

Ground Zero

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"We'll see you in court!"

Ground Zero leads coalition to sue Navy

Trident II (D5) backfit violates environmental laws, endangers salmon, suit charges

By Glen Milner

At times in our work, we are able to determine a change of events taking place. The trial in June 1999 was one such event. Kitsap County had attempted to prosecute Trident demonstrators for the first time in 14 years. The acquittal, based on international law, helped spark a new resurgence of citizen protest and resistance to the Trident submarine system at Subase Bangor.

March 8, 2001 was another time of change. A coalition of three peace and three environmental groups filed a 60 day notice, under the Endangered Species Act, stating their intent to sue the Navy regarding construction projects on the base for the Trident II (D-5) missile backfit. A long list of environmental violations and problems at the base were presented by Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, Washington Environmental Council, Waste Action Project, Cascadia Wildlands Project, Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility, Peace Action of Washington, and individuals Mary Gleysteen and Glen Milner.

Our environmental suit goes beyond more standard issues involving the Navy's failure to consult with fish and wildlife agencies or to prepare an environmental impact statement analyzing the full impacts of bringing the more powerful Trident D-5 missile to Subase Bangor. We are also challenging the Navy on its failure to address the environmental impact of an accidental detonation or explosion of the Trident D-5 missile from accidental or intentional mishandling during the transportation, storage, handling, loading or unloading process.

The rocket propellant alone in 24 D-5 missiles on one Trident submarine has the net explosive weight equal to 3,720,000 pounds of TNT. The environmental threat of these conventional explosives in addition to the 192 nuclear warheads deployed on



Fall down, go boom: Map of Subase Bangor, showing Explosive Safety Quantity Distance Arcs. The top of the map is North. Note that the largest arc stretches all the way across Hood Canal (the shaded area) and to the Subase property line, on the other side of which are homes & schools. *Map from the Navy through the Freedom of Information Act.*

just one of the Bangor-based submarines has never been addressed by the Navy.

Ground Zero's role as a lead plaintiff in this environmental challenge marks a logical extension of our work. We know more about Subase Bangor than probably any other civilian organization. As peace activists, we all are environmentalists, with great concern for our planet.

The filing of our 60 day notice was the culmination of two years of research and correspondence with the Navy regarding the D-5 missile backfit at Bangor. Navy documents responding to Freedom of Information Act requests began to show serious problems involving explosive handling zones and the handling of explosive and toxic materials at the base not previously known about by activists involved in Trident issues at the Trident submarine bases in Scotland and in Kings Bay, Georgia.

Environmental issues concerning explosive material at Bangor, brought out in our legal challenge, could also apply to numerous other military facilities in the United States which handle and store explosive material.

This is not the first time a serious environmental challenge has been made against Subase Bangor. In the mid-1970s, a coalition called Concerned About Trident forced the Navy to address issues beyond the original Environmental Impact

Statement filed by the Navy for the Trident base. In 1990, Greenpeace and the Washington Environmental Council had announced plans to file a suit against the Navy and the proposed plans for the D-5 missile backfit. With the end of the Cold War, the backfit was canceled and the lawsuit was dropped.

In 2001, we take up the issue again. Environmental laws are now much more stringent than in the mid-1970s or even in 1990.

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“As if keeping a friend from danger....I knew I belonged there.”

A young man’s experiences taking direct action at Bangor

By Jacob Milner

On the morning of January 15th, my intention was to go and watch my father get arrested. However, when we got to the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action (the meeting place before we proceeded to the Bangor base) and began our discussion about the importance of being there on that day, I felt I needed to do more. I had watched many protests before and I felt it was finally time I took part in one.

My main reason for being a part of the demonstration was to celebrate life. I also carried the thought that if these nuclear weapons were exchanged in a nuclear war, it would cause the end of the world. The total destructive force of a single Trident submarine is about 1,500 times more powerful than the bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima. This translates to 1,500 times more death and destruction. I want to make sure that a bombing like the one on Hiroshima will never happen again.

It was amazing how right it felt to be standing out in the road, with my back to the base and the banner facing the backed-up traffic. It was a wonderful feeling, as if I was keeping a friend from danger. There was a certain stillness in the air and I knew I belonged there.

