responses. Call Anne Johnson at 581-4706.

17: Maine Peace Action Committee Southern Africa Subcommittee meets 4-5PM, The Maples, UM, Orono, 581-3860.

18: Maine Peace Action Committee meets each Tuesday, 4PM, The Maples, UM, Orono, 581-3860.

18: Scott Stoll shows films of Central America ("Under the Gun: Democracy in Guatemala" and "El Salvador: Another Vietnam") at 7:30PM in the Grand Auditorium, Ellsworth. Call 667-8919.

18: "Establishing a Center for Women's Studies in Cyprus: Strategies, Problems, Solutions", 12:15- 1:30PM, Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union, UM, Orono. Call Women in Curriculum office, 581-1228.

19: PICA (Peace in Central America) monthly meeting, potluck 5:30, meeting 6:00PM. For location call 947-4203.

19: Soup and Sing-along of peace and freedom songs meets each Wednesday, 6PM-? at Judith Bra-

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all new and prospective members of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine. Because of your support the Center is becoming a reality: an office in downtown Bangor and the first edition of our calendar! The calendar will be published monthly covering events from the 15th to the 15th. We would like to include your organization in future editions of this calendar. Do you meet on a regular basis? Do you have special events: fundraisers, speakers, conferences, films,...? We hope the calendar will help you share this information with interested people in the Bangor and Downeast coastal areas.

Please send a short description (3 sentences or less) of the meeting or event; date, time, location, contact person, and telephone number.

A coupon like the one attached will be provided with each calendar; please return it by the first of each month.

**Thank you!**

**\*\*Position available:** PICA (Peace in Central America) is looking for a part-time (20 hours/week) community organizer. \$400/month. Training provided. Apply by November 5, start as soon as possible.

For application contact: PICA, 23A Hammond St., Bangor 04401, 947-4203. **\*\*The Peace and Justice Center needs your help.** Bring us usable furniture or office equipment. Call to arrange pickup of items: Matt at 843-5269, Bill at 942-4398, or Larry 827-3107.

**\*\*Scott Stoll of Addison has films and video tapes on the violence in Guatemala and El Salvador to show to groups in Eastern Maine:** "Under the Gun: Democracy in Guatemala" (60 minutes); "El Salvador: Another Vietnam" (30 min.); "Guatemala: Journey to the End of Memories"; and "Dateline El Salvador." These can be for either public locations or house gatherings. Call him at 483-6133 or write RFD 1 Box 93, Harrington 04643. Scott's friend, Jim Harney, from Boston, will be in the area in mid-October and is available to speak. Harney has been to Central America and is a powerful advocate for peace.

**\*\*Women who are owners of businesses can get help with management, finances, and other aspects of running a business by attending the Women Business Owners Conference on October 19, at the Augusta Civic Center. To register, contact the Women's Business Development Corporation, P.O. 5347, Augusta 04330, or call 623-0065.**

**\*\*HOME Coop in Orland urges support for state legislation to establish a "Homestead Land Trust Act," which would provide land to low income people throughout the state. Meeting on Nov. 19 at HOME**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular meeting (to be included every month) \_\_\_\_\_ Special event \_\_\_\_\_

Description (include date, time, location): \_\_\_\_\_



## CALENDAR (cont.)

gar and Bill Weigle's, 10 Fremont St., Machias, 255-8573.

19: "Hazardous Waste Minimization and Management-an Overview," 9:30AM-3:30PM, \$75, Hilltop Conference Room, UM, Orono. Call Conferences and Institutes, 581-4092, to register.

20: Planning meeting for alternative school in the Bangor area, 7:30PM, call 827-6837 or 884-8722.

21: Peace Vigil (ongoing Fridays), 5-6PM, Belfast Post Office, contact Irene Cooper, 338-3326.

22-23: "Incest: The Process of Healing" for adult men who are survivors of incest. To register or for more information, contact Looking Up, P.O.Box K, Augusta 04330, 626-3402.

23: Fruit and Nut Tree Exchange at Fulford Bros. Nursery, Monroe, sponsored by the Maine Tree Crop Alliance, call 525-7761.

25: Panel discussion: "The Status of Women in Other Countries", 12:15-1:30PM, Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union, UM, Orono. Call Women in Curriculum office, 581-1228 for more information.

25: Bangor NOW (National Organization for Women) meeting, Augusta Hall, University College, UM, Bangor. For time/directions, call Amy at 581-6075 or Karen at 848-5359.

28: Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine meeting. Potluck, 5:00PM, meeting, 7:00PM. All welcome. (9 Central St. #302, Bangor).

28-30: Maine Foster Parents Association statewide conference in Portland. MFPA, PO Box 8279, Bangor 04401, 800-367-3900.

29: Halloween Moonlight Madness Contradance to benefit ME Freeze Campaign and the Center for Vision and Policy, 8:30PM-2:00AM, Liberty Community Hall, Liberty Village, 782-0386 or 827-3107.

