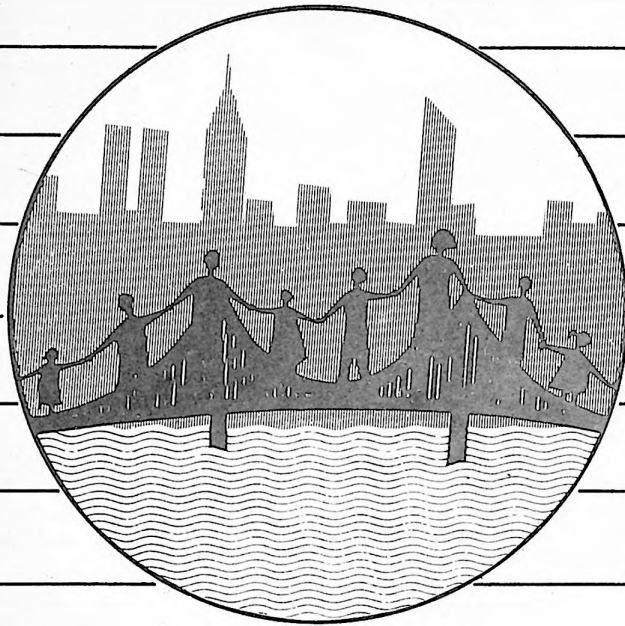


THE NEW YORK MOBILIZER

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The first step to November needs 30,000 more signatures

Referendum petitioning in final push

The petition drive to put a referendum on the November ballot that would stop the city from supporting the Navyport at Stapleton, Staten Island, is in its final stage—and at this critical moment Mobilization for Survival/NY needs your immediate help.

Due to a recent change in the City Charter, we are able to extend our petitioning deadline to June 14. The referendum is an amendment to the Charter to restrict the powers of the Board of Estimate to lease land or fund facilities capable of carrying or storing nuclear weapons.

As of May 23, we have 20,000 signatures in the office—far short of our 50,000 goal to stop the nuclear Navyport. This means we need to collect 30,000 signatures in the next three weeks!

To all of those who have worked so hard up to now, our sincerest thanks. To those who have not yet been able to help out but now have the time, here is what you can do:

★ **PLEDGE SIGNATURES:** Call the MfS/NY office today (212-673-1808) and make a pledge of how many signatures you will collect, and when and where you will be petitioning.

Make copies of the petition enclosed with this *Mobilizer*, or let us know if you need more. Carefully read the instructions on page three of this issue.

★ **SIGN UP FOR PETITION DAYS:** Kathy Waters is coordinating the petitioning, so give her a call at the office and tell her when you are available for petitioning and any ideas for good sites. We'll set you up with a partner if you need one.

★ **HELP THE CLERICAL WORK:** We need 100 people to put in six hours each on June 15 and 16 to help process the petitions. This work is absolutely

June 8 bridge demo for a nuclear-free harbor!

On June 8, thousands of area residents will join hands to form a "human chain" across the Verrazano Bridge after converging from anti-Navyport rallies in Staten Island and Brooklyn.

"Our bodies will become a symbolic 'blockade' to keep nuclear missiles out of the harbor, demonstrating to City Hall, the Pentagon and the world that we are determined to keep New York Harbor nuclear-free," said Tom DeLuca of Mobilization for Survival/New York.

June 8 is also part of international days of protest against sea-launched cruise missiles. Demonstrations will be held from June 1-15 across the world, from Tokyo to the Philippines, to San Francisco and New York, and Sicily to Norway.

The Navyport is not only a threat to the health and safety of New Yorkers by bringing nuclear missiles into the largest metropolitan area in the country, it is also a

key element in the Reagan Administration's military policies in Central America.

The U.S.S. Iowa, the lead vessel in the seven-ship fleet to be based at Stapleton, Staten Island, has also traveled twice to Central America in the last year to intimidate Nicaragua.

"The Iowa is the floating deadly connection between nuclear war, nuclear accidents, military intervention and economic injustice," DeLuca said.

