

HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI WEEK REPORTS

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CHICAGO

On the morning of August 6, about 90 people gathered at the Moore Statue on the University of Chicago campus, site of the first sustained atomic reaction. The rally was sponsored by NBAU and STOP (Student and Teacher Organization to Prevent Nuclear War). A variety of speeches given and statements presented exposed the university and corporate role in researching and developing nuclear weapons and U.S. lies about Hiroshima/Nagasaki. At 8:15 AM the demonstrators "died", bodies were outlined in chalk.

Chanting "U of C, U of C, Ivory Towers for World War 3!", a War Zone Tour of the University of Chicago by 50-75 NBAU activists followed. A "Diploma in the Science of Mass Terror" was taped to the door of the Enrico Fermi Institute, where nuclear research is still conducted in underground labs. Leaving the campus the demonstrators stopped for a "no silence as usual" ... an ear piercing scream.

The group then leafletted and agitated about Hiroshima Day, riding buses, trains, and walking. At one stop, the Illinois Institute of Technology, where nerve gas research is conducted, a nerve gas cannister was "found". To neutralize the contamination, all had to say the Pledge of Allegiance 3 times.

Picking up more people along the way, the demonstrators marched back to the Loop and met up with STOP people again outside the Morton-Thiokol Corporate headquarters. The contingent was also met by "tons of cops". A "Forty Years Tribunal" was convened with a coffin as evidence, a "judge" and testifiers "Capt. Lewis" and "Col. Tibbits" proudly claiming they had dropped the bombs and that they would "do it again for our country". They and other war criminals were found guilty. Chanting "Murderers! Murderers! Murderers!" the group turned and pointed their fingers at the corporate executives peering out from the windows.

Wildly marching on to "Consumer Day on the Plaza" at Daley Center, the NBAU youth brought a life-size replica of a cruise missile. A large crowd gathered as speeches in honor of the "bomb appreciation week" mentality were made with much kneeling and praying to the missile. When the missile crashed to the ground, the youth smashed and stomped it to small pieces.

When the contingent met a street corner jazz band, the crew started dancing and holding up their coffin and banners to end the day's activities.



Outside Wright Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, a yearly, traditional silent vigil by various local peace groups was visited by NBAU activists dressed as skeletons or mutants and one "General" with a bloody head wound. Unfurling two large NBAU banners, the WW3 victims leafletted and talked with vigilers. The response, in general, was good.

Moving onto the AFB, the "victims" went to the Air Force Museum which houses models of "Bockscar", the plane which dropped the bomb on Nagasaki, "Little Boy", and "Fat Man". Chanting "We are the results of these weapons of death, prevent WW3 -- No matter what it takes!" and leafletting, the group headed towards the plane. The "General" gave a speech, exposing the U.S.'s true motives in dropping the bomb, stating how glad he was to have "done it before", and how eager he was to "do it again". Because the museum is in a large warehouse his voice echoed throughout the building and to the about 300 tourists inside. When the chanting turned into "1-2-3-4, we don't want your fucking war!" the protesters were escorted out of the museum and off the base -- for using obscenity!!

A local radio station, WAIF, played anti-war and progressive music most of the day and aired several NBAU reports from across the country. One late night program interviewed an NBAUer who had participated in the days actions earlier.

On the evening of the 6th, the NBAU "victims" attended a Lantern Lighting ceremony at Eaton Park. Setting up banners, they went out to people to talk and leaflet.

August 8th, NBAU was invited to an open house by the Weapons Freeze group. They came as "victims", talked about their actions at Wright Patterson AFB, and the politics of NBAU and preventing World War.



San Francisco

SEATTLE

August 6, NBAU began a roving day of activities with an 8:15 AM die-in by about 10 people in a university district major intersection, while someone read aloud from the book "Living Hiroshima". A costumed "Harry Truman" stood alongside to launch the "bomb" and repeat his famous words about "This is the greatest day in history!". The group marched thru downtown, leafletting and talking to people; while riding a city bus, they staged a theatrical action with a "news reporter" interviewing a "Reagan", who proclaimed his views that only American lives really matter, and why we must be ready to "do it again", to much controversy among other passengers.

