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In considering reasons for nuclear weapons, don't forget the profit motive, speaker says

by Eustace Durrett and Ike Thacker

"Don't expect it (the review of and resulting change in U.S. nuclear posture) to make sense, don't expect it to be rational. It's about profit.... It's not about protection. It's about profit," said Paloma Galindo at the Soka Gakkai Center in Louisville on July 28.

Galindo is the chief organizer for the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. Her remarks were preceded by songs and reflections from internationally-known jazz pianist Harry Pickens, who quoted such outstanding thinkers as Thomas Merton (who warned against relying on the "hope of results") and Cornel West (who has noted the need for a "blues sensibility" of "tenacious hope" in the struggle for peace). Members of the audience were greeted as they arrived by two survivors of the original atomic bomb attacks, Margie Hunt of Hiroshima and Barbara Brown of Nagasaki.

Galindo's presentation focused in general on the new U.S. nuclear "posture" promulgated by the George W. Bush administration. More specifically, the subject of much of her talk was the role of the Y-12 plant near Oak Ridge, Tennessee, in implementing that posture. Some of the changes in the 10-year U.S. nuclear posture plan, she said, were:

Breaching the Comprehensive Test-Ban Treaty, unilaterally withdrawing from the

Anti-ABM Treaty, Failing to ratify the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty — which more than 180 other nations have signed and ratified, building a new class of nuclear weapons known euphemistically as "mini-nukes" and allowing for possible offensive use of "mini-nukes" and other hydrogen bombs.

Others included expanding the number of scenarios under which the U.S. might use nuclear weapons from desperation or invasion only to include various tactical battlefield and urban uses of "mini-nukes" to "bust bunkers" and changing from restoration and clean-up at nuclear sites to re-activating former weapons-producing facilities such as the Y-12 plant and bringing plants such as the one at Savannah River, which never made weapons before, into the nuclear-arms-producing "family."

With the fall of the Soviet Union, what is the need for a new, spurious "boogie man" such as Iraq? Why the new, more aggressive nuclear "posture?" And why the "rebuilding" of the nuclear weapons complex? Galindo suggested "profit."

It turns out, she said, that nuclear policy is no longer being set only by the White House, the Pentagon, the Defense Department and the Department of Energy, but also by private corporations.

At least 32 major Bush administration appointees to sensitive nuclear-policy positions are former arms-industry

consultants, executives, lobbyists, or large stockholders in such companies as Lockheed-Martin and Boeing, she said. As Donald Rumsfeld noted at a recent gathering of nuclear-arms-industry officials and executives: "I came here tonight expecting to talk about policy, but we can do that tomorrow at the White House."

Such talk, needless to say, is very profitable for the nuclear arms industry, which needed a new source of super-profits after the end of the Cold War. One way in which the industry searched for these superprofits, Galindo said, was by setting up two conservative "think tanks," the National Institute for Public Policy (NIPP) and the Center for Security Policy (CSP). The thinking behind these innocuous-sounding groups was far from innocuous. Their philosophy, Galindo said, was developed from the genesis of Keith Payne's 1980 article, "Victory Is Possible: We Can Win A Nuclear War." One of the major studies by NIPP, called simply "The NIPP Report," had as its main theme the call for the far right's "dream" nuclear posture. That posture, including most of the above items, was virtually identical to the new posture promulgated by the Bush administration, she said.

The CSP's focus was different, though related. Galindo said its members sought to get the U.S. out of "restrictive" treaties

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Groups eye intensified work versus war on Iraq

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

Louisville area activists are joining counterparts in many places to oppose the planned new U.S. war on Iraq.

FOR steering committee member Pat Geier said the Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq, which actually formed two year ago, has begun a campaign that will include personal lobbying of U.S. senators and congressional representatives.

