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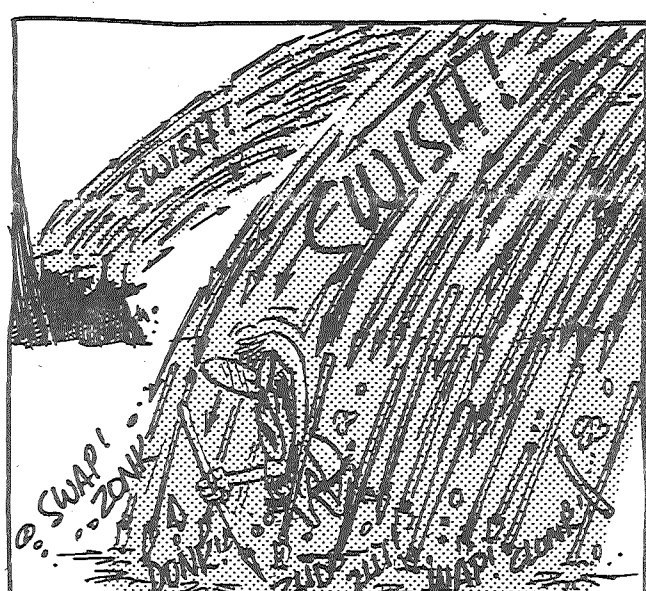
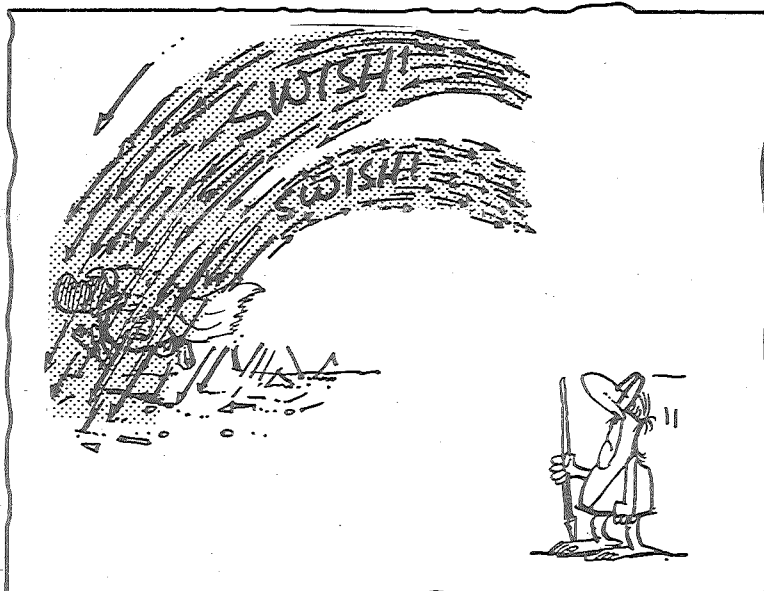
Ordinary New Zealand people take a stand to declare New Zealand Nuclear Weapon Free: to make New Zealand a safe and peaceful place for people to live in the future. They declare their own bodies, their homes, their pets, their places of work, places of leisure Nuclear Weapon Free. Clubs, churches, maraes and factories are declared Nuclear Weapon Free as well.

Pacific Pilgrimage

In early 1982 determined New Zealanders join other Pacific peoples in a journey across the Pacific. They confront the nuclear weapons system of the first Trident submarine to be deployed in the Pacific at Bangor, Washington U.S.A. The pilgrims will offer to assist the U.S. military to dismantle the Trident, its weapons and its support facilities in an epic-making action of nuclear disarmament. Like all pilgrims, at their goal they expect a miracle to occur.

And After Trident:

Hope stirs, raises, expands, explodes in the minds and wills of people in the Pacific, the U.S. and throughout the world as the international media covers the action step by step. A Pacific Pilgrimage to Moscow, London, Peking, Paris, Pretoria, New Delhi: To express to the world that here in New Zealand we may be crazy enough to expect miracles but we are not so crazy as to tolerate the presence and further proliferation of nuclear weapons in our world.



The symbol chosen to mark the Nuclear Weapon Free Zones in the HOME BASE action is the black radiation sign with the red ban symbol. The border and the wording are also black. There are plans to produce these on stickers, buttons, plaques, T shirts and supplies of these will be advertised in the next FREEZONENEWS.