Stopping at the cafeteria of Seattle Community College, the group performed more "open-ended theater" with "Truman", "Reagan", "Rambo", and a "hibakusha" that led into a lot of very good impromptu discussions with students about the situation of war preparations, the real history of America's decision to drop the bomb, and present plans locally for what people can do about the White Train.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

On August 6, from noon to 3 PM, NBAU had a free concert in Dupont Circle with several punk bands who played to support NBAU, along with poets and speakers focussing on the meaning of this date. Then about 75 demonstrators gathered for a "Dress Rehearsal for WW3" march around town. They stopped at banks, patriotic statues, pornography shops, the White House, and many intersections crowded with car traffic -- they died-in many times, and entered one recruiting station where applications were scattered everywhere and people generally jammed up this establishment's "business as usual". One person was arrested at the recruiting station for "disorderly conduct".

The evening of August 9, D.C. NBAU held a "Zombie Walk". Dressed as nuclear victims, one wearing a business suit which had been "blown apart", participants traveled throughout the downtown area accompanied by somber harmonica music. Walking slowly, spitting up fake vomit and moaning the NBAU marchers were received very well by the people they met along the walk.

10 NBAU demonstrators arrived to disrupt business as usual at the local military recruiting office, unfortunately on August 6 not too many applicants were showing up. Some shadows were left on the building, and the group leafletted and talked with passers-by.



NBAU organized a Houston contingent of people to take part in the action at Pantex (nuclear bomb assembly facility) in Amarillo called by the Red River Peace Network. About 20 young NBAUers, ("plus a few of us oldsters over 25") caravanned to Amarillo, where the RRPN had brought together about 120 in a peace encampment for workshops, discussions, and a C.D. action on tracks used by Pantex for the White Train.

Because there hasn't been much interaction yet between some of the peace groups and the younger, NBAU-spirited crowd from April 29 and the youth scene, initially there was significant apprehension about welcoming the NBAU contingent into the action and an atmosphere of political differences, fears, and rumors about who NBAU was and whether they should be there with the RRPN. In response, the night before August 6 the NBAU youth called for a "youth speak-out" and invited the peace encampment people to come -- organizers report this turned into a fantastic, spirited long evening, as 40-50 did come for a deep and free-wheeling evening of discussion, sharing experiences, and struggling over many political and philosophical questions about how people see struggling against war preparations. It really broke ice, and afterwards many peace activists who had initially been skeptical or aloof toward the NBAU people expressed how glad they were to have gotten together and much positive anticipation of working together in the future.

On August 6, the contingent did an action which began with a march thru the camp out to the Pantex gate, and then held a short blockade in the road out front --

NBAU activists targeted the Applied Physics Lab at John Hopkins University. APL is a major participant (275 million bucks of last year's military budget) in development for Cruise and Trident II missile systems. Also, it had worked under contract in the 1940s development of the A-bomb. "Just your average sterile, bucolic death lab!".

On August 6, at the main gate of APL, some mutants and a representative of the "Rambo Peace Institute" set up a bed-sheet tent labelled "bomb shelter". They leafletted APL workers, and at 8:15 AM died-in at the gate. Later, the group entered the APL employment office: "since war creates jobs, we'd better go here to get one...". Colorfully-costumed "mutants" politely requested applications, lounged about in the lobby chairs, earnestly requesting employment. Office employees were quite taken aback: "No, I'm sorry, we're not open quite yet!".