The group was concerned about me being arrested because I am a minor and no one was sure what the Kitsap County Sheriff officers would do with me. No one could remember a minor being arrested by County Sheriffs while demonstrating at Bangor. Nonetheless, I decided it was the right thing to do.

The fifteen arrested by the Kitsap County Sheriff officers were driven to the Kitsap County Jail in Port Orchard, myself included. When the officers found out I was a juvenile, they seemed a little bit upset, as if that was not at all what they had planned on happening. I was separated from the adult demonstrators and put in my own jail cell.

A young officer later drove me to the Kitsap County Juvenile Detention Center, where I was searched, photographed, had my temperature taken, and gave them personal identification information.

The jail workers in juvenile detention teased me about being a peace activist. They seemed to enjoy making up jokes about random items being nuclear weapons, and they would tell me “to not go and protest them now.” I saw their behavior towards me as uncalled for and even immature. Their behavior made me a little bit angry.

While I was getting booked, I noticed a teenager in an orange jumpsuit sitting in a cell. I would later be placed in the empty cell directly next to his. Every once in a while I would see kids walking by outside through the small window on my cell door. It felt a little strange to be there. I was locked up for two hours, but it seemed like the whole weekend.

I was released around 7:30 that night. I was tired and hungry and glad to go home. I was angry at the realization that I was in juvenile detention for involvement in a peace demonstration. The fact that I was arrested in one of the most militarized areas of the country may have made my experience a bit rougher.

Speaking out against Trident nuclear weapons is not very welcome in Kitsap County. I learned then that it is highly important to stand up for what I believe in, no matter how much others try to intimidate me.

For awhile it looked like I would have to show up for a court hearing the next afternoon, but I didn't have to. I was able to play in my high school basketball game the next day.

It was a very stressful day. I am sure I will have another chance to demonstrate at the gates of the Bangor Trident Submarine Base. I will probably do it again.



How right it felt: Jacob Milner standing with five others in the road leading to Bangor on Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 15, 2001.

Photo by Brian Watson

Jacob Milner is 15 years old and lives in Seattle. He plays violin, mandolin, and guitar and is a basketball player on the Shorecrest High School team.

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Much more is known about the dangers of the explosive handling areas on the base and the inherent safety-design flaws in the C-4 and D-5 missiles and related nuclear warheads as addressed in the early 1990s by Dr. Sidney Drell and the House Committee on Armed Services Panel on Nuclear Weapons safety. New information also shows an increased threat of tsunamis and earthquakes in the Puget Sound region due to the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

Most significant is the ability of a coalition of citizens and organizations, from a diverse background, to form and make their environmental case against the Navy at Subbase Bangor. Our expressed goal is that the Navy either com-

ply with environmental law or stop all construction on the base involving the D-5 missile backfit.

We may find, in the end, that environmental safety and the Trident submarine system are mutually incompatible.

Glen Milner has been researching the environmental impact of the Trident II (D5) backfit for many years. His insistent research was the primary reason the lawsuit was developed. Many grateful thanks for all your work, Glen.

For All Mothers and All Children

Mother's Day Action to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Sun. May 13, 2001, 10am-3pm

"Why I'll be at Bangor on Mother's Day..."

WOMEN SPEAK OUT FOR LIFE

Shirley Morrison:

It makes me so angry that we have all this insane nuclear stuff. For many years I was a UNICEF volunteer, and when I think of all the world's beautiful children, I realize that all our children's lives are at stake because of nuclear weapons. I have 5 children, 14 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren and I want a world for them. One of my daughters will be with me to risk arrest at Bangor on Mother's Day.

MOTHER'S DAY PROCLAMATION OF 1870

By Julia Ward Howe

Arise, then women of this day!
Arise all women who have hearts,
Whether your baptism be that of water or of tears!
Say firmly:
"We will not have questions decided by irrelevant agencies,
Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking of carnage,
for caresses and applause.
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy, and
patience.
We women of one country
Will be too tender of those of another country
to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."
From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with
our own, it says 'disarm, disarm!'
The sword of murder is not the balance of justice.
Blood does not wipe out dishonor
Nor violence indicate possession.
As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the sum-
mons of war,
Let women now leave all that may be left of home
For a great and earnest day of counsel.
Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.
Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means
whereby the great human family can live in peace,
each bearing after his own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar,
But of God.
In the name of womanhood and humanity, I earnestly ask
that a general congress of women without limit of nationality,
be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient
and at the earliest period consistent with its objects,
to promote the alliance of the different nationalities,
the amicable settlement of international questions,
the great and general interests of peace.

Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910), was an American author and reformer, active in the women's rights movement. She also headed the American branch of the Woman's International Peace Association.

Elizabeth Roberts:

Mother's day is the day when we express our love and gratitude to our mothers. The Earth is one of my mothers and what the Navy is doing to my mother in my name is not acceptable. I'll show my love and gratitude to Mother Earth by being at the gates of Bangor on Mother's Day.

Karol Milner:

I'm a mother and I gave life and I've done all the things to nurture life, everything from car pools to doctor's appointments. I want my children to continue to live and to have children. It's so simple to me. We're in a crisis as a human race. We need to be more civilized than we are in this crisis situation. Trident to me is the ultimate violence. It is always loom-



Sleep in Heavenly Peace: John Ablao, son of Ground Zero member Sue Ablao, with daughter Maya, napping with sunflowers. Fathers and sons are very welcome to join in the Mother's Day action too! *Photo by Nancy Ablao*

ing there. We have to do something and this is all I know to do. Mother's Day was originally celebrated as a day of peace, to go hit the streets, to heal the wounds of the Civil War. It's not that we shouldn't do the things we usually do on Mother's Day, but there's a lot more that needs to be done.

Mary Hanson:

It's important that we continue the struggle against Tri-

dent and against the Bush administration. The Mother's Day Action will be the first at Bangor during the Bush administration take-over. It's pretty clear that Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is a scary character. If people feel a chilling effect from the right-ward turn of the Bush administration and from Rumsfeld, then acting together in solidarity at Bangor is a great way to confront that fear and despair.

Rosemary Brodie:

WHY RISK ARREST? What excuse do I have NOT to risk arrest? No job to be absent from... Nobody but myself to support... Above average health and income for my age... A graphic way to show my children and grandchildren how I feel about their future on this planet.

Deadly Navy Publicity Stunts

A Tale of Two Subs: USS Greenville and USS Alabama

By Glen Milner

The collision of the attack submarine, USS Greenville, with the Ehime Maru, a 190 foot Japanese trawler, should serve as a warning. The desperate attempt by the U.S. Navy to reconnect with our civilian population and maintain public support for a mission long lost has put us all in danger. So desperate is the need for public support that the Navy gives thrill rides to those in influential positions when access a few years ago to those same submarines and control rooms would have been top secret and restricted.

In the recent Navy investigation of the accident, Commander Waddle of the USS Greenville testified his submarine would have been on patrol at sea if he had not been directed to take 16 civilians for a ride. Also revealed was that civilians were at operational positions in the control room, making it confusing and difficult for the crew to operate their submarine. On March 20, the final day of the public inquiry, Commander Waddle testified, "I was trying my best to do the job I was assigned."

Seattle has recently been part of the Navy's public relations efforts. When the Trident submarine, USS Alabama, arrived at the Seattle SEAFAIR festival on August 2, 2000, it made two circles around Elliott Bay. The submarine left Elliott Bay at high speed for Everett in the morning.

18 civilians were on board the USS Alabama upon its arrival at SEAFAIR. Almost all were SEAFAIR officials, SEAFAIR sponsors or connected with the Port of Seattle. The reward is obvious here as it was in Hawaii. Those who support the Navy by providing opportunities for the Navy to present its carefully crafted image to the public will find themselves on board.

On February 22, less than two weeks after the sinking of the Ehime Maru, the Navy resumed submarine rides at the Trident submarine base at Bangor. 58 civilians, including those from SEAFAIR, the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce and the Seattle Navy League, spent several hours on the Trident submarine, USS Georgia, in Hood Canal and Dabob Bay. Last year, there were 24 submarine trips carrying 793 visitors at Bangor.

The USS Greenville is one of 51 Los Angeles Class attack submarines. It is a multi-mission vessel, capable of deploying to forward ocean areas to search out and destroy enemy submarines and surface ships and to fire missiles in support of other forces. The submarine has 12 vertical launch tubes and four torpedo tubes. The submarines are usually armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles which are capable of carrying nuclear warheads.