1980-81 ACTION:

Declare your own body and personal space at home and at work a Nuclear Free Zone.

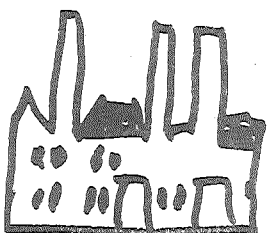
Invite your relations, friends, neighbours, everyone at work and in the same street to do the same

Get your local church committee, sports club, marae, service club, local body government to declare all its property and facilities a Nuclear Free Weapon Zone.

Become a Pacific Pilgrim. Help send a Pacific Pilgrim. Take our determined action for life peace and freedom out to the key sources of death in the Pacific.

Organise at work and in your street to have real estate, factories, homes, office buildings, declared as Nuclear Weapon Free Zones.

WHAT YOU CAN DO



TRIDENT MONSTER

The launching of America's first super submarine, the Ohio, marks a high point in the two super powers' bid for supremacy under water.

Because of unique armament, defence experts believe that the United States now has a slight edge on the Soviet Union.

The Ohio-class underwater dreadnoughts—13 will be built over the next five years—are bigger, more costly and more powerful than anything else that has ever moved under water.

The destructive power of these \$1500 million warships is formidable.

They carry 24 Trident ballistic missiles of 32 tonnes each. And each missile carries 12 nuclear warheads, each with a destructive power 2½ times that of the Hiroshima atom bomb.

Each boat can pulverise 288 cities or industrial complexes in one firing, lasting only minutes.

The Trident C4 rocket can hit targets 7400km away. The new C5 which will be fitted later next year, even has a reach of 12,000km—sufficient to destroy any target in the Soviet Union from any launching place in the world.

The torpedo-shaped supersubs reach speeds of above 80km/h—more than twice the speed of the fastest German submarines of the World War, the Walter hydrogen-powered subs of Types XXI and XXIII, which never fired a torpedo in anger.

They can cruise at this speed for months without refuelling.

The Ohio-class is able to operate at a depth of more than 300 metres—far lower, say experts, than other subs could ever hope to go for fear of being crushed flat like a flounder by the immense water pressure.

U.S. Navy experts have estimated that the new submarines can operate for up to three months under water, protected against radar and sonar, operating practically without emitting any noise.

With an underwater displacement of 18,700 tonnes, the Ohio-class submarines are more than five times as big as Nautilus, the first of the atom-subs constructed by the U.S. Navy 25 years ago.

They are even bigger than the dreadnoughts, the great British battleships built just before the Great War.

It was announced at the launching of the Ohio at Groton, Connecticut, that the pride of the U.S. Navy will operate "within a protective circle of killer-subs which will be even faster and are able to dive deeper than the Ohio."

These killer-subs have already been approved by the U.S. Congress.

They will be equipped with Subroc missiles, to be fired underwater from torpedo-tubes.

These rockets will reach a speed of nearly Mach 1, the speed of sound, and will be exploded near an underwater object after a sky dive. They cannot be deflected by electronic means and are too fast to be intercepted by other missiles.

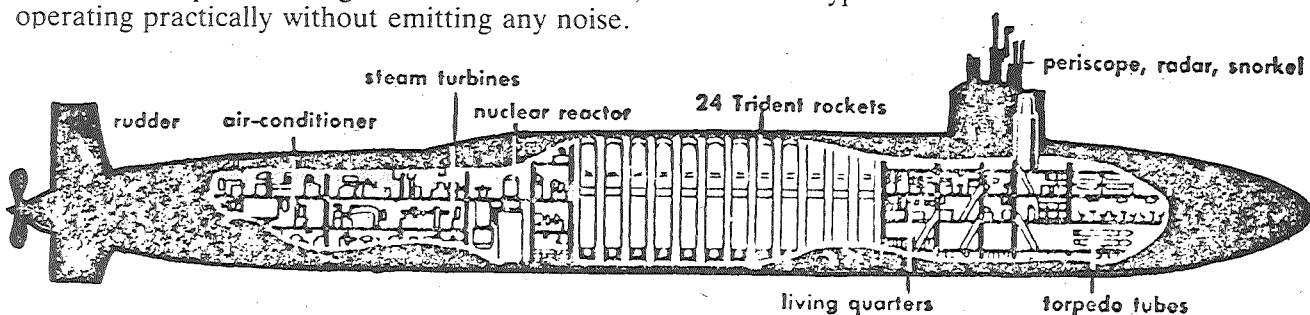
Since the recently completed S.A.L.T II treaty limits only quantitative nuclear armament, the updating of existing facilities to launch ballistic missiles is not part of the treaty.