KANSAS CITY

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BALTIMORE

THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI: ③

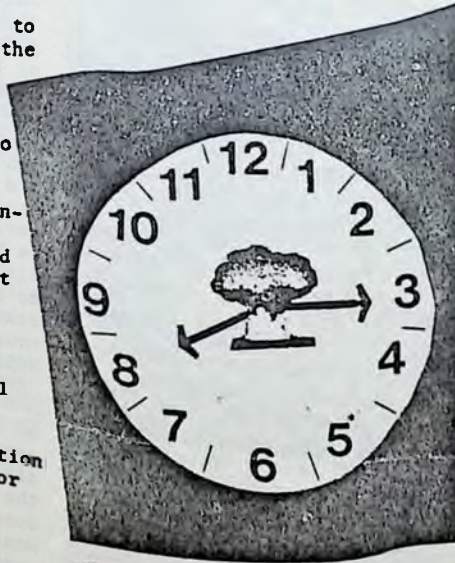


Cleveland

About 20-25 protesters, mainly youth, gathered at the Federal Building at 7 AM. They leafletted, read statements and chanted to the workers arriving. A banner of a mushroom cloud with the slogan "We are the Future" was unfurled, along with a banner reading "Stop NW3 before it stops you". At 8:15 AM flairs were lit, and dry ice released as a spirited die-in of writhing, screaming "victims" fell to the ground. For a while one door to the building was blocked by a large paper tiger.



A War Chest Tour then proceeded to Union Carbide, Federal Reserve Bank, G.E., and ETN Corporation (a defense contractor). At the South African consulate, Daniel Thompson (one of the Ground Zero defendants from A/29) read some of his poetry. The Tour ended at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Climbing up onto it, NBAUers hoisted a U.S. flag with mushroom clouds in place of stars. One youth yelled out "We will get rid of the bomb!" and all proceeded to tear the paper tiger to bits. Some of the youth and some of the women from the Women's Action Faction then went on to a shopping district for more actions.



For August 6, local activities included a joint day of actions built by a coalition of NBAU, the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade, and Circle A. Demonstrators ranged from a large majority of youth who'd been part of April 29, to feminists, religious activists, ex-60's activists, and anarchists. With costumes, make-up and many banners, about 70 marched through downtown Atlanta, dying-in and leafletting (they used the NBAU call for August actions written by NBAU in D.C., and handed out 4,000 during the day). Stops included crowded parks and subway stops (the "nuclear victims" rode the trains, leafletting and chanting: "See the light, hear the sound -- Doesn't matter if you're underground!"). At the main induction center, despite heavy guard and police presence, leaflets were gotten to recruits being bussed out, while a local band played on a flat-bed truck in the parking lot, and people took turns speaking and reading poetry over the open mike. Later at the gates of Fort MacPherson ("Pentagon of the South") people blockaded for over an hour, leafletting via flyers folded into paper airplanes to get to the soldiers behind the double lines of MPs.

Later that night a rally and Human Graph sponsored by a variety of peace groups was held in a posh Atlanta neighborhood. As the group of about 500 lined the streets with candles, the crew of NBAUers marched past with spirited chanting and leafletting. With much dying-in and talking with people, the NBAUers were well received.

