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WOMEN'S VICTORY AT PENTAGON

Thousands of women brought their demands for peace and sanity to the Pentagon on November 16th. Crying "Shame, shame, shame!" and chanting "Take the toys away from the boys!" at the military officers seeking to enter the building, the protestors blocked entrances and ringed the war headquarters with their bodies and spirits.

102 women were arrested in the course of several hours of guerilla theater, blood-throwing, singing and the four stages of protest expressing mourning, rage, empowerment and defiance against the activities leading the world to cataclysmic destruction. In the process of defiance, the women pressed on the heavily-guarded steps of the River Entrance and the back ramp. With many-colored strings and fragments of cloth they wove a web as a barrier between the handrails of the entrance, "closing down" the factory of death.

This was the second such action since last autumn, and the women stated they will be back next year if any of us are still alive. Their statement of protest against the Pentagon and its madness is as follows:

UNITY STATEMENT

of the WOMEN'S PENTAGON ACTION

We are gathering at the Pentagon on November 16 because we fear for our lives. We fear for the life of this planet, our Earth, and the life of the children who are our human future.

We are women who come in most part from the northeastern region of our United States. We are city women who know the wreckage and fear of city streets, we are country women who grieve the loss of the small farm and have lived on the poisoned earth. We are young and older, we are married, single, lesbian. We live in different kinds of households, in groups, families, alone; some are single parents.

We work at a variety of jobs. We are students-teachers-factory workers-office workers-lawyers-farmers-doctors-builders-waitresses-weavers-poets-engineers-homeworkers-electricians-artists-blacksmiths. We are all daughters and sisters.

We have come here to mourn and rage and defy the Pentagon because it is the workplace of the imperial power which threatens us all. Every day while we work, study, love, the colonels and generals who are planning our annihilation walk calmly in and out the doors of its five sides. They have accumulated over 30,000 nuclear bombs at the rate of three to six bombs every day.

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