The committee also has requested that the film "The Hidden Wars of Desert Storm," which documents Iraqi suffering from economic sanctions, be shown at the Louisville Film Festival in November. The panel is also working on lining up a speaker for area events.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine, Ky., a 180-year-old congregation serving in 11 states, has also spoken up against the planned war. At the July meeting of the Dominican Alliance, which includes the order, Dominicans drafted a letter to President Bush which said "given

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Caravan to help Cubans runs through Louisville again

by David Horvath

Ten years after the first Pastors for Peace caravan went to Cuba to challenge the U.S. Embargo, a group gathered in July at James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church to welcome the 13th delegation on their way to Cuba. IFCO/Pastors for Peace began organizing these Friendship caravans to Cuba in 1992 and has delivered more than 2200 tons of urgently needed assistance to the Cuban people.

The pot-luck supper was organized by the church and Pastor Phil Lloyd Sidle welcomed the three caravanistas and local supporters.

The caravan, which traveled along ten separate routes across the country, began on July 4 stopping in more than 100 US cities collecting 60 tons of humanitarian aid, including 15 ambulances, school busses and other vehicles, donated by US churches, schools and community groups. The caravan delivered millions of dollars of medicines, computers, and medical equipment - all without a US Treasury license. This 13th US-



See important information about helping Cubans on page 4.

Cuba Friendship Caravan was organized by Pastors for Peace, a project of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), as a challenge to what organizers call an "immoral law" designed to create pain and suffering for innocent Cuban citizens.

The caravanistas with us included driver Miguel Hamond from New York City, Alexis Hall from Bloomington, Indiana and Reverend Tom Smith, pastor of the Monumental Baptist Church in Pittsburgh. Smith told the group about his previous experiences traveling to Cuba. He talked about the challenges to the

embargo which have taken place over the past ten years including the now-famous "Little Yellow School Bus" which was confiscated by U.S. authorities. He hoped that this caravan would present a "reverse challenge" with the goods they will try to bring back from Cuba "illegally."

As a final step in the successful 13th US-Cuba Friendship Caravan, caravanistas returned on July 30 from Cuba, crossing the border back into the United States with Cuban-made products as a reverse challenge to the US blockade of Cuba.

The Caravanistas, singing and chanting, were allowed by US Customs

officials to bring in the products they had been given in Cuba — coffee, honey and bee pollen. But in yet another example of the arbitrary and contradictory enforcement of the Cuban Blockade, a 160-watt photovoltaic solar panel, a type used throughout Cuba by rural health clinics and schools was 'detained'. The US Customs official said that Pastors for Peace representatives needed to present the "proper documentation" in order to obtain the release of the solar panel. When asked what 'documentation' was needed, the Customs Officer replied "You tell us — perhaps a license!" Smith said.

The solar panel brought by last year's Friendship Caravan had been given to a Native American community with no access to electrical power. "It is impossible to imagine how the US government could feel threatened by a single solar panel which is meant to provide energy for an isolated community," said Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr., Executive Director of IFCO/Pastors for Peace. "The solar panel is a symbol of Cuba's ability to provide power for the

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Center begins second round of classes on faith, justice

by Dawn Ripley

The Center for Faith & Action, an ecumenical school for those who want to explore the relationship between meaning-making and action-taking, will offer its second series of classes beginning Sunday night, September 8.

Intensive educational opportunities will be offered in six core-curriculum areas: peacemaking, biblical studies, spirituality and the arts, vocational discernment, Christian community, and spiritual practice

Modeled in part on The Church of the Saviour's Servant Leadership School, The Center for Faith & Action seeks to create a place for all people who wish to cultivate a deeper life of faith by fostering an inward journey of prayer, reflection, and study in

addition to nurturing an outward journey that seeks justice and reconciliation.

The school's vision team (its organizing committee) is committed to the Way of Jesus Christ, acknowledging that claiming that Way means accepting God's call to radical discipleship: an informed faith expressed in creative action.