30: "Winning Democracy" nonviolent action/rally at Saco Defense to stop production of arms going to Central America. Contact Liz Robbins, Marc Larrivee, or Steve Gray at 866-4347.

30: National Organization for Women, Maine Chapter, annual meeting. Brunch served 10:30AM-1:00PM, \$12. For information call NOW at 848-5359 or 581-6075.

## NOVEMBER

2: "Sex, Drugs, and AIDS," Ruth Lockhart, Health Educator, Cutler Health Center, 12:20-1:30PM, UM Luncheon Series of Explosive Political and Social Issues, Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union, UM, Orono, call 581-3860 or 581-1735.

2: deidre and dianne (Deidre McCalla and Dianne Davidson), an evening of music, 8:00PM, Maine Center for the Arts, Orono, \$12.50, sponsored by Bangor NOW. Call 581-1755.

3: "The Presence of the CIA at Universities," Prof. Roger Bowen of Colby College, 12:20-1:30PM, Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series, Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union, UM, Orono, 581-3860.

4: "Conflict Management and Dispute Resolution," 9AM-4PM, Hilltop Conference Room, UM, Orono, \$85. Conferences and Institutes, 581-4092.

9: Phillip Agee, who resigned from the CIA and has condemned it for its actions and tactics, will speak at 8:00PM, Memorial Union, UM, Orono, call 581-3860.

9: "Steroids: Shortcut to Make-Believe Muscles," Dr. Robert Jana, Substance Abuse Educator, and Wesley Jordan, Head Athletic Trainer and Associate Prof. of Physical Education, 12:20-1:30PM, UM Luncheon Series of Explosive Political and Social Issues, Coe Lounge, Memorial Union, UM, Orono, call 581-3860

or 581-1735.

10: "The History of Socialism in Maine," Prof. Charles Scontras, 12:20-1:30PM, Socialist and Marxist Studies Luncheon Series, Sutton Lounge, Memorial Union, UM, Orono, 581-3860.

12: The Center for Vision and Policy annual meeting 10:00AM-4:00PM, Bangor Theological Seminary, Wellman Commons. The Center works on issues of economic justice and building alliances among various racial groups in Maine. Call Susan Davies at BTS, 942-6781.

13: Adoptive Families of Maine, Bangor Chapter meets for potluck on the 2nd Sunday of each month, call 825-3458.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS (cont.)

Coop, U.S. Route 1, Orland 04472. Call 469-7961 for the meeting time or write to HOME for a copy of the proposed legislation.

**\*\*Mabel Wadsworth Women's Health Center** will sponsor a conference on "Preparing for and Living with Menopause," Oct. 15 from 8:30AM to 4:00PM, Bangor Theological Seminary. A minimal registration fee of \$15.00 (or more or less) is requested. Contact MWWHC, 214 Elm St., Bangor 04401 or call 947-5337.

**\*\*\*"Take Steps for Peace"**. An ad hoc group is walking from Old Town, beginning Oct. 15, to Saco on Oct. 30, to participate in a rally at Saco Defense protesting the manufacture of weapons used against people in Central America. They will leave from Indian Island at 8:00AM on Oct. 15, from West Market Square, Bangor at 8:00AM on Oct. 16, to Stockton Springs on Oct. 17, and to Belfast on Oct. 18. Join the walk by writing Greg and Aner, 23A Park St., Orono 04473, or call the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine 942-9343.

**\*\*Signature collectors** are needed to help on election day, Nov. 8, at polling places throughout Eastern Maine in support of the Maine Freeze Campaign's referendum on the testing of cruise missiles in Maine. To help collect signatures, call the Maine Freeze Campaign at 772-0680 or the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine 942-9343.

**\*\*New Age Music Radio** with Jim Bean can be heard each Sunday at 10:00PM on WERU (89.9 FM).

WERU also sponsors public affairs programs each weekday from 10:00-11:00AM.

**\*\*Anthony Aman and the Stand for Peace Committee** have proposed a National Moment of Silence for Peace at noon on Inauguration Day, Jan. 20, 1989. If you can help, you are urged to contact him at P.O. Box 60, Brooklin 04616 or call 359-4602.

**\*\*The Center for Family Non-violence** is an Eastern Maine resource for victims of sexual or domestic violence, sponsored by St. James Episcopal Church of Old Town. It provides support for those who have suffered from child abuse or incest.

It does not do counseling, but does offer speakers and other information that churches and community groups can use to better understand interpersonal violence. Contact the Center at P.O. Box 183, Old Town 04468, or call 866-5694.

**\*\*Plans initiated for celebrations of Martin Luther King's birthday** in Bangor and Machias. To help with the plans, call 827-3107 (Bangor) or 255-4419 (Machias).

