Home Base:

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

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 $150 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 280 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 fired 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 subs each 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 XXII, which were loaded 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 underwater, protected against radar and sonar, operating practically without emitting any noise.

When the living will envy the dead

from JOYCE EGGMONT 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. J. J. 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 world 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 adult would 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.'
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 Parahaka, nesting in the lower Mt. Egmont valley, a new kind of community of resistance had been growing. The Maori prophetess Te Whiti and Te Pate were creating a unique blend of ancient Maori cultural depth and the shrewd New Testament insight inspired by the peaceable 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 stuart 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 Bayly’s farm. Thus began the long shrivelling process of the heart of Governor Grey who had manifested to be a man of peace and justice.

Fencing the Queen’s Highway

With the end of the pacific war, the world saw the end of the war. The atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, killing hundreds of thousands of people. The United Nations was formed to promote peace and国际合作. The Cold War began, with the United States and the Soviet Union at odds. The Berlin Wall was built, dividing East and West Germany. The Korean War was fought, with the United States and China at war. The Vietnam War was fought, with the United States and North Vietnam at odds. The Berlin Wall was torn down, and the Cold War ended. The world was never the same again.

50 YEARS BEFORE GANDHI . . .

Non worshipers at Christening

NZPA—Grotton, Connecticut.

About 300 anti-nuclear protesters, some draped in black shrouds, chanting and singing 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 conduct. Thirty-seven who declined to give their 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 in 1960. Each of the Trident missiles’ multiple warheads reportedly has five times the destructive power of the Hiroshima bomb.
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 fumes of pears. 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.

Sadake Kurishara.

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THE CRAZY LITTLE PEOPLE

"Sacred notes — MYTHS — point beyond their historical root 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."


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 belied 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 exhilarating sun. Let your arms lack toughness and resilience for this is no mere axe to blunt, nor fire to smother.

Your upshall not rise again to the moon's pull.

No more incline a deferential head to the wind's talk, or sit 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 mountebank's mask, no dashing trade wind's blast.

The fading green of your magic eminations 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 dark sea floor your end is last is written.

Hone Tuwhare.

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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 peoples 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 weapon systems which are in the Pacific Zone already, replacing them with human sharing, work, friendship and understanding.

We wish 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 Freewomen 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:

HOME BASE — PACIFIC PILGRIMAGE,
P.O. Box 6736 Wellesley Street, Auckland 1.
Auckland.
Cable address: FRESQUAD.

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.

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