The USS Greenville is 360 feet long versus the 560 foot

long Ohio Class USS Alabama that arrived at SEAFAIR 2000. Although the Ohio Class Trident submarines carry 24 ballistic missiles, each armed with 8 nuclear warheads, their purposes are closely related. In a first strike scenario, while Trident submarines are launching their 192 nuclear warheads at opposing nations, the attack submarines are simultaneously destroying opposing ballistic missile submarines and related offensive weapons launch sites. This gives the United States the capability to knock out opposing missiles before they can be launched. Add to this, the arrogance of U.S. Navy officials joyriding across the Pacific Ocean and President Bush's National Missile Defense system which, in reality, is designed to destroy what few missiles are left after a nuclear first strike. It is easy to see why other nations continue to distance themselves from United States foreign policy.

In July 2000, Seattle City Councilmember Richard Conlin presented a resolution to keep nuclear-armed warships out of Seattle. At a packed special City Council meeting on July 31, 2000, approximately 80 percent of those present were in favor of the resolution. The resolution was never voted on but would

have failed 4 to 5.

A Public Disclosure Act request to Mayor Schell in November 2000 showed over 95 percent of all messages to his office last summer had been in favor of Richard Conlin's proposal.

The Seattle City Council should take up Mr. Conlin's proposal once again to keep Trident submarines out of Seattle. These weapons of unimaginable destruction should not be displayed as toys by the U.S. Navy. Until we vote to keep the submarines out, we are forever connected to the collision of the USS Greenville and the unforgivable loss of life of 9 Japanese civilians on board the Ehime Maru.

Until Seattle votes to keep the submarines out, we remain connected to the U.S. Navy's attempts to normalize weapons of mass destruction. As tragic as the deaths of innocent victims off Hawaii, much worse would be the slaughter of innocents should the weapon systems ever be used.

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Glen Milner lives in Seattle and is a member of Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Poulsbo, Washington. Please see webpage www.gzcenter.org.

Write a letter to your National Political Representatives AND HAVE IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The power of the pen is mightier than you think

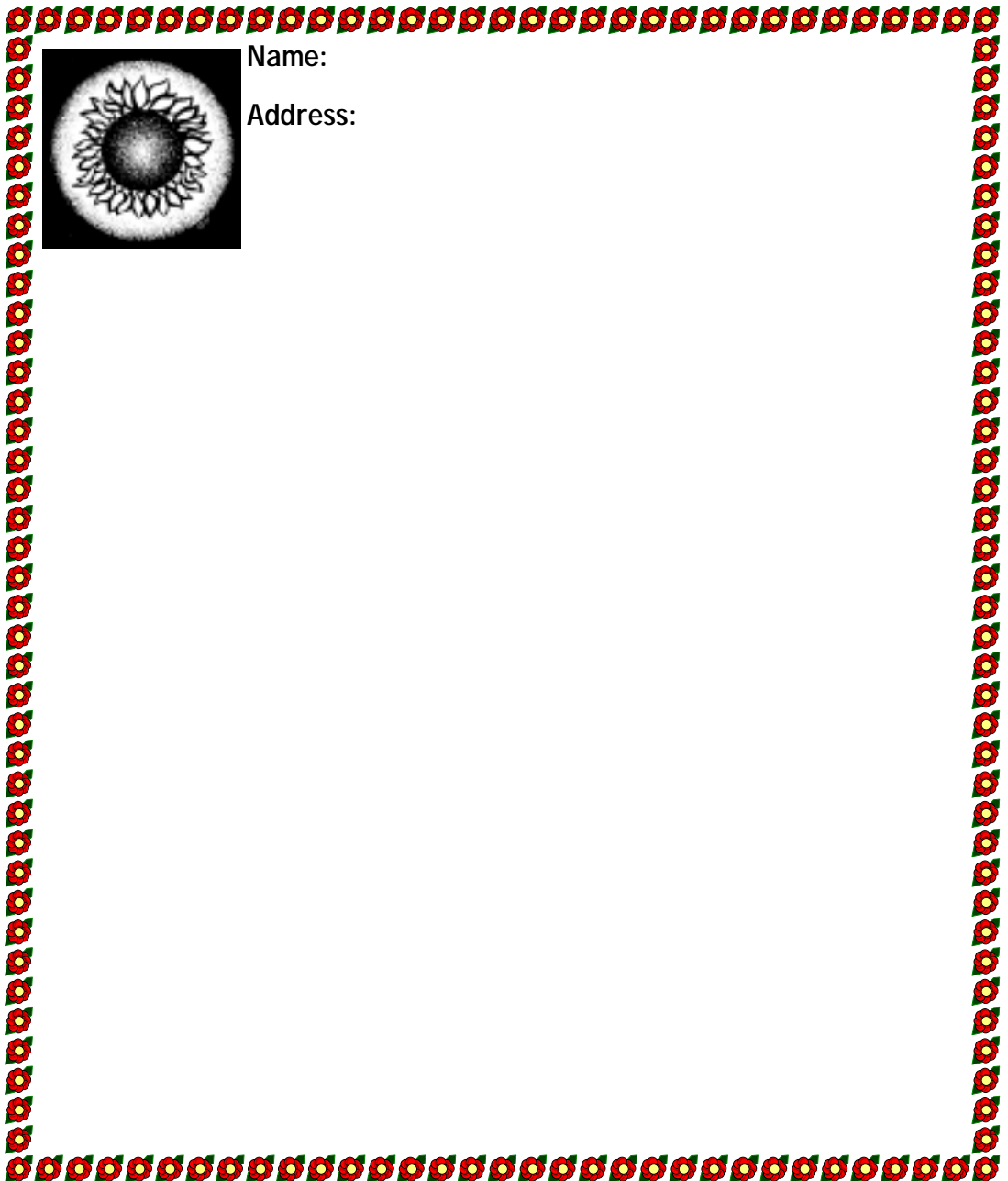
1. Take 5 minutes and write a letter *in your own handwriting* in the space provided about why you want your elected officials to take action *to abolish nuclear weapons*.
2. Include your name and address on your letter.
3. Mail to: Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, 16159 Clear Creek Road NW, Poulsbo, WA 98370. Feel free to use the return envelope included in this newsletter!