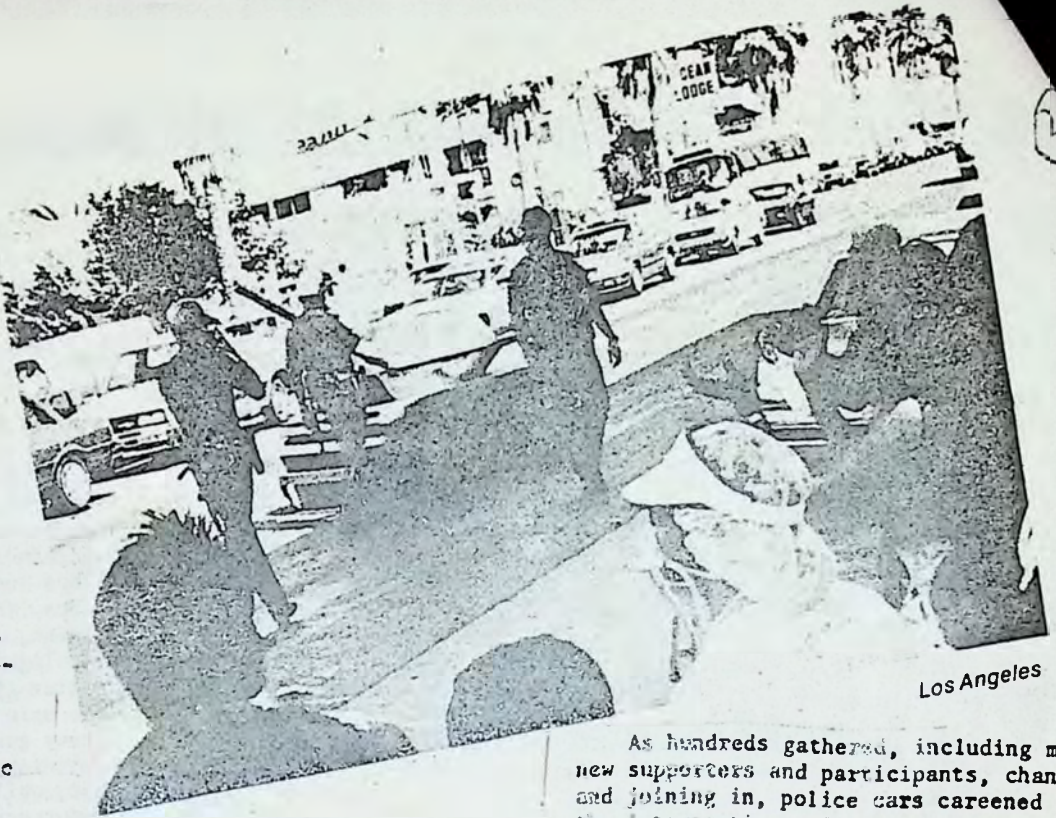
On August 9, NBAU participated in an open forum at a local community center entitled "How to Prevent Nuclear War". Speakers also included the Atlanta Chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned; Unity newspaper; the Revolutionary Communist Party, U.S.A.; and Circle A, a local anarchist group.



**THEY DID IT BEFORE,
THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN!**



LOS ANGELES



Los Angeles

At approximately 2 PM on August 9, 20 NBAU demonstrators gathered at the beachside boardwalk in Venice, CA. Two banners were carried. One had the slogan **THEY DID IT BEFORE, THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN**. This banner also had two human shadows painted on them from stencils used in the International Shadow Project in the wee hours of August 6, Hiroshima Day. (NBAUers participated in the Shadow Project where hundreds of shadows were painted all over the greater LA area. The LA Alliance for Survival also took up the stickers with the NBAU slogan on them and put them down with the shadows that covered the city and outlying areas.) Shadows were everywhere, and the NBAU slogans for the days were also visible next to them. The other banner had **PREVENT WORLD WAR 3 - NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES** printed on it.

Our destination from Venice was to join others awaiting our arrival at the Nuclear BBQ at Rand Corporation in Santa Monica. Rand was chosen as a focus of our protest because it was created out of the ashes of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and is integrally involved in creating the weapons and strategies for the further use of nuclear weapons. Every day Rand is busy not only "thinking the unthinkable" but planning and implementing it as well. It was only fitting that on this 40th anniversary the war makers had been busy creating their public opinion about how necessary it was to bomb Hiroshima and Nagasaki for the sake of saving American lives. All of this is to legitimize their plans to commit the greatest war crime in history, World War 3.

Watermelons painted silver with "Little Boy" and "Fat Man" on the sides were tossed into the air as people in and out of the street counted down, "10, 9, ... 2, 1," - splat! Flour and ash tossed from cups and whistles were sounded. Traffic stopped. The marchers died in the intersection. Many of the motorists were gladdened to see such a determined action to stop World War 3. Some looked for parking so they could join. One motorist said "I know just what you mean - keep on going." The action was repeated before police arrived on the scene.

