PREMIERE SHOWING

THE TRIAL OF THE AVCO PLOWSHARES

Guest Speaker: RAMSEY CLARK



44A film that needs to be seen by the judiciary. There is no reason for the courts to be afraid of the law.⁹⁹ Ramsey Clark

Former U.S. Attorney General

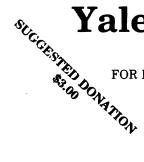
THE TRIAL OF THE AVCO PLOWSHARES, a seventy-five minute documentary produced by award-winning video makers, Julie Gustafson and John Reilly, captures what ultimately became a forum on the imminence of nuclear war and the right of citizens to commit civil disobedience in order to prevent such a war. For the first time in an American court, defendants who had broken the law to protect nuclear weapons were allowed to argue before a jury that they were justified in their actions.

The only time cameras have ever been permitted in the courtroom to record a trial of political activists, this videotape documents the emotionally charged struggle between prosecution, judge and defendants over the use of the "justification" defense. An extraordinary array of defense witnesse are called, including George Wald, Admiral Gene LaRocque, Daniel Ellsberg, Paul Walker, Richard Falk, Howard Zinn, Daniel Berrigan, and Setsuko Thurlow, a survivor of Hiroshima. These witnesses address in graphic and compelling terms, the reality of nuclear war, the nature of first strike weapons, the dangers of false alarms, the fallexy of deterrence, the inability of citizen to influence U.S. foreign policy, and the use of civil disobedience in the achieving of every major social change in American history.

Present for the Opening will be Julie Gustafson and John Reilly of GLOBAL VILLAGE Robert Hernandez, Esq. trial attorney for the defense

Defendants Agnes Bauerlein, Macy Morse, Mary Lyons, John Pendelton, and Frank Panopoulos (just released from prison in Rhode Island), and Jean Holladay.

Monday, October 20 at 7:30 p.m. Yale Art Gallery Lecture Hall



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gallery to show -nuke trial mov who has became involved in the

ciated Press.

The 1983 Massachusetts trial of seven anti-nuclear activists is getting a replay of sorts with the public premiers of a documentary on the court proceedings at the Yale University Art Gallery tonight.

The videotape, called "The Trial of the AVCO Pleasharps," was made as the seven tried to convince a Lowell, Mass., jury that they had just cause for damaging materials used for making nuclear missile components in an Avco Systems Division plant which

The two-week trial has been condensed into a 75-minute documentary. The videotape is being publicized by its makers as unique. During the trial, the seven were allowed to present evidence about the dangers of nuclear' war, and brought in several well-known fisures to testify against the weaponry. Filming was allowed because of new regulations that permitted cameras in the courtroom.

The defendants, who included a high school teacher and a nurse, condoned the filming, done by a New York media company called Global Village, said John Reilly, executive director of the company. The premiere, to which there is

a suggested admission charge of \$3, is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the art gallery's lecture hall. Former U.S. Anorney Ramsey Clark.

Yale to host 2 forums on media Saturday

The public is invited to two panel discussions on the American media Saturday at Yale Eaw School, 127 Wall St

A discussion will be held at 10:15 a.m. in the law school auditorium on the recent typel trials brought by Ariel Sharon and Gen-gral William C. Westmoreland

Law School Professor Alexander M. Bickel will serve as thairman of the debate. Papelists are Renata Adler, a writer and author of "Reckloss Disreyard"; Pierre N. Leval, the U.S. District Court judge who presided at the trial brought by Westmoreland; Abraham D. Sofaer, legal counsel for

defense of anti-nuclear protesters, will speak afterward. 14

What they tried to establish was there is an imminent threat of nuclear war and that, indeed, the systems that were being built by Avco, the MX Missile system, was adding to the threat, and that by even momentarily destroying some of these missiles, they were in effect, preventing a possible nuclear war," Reilly said from his New York office in a telephone inverview on Friday.

The seven hammerod on computer equipment and poured blood on blueprints at the Ayeo plant in Wilmington, Mass., on July 14 1983. They were convicted of destruction of property and trespase ing, and were given prison terms of HR to 310 months. Their appeal 15 pendine

At least five of the defendance and their lawyars also will be at a premiere

Reilly said his company is asking the national public television network to consider broadcasting the documentary. The network has broadcast five of Global Village's works, be said.

We believe that the docume tary is very important for main people to see," he said. Reilly said law schools and peace groups may also be interes od in the videotape.

the U.S. State Department why was the presiding judge in the Sharon trial; and Edward Jay Epsicin, writer and author of "News. from Nowhere: Television and the;

HA second discussion, titled, "Reporting the Law: Competing Visions of the Public's Right to. Know," will take place at 3:30 p.m. in Room 127 of the Law School. e chairman of the punci will be Yale Law School Associate Broken apr Drew S. Days III. The panel discussions were orsanized as part of Yale Law School. Alumni Weekend. They are free and open to the public.

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