We will copy your original letter and deliver it (and all the others) during personal meetings with Washington State's Senators. If everyone on Ground Zero's mailing list did the above 3 steps, we would gather in 1,200 handwritten letters! That would make a real difference! So do it!

IDEA: If you want to give this letter to others (or if you don't want to cut up your newsletter), photocopy it first, use your own paper, or contact Ground Zero and we'll send you more blank letters.

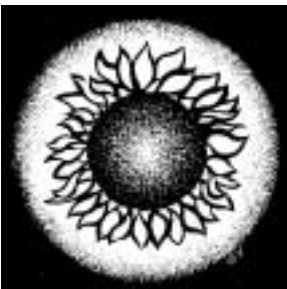

Please consider including some of these points in your letter:

- ☉ Stop the Trident II (D5) backfit and halt production of Trident II (D5) missiles.
- ☉ Remove all nuclear weapons, including Trident, from hair-trigger alert status.
- ☉ Halt all development, deployment, and testing, including all "sub-critical" and computerized testing, of new nuclear weapons.
- ☉ Work with Russia to make deep cuts in nuclear arsenals.
- ☉ Stop the deployment of a "Star Wars" National Missile Defense system.
- ☉ Halt the militarization of space.
- ☉ Shut down the Navy's nuclear war bell-ringer Project ELF
- ☉ Abolish all nuclear weapons.



Name: _____

Address: _____



"Sunflowers instead of missiles in the soil will insure peace for future generations." - US Secretary of Defense, William Perry, June 4, 1996

Students dig Ground Zero grounds for fun and academic credit

By Brian Watson

The grounds at Ground Zero got a tremendous sprucing up April 8-12, thanks to a group of students and adult supervisors from John Woolman School in Nevada City, CA.

Four high-school students—Andy Niven, Melissa Hope Dimmitt, Amanda Rose Duke, and Bridget Curtis—along with John Woolman School faculty member Stephen Myers and parent Irene Levin Donnelly—drove 18 hours to spend three days hard at work at Ground Zero. During their stay, they accomplished an incredible amount of badly needed grounds improvement on Ground Zero's 3.5 acres.

Their work included clearing a huge area of blackberry brambles, trimming and cutting trees, clearing a wide path to the fence Ground Zero shares with Subase Bangor, and cutting and stacking firewood. In addition, they stamped nearly 2,000 leaflets with Ground Zero's address, and assembled over 200 Trident Resistance Campaign Packets.