Among the faculty for the school are Jan Arnow, president of Louisville's Institute for the Prevention of Youth Violence; Acton Osling, Jr., an associate member of the Jesus Seminar; K. T. Ockles, former missionary to the West Bank; Mark McCabe, an associate in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office for the Middle East; Kate Keller, a vocational consultant and Friends of Jung group facilitator; Polk Culpepper, an Episcopal priest with 15

years' work on religion and culture; Tammy Wiens, PCUSA Associate for Curriculum Development and practitioner of St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises; Steve Shusetts, PCUSA Associate for Spiritual Formation and editor of *Hungryhearts*; John Hendrix, retired pastor and professor of Christian education; Jud Hendrix and Elizabeth Kaznak Trexler, co-organizing pastors of Covenant Community Church; and Jim Futrell, prolific writer of and avid consumer of poetry.

Tuition for each course or educational opportunity ranges from \$40 to \$60. Sliding-scale payment options and scholarship are available upon request. Hospitality — first, last, and always — shapes the heart of The Center; no one who wants to participate in The Center's learning

forums will be excluded. Childcare is also provided upon prior notification.

The Center for Faith & Action emerged as collaboration between James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church and Covenant Community Church; its vision team is actively seeking additional partners and collaborators.

Unless otherwise announced, all classes will be held at James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Avenue (Frankfort at William Street).

For a brochure and more information about this "safe place to learn to ask the hard questions, answer them with our lives, and transform our world," contact The Center for Faith & Action at (502) 896-0172, or e-mail dawn@faith-action.org.

Profit motive

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and then do things that would have been forbidden by those treaties.

Galindo's presentation included a 24-minute documentary, "Stop the Bombs." It examined the environmental, worker, and community-health effects resulting from Y-12. Actual archival footage of the Hiroshima bombing is contained in the film.

The primary sponsor of this presentation was the Louisville FOR. Other community organizations that endorsed and publicized the event included the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Catholic Charities, Interfaith Paths to Peace, the Louisville Committee to End the War Against Iraq, and Physicians for Social Responsibility, among others.

Eustace Durrett is an activist for passenger rail transit. Ike Thacker is a former professor of history and computer science.

War on Iraq

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the level of poverty that exists in Iraq and the destruction of its infrastructure — both because of our continuous bombing and economic sanctions over the past decade — further unprovoked attacks on Iraq and immoral and indefensible."

Geier said another sign that the planned war is stirring peace activists comes from an effort around the nation to restart the Pledge of Resistance, a group that opposed wars in Central America in the 1980s.



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What are the consequences? In Third World countries and increasingly in our own country, G8 policies are followed by:

- * growing poverty and gap between rich and poor
- * massive transfer of wealth from poor countries to G8 countries
- * increasing number of sweatshops and slave labour conditions
- * the elimination or privatization of public services such as health care, education, sanitation, water treatment and food subsidies
- * environmental degradation
- * growing militarization and increased sales of weapons by G8 countries to poor countries

Why the protests? Citizens have no say in the development of G8 policies. They are decided behind closed doors. The many citizens who believe that a better world is possible often have no way to get their views heard, except by protesting at meetings such as the G8 Summit. They are not hoodlums or anarchists. The vast majority of protesters are thoughtful, peaceful, concerned citizens who believe in social and economic justice, and simply want to say about the kind of world we live in.

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A pledge can bridge gap between poor and the 'haves'

by Tom Louderback

A few months ago I was listening to actor Paul Newman discuss his involvement in several social causes on *The Larry King Show*. It was plain to see that Newman is passionate about social justice. Many of things he said were just what you might expect to hear a committed social activist say. But then, in reply to one of King's questions, he said something profound. King had just asked what Newman thought was the biggest obstacle to solving the problems of the world.