**\*\*Low income people** should get involved in programs which affect their lives, so MAIN (Maine Association of Interdependent Neighborhoods) is sponsoring a conference to establish a "Poor People's Agenda for 1989" on Nov. 19 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM in Augusta. Contact Judy Guay at 800-





# CALENDAR



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to those who were enthusiastic about the first mailing and calendar of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine and became members of the Center. If you think this calendar is a useful resource, we hope you will indicate that with a sign of life by sending a donation to become a member of the Center. Donations of any amount (\$10 or more is suggested) would be much appreciated.

The calendar will be published monthly, covering events from the 15th to the 15th. We would like to include your organization in future editions. Do you meet on a regular basis? Do you have special events? We hope your group will use the calendar to help publicize your events to over 1000 people in Eastern Maine. Simply send a short description (3 sentences or less) about the meeting or events --date, time, location, contact, and details-- to the Center's above address.

PICA (Peace in Central America) is sponsoring a second annual "People for Pueblo" auction to take place on Sunday, Dec. 4, 3-6pm at Wellman Commons of Bangor Theological Seminary, 300 Union St., Bangor. An eclectic selection of goods and services from local artists, artisans, businesses, professionals, and others will be offered. This year's proceeds will help stock clinics in 3 villages in Chaletanango province in El Salvador which contain a large percentage of refugees. Food will be served at the auction.

Another conflict resolution resource is the Community Mediation Project, created by Bill Conway. Conway urges mediation for any number of conflicts --family, neighborhood, workplace, organizational, you name it. It is based on a voluntary willingness to negotiate disagreements using a 3rd party to help understand what they are. Contact Bill Conway, Community Mediation Project, Ricker House, PO Box 256, Cherryfield 04622, 546-2780.

Northeast COMBAT, the only grassroots consumer group in Eastern Maine, is holding its annual fundraising raffle, with prizes such as a shopping spree, a weekend for 2, and an oil painting. The drawing will be on Dec. 19. If you have a consumer complaint (mail order problems, poor merchandise, etc.), contact COMBAT, 189 Exchange St, PO Box 1183, Bangor 04401. Call 947-3331.

For those who believe men should be more involved in the contraception and reproduction processes, the National Association of Vasectomized Men (NAAVM) has a few T-shirts left with the saying "All juice, no seed" on them along with a ripe fig logo. It's a perfect holiday gift. They are available for \$8 from Larry Dansinger, PO Box 110, Stillwater 04489 or order them by calling 827-3107.

The recent hurricane in Nicaragua has created additional problems for that already war-torn country. The Quest for Peace has announced plans to collect donations and later material relief for the people of Nicaragua. Contributions for hurricane relief can be sent to Quest for Peace, c/o PAUSICA, PO Box 5247 Sta. A, Portland 04101.

Sue Stone, 199 Burleigh Rd, Bangor 04401, 942-0692, is seeking others in the Bangor/Eastern Maine area who are concerned about environmental issues and want to do something about them. If you have similar concerns and feel isolated, get in touch with Sue or call the Peace and Justice Ctr at 942-9343 and leave a message.

The Peace and Justice Center still needs a few pieces of furniture and any office supplies you can donate. If you have items you would like to donate, call the Center or bring them to the Decorating Party at the Center on Nov. 18.

The War Tax Resistance Resource Center has a brochure entitled "Our Telephone Taxes Pay for War," describing how the 3% federal tax on our phone bills is used by the government for military purposes and how those opposed to having their tax money used for that purpose can avoid paying it. Contact the WTRRC, 11 Old Mill Rd, Orono 04473 or call 827-3107.

Pat Mutchnick is hoping to join Peace Brigades International in one of its future Central America projects as "bodyguards" for persons being threatened with death as a result of their outspoken advocacy of human rights in countries such as Guatemala and El Salvador. She has attended a training session and is available to speak with others interested in PBI. Write to her at Box 718, Belfast 04915.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

## November

14: Videos from South Africa at The Maples, UMO, at 4 pm, sponsored by Maine Peace Action Committee.

15: Maine Peace Action Committee meeting at the Maples at 4 pm (and every Tuesday while university in session). For more info call 581-3860.

15: Amnesty International meets (each 3rd Tuesday) at 6:30pm, Energy House, 42 Broadway, Bangor. Call Ken Liberty at 945-9726.

16: "The Current Crisis in El Salvador" with Sally Buckwalter at 12:20pm, Memorial Union, UMO. Part of the controversy series. Call 581-3860.

16: "What is Chan (Zen) Buddhism?" with Shi-fu Sheng-Yen at The Maples, UMO. Call 581-3860.

16: Soup and Sing-a-Long of peace and freedom songs meets each Wednesday, 6pm, at Judith Bragar and Bill Weigle's, 10 Freemont St., Machias. Call 255-8573.

16: PICA (Peace in Central America) monthly meeting. Potluck at 5:30pm, meeting at 6pm, at Howard Schonberger's, 40 Garland St, Bangor. Call 947-4203.

