FLASH FROM ALBANY

WALKERS RELEASED 20 Quebec-Washington-Guantanamo peace walkers and supporters were released from Albany, Georgia City Jail on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, January 16 and 17. One was already free on appeal bond.... Even the process of release was a confused one, as has been the whole experience in Albany. All 20 were due out on Wednesday, but only 8 appeared. Investigation revealed that no orders had been given for release of the others. Telephone calls to the Judge, A. N. Durden, and to Chief Pritchett, in Atlanta for the day for an FBI conference, revealed a mistake somewhere in the official red tape. So some of the walkers went into their 26th day of jail and fasting before the wheels of justice in Albany could complete full turn.

ADDITIONAL TRIALS Three separate trials were held on January 14 in Albany Recorders Court before Judge Durden for 12 peace walkers and supporters; the 5 who had previously refused to walk into court (they were carried this time); Dave Dellinger and 5 others who were arrested on January 9; and Joe Tuchinskiy, Turn Toward Peace interne from Hyde Park Peace Center in Chicago, who was arrested on January 12 for engaging in a fast and vigil in front of the City Hall. All were found guilty and sentenced to 31 days, with 30 days suspended, to be served on probation. Joe viewed the already-prepared papers on the judge's bench, filled out with names and dates, and asked, "Were those prepared before court?" The judge's reply -- well, yes, but of course if you'd been found not guilty, they wouldn't have been used.

THREE IN HOSPITAL Yvonne Klein and Allen Cooper were taken to the hospital on January 11, suffering from extreme weakness and vitamin deficiency. Ray Robinson, Jr., who abstained from liquids for about 3 days in addition to the long fast, was also taken to the hospital for part of a day, then returned to the jail. All those who fasted for long periods were given vitamin shots the last 2 days of their imprisonment.

MORE SUPPORTERS Several more supporters went to Albany to assist in community contacts or to take public witness supporting action. In addition to 3 Walk team members already there -- Barbara Deming, Ron Moose, and Ken Meister, the following are in Albany: Mary Christiansen, Bea Herrick, Ralph DiGia, Gene Keyes, and Dennis Weeks.
A. J. Muste and Q-W-G walkers are greeted by members of the congregation after Thanksgiving Day services at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Atlanta. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave the sermon and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy introduced A.J. and the walkers. Group conducted vigil of mourning for Dallas and Birmingham.

Experience with the Quebec-Washington-Guantanamo Walk's "crises" in Georgia and with other such incidents makes it clear that CNVA needs to have people across the country upon whom it can call for immediate action. Such persons would receive special "Flash News" mailings which for obvious reasons of time and money cannot possibly be sent to our total mailing list. If you will commit yourself to take at least one of the three types of action mentioned below, will you please fill out the appropriate parts of the coupon.

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Please send me ___ copies of CNVA's new policy statement, "The Continuing Cuban Crisis." (free)

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Enclosed is a contribution of $ ___ for the work of CNVA. I understand that $2.00 of each contribution is for a subscription to the CNVA Bulletin or its successor for one year.

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HELP WANTED

Although the peace walkers and supporters will have been released from Albany City Jail by the time you receive this Bulletin, much help is still needed in order that they may continue the Walk and eventually reach their goal in Cuba. You can:

1. Send telegrams and letters to these officials, urging that civil liberties in Albany be restored for the civil rights movement and that the walkers be left free to walk and leaflet through the city: Chief of Police Laurie Pritchett; City Manager Stephen Roos; City Attorney A. Grady Rawls, all at City Hall, Albany, Georgia; Governor Carl Sanders, State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia.

2. Send letters to editors, contact newspapers, radio and TV stations about the Walk.

3. SEND MONEY. Because of the arrests in Lawrenceville, Griffin, Macon, and Albany, Georgia, the Walk is behind schedule and has incurred extra expenses. Please send all you can now and in the near future.

Ray Robinson being dragged to police car in Macon, Georgia. 19 of Quebec-Washington-Guantanamo Walk team were arrested there on November 19 for violating an anti-leafleting ordinance. Some served 3, some 4 days before sentences were commuted on November 22. Judge and Police Chief have since recommended to City Council that ordinance be repealed.

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Tony Brown had a dream while in jail that all the walkers were set free and given the keys to the city. When he told this to Chief Pritchett, the reply was: "That was no dream; that was a nightmare."

Brad Lyttle writes: "Bea (Herrick) seems to have bewitched Chief Pritchett, for since she came, visiting restrictions have been virtually abolished and she has brought us all kinds of things like paper, envelopes, pens, deodorant (I) and after shave lotion. Even if emaciated and hirsute and filthy, we will enter the court fragrantly."
Edith Snyder, with black eye, the result of electric cattle prodder used by Griffin, Georgia police.


Mr. Hentoff's book, just published, is an expanded version of a profile he wrote for the New Yorker. A warm, human account of A. J.'s life and adventures, which are enough to fill the lives of ten ordinary men. As Bruce Bliven, New York Times reviewer, comments: "Mr. Muste, who is nearing 80, seems to have stepped up the tempo of his activities once he got well past retirement age." If you want to read this installment before it's time for the next one, order the book from CNVA -- $5.95 per copy.