People dressed in radiation suits and masks and others like "outlaws from World War 3" marched and chanted the 2 miles down the boardwalk to Santa Monica. Leaflets got out and others along the beachfront joined the march. The march stopped briefly to listen to Miss L. Silo, of Rand Corporation, run on about the contribution Rand has made since its inception. She was greeted with hisses and a dying punk youth at her feet. The march moved on with additional numbers. Store owners were supportive; some people took stacks of leaflets and helped distribute them among those watching the march; different people took the bullhorn along the route. The group expanded to 35, including kids on skateboards and bikes. One guy along the route said "I agree with you guys - they will do it again" as he joined in.

The march distinguished itself as the Atomic Bomb Testing Squad when it arrived in the intersection in front of Rand Corporation. Joining with the 20 - 30 demonstrators awaiting their arrival, the march entered the street behind the banner reading **RANDD CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOMBING OF HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI - RESEARCH AND DESTROY MEANS THINKING, ORGANIZING, AND PLANNING THE UNTHINKABLE - SO THE WARMAKERS CAN DO THE UNTHINKABLE!**



As hundreds gathered, including many new supporters and participants, chanting and joining in, police cars careened into the intersection. Cops ran from cars. One protestor was choked unconscious in front of the crowd. Others were chased down and tackled. Another protestor was handcuffed and then maced in the face, held in jail 5 hours and then released with a jaywalking ticket. Many watching were outraged; significant numbers joined in the march as it continued through the nearby shopping mall and throughout the area. For over an hour police blocked off the streets in front of Rand and rush hour traffic was diverted away from the demonstration. Two hours after the protest began, a group of about 25 performed a panic run and die-in in front of a store that had supported the day's activities. Police cars again screeched to a halt and more protestors were arrested. Later we heard that a store owner pulled down his RAMBO posters and handed them out to passersby for use in anti-nuke statements. The war party was righteously crushed by the stamp of **NO BUSINESS AS USUAL**.

There were 20 arrests in all. Five of those arrested were charged with felony conspiracy to incite a riot. Rarely seen since the early 70s, this charge exposed the political nature of the arrests. Soon after people were arrested, the Santa Monica City Council and police were inundated with telephone calls from outraged residents who had heard or seen the action and were protesting the vicious actions by police. Many have come forward to assist in fighting the legal case, but even more importantly to increase the influence of NBAU in preventing World War. The slogans, **THEY DID IT BEFORE, THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN, THE GOVERNMENTS MUST BE STOPPED FROM LAUNCHING WORLD WAR 3, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!** have taken root in LA!

- report by L.A. NBAU activist

We have recently received word that all charges have been dropped against the L.A. NBAU activists!

S.F. BAY AREA



San Francisco



Berkeley was also the site of a pre-WW3 War Crimes Tribunal on Sunday, August 4th sponsored by NBAU. Speakers included Hugh DeWitt, a dissident scientist at Livermore Lab; Ken Nightengale, a member of LabWatch; Marcy Darnovsky of It's About Times; and a correspondent for the Revolutionary Worker. "Survivors", a video of interviews with Japanese atomic bomb survivors was shown. About 70 people attended, many of them high school age.

"No Silence As Usual" on the Golden Gate Bridge brought over 100 demonstrators out to raise NBAU's August slogan: "THEY DID IT BEFORE, THEY'LL DO IT AGAIN, THE GOVERNMENTS MUST BE STOPPED FROM LAUNCHING WORLD WAR 3, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!" The bridge is a major traffic artery for tens of thousands of commuters; "Gateway to the Pacific" (including for all battle-ships passing into SF Bay); "It was as close to Hiroshima as we could get at 8:15 AM on August 6, forty years later." Seventy gathered at the toll plaza, with rad suits and other costumes and make-up as "nuclear victims"; a scale model of "Little Boy" on wheels; a group of young women in birthday party regalia with deathly make-up; large colorful banners (which the police seemed especially intent on snatching and suppressing). They leafleted and chanted, darting into the lanes of traffic.