17: Open poetry reading. Both readers and listeners welcome at 7:30pm, Peace and Justice Ctr. of Eastern Maine, 9 Central St, Bangor. Call 942-4398.

17: Oxfam's Fast for a World Harvest. Fast for a meal or a day and donate money to famine relief and community development. In eastern Maine, drop off donations or contact Ron Greenberg, Alternative Market, 99 Main St, Bar Harbor. Call 288-5271.

17-26: Ending Hunger Week in Maine (fundraising to end hunger). Hand to Hand, PO Box 881, Camden 04843. 236-9643.

18: "Breaking of the Fast" potluck dinner at 6pm, Unitarian Church in Ellsworth. Followed by "A Peasant of El Salvador," a play with Gould and Stearns, 8pm, Grand Auditorium in Ellsworth, \$7. Call Elaine Hewes at 359-2785 for details.

18: Peace vigil each Friday, 5-6pm, Belfast Post Office. Contact Irene Cooper, 338-3326.

18: Decorating party at Peace and Justice Ctr. of Eastern Maine, 5:30pm, free supper and decorating the Center to follow, 9 Central St., #302, Bangor. 942-9343 or 942-1153.

19: "Poor People's Agenda for 1989" conference, 9:15am - 3pm in Room 222, State Capitol, Augusta. Call Judy Guay of MAIN, 800-432-7825 or 947-0511.

19: Homestead/Land Trust Act Meeting at HOME Coop, Rte. 1, Orland. HOME Coop, PO Box 10, Orland 04472. Call 469-7961.

19: Full moon gathering with energy and fire circle. Women only and chemical-free. 6pm in Sedgwick. For directions send SASE to Chris of coventree, Troy 04987.

20: Poets Barbara, Andy Gay, and Leo Tanguay read from their works at 4pm, Late Sky Books, 127 High St, Belfast. Free. Call 338-3225.

21: Janet Smith of Channel 2 speaks to the Business and Professional Women at 6pm, Comfort Inn, Bangor. Call Jane Searles at 945-6088 or 581-6132. B & PW meets the first and 3rd Mondays of each month.

22: Greater Bangor NOW regular meeting (fourth Tuesday) at 7pm, Augusta Hall, Bangor Community College. Call 581-6075 or 581-6077.

25-27: "Thin Blue Line" (can people get justice?) at 7:30pm at Grand Auditorium, Ellsworth. Call 667-5919.

28-30: Public hearing on proposed Township 30 hazardous waste dump, all day/evening at Performing Arts Ctr, UM Machias, Clean Water Coalition, PO Box 361, Machias 04654. Call 255-4087.

29: Slide Show and discussion on developing a good wildlife habitat sponsored by Forest Products Marketing and Management Assn at 7pm, Court House, Dover-Foxcroft. Call 564-7600.

30: Working by Studs Turkel, discussed as part of "Making a Living, Making a Life: Work and Its Rewards in a Changing America." Lecture/discussion at 7pm, Belfast Free Library. Call 338-3884.

30: "The Greenhouse Effect" with M. Greenwood and R. Jagels, 12:20pm, Memorial Union, UMO. Part of Controversy Series. 581-3860.

30: "Women's Contributions in Chemistry" at 12:15pm, Memorial Union, UMO. Call Women in Curriculum, 581-1226.

## December

1: "The Social Analysis of Pope John Paul II: Its Challenges and Contradictions," with Mary Hobgood, The Maples, UMO. Call 581-3860.

2: General Meeting of the Peace and Justice Ctr. of Eastern Maine, 7pm, 9 Central St, #302, Bangor. 942-9343.

3: Semi-annual meeting of war tax resisters, 10am-1pm at Christian Awareness Ctr, 110 Silver St, Waterville. War Tax Resistance Resource Ctr, 11 Old Mill Rd, Orono 04473. Call 827-3107.

4: PICA's second annual "People for Pueblo" auction to benefit Salvadoran Medical Relief, 3-6pm, Wellman Commons, Bangor Theological Seminary, 300 Union St, Bangor. \$2.50-\$3. 947-4203.

5: Prose reading (each first Tuesday) at 7:30pm, Late Sky Books, 127 High St, Belfast. Call 338-3225.

8: Beyond War Bangor Area Team, an educational group dedicated to building a world beyond war. Meets on 2nd Thursday of each month, 7-9pm, Energy House, 42 Broadway, Bangor. Call 825-3458 (eves).

11: Adoptive Families of Maine, Bangor Chapter. Meets on 2nd Sunday of each month at 3-6pm, Hutchins Ctr, Bangor Theological Seminary. Call 825-3458.

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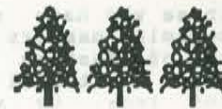
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# PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER OF EASTERN MAINE



# CALENDAR



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

Deadline for the January 15-February 15 Calendar listings is January 3. Send all items to the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 9 Central St. #302, Bangor, Me. 04401 or call them in to 942-9343.