To take part in the June 8 protest, gather in either Brooklyn's Cannonball Park (last stop on the RR train) or Staten Island's South Beach Park.

The Brooklyn action begins at 12:30 with an interfaith service, followed by a 1 p.m. rally. The Staten Island protest begins with a rally at noon, and at 1:45 we will go to the bridge. For more information call the MfS/NY office at 212-673-1808.

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★ JUNE 8: SAVE THE DATE! ★

CAST A VOTE FOR PEACE ★ JOIN THE REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN THIS MONTH

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Lesbian/Gay Network links the issues with pride

When the Gay & Lesbian Pride Day parade steps out on June 30, the issues of peace and social justice will be well represented.

That's because a contingent marching under the banner of the Gay/Lesbian Network of Mobilization for Survival will be making its first appearance at the annual celebration. "We see ourselves as trying to get the word of Mobilization out to the gay community," said Steve Ault, one of the initiators of New York's Network chapter.

The Gay/Lesbian Network was formed last year, using a multi-issue, coalition-building approach in its work. Ault said there are chapters in New York and Los Angeles, with others planned for San Francisco, Boston and elsewhere. "We feel the multi-issue approach is the only viable one; and we've made slow but steady progress. We're working with issues like AIDS research funding, which should be doubled to be effective, to show the links between human needs and the military budget," Ault said.

The Network's first action in New York was a lesbian/gay anti-apartheid civil disobedience at the South African consulate in April. Ault said the action was very well received in the gay community. The Network's next target is the Navyport, with mailings and a contingent joining the June 8 action on the Verrazano Bridge. "Awareness of the homeport plan in New York is very important. We're developing a brochure and buttons on the issues of peace and social justice, and trying to push gay activists into a situation where they're not acting in isolation," Ault said.

On the national level, the Network is working with the Pledge of Resistance Campaign (see story this issue) and played a major role in making sure lesbian/gay issues were raised in coalition politics before and during the April actions in Washington.

Ault sees the June 30 Pride Day as a "big opportunity" for the Gay/Lesbian Network, with a table at the Christopher Street Festival planned. "We hope that people will march with us, and volunteer to help build the Network," Ault said. Interested persons can reach the Network by calling the MfS/NY office, 212-673-1808.

Nicaragua actions show success of pledge campaign

The Pledge of Resistance was put into effect for the first time earlier this month in response to President Reagan's trade embargo against Nicaragua, and on four days notice 181 people were arrested for blocking the federal building in New York on May 8.

The day before—the day after the embargo took effect—more than 2,000 people attended a demonstration outside the federal building. That night, more than 30 people attended an all-night vigil in a park across the street from the federal building.

Around the country, over 1,000 people were arrested in demonstrations resulting from the pledge campaign, with particularly strong actions in San Francisco, Boston and Chicago.

More than 60,000 people nationwide have signed the Pledge of Resistance, promising to undertake nonviolent civil disobedience to protest escalation in U.S. war policies in Central America. Although the demonstrations around the embargo were not a full enactment of the pledge, organizers felt it was necessary to flex some muscle in protest.

"The embargo represents a real escalation in Reagan's political and military war against Nicaragua," said Debra Chaplan of the MfS/NY staff. "It was important to come out quickly to show Reagan that an embargo is not a way to carry out foreign policy."

The MfS/NY Anti-Intervention Task Force is continuing to work around Central American issues. Among its activities will be work on the Pledge of Resistance campaign, continued outreach, including a slide show underscoring the link between the Navyport and Central America.

In addition, the issue of U.S. aid to the "contra" rebels trying to overthrow the Sandinista government is by no means dead, and it is quite possible that some measure will come up after the Congress' Memorial Day recess. Call the MfS/NY office to find out how you can plug into efforts opposed to "contra" aid.



Trump Tower in Manhattan was spontaneously closed down at a housing demonstration on May 4, attended by nearly 1,000 people. The protesters called for an end to tax abatements for luxury apartments and office buildings at the expense of funding low-income housing. The action was sponsored by over 30 tenant, homeless and religious groups and Mobilization for Survival/New York. STACEY BLATT PHOTOS



Breaking the silence on the Middle East with voices in harmony

In recent weeks Mobilization for Survival/New York has increased its work on the issue of reaching out for peace in the Middle East.

