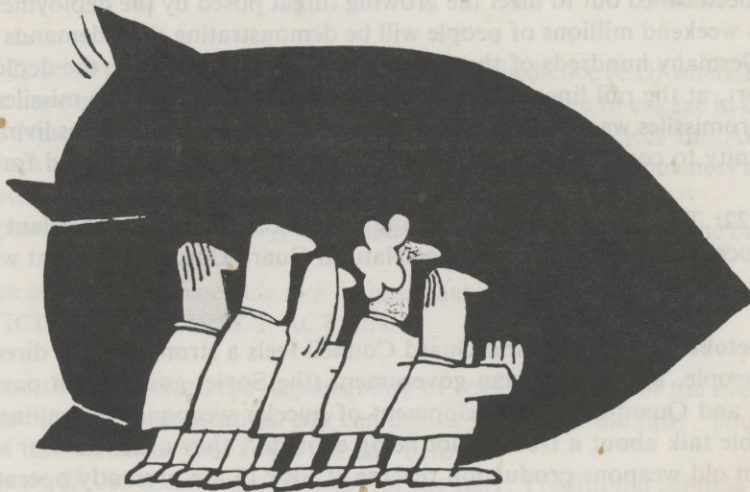
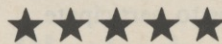


BLOCKADE



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**Savannah River Plant
Legal Rally - October 22
Direct Action - October 24**



The Blockade at the Bomb Plant will coincide with mass actions all over Europe and the United States to protest the deployment of the Cruise and Pershing missiles.



**Natural Guard Council meetings:
September 24th, Charleston SC
1 p.m., Charleston Library, King & Calhoun
October 8th, Augusta, GA
1 p.m.. Augusta Library, Green & 9th**

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The Natural Guard has been called out to meet the growing threat posed by the deployment of a new generation of nuclear missiles in Europe. On this weekend millions of people will be demonstrating their demands for nuclear disarmament all over Europe and America. In Germany hundreds of thousands of people will blockade the deployment of the Euromissiles every step of the way - at the port, at the rail lines, and at the American bases where the missiles will be positioned. Since all the nuclear material for the Euromissiles was made at the Savannah River Plant, those of us living around this global threat have a responsibility and opportunity to confront the Administration with our urgent demand for an end to this nuclear madness.

Rally, Saturday, October 22: The rally is planned for the front lawn of the Bomb Plant Headquarters at 2 p.m. We are soliciting suggestions for speakers and entertainers. The Natural Guard Council feels that we can have an excellent legal rally while keeping our primary focus on direct action.

Direct Action, Monday, October 24: The Natural Guard Council feels a strong call for direct action. A clear majority of the American and European people, and the Russian government (the Soviet government passed a proposal for a multilateral freeze on the "Qualitative and Quantitative" development of nuclear weapons) are calling for a nuclear freeze. While our government speaks in double talk about a freeze "not being enough", they order nuclear weapons production increased by 1/3. They work to bring an old weapons production reactor at SRP (3 are presently operating) back on line after 15 years. None of these reactors have cooling systems or containment buildings. For 30 years, these reactors have spread radiation through South Carolina, Georgia and into the atmosphere and ocean. For several years the DOE has known that toxic chemicals from the nuclear weapons production process have leaked into the Tuscaloosa Aquifer, from which 648 million gallons of fresh water a day are pumped into South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama, and lied about it. They have known that radioactive releases have been massive and frequent for 30 years, and lied about it. The Bomb Plant releases more radioactive tritium (a radioactive hydrogen isotope that can find its way into all cells of the body) yearly than all nuclear power reactor accidents combined.

SRP is truly the nuclear bomb that has been dropped on those it was purported to defend.

Direct action in a life-threatening situation is a moral imperative. The Bomb Plant is killing the people who work there and live around it. The weapons it plays a critical role in producing threaten life on the planet. Our government rejects the rational demands of the majority. Direct action at the Bomb Plant is *necessary*.

Early Monday morning the Bomb Plant, one of South Carolina's largest industrial sites, will be closed by the Natural Guard. The Natural Guard will pose a blockade at all five gates of the 312 square mile facility to dramatize to the world governments that the majority of Americans oppose the continued production and deployment of nuclear weapons.