### DECEMBER

13: "Inclusive Language in Worship" w/Auxiliary Bishop of Portland Amedee Proulx, part of the Women in Curriculum series, 12:15 PM, Memorial Union, UM, Orono. Call 581-1228.

14: PICA (Peace in Central America) monthly meeting (tentative date--may be switched to the 21st). For time and location, call 947-4203.

15: Peace and Justice Center Building Committee meets, 6 PM at the Center, 9 Central St. #302, Bangor. Call 942-9343 or 942-1153 or 942-4398.

15: Penobscot Valley chapter of the Small Woodlot Owners of Maine meets with presentation and slide show on acid rain by Mike Coffman, 7 PM, Slager Reserve Center, 931 Union St., Bangor. Bob Meadows, 23 George St., Bangor 04401, 942-1892.

16: (+ each Friday)--Ongoing Peace Vigil, 5-6 PM, Post Office, Belfast. Call 338-3326.

17: Full moon gathering, potluck, and energy healing circle, 6 PM, Gathering Ground, Dexter. Send SASE for directions/details to chris of coventree, Troy 04987.

17: (+ each Saturday)--Children's story hour, 9:30 AM, Late Sky Books, 127 High St., Belfast. Call 338-3225.

18: Deadline for selling raffle tickets to benefit Northeast COMBAT (consumer rights organization), with drawing on the 19th. COMBAT, PO Box 1183, Bangor 04401, 947-3331.

19: (+ first and third Mondays)--Business and Professional Women meet, 6 PM, Comfort Inn, Bangor. Call Jane Searles, 945-6088 or 581-6132.

20: Amnesty International Group 91 meets, 7 PM, Energy House, 42 Broadway, Bangor. Ken Liberty, 23 Ohio St., Bangor 04401, 945-9726.

21: (+ each Wednesday)--Adult story hour, 7:15 PM, Late Sky Books, 127 High St., Belfast. Call 338-3225.

21 (+ each Wednesday)--Soup and sing-a-long of peace and freedom songs, 6 PM-? at Judith Bragar and Bill Weigle's house, 10 Freemont, Machias. Call 255-8573.

21-23: "Eight Men Out," movie directed by John Sayles, 7:30 PM, Grand Auditorium, Ellsworth. Call 667-5911.

27: Bangor NOW (National Organization for Women) monthly meeting, 7 PM, Augusta Hall, Bangor Community College. For directions, call Amy Manville-Graham, 581-6075 or 581-6077.

31: World Healing Meditation for "Peace on Earth," 7-8 AM (Eastern Standard Time). Reconnection Quarterly, c/o Margaret Laing, 97 Ashby Rd., Caribou 04736.

### JANUARY

6: Monthly meeting and education program of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 7 PM, Center office, 9 Central St. #302, Bangor. Call 942-9343.

8: Adoptive Families of Maine, Bangor chapter, meets for potluck (second Sunday of each month), 3-6 PM Hutchins Center, Bangor Theological Seminary. Call 825-3458.

11: Beyond War Bangor Area Team meets, 7-9 PM, EnergyHouse, 42 Broadway, Bangor. Call 825-3458.

16: Candlelight March to commemorate Martin Luther King's Birthday, 5:30-7 PM (songs, readings, etc.), Memorial Union, UM, Orono, with talk by C. Delores Tucker to follow at 7 PM. Call 827-3107.

16: Martin Luther King Birthday Sing-a-long, 2 PM, Powers Hall, UM, Machias, with potluck to follow. Call 255-4419.

17: Maine Peace Action Committee resumes its Tuesday afternoon weekly meetings, 4 PM, The Maples, UM, Orono. Call 581-3860.

17: Workshops and programs at the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners day at the Maine Agricultural Trades Show, 9 AM-5 PM, Civic Center, Augusta. MOFGA, PO Box 2176, Augusta 04330, 622-3118.

18: "Feminism and the Philosophy of Languages" w/Jana Sawicki, part of Women in Curriculum series, 12:15 PM, Memorial Union, UM, Orono. Call 581-1228.

19: "The Courage to Heal" public address by Laura Davis on women surviving child sexual abuse, 7:30 PM, Hauck Auditorium, UM, Orono. Call 581-1226.

20: Workshop for people working with adult survivors of child sexual abuse with Laura Davis, 9 AM-5 PM, UM, Orono, #70. Call 581-1226.

20: Stand for Peace moment of silence for world peace, noon on Inauguration Day. Tony Aman, PO Box 60, Brooklin 04616, 359-4602.

21: The Art of Black Dance and Music performance, 7:30 PM, Performing Arts Center, UM, Machias. Call Stage Front, 255-3313.

