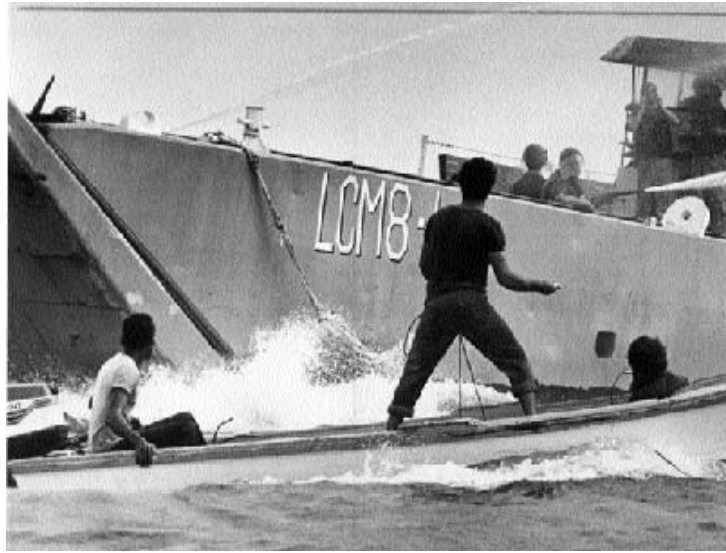


# THE WAR ON VIEQUES/PUERTO RICO: PARALLELS WITH HAWAI'I



A war is raging in Vieques, Puerto Rico. It is a “David vs. Goliath” struggle between the people of Vieques, a small island off the coast of Puerto Rico’s main island, and the U.S. military.

Since the 1940s, the U.S. Navy has used Vieques for bombing and live-fire training which has destroyed the environment and impacted the lives of the 9,300 residents. On April 19, 1999, two 500-pound bombs missed their target and killed civilian security guard David Sanes Rodriques. After enduring years of abuse, the people of Vieques and Puerto Rico are demanding that the Navy leave and return the island to its people. Since April, community leaders have occupied the impact zone in a non-violent action to stop the war exercises.

The situation is urgent. The U.S. is now preparing to arrest the protesters and resume training. Hundreds of Puerto Ricans, joined by supporters including Rev. Jesse Jackson, have vowed to engage in massive non-violent civil disobedience in order to stop the military abuse of their island. The people of Vieques have asked for our support.

There are many parallels between the situations in Vieques and Hawai‘i. Two representatives from Hawai‘i recently visited Vieques as part of an international solidarity delegation. They will report on the crisis in Vieques, discuss what can be done in Hawai‘i, and examine the cost of militarism in Puerto Rico and Hawai‘i.

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**10:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

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