"It's our refusal to acknowledge that good luck accounts for a large part of our success in life," Newman replied. His answer was so instantaneous that he gave me the impression he'd always known the answer to this question. Some people insist that they have earned everything in their lives, Newman, explained. They don't owe anything to anyone. Others feel guilty because they know better. So, they avoid the issue. The only way to deal with the guilt is to give something back, he said.

Newman's point, it seems to me, is that our response to social problems should be an expression of our gratitude for the good in our lives. It's not about guilt.

Popular author Ronald J. Sider puts it in the religious perspective. He says, "Gratitude for God's astounding love, not guilt, should energize our generosity.... I believe that (people) want to be generous - if they can discover programs that really work. And they want to take concrete doable steps without feeling they must solve all the problems of 1.3 billion poor people."

He adds, "The ironic truth is that Jesus was right - it is better to give than to receive. Mother Theresa knows more about joy than Donald Trump. We cannot gain happiness by seeking it directly; it follows as a by-product when we give ourselves to others." Sider's books about social action include one that's considered a classic, *Rich Christians in the Age of Hunger*. It was originally published in 1977 and updated several times since then. One of Sider's more recent books is *Just Generosity: A New Vision for Overcoming Poverty in America*

There is also no doubt in Sider's mind that the poor people of the world actually deserve help from those of us who have been more fortunate. "Most of the poor want to earn their own way," he says. "They have enormous social capital: intact families, a desire to work, pride, and integrity."

Sider believes that the first step toward generosity is simply getting to know and understand the poor people of the world. We need to "center" ourselves on their circumstances and their lives. Thus and so, Sider has organized a "Generous Christians Campaign" based on the following pledge. I like to think of it as the "Generous Faithful Campaign" instead, because I believe that people of all faiths have important contributions to make to this campaign. (I have re-phrased parts of this pledge to bring it into an interfaith perspective.)

I pledge to open my heart to God's call to care as much about the poor as she, or he, does.

Daily, to pray or meditate for the poor. Memorize a prayer or inspiring quote about helping others.

Weekly, to get to know someone in need by giving at least one hour to helping, serving, or sharing.

Monthly, to study at least one story, book, article, or film about the plight of the poor and hungry and discuss it with others

Yearly, to retreat for a few hours. Meditate on the priorities of my life. Consider what changes in my use of time, money, and influence are possible.

The philosophy here is very practical and simple. We cannot do everything but we surely can do something. Every good thing done is helpful. If we keep working, we can change the world. Never give up.

Consider some of the small steps that are making a difference. For example, Habitat For Humanity has become the largest private house builder in the world. Micro-loan organizations which help third world families purchase simple farming necessities such as a cow or a farm implement have made hundreds of thousands of loans so far. The amounts of these loans usually run just a few hundred dollars each, and they are repaid with interest. Millions more such micro-loans are planned for the next five years.

For more information about the Generous Christian (Faithful) Campaign, contact one of these member organizations, Bread for the World, Opportunity International, World Vision, World Relief, or Habitat for Humanity.

The writer is a participant in the Just Faith program, a longtime volunteer for Common Cause/Kentucky, and a new volunteer for Bread For The World, Louisville chapter. He can be reached by e-mail at Tlouderback@hotmail.com

Keep Space for Peace Week International Days of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space

October 4-11, 2002

For the past two years the Global Network has organized an international day of protest in October to oppose plans to move the arms race into space. Having seen the number of local actions double in 2001 over the previous year (115 actions in 19 countries), the Global Network is calling for a week of events in 2002.

In addition to local protests at key space installations and U.S. embassies, groups are urged to organize events throughout the week that would include things like visits to political leaders, community teach-ins, meetings of religious leaders, visits to local schools, media work, and public displays.

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Caravan

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powerless. And it is a symbol for us of the mean spirited nature of the US blockade.”