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Regular meeting (to be included every month) \_\_\_\_\_ Special event \_\_\_\_\_

Description (include date, time, location): \_\_\_\_\_

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to those who have responded to this Calendar by becoming members of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine. We are happy to accept additional memberships of \$10, more or less. We want to include additional items in future calendars, which will be published from the 15th of each month to the following 15th. Please add the Center to your mailing list for future activities, events, or regular meetings. Over 1,000 people in Eastern Maine receive this Calendar of Events. Mail all information to the: Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, 9 Central St. #302, Bangor, Me. 04401 or call information in to 942-9343.

Celebrations of the birthday of Martin Luther King will take place this year in many Maine communities. One such celebration will be at the University of Maine at Orono on January 16, when a candlelight march and program will be held at 6 PM to about 7:30 PM in the Memorial Union. More details on this event should be included on a separate flyer that is included with this Calendar. For more information, call 827-3107. A guest speaker will likely follow the march at about 8 PM also in the Union.

The Peace and Justice Center's first public education program will likely take place in late January as a film series. The series will be in conjunction with the Maine Peace Action Committee, which will be showing films at the University of Maine on Thursday evenings. The Peace and Justice Center will do a followup showing of the film on Friday nights in Bangor. For a complete schedule of the films and details on the place, time, dates, etc., check the next issue of this Calendar.

Another Martin Luther King Day celebration that is traditionally held is a sing-a-long in Machias. That sing-a-long will be held on January 16 at 2 PM in Powers Hall of the University of Maine at Machias. Peace and freedom songs from the civil rights movement will be the focus. There will be a potluck supper following the singing at a nearby location. Several expert musicians will be there to lead the singing. Whether you can carry a tune or not, you are encouraged to attend. For details on the celebration, contact Jim Crotteau or Faith Perkins at 255-4419.

The Peace and Justice Center hopes to begin regular staffing of the office in January. A schedule of those times will be posted at the office and printed in the next Calendar. If you are interested in helping to staff the office for two or more hours per month on a regular or occasional basis, please write to the Center or call 942-9343. The Center is beginning to offer its office space to groups who want to use it for a one-time or regular basis. Any member group of the Center can use the space at no charge, and non-member groups can use it on a donation basis. For specific details on space use, contact the Center at 942-9343.

The 48th annual Maine Agriculture Trades Show will be held from January 17-19 at the Augusta Civic Center. The Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association will again sponsor a day of workshops and events of interest to people concerned about the promotion and support for organic agriculture. Workshops on problems such as non-chemical fertilizer and pest control and preserving (canning, freezing, etc.) your harvest will be offered. Contact MOFGA, PO Box 2176, Augusta, Me. 04330, 622-3118 for details on the trade show. The MOFGA day will be on Tuesday, January 17.

Bangor NOW (National Organization for Women) will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, January 24 at 7 PM at Bangor City Hall. It will be an evening to select new officers (the current ones have served for two years and are retiring) and to plan new programs and activities on behalf of women's issues and concerns for the coming year. All who are supportive of women's rights in Eastern Maine are encouraged to attend. For more information on Greater Bangor NOW, contact PO Box 8026, Bangor, Me. 04401 or call Karen Hartnagle at 848-5359 or Amy Manville-Graham at 581-6075/6077.

Common Cause in Maine is seeking help from supporters in Eastern Maine who are willing to collect signatures on its proposed referendum petition. That petition asks voters, "Do you favor the changes in Maine law concerning campaign finances for candidates for governor, as proposed by citizen petition?" The changes are primarily limits on campaign spending, particularly for corporations or political action committees, so that they do not have undue influence on who gets elected. Small contributors (those who gave \$50 or less) were no more than 12% of the total contributions received by any candidate. Common Cause needs help in collecting signatures at shopping malls, sporting and entertainment events, or in workplaces and neighborhoods. A copy of the referendum petition and more information is available from Common Cause, PO Box 843, Portland, Me. 04104, 761-4338.

The Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine still needs some good used furniture and other office items. Here are a few of the Center's most basic needs:

- Table or floor lamps
- Metal cabinet for supplies
- Several metal file cabinets.
- One or two metal or wooden desks and desk chairs
- Long tables (either folding or not)
- Various office supplies (any extras in your office?)

We will pick up. If you have anything you can donate or sell cheap, please contact the Peace and Justice Center office at 9 Central Street #302, Bangor, Me. 04401 or call 942-9343.

"The Courage to Heal: Surviving Child Sexual Abuse" is a four day series of events with Laura Davis, author of The Courage to Heal: A Guide for Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse. Two public events with Davis will be a public talk on Thursday, January 19 at 7:30 PM at Hauck Auditorium at UM, Orono, and a workshop for people working with adult survivors of sexual abuse the following day. For details on her activities in Maine, contact the Equal Opportunity Office, Alumni Hall, UM, Orono 04469 or call 581-1226.

Members of this Calendar committee of the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine would like to wish all readers of this Calendar happy holidays, whichever you choose to celebrate at this time of the year. For those who will observe a new year in January, let us hope and work for a new year with more peace in the world and greater justice and environmental quality for all the earth's creatures.