Their visit wasn't all hard labor, though. In addition, Ground Zero folks held a welcoming dinner for the John Woolman guests their first night here, Jackie Hudson led a slide show and lively discussion about Trident, and they

even joined us in passing out leaflets at Bangor.

The visit from John Woolman School was part of the school's Special Projects assignment, which the private boarding school's students, faculty, and parents participate in each spring. Special Projects is just one of the many efforts this Quaker-run school makes to educate its 40 member student body in the values of service, justice, and peace.

The Special Projects opportunity at Ground Zero arose from friendships made in October 2000, during an 11-day speaking tour Brian Watson did in California for Ground Zero. After speaking at John Woolman School, the Special Projects coordinator, Karen Jarvis, and Head of School, Amy Cooke, asked if Ground Zero would like to host a Special Projects group.

Needless to say, we were thrilled at the prospect of having some help to take care of Ground Zero's many maintenance needs. We were also thrilled to acquaint some young people from far away with the rich history and current



A job well done: John Woolman students and adult supervisors at Ground Zero, posing by the enormous pile of brush trimmings and tree branches they cleared. From left to right: Andy Niven, Amanda Rose Duke, Stephen Myers, Bridget Curtis, Irene Levin Donnelly, and Melissa Hope Dimmitt. *Photo by Brian Watson*

actions for peace and justice at Ground Zero.

To John Woolman School students, parents, and faculty: THANK YOU SO MUCH! We hope you want to come back again!

We welcome any offers to help take care of Ground Zero. Contact us if you can give a few hours to help out!

Brian Watson lives in Bremerton and has done a fair share of yard work in his life. For more info about John Woolman School, call Amy Cooke at 530-273-3183.

Trident resistance in Wisconsin: Shut down Project ELF

Silence Trident Plowshares activists convicted as other activists deliver indictment and get thrown in jail

By John LaForge

A federal jury took fewer than three hours to convict Bonnie Urfer, of Luck, WI, and Michael Sprong, of Marion, SD, of willfully damaging Navy property after a one-and-1/2 day trial in Madison, WI. The hasty deliberations were the result of a court order that declared "irrelevant and inadmissible" all testimony or evidence referring to Project ELF, Trident submarines, nuclear weapons and war policy, the humanitarian laws of war, or the U.S. Constitution.

Bonnie and Michael took the Feb. 21 verdict in stride, disappointed but unfazed and upbeat. Michael said, "My heart and head both agree with Philip Berrigan who says these plowshares actions are the best way we've found to disarm the weapons."

At sentencing in Madison May 4, the two face a possible year in prison and a \$100,000 fine.

Meanwhile, on March 13, in commemoration of the 32nd anniversary of United States' approval of the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty, John Heid, 46, of Duluth, MN and John LaForge, 45, of Luck, WI delivered a formal 82-page complaint to Ashland County, WI and its Sheriff's Department alleging that the Navy's ELF facility near Clam Lake, WI operates in violation of the 1968 Treaty and WI Statutes 832.113 and 939.22.

The complaint asks that the Sheriff's Department and the Ashland County District Attorney investigate and prosecute the commission of a criminal conspiracy to commit mass destruction with nuclear weapons.

The Navy transmitter sends one-way

commands to submerged missile-firing US and British Trident submarines around the world.

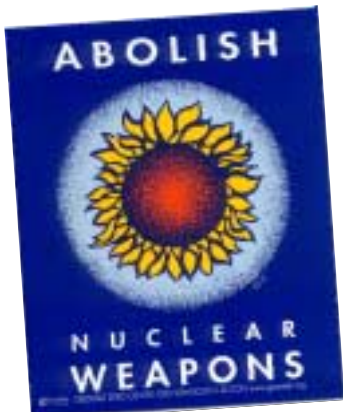
Upon delivery of the complaint, both Heid and LaForge were taken into custody by Ashland County deputies on warrants for non-payment of fines stemming from protest violations at the ELF transmitter.

The two are expected to be released in mid-May.

The ELF transmitter has been the object of longstanding opposition. Over 550 trespass citations have been issued to activists at the site since the end of the Cold War in 1991.