Meanwhile another 20 jumped out of vehicles onto the Bridge itself, dropping silver-painted watermelons marked "Fat Man" and "Little Boy", and mattresses bearing our slogan. They snaked in and out of traffic, passing out leaflets to drivers (the leaflet was done as a "late to work excuse", explaining to employers why people were delayed on this anniversary date). All traffic was halted for over 15 minutes, markedly slowed for over an hour more and backed up for seven miles. Local radio and press made sure the public was aware of the reason for this action, as part of protests on August 6. Commuter response was mixed -- some were verbally and automotively hostile, while many others gave encouragement and support: honking, waving, raising fists, and some even sheltering demonstrators in cars against pursuing police.

13 adults and 8 juveniles were arrested, all on misdemeanors, all cited out by nightfall. Some demonstrators were beaten and thrown by police; several more were detained en route to the action for riding bikes over roads through the Presidio base property (one who wore an anti-nuke "civil defense" sticker on her pack was cited for "demonstrating on military property"!).



A ceremony was held August 5th at U.C. Berkeley to rename University Hall (birth place of the bomb and administrative center for Lawrence Livermore Lab and the Los Alamos Lab) the "Atomic Cafe". A luncheon was served by about 40 NBAU "radioactivists": Soup of Melted Mutant Neckbone, Stuffed Mushroom Clouds, Strangelove's Stew, and an American Pie (a papier-mache pie full of snakes and spiders, GI Joe dolls sprinkled on top). Pails of blood, ashes, and bones were poured over the steps before a short march thru surrounding Berkeley streets. One "nuclear nurse" was arrested for misdemeanor vandalism (the university authorities make bombs but don't like the steps bloodied up).



N.Y.C.

On the 40th anniversary of the U.S. bombing of Hiroshima, members of the NYC WWII Veterans began the day by handing out fliers to subway commuters arriving in the Wall Street area for yet another day of business as usual. The fliers urged people to come to Battery Park on their lunch hour for a free Geiger counter screening to determine the level of plutonium contamination in their beverages and bodies. They were warned that if any contamination was found they would be required to hand over their bodies to the government in order to prevent the raw material for a nuclear bomb from falling into the hands of any non-governmentally approved terrorist group.

At noon the vets marched around Battery Park inviting onlookers to join in with chants like:

We're the vets of WWII.
Martyrs for stupidity.
Won't you come and join our crew,
'Cause you're all World War Three
vets too!
Sound off: one, two
Sound off: three, four
Bring it on down:
one, two, three, four
NO MORE WORLD WARS!!

The drill involved raising ones' arms into the air and turning to the four corners of the earth. Each time you faced a new direction, you were to blow your whistle as hard as you could. People were then told that following these directions is about as useful as doing anything else once the bombs are launched. So if they really wanted to prevent WWII, they had better start doing something about it now.

The march ended with the building of the WWII monument at a plaza in front of a bank on Broadway. A large crowd formed around the monument and debates were sparked among the onlookers. Many people added their soda cans, newspapers, American Express card applications, etc. to the pile of post nuke debris that constituted the monument.

In the end scooter cops caught up with the vets and followed them through the streets until the marchers broke up.

- Report by a WWII vet

August 9th:

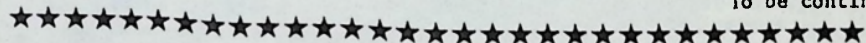
On the anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki, the vets gathered at Washington Square Park for the Nagasaki Night March of the Living Dead. People wore night-marish masks, makeup, and clothing, and a parachute was attached to an enormous face that symbolized the ghostly dead of Nagasaki who have been haunting the earth for forty years.

The demonstrators paraded around the park and then headed up Fifth Avenue. On crowded Saint Mark's Place they went straight down the center of the street, held up traffic, and astounded onlookers, many of whom were inspired to join in the march.

Police arrived at the east end of Saint Mark's and protesters, ignoring orders to halt, simply pushed right by them. At Tompkins Square Park the vets were surrounded by several squad cars. The vets dispersed and then regrouped a few blocks away.