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# DEFENDING AMERICA: The Price We Pay

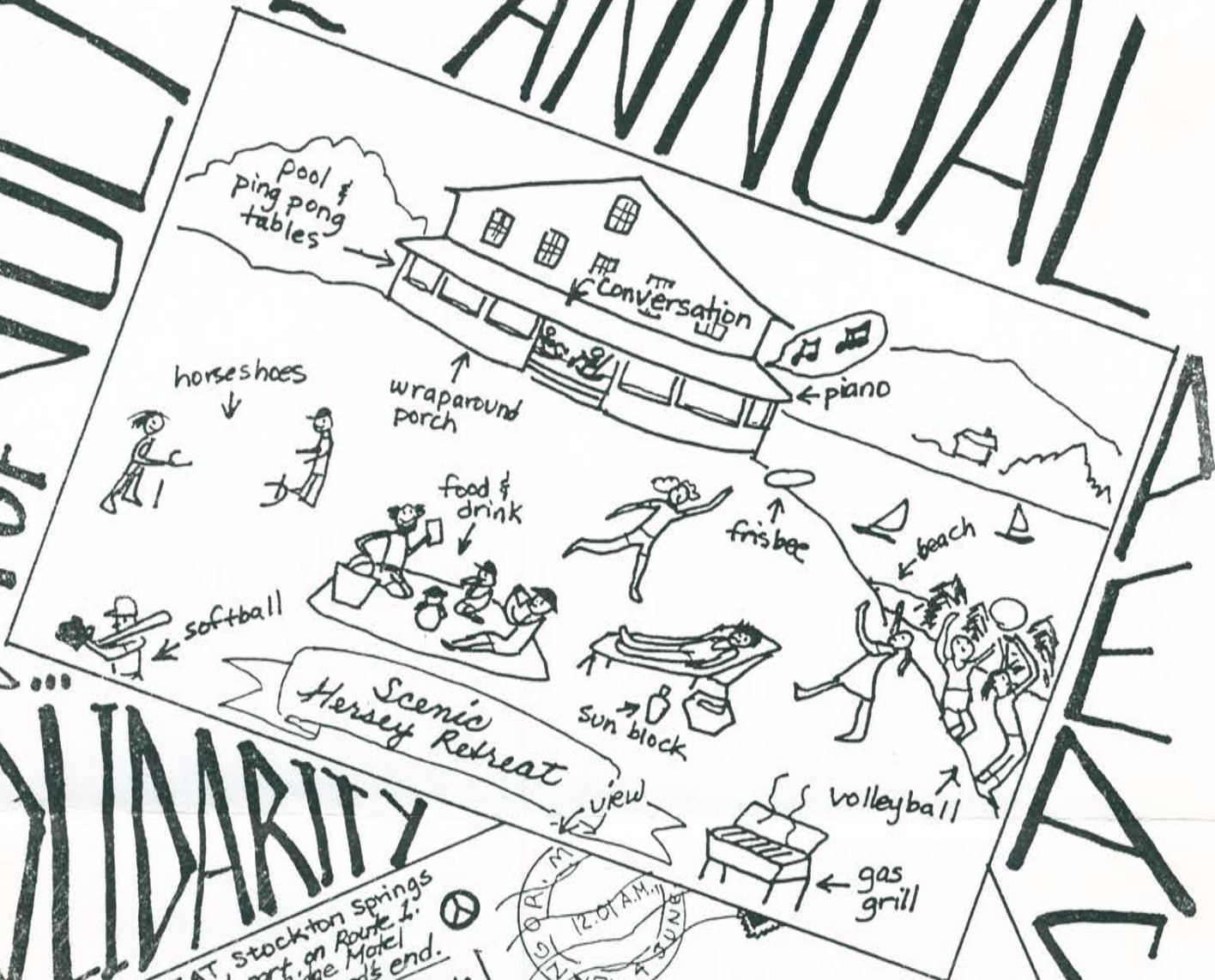
A thorough, timely examination of the causes, costs, and consequences of military spending. Featuring experts from both sides of the military spending issue, this film takes a close look at military waste, procurement policies, the effects on civilian and university research, the contribution of military spending to the national debt, the impact on jobs, and the trade-offs with social programs. Also interviews former defense workers and citizens' groups seeking to reduce military spending. This film is especially timely in 1991.

Friday, October 18, 1991  
7 pm

\*Refreshments and discussion following film\*



# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL



HERSEY RETREAT Stockton Springs  
 4 miles west of Bucksport on Route 1.  
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Dear Folks,  
 Please join us, from 11 a.m. 'til  
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 to do, rain or shine. Bring food  
 for you and some to share; also  
 plates, cups, utensils, musical  
 instruments, games, etc. You  
 don't have to be a member to  
 come. Hope to see you there!