IFCO is calling upon our network to make calls and send faxes to the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control, to call for the release of the solar panel. We also are demanding that OFAC release the medical equipment: including an angiogram machine; newborn resuscitator; anesthesia machines; newborn warming and monitoring station, electrocardiograph, and other medical supplies which were seized last summer when the members of Let Cuba Live, a solidarity group in Maine, tried to cross to Canada. IFCO pledges to work with our attorneys, and with the important aid of our Emergency Response Network, to push for the release of the solar panel and medical equipment.

IFCO/Pastors for Peace also invites our network to contact them if we would like to receive a symbolic packet of the Cuban-manufactured coffee and honey for use at local organizing meetings and events. We consider these items symbolic of all that Cuba has to share with the world. They will be dedicated for use to educate people in the US about Cuban economy and society.

The writer is an activist on Latin American issues.

Phone and fax to demand the return of the solar panel and medical supplies which OFAC has seized.

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now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it live your way into the answers.

Rainer Maria Rilke, from *Letters to a Young Poet*

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U.S. policies need top-to-bottom review

It is time for a top-to-bottom review of U.S. policy on Iraq, and this needs to be done immediately by the U.S. Congress. For 12 years, the United Nations and the United States have enforced sanctions on the Iraqi people. The effects of these sanctions border on genocide. What other term can be used to describe the deaths of an estimated 1.5 million Iraqi citizens, perhaps half of them children under the age of five? These deaths are not the results of starvation but, rather, the result of the destruction of Iraq's infrastructure in Desert Storm and Desert Fox. Even the "smart

sanctions" do not allow the necessary supplies to rebuild Iraq's water, sewage, electrical, agricultural and health care systems.

Now the U.S. is making plans to intensify this undeclared war on Iraq despite there being no known al-Qaida linkages to Iraq and no substantive evidence that Saddam Hussein has any weapons of mass destruction. Some say the U.S. will attack Iraq this fall, others after the first of the year, others within a year. This will result in over 200,000 military personnel being put in jeopardy and will cause further severe harm to the Iraqi people.

Will we, the American people, continue to allow the President to do whatever he wants in fighting this so-called war on terrorism? Are we going to demand that there be substantive evidence before our country attacks Iraq? Or shall we passively join our representatives singing "God Bless America" in defense of the Pledge of Allegiance while our government plans to wipe the Iraqi people off the face of the earth?

Tom Wannemuehler
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September 19

Pat Geier and Ibrahim Imam

Ibrahim and Pat are members of the **Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq**. They will talk about the U.S.'s escalating hostilities against Iraq, international opposition, and the implications for the Middle East. They will highlight **local and national organizing efforts** to prevent the next U.S. war.

October 17

Rep. Jim Wayne

Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, was first elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 1990. He is an outspoken supporter of campaign finance reform. He will answer the question "**Is Your Government For Sale?**" and will talk about the **Clean Money** movement, nationally and in Kentucky, and his own efforts to bring about public financing for legislative races.

November 21

John Cumbler

UofL History Professor and longtime social justice activist John Cumbler will discuss his recent book, **Reasonable Use: The People, the Environment and the State, New England 1790-1930**. John offers insightful lessons for today's environmentalists from the successes and failures of those who opposed the entrenched powers of industry in 19th and early 20th Century America.

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Reactionaries posturing against workers, civil liberties

So much homeland insecurity. The uneven accumulation of capital by an ever-smaller pool of trans-national corporations, the political crises that are the effects of failed international policies, and the recently exposed corruption and false reporting of major US corporations, including brokerages and accounting firms — this is the legacy of the American Century, of Pax Americana.

Ask the laid-off and soon to be laid-off workers at US Airways, American and United Airlines how friendly the skies are. See Bob Herbert's *New York Times* column of August 12 about state-sponsored terrorism in against Black townspeople in Tulia, Tex. Ask them about life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Before Congress on July 16, Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan blamed a corporate culture blighted by "infectious greed" as the cause of the breakdown in investor confidence. "It is not that humans have become any more greedy than in generations past. It is that the avenues to express greed has grown so enormously."