With the Ohio-class submarines entering active service, it is anticipated that an equal number of nuclear submarines of the 20-year-old Polaris class will be scrapped.

There is no reason for complacency, says the U.S. Navy.

Satellite pictures of Soviet naval bases have revealed that the Russians are constructing new submarines bigger and probably faster than the Ohio class.

The Pentagon has given the new Soviet subs the codename Typhoon.



When the living will envy the dead

from JOYCE EGGINTON in New York, The Observer October 5, 1980.

The devastation caused by a nuclear attack would be so intense that life for the few survivors would be socially unrecognisable, threatened by famine, disease and genetic damage.

This was the view of leading American scientists and doctors who presented a bleak picture of the consequences of nuclear war to a conference in New York last week.

Dr H. Jack Geiger, professor of community medicine at New York's City College, painted a nightmare picture of what would happen if New York was blasted by two powerful nuclear bombs.

A nuclear bomb followed by a second, within a few hours would leave 14 million dead 'and would so disrupt the social fabric that the word survival would be meaningless,' Dr Geiger said.

Most hospitals would be destroyed. Most doctors and nurses would be dead. Those remaining, even if they were willing to risk further radiation, would be unable to get to victims through the fires and debris which would engulf the city.

'A conservative calculation is that each surviving and functioning physician will have 1,700 injured to care for. Most victims will die without even drugs to ease unbearable pain, and the living will envy the dead.'

Dr Geiger predicted mass firestorms which would turn fall-out shelters into crematoria. Severe injuries from burns would be super-imposed upon radiation effects, and lethal amounts of fall-out would spread for hundreds of miles. Millions more deaths from infections and radiation-induced disease would follow.

The lack of water, sanitation and uncontaminated food would soon take as many lives as direct injury.

Yet there would be no way to dispose of the millions of decomposing corpses — which would not only add to the likelihood of epidemics but cause 'profound emotion disorders' among the survivors.

'Given these effects, I believe that any physician who even participates in so-called civil defence planning is committing an unethical act,' he said. 'To do so is to imply to the public that a coherent and effective medical response is possible — and that implication would be a lie.'

He said he was not trying to frighten but to inform. 'The idea that there can be limited nuclear war does not make sense in any biological, human, political or realistic terms.'

The conference was called by a new movement dedicated to revealing the medical and social consequences of a nuclear war. Many movement members worked on the development of nuclear fission.

EDITORIAL...

In the Northern spring of 1972 top world financier David Rockefeller recommended that a new non-governmental group representing advanced industrial countries, which included Japan, was needed immediately. Immediately 16 leading intellectuals from Europe, North America and Japan were summoned for an intense two days at Rockefeller's palatial residence 60 kilometers north of New York city.

AN END. A BEGINNING

1945 and post-war reconstruction of Europe and Japan saw the beginning of our existing international system. 1973 marked the beginning of its end with the drawing to a close of the Vietnam War. A quite new situation was presenting itself. The struggle was no longer between trilateral (Europe—North America—Japan) Western democracies and the communist states. The threat to the Western System now came from the underdeveloped poor world.

"...the changing position of the advanced world, the new aspiration of the Third and Fourth worlds united together seem to me to pose a very major threat....to our own societies."

Thus spoke the Chairman of the Trilateral Commission at its conference in Kyoto, Japan, on May 31, 1975. This man was soon to become the U.S. National Security Adviser, Zbigniew Brzezinski.

DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY

A strategy for claiming as yet uncontested rich global areas such as the South Pacific was urgently required. Its riches, exploited by new technologies, could be fed into a voracious Western economic life support system whose resources were critically low or soon to be endangered. The military significance also of this vast and 'empty' Pacific area emerged as the nature became apparent of strategic long-range monster nuclear submarines soon to be available for deployment.