P.S. We're sponsoring a meal  
 at the Dorothy Day Soup Kitchen at  
 65 South Park St., Bangor. People  
 are needed to help prepare food on  
 July 3, 1:30-3 p.m., and to serve  
 on July 4, 11:30-1 p.m. Also needed:  
 4 watermelons and 10 dozen  
 cookies. Sign up at the Center or  
 call Norma at 945-2911.  
 P.P.S. To carpool to Hersey, call the Center or

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*The Weekly, November 1992*

## Penny poll favors education

By Amy Swann

BANGOR - When Bangor voters were offered pennies for their thoughts on how the federal government should spend tax dollars, they plunked handfuls of Abe Lincolns into education, health care and the environment.

Defense only got a few cents tossed its way.

Sponsored by the Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, the Penny Poll gave voters a chance to place 10 pennies in any of 11 jars representing categories of the federal budget. The polls were held at the Bangor Community Center and Abraham Lincoln School during the November election.

Peace and Justice members say they now have all the results of the poll and plan to send them to Washington to let Maine congressmen and senators know the priorities of those they repre-

sent.

As voters exited the polls Nov. 5, they were asked to participate by placing 10 pennies in any of the 11 jars representing different items currently on the budget. The only catch was they could not put all of them in one jar.

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'It is time to do a little internal security. In Maine, people are losing their homes, their jobs and their hope.'

Jane Livingston  
Peace and Justice member

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"We had several teachers who wanted to dump all their pennies in the education jar," said Jane Livingston, one of the organizers of the poll.

Voters took their assignment seriously, carefully con-

sidering where to put the money. "People were more than happy to participate," said center member Maureen Waltz.

When the results were totaled, education and job training took 23 percent of the money followed by 20 percent for health care. Eleven percent went to natural resources and the environment.

The local results are in stark contrast to how federal dollars were actually spent in 1990. For example, education received 3.8 percent of the 1990 budget; health care 15.2 percent, and the environment 1.7 percent.

Defense, a big winner on a federal level, took it on the chin in the poll with only 5 percent.

"It is time to do a little internal security," Livingston said. "In Maine, people are losing their homes, their jobs and their hope."



*"...The Gandhian strategy is a challenge to us. If we want a world that is secure and human, we have a responsibility to change our lives."*

## **STUDY GROUP**

***Beginning Monday, January 27***



**Gandhi's**

**Seven Steps to  
Global Change**

**MONDAYS**

**12:15 pm**

***Facilitated by***

***Kitty Graham***

***Coordinator, Peace &  
Justice Center***

*Guy de Mallac*

***Please try to register by January 17, 1992***

***To register, or for more information, call 942-9343***



# Mainers gather to protest racial injustice

## Crowd marches to Bangor's justice center

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"I can tell you all I felt the hatred of others against me because of the color of my skin," Grab said.

Grab echoed Allen's statements, saying the rioters were reacting not just to one event, but to a loss of hope. Fewer programs for job training, education, and even attacks on existing social programs all are working to add fuel to the fire of race relations, she said, urging pressure be placed on political leaders.

"We recognize that the Rodney King acquittals are not isolated events," said Lawrence Reichard. "Rather, they are merely the latest example of a consistent pattern of police officers beating and even killing with impunity."

While the protesters did not condone the violence, he said, "we understand the anger, frustration and despair that have given rise to it."

"Like many black community leaders from coast to coast, we find it difficult to urge patience on those whose patience has run out," Reichard said. "Promises



ABOUT 60 PEOPLE rallied Sunday at the Margaret Chase Smith Federal Building to express their dismay at the verdict in the Rodney King beating trial. (NEWS Photo by Bob DeLong)

of investigations and civil rights charges mean little to a community with 50 percent unemployment,

where the standard of living has been in a free fall for years, where a black man has a

better chance of going to jail than of going to college, and where hope has all but vanished."

## Mainers gather to protest racial injustices

By John Ripley  
Of the NEWS Staff

For all the shock and terror of the Los Angeles riots, some people saw it coming.

"L.A. really was no surprise," Nancy Allen said during a rally held Sunday to protest the Rodney King verdict. "We have our own system of apartheid in this country."

Allen, one of about 60 who listened to speeches at Bangor's Margaret Chase Smith Federal

Building before marching to the Peace and Justice Center a few blocks away, said that the riots were sparked by more than the acquittal of the four white officers, whom the nation saw beat King during a March 1991 arrest. The growing rift between race and economic classes in this country is getting wider, and was the epicenter of L.A.'s human earthquake that left more than 40 people dead. While corporate executives are earning millions each year in salary and bonuses,

she said, the quality of United States living ranks sixth among the world's industrial nations.

"Our eyes had to see the Rodney King beating to accept the verdict as ridiculously racist," she said, standing on a concrete planter.

The week's violence was déjà vu for Julie Grab, a civil rights worker during the 1960s who witnessed the burning of Detroit in 1967 and registered voters in Alabama in 1968.

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