On May 23, MfS/NY co-sponsored a talk between Dov Yermiyah (retired colonel of the Israeli Defense Forces), and Munir Fasheh (former Dean of Students at Bir-Zeit University) at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. This turned out to be a provocative evening of learning and sharing attended by several hundred people.

On Tuesday, June 18 MfS/NY is co-sponsoring "Mid-East Voices in Harmony: A Concert for Peace." Ronnie Gilbert will host the event, which features Israeli singer/com-

poser Sara Alexander and Palestinian singer/composer Imad Saleh (see this issue's calendar for details).

These events help to "break the silence" that has reigned so long over this most heavily-armed region of the world. Unless a just resolution can be made to the conflict in the Middle East, it is the most likely flash-point for a nuclear war.

Groups co-sponsoring one or both the above events include: New Jewish Agenda, American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, International Jewish Peace Union, American-Israeli Civil Liberties Coalition, and Educators for Social Responsibility.

Instructions for Petitioning:

The Navyport referendum is a binding initiative, which means we must be sure to gather valid signatures. Please read these instructions, and follow them carefully:

Who may gather signatures or sign petitions: Any registered voter eligible to vote in New York City (all 5 boroughs, any party or independent).

Gathering signatures: A petition carrier may go door-to-door or gather signatures on the street, in malls, movie lines, or at any public event.

- The petitioner should first **print** the street address and borough for the signer. She/he should not use abbreviations, except for St., Dr., Ave.

- Use blue or black ink only.

- Then, ask the signer to sign his/her name legibly, as it appears on the voter registration card. Generally, people won't remember how it appears, so ask them to sign their **full name** (no nick names).

- A person should not sign for someone else.

- The signer should **NOT** fill in A.D. or E.D.

- If the signer (or petitioner) makes a mistake on the petition, the petitioner should cross out the whole line in which the mistake was made, and initial the line on both sides. Do not use white-out.

- It is not necessary for all 10 lines on the petition to be filled.

- The witness (you, the person collecting signatures) should fill in the witness statement: print name, address and county. (We'll fill in the E.D. & A.D.).

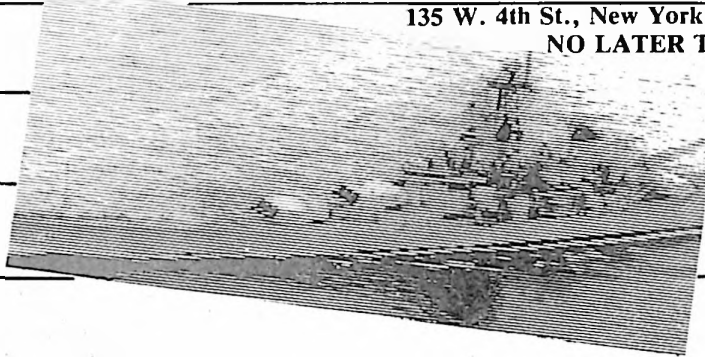
- The witness should sign at the bottom of the witness statement and fill in the **last day** the petition was circulated. The witness should not sign petitions s/he witnesses. Sign someone else's petition.

Here's a sample of the signed petition lines:

Date	Name of Signer	Residence	Assembly Data	Election Data
1 May 12, 1985	Edward Koch	1 Graaie Mansion Borough of Manhattan New York City		
2 May 13, 1985	Jane Doe	371 West Flatbush St. Borough of Brooklyn New York City		

Return petitions as they are filled out to Mobilization for Survival/NY,

135 W. 4th St., New York NY,
NO LATER THAN
JUNE 14



Referendum

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vital to the project's success, so call Susan Davidoff at the office if you can work on these crucial days or any others between now and June 18.

★ **DEMOCRATS:** If you belong to a Democratic club, your club will start petitioning for candidates on June 1. Ask that the referendum petition be carried by your club with their candidates' petitions.