IN THIS BEGINNING — A CAMEL

A Fijian church educationist pictured the Pacific of the 1980's as a tent. Inside the flap of this tent a camel's nose has poked. What vast unseen bulk lay behind? Washington Brookings Institution's Lawrence Krause, a Pacific expert, testified before a U.S. Congress hearing that the Japanese Namura Research Institute was well ahead of U.S. strategies for economic exploitation in his research project 'Proposal for the 21st Century.' A distinguished Japanese member of the Trilateral Commission 'Club,' Mr Okita Saburo, was to become, in November 1979, the Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Cabinet. Here he acted as chief architect for the now fully public 'Pacific Basin Co-operation Concept.'

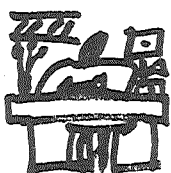
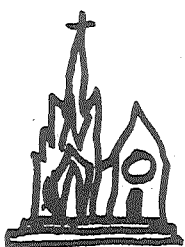
THREE HEADED

The Camel was then to be three headed, extending the combined transnational economic and other networks of Europe, North America and Japan into the fullness of the Pacific Basin. Henry Kissinger had earlier prophesied that the Pacific would supplant the Atlantic as the Atlantic had done the Mediterranean. The Pacific would become the focal world ocean. This prophecy was about to be fulfilled.

CORRIDOR OF POWER

The chief corridor by which the immense new thrust could express itself lay through Australia and New Zealand. The early months of 1980 saw remarkable energies at work at the highest levels in these countries. Top business people and intellectuals consulted in Wellington, Auckland and Canberra. Prime Ministers Muldoon and Fraser negotiated fundamental if mysterious Australia/New Zealand economic unification

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A FIRST FOR AOTEAROA

By the 1870's the pakehas had acquired much of the best farming land of Taranaki from its Maori owners. Much of this alienation of land had been unjust and immoral. The Maori warriors had been provoked, put down, and their lands 'confiscated.' But at Parihaka, nestling in the lower Mt. Egmont slopes, a new kind of community of resistance had been growing. The Maori prophets Tohu and Te Whiti were creating a unique blend of ancient Maori cultural depth and the shrewd New Testament insight inspired by the peaceful Jesus, God of the Pakeha.

Ploughing the Belly of the Governor

Moving in early morning satisfaction through his fine grassland 7 miles from New Plymouth, the pakeha settler Courtney was outraged to see 'his' land falling under the plough of a stalwart Maori. Day after day the plough toiled on peacefully, the ploughman silent. 20 acres were turned under. 50 miles to the South the scene was being repeated on Bayley's farm. Thus began the long shrewd probing of the heart of Governor Grey who had professed to be a man of peace and justice.

Fencing the Queen's Highway

Waves of non-violent ploughman-demonstrators, many of them from amongst the most respected and most fearsome of the Maori leaders, had been arrested. But after them came the 'fencers,' throwing barriers across roads established in the name of a Queen whom Te Whiti claimed to be the Queen of the pakeha interests. Hundreds more were arrested.

Ask that Mountain

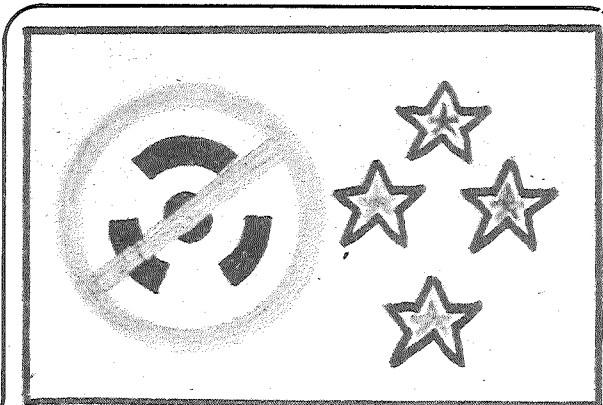
Majestic Mt Egmont remains today a silent witness of these great moments of Maori history. Dick Scott has recorded the events vividly and with copious documents and illustrations in his *Ask that Mountain* (1975, Auckland. Heinemann-Southern Cross).

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PRISONER: THANK YOU JUDGE

Jim Douglass at his own sentencing on Good Friday 1980 addressed his Judge thus:

"We felt that gift of new life last Friday when 25 of us were sent to jail for making peace. I believe that a life put in jail for making peace is more powerful than we can imagine in opening up a new world. Every time the courts give us the gift of more lives in jail for peacemaking, as a human family we take a further step into the kingdom of God — into a country and world where thousands and eventually millions of sisters and brothers will be crossing fences and going to jail to stop nuclear war and affirm our unity as a family. Going over that Trident base fence again and again for the sake of life, returning to this court for the worst you can give us, is the deepest Easter gift we can give and be given."



