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PEOPLE AGAINST NUCLEAR POWER, (PANP) has moved to new quarters at the Ecumenical Center, 944 Market St., (bet. 5th & 6th St.). We are located in Rm. 808. We have numerous resources on N.P., alternatives, buttons, bumperstickers, etc. Our office hours are 10 to 4. M-F. Come visit us.

A NEW LOOK

Since the August 6th action at Diablo Canyon, the anti-nuclear/pro-safe energy movement in Cal. has grown substantially. Here in S F. and the Bay Area, a

group of activists have gotten together and looked at ways to make the movement more receptive to a large influx of people.

A proposal is circulating throughout the Bay Area to form a San Francisco and/or Bay Area coalition of neighborhood energy/action groups against nuclear power. Each group would involve itself in a specific task/s it desired, (such as literature tables, community forums, (continued on page 3)

STRONG CHALLENGE NEEDED TO U.C.'S A-BOMB ROLE

LIVERMORE & LOS ALAMOS

After more than two years of controversy the University of California will decide in the next two months what action, if any, it will take to change the nature of its operation of the nation's two nuclear weapons design labs at Livermore and Los Alamos.

The U.C. Nuclear Weapons Labs Conversion Project, the group responsible for making the University's operation of the nuclear labs a widespread concern, is stepping up its organizing to insure a strong challenge to the weak, unacceptable changes it expects the University to propose.

The two labs are together responsible for developing every warhead in the U.S. nuclear arsenal — from the Hiroshima bomb to the neutron bomb — and for developing current U.D. policy that makes a "limited nuclear war" a "thinkable" option. Since their beginnings, the labs have been operated by the University of California under contract with the federal government (now the Dept. of Energy), which owns and funds the labs.

Despite widespread public criticism of its role, the University is now circulating a proposal which would continue U.C. management of the labs with only minor modifications — the appointment of a committee which U.C. says will serve as a "window" on the labs.

But the Labs Conversion Project and others have criticized the proposal as merely "windowdressing" on the labs, and have called on U.C. either to take peaceful purposed, or to sever its ties with the labs if it is unwilling or unable to take that position. The Project has also called for public hearings on the issue.

The issue will next be taken up by the University at the Board of Regents meetings on January 18 & 19, at the U.C. extension center at, 55 Laguna St., S.F.. The Labs Project is pushing for a special Regents hearing for the 19th, but failing that will be present at the 18th meeting to protest the lack of a hearing and to listen to DOE representatives who will be talking about the labs to the Regents. The Project is encouraging all people concerned about this issue to come to this meeting to show their feelings to the University. A large turnout is needed to keep the pressure up, and this may be the last Bay Area meeting of the Regents on this issue. A final decision will probably be made at the February Regents meeting in L.A.

Regardless of what action the University makes, the Labs Project is planning a major action at the Livermore Lab (40 miles from San Francisco) for May 5th to call for an end to weapons research and conversion of the labs.

For specific details on the best times to be at the Regents meetings (which was not available at press time), contact the Project at | 626-6976 or 642-4136.

FT. CRONKHITE UPDATE

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If you've been reading Bay Area political and evironmental news letters lately, you might have come across a story about the proposed conversion of Ft. Cronkhite. Located in the Marin Headlands, this ex-Army/Gecommissioned Nike missle site, has been a priority project for the Alternative Energy Collective. The AFC has illustrated some alternative energy possibilities to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, which is the regional administration unit for the National Park Service. With the recent 14.5% oil price hike by the OPEC consortium, the motivation to utilize existing technologies for energy conservation and retrofit is stronger than ever. These events emphatically underline the Park Service's directive to assume a stronger role in energy conservation and public demonstration of alternative energy development. Within this context, the AEC is stressing the desirability of an educational/vocational facility focused on Appropriate Technology approaches and solutions. The key word here is appropriate. To encourage the participation of

local youth groups and stimulate appreciation and understanding of school groups, "lo-tech" applications of renewable resources seem the most fitting. The area's natural beauty and intact ecosystem demand due consideration of problems of scale and complexity. The wind is a potent energy source at Ft. Cronkhite, but to place a megavatt wind generator on the sea cliffs would be a blatant disregard of the area's identity as well as a visual/technological blemish. And by displaying simple, low - cost techniques for do-it-yourselfers, their viability and availabilty would raise the energy awareness of the public. The Alternative Energy Collective is taking the first steps on this "lowroad" leading to an Appropriate Technology facility at Ft. Cronkhite. Passive solar retrofits, recycling of existing buildings for energy conservation, small scale wind projects these are some of the many forms the facility could manifest. There is much room for concerned and interested individuals who want to

see this facility materialize in a

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demonstrations, etc.) The groups would be autonomous, but would work together on larger events when agreed upon. The coalition would meet monthly to share information, and make decisions. There would also be overall resource committees for the coalition, (media, fundraising, non-violence training, etc.)

If you are interested in being involved in a neighbor-hood energy/action group or have questions, please contact the People Against Nuclear Power at our office or clip out the form on the back of the No-Nukes Gazette and send it to us.

4 JANUARY CALENDAR OF ANTI-NUKE EVENTS
MON.8TH, TPM, PANP MTG., PANP OFFICE THUR.18TH, 8PM, NITE OF ANTI-NUKE COMEDY W/ THE PLUTONIUM PLAYERS; NETWORK COFFEE HOUSE: 1036 BUSH ST., S.F. THUR.18TH > BOARD OF REGENTS MTGS. ON NUCLEAR FRI. 19TH WEAPONS LABS AT LIVERMORE & LOS ALAMOS; UC EXTENSION CENTER: 55 LAGUNA ST., S.F. (SEE PAGE 2.) FRI. 19TH > ABALONE CONFERENCE, SONOMA SUN. 21ST / COUNTY (SEE ABALONE NEWSLETTER)
TUE. 23RD, EDUCATIONAL GATHERING: 6PM POT- LUCK DINNER, T:30PM SPEAKER; AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMIT- TEE: 2160 LAKE ST. 23RD AVE., S.F. SAT. 27TH, 8PM, BENEFIT FOR NUCLEAR FREE FUTURE: JACKSON BROWNE, DAVID CROSBY, GRAHAM NASH; OAKLAND COLISEUM, TICKETS AT BASS: \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50.
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