Direct Action Training: Training in direct action and non-violent civil disobedience will be mandatory for participants. Training sessions need to be scheduled wherever *affinity groups* can be organized. There will be a training session in Columbia, SC, at Valley Park, September 10, 3 p.m. People may also learn how to conduct training sessions at this time. Other training sessions will be organized in North Carolina, Georgia and South Carolina. Final training sessions on Sunday October 23 will allow those not yet trained and in affinity groups to participate.

Affinity Groups: Participants in the direct action will be organized into "Affinity Groups" of 8 or more people. Each affinity group will be responsible for its own members. Legal aid will be provided by the Council, but affinity groups will be responsible for their own bond money (if they choose to post bail), transportation, food, support personnel after arrest, etc. The tasks of the affinity group will be delineated at the training sessions. Some members of each affinity group must not be arrested.

Affinity groups serve an important purpose beyond the action. People will work together and share experiences that will inspire them long past October 24. Affinity groups will return home to working relationships that will further the cause of peace and justice.

Human Needs. "A nation that continues, year after year, to spend more on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death." - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 1967.

The vital signs of America are weak. Our military might and chauvinism are awesome, while record numbers are unemployed. In South Carolina one in three families live below the poverty level. Our nation's infant mortality rate is higher than 17 other countries. South Carolina has the highest infant mortality rate of any state. In the counties downwind from the Bomb Plant, infant mortality rates are among the highest in South Carolina. Because our government chooses missiles, bombs and corporate profits over education, food programs and health care, our nation's well being is threatened. The cost of national security is literally killing us. The Council felt strongly that cutbacks in human needs programs - in favor of nuclear and military expansionism - must be addressed.



Direct Action Scenarios: The Council will organize target(s) for civil disobedience (CD) where legal liability will not exceed 30 days or \$100. Fines in the past have not exceeded \$25. Affinity groups will be free to engage in creative CD (keeping within the non-violent principles of the Natural Guard.) Showing that American people reject the American government's nuclear weapons policy is our task. Blockading the five gates of the Bomb Plant and stopping business as usual is our tactic. Creating a climate that will force our government into a nuclear freeze is our strategy.

The Council will not be responsible for bond money. Participants will decide at Council the best strategy for dealing with the state.

It has been proposed that we organize the blockade in a fashion that can be sustained. **YOU NEED NOT COMMIT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TO PARTICIPATE IN DIRECT ACTION.**

Fundraising: Supporting groups should take on the responsibility of some expenses for the event. Host a fundraiser and split profits with the Rally Committee. Your organization/city can host a speaker at the rally. Your group can pay the travel expenses for a rally speaker and have them in your town the day before.

We need to raise approximately \$8,000 (no travel expenses) for the rally. Traditional funding sources are being approached; don't hesitate to help.

Staff: Your organization/town should send a staff person as soon as possible to help build the action. The Grass Roots Organizing Workshop (GROW) in Columbia is providing office space and logistical support. Committed volunteers who are supported by other organizations will be housed, loved and worked hard.

Leadership: The Natural Guard Council is the governing body of the Natural Guard. The Council is composed of representatives of organizations and affinity groups participating in the action.

The breadth of the movement against nuclear weapons will determine whether or not we can win in time. The Council has committed itself to seeking the support and leadership of Blacks and other minorities and movements.

Notice of Concern: The Blockade at the Bomb Plant coincides with actions all over America and Europe. There is another major rally planned October 22 and 23 in the South at the Martin Marietta facility in Orlando, Florida, which builds Pershing missiles. The Council felt we should coincide the events because of the global nature of the protests, the distance between Orlando and SRP and the CD occurring a day after the Orlando rally. We proceed in the solidarity of common purpose.

For more information contact: The Natural Guard, 18 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC 29201 (803)254-9398.

Platform for the Blockade at the Bomb Plant

I. Halt global testing, production and deployment of all nuclear weapons. Shut down the Savannah River Plant. We demand that all nuclear weapons systems be frozen at current global levels and, further, that all nuclear arsenals be mutually reduced with the urgent goal of totally eliminating all nuclear weapons.