(If the City Council does not pass the amendment to the City Charter, the measure automatically goes onto the November ballot once another 15,000 signatures are gathered. In order to ensure that there are enough valid signatures, approximately 30,000 names must be gathered.)

The referendum is MfS/NY's most ambitious campaign ever—and if successful will not only help stop the Navyport and the stationing of nuclear missiles in the largest metropolitan area of the country, but will be an important setback in the Reagan Administration's overall military buildup.

We need your help, especially in the next few weeks. Help New Yorkers cast a vote for peace and send the Navyport away by calling the MfS/NY office today at 212-673-1808.

Resisters jailed as draft resistance work continues

The Mets 1985 baseball schedules have gone out with a reminder on the front cover: "18-year-olds, remember to register for the draft."

The message is just one of several recent developments that have underscored the importance of increasing support for the draft resistance movement.

In April, the Supreme Court ruled that selective prosecution of draft resisters was legal. Within weeks of the ruling, several of the first group of resisters were sentenced and jailed. These young men, opponents of the draft, were among a group of 17 non-registrants picked out by the Selective Service from the several hundred thousand men across the country who haven't registered.

Ben Sasway, the first indicted non-registrant, has been sentenced to 2½ years in federal prison in California. Gary

Eckland, from Iowa, faces a two-year sentence in a federal prison camp in Minnesota. And Rusty Martin, also from Iowa, was forced to register, pay \$10,000, serve three-years probation, and attend two citizenship ceremonies held by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (to see people who want to be good citizens).

Draft resisters would very much appreciate letters of support. Their addresses are: Ben Sasway, Federal Prison Camp, 3901 Klein Blvd., Lompoc CA 93436; Gary Eckland, 1907 West Kimberly, Davenport IA 52806; Rusty Martin, 422 Brown St., Iowa City IA 52240; Andy Mager, PO Box 1000 CAMP, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

Membership Campaign Checklist

- I'd like to volunteer to help Mobilization for Survival/NY. Please contact me.
- I'm not a member yet, but I'd like to join. Enclosed is \$15 annual dues.
- I'll become a supporting member by joining for \$25 annual dues.
- I'll become a sustaining member by pledging \$25 \$15 \$10 or \$_____ per month. Enclosed is my first monthly donation.
- I would like to purchase MfS/NY disarmament shirts. Please send me a catalogue.

NAME & STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Please return this coupon to Mobilization for Survival of New York, 135 W. 4th St., NYC NY 10012
Call 673-1808 for information on Mohe membership.

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North Star Award

Organizing for peace can be a thankless task. Recently, however, MfS/NY was given some welcome recognition for our efforts. We were among the first five organizations awarded the Frederick Douglass Award by the North Star Fund.

North Star has been helping to fund progressive groups in New York City for the past seven years. At a dinner reception on May 20, MfS/NY was given a plaque for "outstanding contributions to the struggle for political, social and economic justice." Other groups honored were the Asian-American Legal Defense Fund, the Lower East Side Planning Council, Men of All Colors Together, and the Sisterhood of Black Single Mothers.

It's a proud moment for MfS/NY. It's great to be in such good company. Thank you, North Star.

Ladies Against Women

On May 22, MfS/NY and friends were given an important political lesson: an evening of consciousness lowering by Ladies Against Women. San Francisco's Plutonium Players were a smash hit, providing needed comic relief for the intense petitioning that we've all been doing, and some financial support for MfS/NY as well. Be sure to catch the Plutonium Players the next time they're in NYC!

Street Fair

The bi-annual Mobe street fair will be held on June 29-30 in Greenwich Village (LaGuardia Place between W. 3rd and W. 4th Sts.).

**JUNE 8: SAVE THE DATE!
JOIN IN THE NAVYPORT
REFERENDUM DRIVE
THIS MONTH...**

We've sponsored street fairs for the past three years, and have a reputation for bringing together some of the best crafts and merchandise vendors the area has to offer. Come on by and support them and us.