Twelve hours after both houses of the New York State legislature agreed to a \$6.75 per hour minimum wage, Gov. George Pataki got the Republicans to renege on it. It failed despite a massive labor mobilization. What will this mean for a living wage in a newly-merged Louisville?

At the 9th US Circuit Court's annual conference, former Secretary of State Warren Christopher and former CIA chief William Webster expressed concern over methods used by the Bush administration on its "War on Terror." Christopher, citing the repression and suspension of civil liberties in Argentina in the 1980s, said: "We must be very careful in (the U.S. to) not hold... people without revealing their names. It leads to the "disappeared" (los desaparecidos).

In a July 26 letter to Pres. Bush, Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) writes, "I am



deeply disturbed by news reports of the recent comments made by U.S. Civil Rights Commission member Peter Kirsanow... that another terrorist attack on the United States means that we 'can forget about civil rights in this country,' and that it could lead to the round-up and mass detention of all Arab and Muslim Americans — like Japanese Americans during World War II." The senator urged the president to ask Kirsanow to step down.

Seeking an 80-day Taft-Hartley injunction is not the only threat the Bush administration has made against the ILWU (longshore union). In addition to calling on the Navy to unload cargo, it has also indicated it might seek to break up the union into 29 separate bargaining units, thereby preventing a mass strike.

Last Jan. 7, Pres. Bush signed an executive order excluding from the Federal Labor-Management Relations Program hundreds of Dept. of Justice staff employees, suddenly deemed crucial to national security and thus prohibited from collective bargaining. Bush has shrunk the number of federal employees covered by unions. With the proposals to combine a number of federal agencies into the new Dept. of Homeland Security and to add 30,000 airport screeners — the number of union-exempt employees

would be greatly increased.

"Intimidation, threats, firing and lack of recourse through an ineffective, unreformed legal system were part of the litany of complaints presented on Capitol Hill two weeks ago, in a hearing conducted by... (Sen.) Edward Kennedy," Samantha M. Shapiro wrote in *The Forward*. The hearing was the first in 15 years to deal with union organizing. It went largely unreported in the news media.

The monthly minimum that Ecuadorian banana workers earn falls far short of the \$220 the government says a family of four needs to meet basic needs. So children must work.

Alvaro Noboa, Ecuador's richest man and the leading presidential candidate, owns Los Alamos plantation, which produces Bonita bananas. He claims to be a friend to the poor.

One ten year old and his family say the boy has worked for two years binding up 15-foot banana plants, tying insecticide-laced cords between them to stabilize trunks that might otherwise collapse under the weight of the produce that is behind Mr. Noboa's fortune of over \$1 billion. The child works for nothing to help his father, who tends 98 acres, avoid having his pay docked.

At Los Alamos, employees' efforts to organize for better wages and working conditions led to a violent standoff this year — a dispute that simmers today in the form of an intermittent strike by some families. The company responded by firing more than 120 workers. Noboa sent 400 armed thugs on May 16; dozens of workers were shot, and many more battered, terrorized and thrown out of their homes.

Chicago-based US/Labor in the Americas Project began pressing Costco, a distributor of Bonita bananas, to lean on Noboa to improve labor conditions. His company has promised to improve medical

services, provide masks, gloves and other equipment and settle complaints about unpaid overtime. But it has refused to recognize the union.

Workers receive so little in part because the wholesalers and retailers abroad reap most of the profits, particularly with the recent consolidation of huge retail outlets like Wal-Mart and Costco. If the growers are squeezed, the banana workers feel the pain. Their workforce is almost entirely nonunion, and workers are often deliberately shifted from one payroll to another by growers who set up multiple companies on paper to avoid paying benefits and higher wages.

The Campaign for Labor Rights reports: On July 16, over 200 protesting workers from the Light House Labour Union in Thailand presented a letter written in their own blood to the Thai parliament in protest of events the Light House production plant. These workers produce luggage sold around the world by the Samsonite Corporation.