Where this flag flies you are in nuclear weapon free country.

BACK TO BASICS

— from Rachel Bloomfield, Wellington

I am excited by the prospect of getting involved in the "Home Base — Pacific Pilgrimage." I think it has good possibilities for developing as a strong and effective peoples movement. At the same time I have been reflecting on the need for us all to look beneath the surface and have a closer understanding of the causes of militarism. We must be sure to challenge the very roots of the problem if any change is to be lasting.

We live in a very violent society, and one which condones "warfare" as a norm. One of the wellsprings of this violence is our socialization, part of the way we are made the people we are, which forces us as men and women into artificial roles.

Men have been forced to be "manly," strong, vigorous, aggressive, commanding and dominant; women to be soft, pliable, timid, dependent, weak.

The pattern of dominance and conquest which is instilled into male children at a very early age continues into adulthood. I believe that militarism isn't an "abnormal" thing; but represents an extreme of the role into which men have been conditioned.

The model of dominance and submission which we see in global politics is set in male/female relationships, and generally in men's attitudes to women. The same attitudes which condone rape of a woman, condone "rape" of a nation.

People in the peace movement are now beginning to see the connections between sexism and militarism.

I know a lot of us believe that the anti-nuclear struggle is so urgent that we cannot "waste time" on other issues — such as sexism. What I am saying is that the issues of sexism and militarism cannot be separated. That the only way to have a nuclear free — and ultimately a weapon free world is to change the conditions that created it.

Andrea Dworkin writes:

"The pathology of being anti-women or women hating is the warp and woof of the world. Cure it, and the world as we know it — its cruel and systematised oppression, the suffering of its wretched multitudes — must collapse. Cure it, and we transform human life and create human community. Continue to nurture that same pathology to call it love and normalcy, and our history will be in the future what it has been in the past — Dachau, Hiroshima, Vietnam, rape, sexual torture, women in chains."

Non-worshippers at Christening

NZPA-AP — Groton, Connecticut

About 3000 anti-nuclear protesters, some draped in black shrouds, chanted and sang as the United States Navy christened the USS Ohio — the most powerful nuclear submarine ever built and the first equipped with Trident missiles.

Police arrested 230 demonstrators who tried to block the shipyard's main gate and charged them with disorderly conduct. Thirty-seven who declined to give police their names were also charged with resisting arrest.

Protesters lined the streets near the shipyard, but huge construction bays hid them from view of the estimated 20,000 guests at the christening and their quiet demonstration could not be heard.

Senator John Glenn called the 24-missile Ohio the "most formidable strategic-weapons delivery system ever devised."

The submarine will have more than 10 times the fire power of the United States Navy's first ballistic missile submarine launched 20 years ago. Each of the Trident missiles' multiple warheads reportedly has five times the destructive power of the Hiroshima bomb.

measures. The transnational institutions already fully established in Australia could thus, without further legislative manoeuvring, move through New Zealand and out untrammelled amongst the microstates of the Pacific. The full Ocean would open before them.

NEW ZEALAND LEADS THE WAY

A special role lay here for New Zealand. She was a trusted microstate leader for other Pacific small territories. She was an old and trusted friend of the three-headed camel. She could be the key gateway into the whole Basin. She was a vital stepping stone to the Antarctic. N.Z. was often described by her pro-Vietnam war politicians as a rich prize for "an aggressor." She is certainly now a rich prize for her "friends."

GUNS AND BUTTER

The Military-Industrial Complex, President Eisenhower observed, was the most formidable phenomenon in the entire U.S. and Western polity. Economic systems and democratic alliances must, first and foremost, be well defended. The industries and armed forces supposed essential to this 'defence' had become, moreover, an integral and often dominant factor in economic and political life. The secure deployment of U.S. and, soon, Japanese nuclear navies over and under the waters of the Pacific Ocean would guarantee the secure conditions indispensable for wholesale economic development. The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr Muldoon, recognised this very clearly in his determination to co-operate, against strong domestic political opposition, with U.S. and other Pacific Rim armed forces, in establishing New Zealand as an integral part of the Trilateral Commission's 'Pacific Rim' defence system: "RIMPAC."