Things NY Mobe Needs

They always say you won't know what's out there unless you ask. Well, we're asking you now. MfS/NY needs:

- ★ a computer (with software for mailing lists and word processing)
- ★ an air conditioner (used is fine as long as it works)
- ★ a phone answering machine (the fewer gadgets the better)
- ★ a phone bank—that means the use of 5-7 phones in an office for evening calling (to do

polling, fundraising, and getting out the volunteers)

★ office supplies are always valuable: bond paper, pens, rubber cement, clip boards, typewriter ribbons, paper clips, masking tape...

Summer Tabling Time

It's the time of year when it's far more fun to be outside than at meetings. Why not get some sun and do some good work at the same time—and help with Mobe's annual blitz of tabling.

Tabling is an efficient and inexpensive means of getting information out and organizing individuals and communities. It's also a very effective fundraising tool.

Call Kathy Waters at the MfS/NY office, 212-673-1808, to find out how you can help.

New York MfS Events

Listen to the Disarmament Community Bulletin Board every Thursday at 4:45 p.m. on 99.5-FM, WBAI radio.

CONTINUING IN JUNE

NAVYPORT REFERENDUM DRIVE

Let New Yorkers decide about nuclear missiles in our city. Help us reach the ballot in November by petitioning or processing the petitions this month. WE NEED YOU! Call 212-673-1808 to sign up. See the story on page 1, and xerox and fill out the petition enclosed in this issue as soon as possible.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

KEEP NUCLEAR WEAPONS OUT OF NEW YORK HARBOR: JOIN THE HUMAN CHAIN ON THE VERRAZANO BRIDGE

Join us in this symbolic blockade of New York Harbor to oppose the Navy's plan to base nuclear weapons in Staten Island. See the story on page 1 for details. Volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks; please call 212-673-1808 to help.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

EMERGENCY FOOD

Slide show and discussion on emergency food pantries in New York City, led by Donna Lawrence of the Food and Hunger Hotline. Good Food Co-op, 58 E. 4th St., 7:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by the MfS/NY Urban Crisis Task Force and the Good Food Co-op. For information call Robin at (212) 864-5109 (eves).

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

MID-EAST VOICES IN HARMONY: A CONCERT FOR PEACE

Ronnie Gilbert, Israeli singer/composer Sara Alexander and Palestinian singer/composer Imad Saleh in an evening of song and dialogue about the need for peace in the Middle East. Sponsored by MfS/NY, New Jewish Agenda, Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee, and International Jewish Peace Union. P.S. 41, 11th St. off 6th Ave., 7:30 p.m. Donation \$5.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 29 & 30 MOBILIZATION FOR SURVIVAL VILLAGE STREET FAIR

Some of the best crafts and gifts are found at the street fairs of NYC. Volunteer to help, or just visit Mobe's own fair. LaGuardia Place off W. 4th St., 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Regular MfS/NY Meetings

All meetings at 135 W. 4th St., 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

MONDAYS, JUNE 3 & 17 ANTI-INTERVENTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 ACTIVE MEMBERS MEETING

For those already working with MfS/NY

WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 5 & 19 ECOLOGY

THURSDAY, JUNE 6 URBAN CRISIS

TUESDAYS, JUNE 11 & 25 DISARMAMENT

TUESDAY, JUNE 18 ORIENTATION MEETING

For new members and those wishing to get involved For DRAFT, MID-EAST, YOUTH, and LESBIAN/GAY task forces, please call 212-673-1808.

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Mobilization for Survival of New York is one of New York City's largest and most active peace and justice groups. In addition to its work on reversing the arms race, New York Mobe draws the connections between the Reagan administration's unprecedented peacetime military budget and U.S. intervention abroad and cuts in social spending.

Membership in Mobilization for Survival of New York is \$15 per year, and entitles you to receive our monthly Mobilizer newsletter and New York's most complete listing of disarmament activities, the Peace Network Calendar. For more information, call the Mobe office at 212-673-1808, or fill out and return the coupon on page 3 of this issue.