II. Fund human needs. We demand that the large portion of our tax dollars being spent on nuclear weapons be redirected toward producing jobs and economic programs that meet human needs and are necessary for a safe and secure society. We demand an immediate halt to military intervention into the affairs of one nation by another as this heightens global tensions which lead to the threat of nuclear war.

III. We call for an independent study of the health and economic impacts of nuclear weapons production at the Savannah River Plant. The threat posed by the radiation and waste from our own nuclear weapons is the bomb being dropped on those it is purported to defend. We join the leading scientists in the field of radiation health effects in calling for an independent study of the effects of 30 years of nuclear weapons production at the Savannah River Plant.

What is The Bomb Plant?

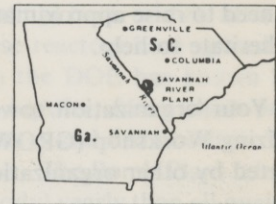
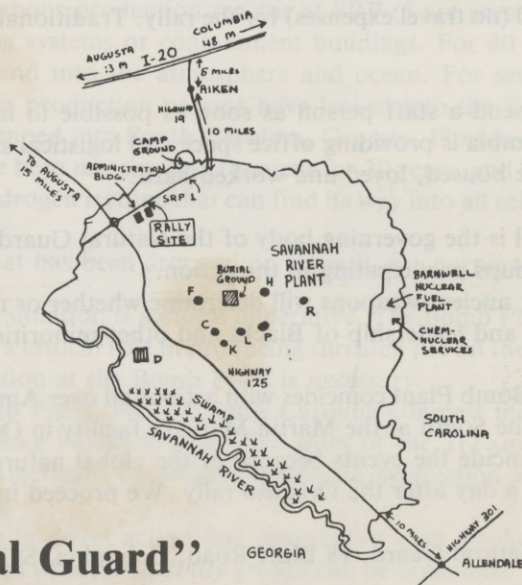
The **Savannah River Plant** is a 312-square mile facility near Aiken, South Carolina, owned by the federal government and operated by DuPont. Constructed hastily in the 1950's, the SRP reactors are close to the end of their operational lifetimes. Three of the five reactors are in operation now, producing all of the fissile material for U.S. nuclear bombs. A fourth, the "L" Reactor, is scheduled to go back into operation this winter, after 15 years of inactivity, without a cooling system, containment building or any study of the long-term health or environmental effects of operating the reactor. Unlike commercial nuclear facilities, SRP is regulated by the Department of Energy rather than the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and is therefore subject to much less stringent safety requirements than commercial plants. No long-term study has ever been done on its effect on the surrounding environment or population. In 1981 115 unplanned releases of radioactive material into the atmosphere by SRP were reported. Cancer rates in adjacent counties are several times the state average and infant mortality rates are equally out of proportion.

The Tuscaloosa Aquifer, which supplies drinking water for South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and parts of Alabama, is threatened with eventual contamination by radioactive waste stored at the SRP site. Over 27 million gallons of high level radioactive waste are stored at SRP in 39 tanks; eight tanks are known to have leaked.

The Physicians for Social Responsibility have noted that no amount of radiation is known to be safe in terms of the effects on living organisms. The Savannah River Plant now threatens the lives of its employees and neighbors just as the existence of the nuclear bombs produced there threatens the future of the human race.



Savannah River Plant



SRP Facilities:

- Five production reactors: C,K,L,P,R.
- Fuel and target fabrication plant
- Two reprocessing facilities: F,H
- Tritium processing facility
- Heavy water production facility: D
- Nuclear waste storage

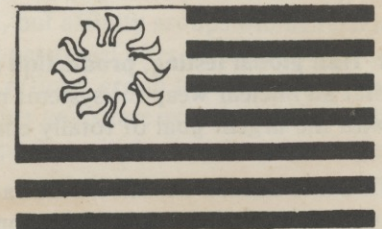
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The Natural Guard is a non-profit foundation dedicated to the non-violent defense of the Earth and its inhabitants against those seeking to dominate and control our lives, our environment and our economy to the detriment of this and future generations.



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