AND SO — NUCLEAR WARSHIPS

It is against such a background that the true meaning of visits to N.Z. ports by such nuclear-powered and almost certainly nuclear-armed cruisers as *Truxtun* or *Long Beach*, or such hunter-killer submarines as *Pintado* and *Haddo* must be sought.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE

New Zealand has been told by prestigious government planning council and conventional media that there is only one way to national salvation. A nuclear weapon-free Pacific is an idealistic dream; so too is any self-reliant economy. Only foreign capital-intensive and cheap-energy-intensive industrial projects can save us. Public sector expenditure must be mercilessly reduced. Smaller New Zealand industries without export ambitions must survive on a bare subsistence basis or collapse. Public money must subsidize new large-scale ventures involving foreign 'partners.' Massive unemployment and staggering price rises are a sacrifice that must be endured if we are to have any future at all.

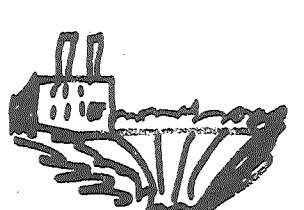
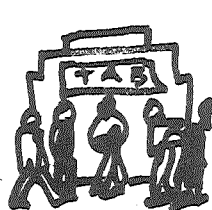
OUR SAVIOUR

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, quoted April 7th, 1976 in the 'Auckland Star,' declared that there was 'only one power on earth' that could save us. Could this be — God? Mr Muldoon was actually referring to the U.S. Navy and Armed Forces, 'ultimately the guardian of the free world.'

THE GOLDEN CAMEL

There are signs that many, perhaps most, Pacific Islands people are sceptical. They refuse to worship these new 'realities' which offer themselves almost as gods. Such heretics are suggesting that it is not they but the camel which needs to be converted: converted back to serve the purposes of healthy animal, human and natural life in a nuclear weapon-free Ocean of Peace.

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DECLARATION

IN SOLIDARITY WITH the poor of the world who suffer because of the massive excesses of the rich.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH those of our foreparents who, within the vision of their times, lived and worked for justice and freedom in our world.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH indigenous people of the Pacific for whom lifestyle, access to land, and social harmony have been disrupted and destroyed by the intruding forces of other nations and cultures.

I (we) the human being(s) in this place declare the following:

We wish to choose Life for ourselves and for the World.

We wish that our bodies be not "defended" by dropping nuclear bombs on other people — whether they are soldiers or civilians, children, women or men.

We wish that neither ourselves nor anything that is ours be made "safe" by threatening to use such weapons against people who "threaten" us.

We do not want any part of any nuclear weapon system to be helped by us or by our money or by the political system to which we belong.

We wish to use ourselves and our possessions to dismantle nuclear weapons and nuclear weapons systems which are in the Pacific Zone already, replacing them with human sharing, work, friendship and understanding.

We want this to happen NOW.

We will not leave this to other people to do for us. We will find ways (in partnership with others) of doing something about it ourselves.

AND NEEDLESS TO SAY

We wish that it not come to pass that our own land or bodies, or the bones of our foreparents, or the bodies of our great grandparents or grandparents, or the bodies of our parents or children, or the bodies of our grandchildren or of our offspring into the future be vaporised, torn apart or mutated by any of these bombs going off over us.

THEREFORE

We name ourselves and all that is ours and this place where we stand as a nuclear weapon free zone for ever.

*Ka Whawhai Tonu Matou
Ake! Ake! Ake!*

*WE NAME OURSELVES AND ALL THAT IS OUR AND THIS PLACE WHERE WE
STAND AS A NUCLEAR WEAPON FREE ZONE FOR EVER.*

*KA WHAWHAI TONU MATOU
AKE! AKE! AKE!*

Your Declaration Day

On the day you declare your body, your space, your pets, your property nuclear weapon free.....

YOU MAY

....do that in silence, or with just a few others, affix a button or a sticker or a flag and know inside yourself the significance of your action

YOU MAY

....use the DECLARATION printed in *Freezonenews 1*, use the poems, the statements or other readings in a kind of ritual attended by your friends, relations, neighbours. Design your own ritual using this paper and other printed material, use silence, use dance, use songs, use some symbolic action. Have a simple meal with your friends to celebrate your choice for LIFE.

YOU MAY

....start off some big or small action in your neighbourhood or among your friends. Use the DECLARATION and any ritual you design to include other people and encourage them to take the same kind of action.

