STOP THE BOMB WHERE IT STARTS
RALLY and MARCH to LIVERMORE NUCLEAR WEAPONS LABORATORY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2002

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BREAK THE SILENCE ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Livermore Lab is celebrating its 50th anniversary with the slogan: “Making History. Making a Difference.” Under contract to the University of California, the Livermore and Los Alamos Labs have designed and tested every nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal. That work is still going on today. The Nuclear Posture Review identifies new scenarios in which the U.S. might use nuclear weapons, and “advanced weapons concept teams” have been established at the Labs to dream up “more useable” nuclear weapons.

For more than 50 years, the world has been held hostage to the threat of nuclear annihilation. While ordinary people around the world overwhelmingly support nuclear disarmament, their voices have been silenced by a handful of governments — led by our own — who claim for themselves the right to possess and threaten the use of nuclear weapons of mass destruction in the name of “national security.”

Twenty years ago, thousands of nonviolent protesters converged on Livermore Lab to demonstrate against the nuclear arms race. Now, instead of “liquidating the legacy of the Cold War,” the Bush administration’s real nuclear weapons agenda is fewer, but newer. The conflict between India and Pakistan demonstrates anew that the fate of our planet is at stake. Nuclear weapons must be abolished. WE MUST BREAK THE SILENCE AND MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD.

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NONVIOLENCE GUIDELINES
From brochure of Livermore Conversion Project

As participants, we agree to abide by the following nonviolent discipline in all our actions.

We will harbor no anger but suffer the anger of the opponent.*
We will refuse to return the assault of the opponent.
We will refrain from insults and inappropriate language.
We will protect opponents from insult or attack. If arrested, we will not resist. We will not go limp. If arrested, we will behave in an exemplary manner. We will not evade the legal consequences of our actions.
Our attitude as conveyed through words, symbols and actions will be one of openness, friendliness and respect toward all other people we encounter including Livermore Nuclear Weapons Laboratory security officers and workers.
We will not damage any property.
We will not bring or use any drugs or alcohol.
We will not run or use any threatening motions.
We will carry no weapons.
Without passing judgment on its use, we will not engage in symbolic blood pouring.
Plans for our activities are shared with the authorities.
As members of the nonviolent demonstration, we will follow the directions of the designated coordinators. In the event of a serious disagreement, we will remove ourselves from the action.

*The term opponent is borrowed from Gandhi and is meant to indicate one with whom one is in opposition but whom one does not consider an enemy.

JOIN US ALSO AT 8 AM ON AUGUST 6, THE DAY THE BOMB FELL ON HIROSHIMA, FOR A VIGIL AT LIVERMORE LAB’S WEST GATE.