John LaForge is a staff member of Nukewatch. For more information, contact Nukewatch at www.nukewatch.com or 715-472-4185.

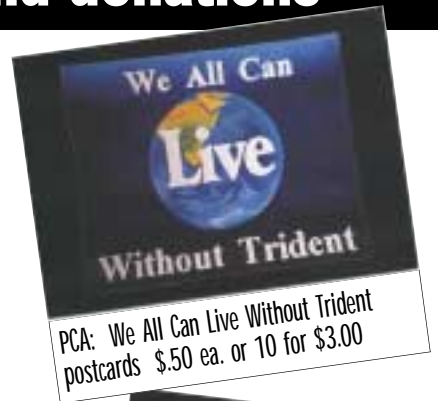
T-Shirts, bumperstickers, postcards, and donations



BS: 4"x5" vinyl bumpersticker; white lettering on dark blue background with yellow sunflower in the middle. Price: \$.25ea., 10 for \$2, or 50 for \$10.



TSC: Hefty T's -Purple with white lettering
 Front: We All Can Live Without Trident
 Back: Nobody needs a nuclear weapon
 Sizes: S, L, XL
 \$14 ea., 2 for \$25, or \$10 ea. for 5 or more



PCA: We All Can Live Without Trident postcards \$.50 ea. or 10 for \$3.00

TSD: Hefty T's -White with black lettering
 Front: Resist Trident-Abolish Nuclear Weapons
 Back: Sow the Seeds of Peace
 Sizes: S, M, L, XL
 \$14 ea., 2 for \$25, or \$10 ea. for 5 or more



PCB: Abolish Nuclear Weapons-Resist Trident postcards \$.50 ea. or 10 for \$3.00

Your orders and donations to the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action are helping build the Trident Resistance Network and a growing movement to resist Trident and abolish nuclear weapons. Each dollar you send to Ground Zero helps build this movement: by paying for phone calls, postage, printing, networking expenses, utilities, and much more.

Item #	Quantity	Size	Description	Price Each	TOTAL
I would like to order the following items:					
Shipping: please add \$3.00/shirt, \$.50 for each set of 10 postcards and/or bumperstickers =					

Enclosed is my contribution toward the nonviolent work of Ground Zero. \$_____ **TOTAL =**

Please call me; I want to start leafleting at Bangor _____, in Seattle _____, or elsewhere _____

Please send me _____ free Trident Campaign Organizing Packets.

Please contact me about having a Ground Zero speaker come to speak to my group, church, union.

Please contact me about bringing the inflatable missile to my town.

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State/Prov: _____

Zip/Postal Code: _____ Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Mark your calendars!

Upcoming events and actions at Ground Zero

For All Mothers and All Children:

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SUNDAY MAY 13, 2001; 10AM-3PM, GROUND ZERO

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We *women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.”*

— Julia Ward Howe

Everyone has a mother. We are all children of Mother Earth. Nuclear weapons threaten all life and endanger all the hard work to nurture life. We mothers, fathers, daughters, and sons refuse to be silent. Anyone who cares for life: Come to Ground Zero to take nonviolent direct action to demand the abolition of Trident and all nuclear weapons. See enclosed flyer for details. Bring your loved ones.

AUGUST 9, 1945 – AUGUST 9, 2001



**Mourning
& Remembrance:**

**N a g a s a k i
Never Again**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 9, 2001, 10AM-3PM,
GROUND ZERO**

56 years ago on August 9, 1945 the U.S. dropped a second nuclear bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. **Today,** Trident represents the will to repeat the horror of Nagasaki thousands of times over. Join others at Ground Zero for a day of mourning and remembrance, to commemorate the suffering of all nuclear victims, and take action to ensure Nagasaki never happens again. Details to follow in our next newsletter.

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"Mother's Day has historical roots in the peace process. When I got your last newsletter I realized that the time had come for me to take a real, physical, ethical, spiritual stand against the presence of nuclear weapons in the world. In the past I've known and admired others who have done such things. Now, suddenly one morning I sat at the kitchen table and realized I have no choice. To be fully present in a world where all life is threatened I have to take a stand. By standing up I become part of another story, one where humans who nurture each other and the environment are powerful. This story needs to be told and retold."

--Shannon Deighan, Olympia, WA

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