WE HOPE

....you will mark the event as a significant event in your life and in human history.

WE HOPE

....you will make use of the **HOME BASE Nuclear-Weapon Free Zone** symbol in the form of a button, flag, sticker or plaque — to let others know about your action.

WE HOPE

....you will make a financial contribution to **HOME BASE — PACIFIC PILGRIMAGE** — perhaps you could have a collection for this purpose among the friends who gather around you at your DECLARATION.

Our costs will increase as we service **HOME BASE** as it grows and as we begin to prepare for **PACIFIC PILGRIMAGE**.

Please send your contributions to:
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Auckland.
Cable address: **FREESQUAD.**

WE ASK YOU TO

....let us know at the address above how many people and buildings, how much land and space has been declared Nuclear Weapon Free — what town, city, suburb or rural district are you in? With this information we can build up a register of the spread of Nuclear Weapon Free Zones throughout New Zealand. Send us your names only if you want to — most of all we need to know what you have declared Nuclear Weapon Free and where that is.

WE ASK YOU TO

....keep in touch with **HOME BASE — PACIFIC PILGRIMAGE.**

— keep getting others to participate
— get your club, pub, church, marae or factory to work towards declaring their properties Nuclear Weapon Free.
— think about becoming a **Pacific Pilgrim** or sponsoring someone from your neighbourhood or community group to go on the pilgrimage.

WE ASK YOU TO STAY STRONG IN THE STRUGGLE.

Let's help them bear

*It was in the basement of a ruined building one night.
The wounded from the Atomic,
Filled it to the full;
The dark basement where not a candlelight was found.
The smell of fresh blood and of dead bodies
From among the fume of people
Mingled with the bad smell of sweat and groans.
A queer voice came floating to the ears,
Saying, "A baby is going to be born!"
In this basement like the bottom of hell,
At this very instant a young woman was going to bear.
In the pitch darkness with not a single match there
What was there left for them to do?
Everyone was anxious, forgetting his own pain.
Then a voice was heard, saying,
"I am a midwife, I will do my best to help her bear."
The speaker was none but a seriously wounded person,
groaning only a moment before.
In the very bottom of the dark hell
A new life saw the light.
But the midwife having no patience to wait for the dawn,
Died covered with blood.
Let's help them bear,
Truly, help them bear!
Even if we give up our life.*

Sadako Kurishara.

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"THE CRAZY LITTLE PEOPLE"

"Sacred stories — MYTHS — point beyond their historical roots to the dimension of depth, of the transcendent in history. THEY ARE TRUE, not in the sense of logic or intellectual analysis, but in terms of mystery or intuition. Myth unites history with the sacred, giving it particular symbolic significance in the lives of people."

— John H. Westerhoff. "Learning through Liturgy" p.128.

HOME BASE — PACIFIC PILGRIMAGE has such a myth available to it. It is a story written and illustrated by Andrew Beyer with the title "The Crazy Little People." The story develops from a simple and pungent description of a world entrapped by nuclear armaments. The people of the world are soothed, anaesthetised and bribed into silent acceptance of nuclear weaponry. The crazy little people are the ones who wake up from slumber, see the world how it is and begin to resist with an action very similar to **HOME BASE**.

The book would be ideal for communicating with children, school classes and adults who are open to the magic of inspiration. It is available in a simple photo-copied format from:

P.O. Box 6736 Wellesley Street, Auckland 1. for \$1.00 per copy.

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No Ordinary Sun

*Free let your arms fall:
raise them not sharply in supplication
to the bright enhaloed cloud.
Let your arms lack toughness and
resilience for this is no mere axe
to blunt, nor fire to smother.*

*Your sap shall not rise again
to the moon's pull.
No more incline a deferential head
to the wind's talk, or stir
to the tickle of coursing rain.*

*Your former shagginess shall not be
wreathed with the delightful flight
of birds nor shield
nor cool the ardour of unheeding
lovers from the monstrous sun.*

*Tree let your naked arms fall
nor extend vain entreaties to the radiant ball.
This is no gallant monsoon's flash,
no dashing trade wind's blast.*

*The fading green of your magic
emanations shall not make pure again
these polluted skies..... for this
is no ordinary sun.*

*O tree
in the shadowless mountains
the white plains and
the drab sea floor
your end at last is written.*

Hone Tuwhare.