The march started up again and was almost immediately intercepted by three squad cars. Again the vets refused to halt and evaded the police by heading back down Saint Mark's against the traffic.

The vets took the march to the west Village, and held up traffic on McDougal and Bleeker streets. The police arrived once again. This time they were on scooters and they brought along a van with extra seating. The marchers dispersed and called it a night while the police spent the next half hour zooming all over town with their sirens blaring. To be continued...



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Other NBAU Actions

On August 14th, the S.F. Bay was the chosen site for the warmongers to celebrate "the first national celebration" of the anniversary of the U.S. victory in the Pacific. Hailed as the largest presence of U.S. warships in the Bay since World War 2, the Bay was packed with the USS Enterprise, the USS New Jersey and five other ships including a submarine. On board the Enterprise were George Bush, George Shultz, Casper Weinberger, Donald Regan, and over 90 military admirals and generals.

At Crissy Field, on the edge of the Bay inside the Army Presidio Base, the public had been invited to listen to a broadcast of speeches of Bush and others as well as speakers at the Field itself. Just as General "Swede" Larsen, a much decorated WW2 veteran, stepped to the microphone to begin his "keynote" speech, an airraid siren went off to commence the crashing of this War Party!

From the middle of the crowd and right in front of the stage NBAU activists jumped up to chant and raise banners with the slogan: "Hiroshima and Nagasaki: They did it before, They'll do it again, Prevent World War 3, No matter what it takes!" The ceremony was completely disrupted for several minutes, as undercover MPs also jumped out of the crowd to viciously grab and carry away the protesters. Meanwhile, "Swede" Larsen began shouting over the microphone, "I say to all those veterans, go get 'em, go get 'em, go get 'em and let 'em run, go get 'em (6 more times). Atta boy, just like we did before, go get 'em." Overturning chairs in their haste, a small number of WW2 veterans responded to his call by attempting to snatch away banners and punching and shoving the demonstrators. It took the band to play "God Bless America" to get the crowd settled back down enough to go on with the program. Six NBAU protesters were arrested. The action was widely covered in the local media with the name NBAU carefully edited out.

Earlier in the day several small Peace Navy vessels were launched into the Bay carrying large banners. One of the banners read: "No Money for Contra Terror". And in a separate action two people were arrested for raising a banner that stated that the USS Missouri (soon to be homeported in S.F.) carries the equivalent of 500 Nagasakis.

D.C. NBAU held a War Zone Tour of downtown on July 3rd. As the Tour took off from the Lincoln Memorial to the Viet Nam Vets Memorial diverse props went along also -- tombstones reading "R.I.P. Planet Earth Commits Suicide", whistles; sirens; flour mixed with glitter to simulate fallout; and banners ("We are the Future - Not the Bomb"). Thousands of leaflets were distributed through out the day. "Terrorists! Terrorists! Terrorists!" was chanted outside the State Department. Two "contras" gunned everyone down in the first die-in of the day. Later at the Riggs National Bank a "scream-in" and "die-in" was carried out with tons of flour "fallout" thrown in the air. At the Nuclear Regulatory Commission green jelle as nuclear waste was thrown. After many more stops and leaflets distributed, the group started back to the site of the Rock Against Reagan and Racism concert for some very lively discussions with concert goers.

D.C. WAR ZONE TOUR

About 60-70 people attended a forum on Women and World War held in S.F. on August 24th. The panelists were Linda Fogel from Connexions, an international women's quarterly; Debbie Gregg from Women's Choice Clinic in Richmond, CA. and the Clinic Defense Committee; a speaker for the Revolutionary Communist Party, USA; and Norman Gottwald, a professor at N.Y. Theological Seminary and a member of the Response Committee for NBAU. Topics ranged from: the myth of women as "innocent victims"; the state and militarism in relation to control of women's reproductive capabilities; the role of religion in times of world war; and the role of women, here and internationally, as a critical element in preventing world war.

CRISSY FIELD - S.F.

WOMEN & WORLD WAR FORUM