In Oct. 2001 the company fired 600 of the 1,400 workers and cut the remaining workers' wages by 25 percent to \$3.60 per day. In April 2002 the company claimed that because of the post-September 11 reduction in US orders, they had to reduce costs by laying off workers.

They then asked every worker to re-apply to the factory. When they were "re-hired," they received a lower wage and no union benefits. In June, the company fired all 20 elected union reps at the plant. When 849 workers held a work stoppage in protest, all were immediately fired.

Samsonite boasts annual sales of over \$730 million and calls the period from 1980 to today its "race for the lead" in the global luggage industry.

Contact Ira Grupper at irag@iglou.com

At a weapons facility, the issue of war became clearer

by Rose Marie Cummins

On the weekend of August 3 and 4, I joined 300-to-500 other persons from across the United States for a Hiroshima commemoration and for a rally and nonviolent action at the Y-12 nuclear weapons production plant in Oak Ridge, TN. Being there reminded me of the long haul ahead of us and the importance of nonviolence and solidarity. It also reminded me of the danger of silence and ignorance.

What did I learn there? The Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge is the last remaining full-scale operating nuclear weapons production plant in this country. The Y-12 plant started by making the material for the Little Boy bomb that destroyed Hiroshima and continues today by assembling the parts that make a bomb thermonuclear.

Moreover, workers there are upgrading W87 warheads with the equivalent of 100,000 times the power of the Hiroshima blast. They are referred to as "usable" nuclear warheads. The Oak Ridge plant is also the nation's largest storage facility of uranium used in weapons.

Why is any of this of concern for us? I wish I could say it was for one simple reason. If I had to do so, I would say it is because it is immoral, obscene, and wrong. But, there are specific reasons why it should be of concern to us. Many have probably been aware that President Bush and his advisers have been threatening pre-emptive military strikes against countries which they deem as supporting and harboring "terrorists." Iraq is at the top of their list. Other countries include Iran, North Korea, Cuba, Libya and Syria and could include as many as 60 other countries. Pre-emptive strikes are illegal under international law. Simply put, it means we will strike without provocation.

This may strike some people as unimportant or maybe even necessary. But my short time in Oak Ridge reminded me that we cannot sit back and say we don't understand the meaning of "pre-emptive military strikes" or the complexity of the

situation. Our leaders are planning a war on Iraq. Plans are for troop deployment in October. A "surprise" attack could come sooner. President Bush is being coy with the American public about his plans for leading us deeper into the jaws of death.

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Why should we care? Let me enumerate a few reasons. 1) Since the start of the Gulf War, more than 1,200,000 Iraqi civilians have died. 2) Our country and the United Kingdom have constantly used minibombs with depleted uranium against the Iraqi people. An unprecedented 70 percent rise in cancer, leukemia, and malignancies has already affected the people of Iraq—most of them children. The radioactive dust from these bombs has entered the food chain through the water

and the soil. 3) Since the start of the Gulf War, more than 1.5 million civilians, mainly children under the age of five, have died. Economic sanctions have been a weapon of mass destruction for Iraqi babies. Each month, 5,000 — yes, 5,000 babies die from

malnutrition and illnesses related to hunger. 4) United Nations inspectors have conducted 9,000 weapons inspections between 1991 and 1998. They repeatedly have told the leaders of the United States that Iraq simply does not have weapons of mass destruction and does not have ties to international terrorists. 5) By 2007, the annual defense budget of our country will be nearly \$500 billion. We will soon spend more on military might and arms than all other countries combined. 6) Iraq had

nothing to do with September 11.

If none of these reasons move us to stand up and say "No," then perhaps we will look at what this will mean for our own country. A huge military budget will mean poorer schools, worse health care, destruction of the environment, loss of life, and loss of soul. If we are to "take on" all of the countries our leaders see as an "axis of evil," we will insure war for our children for many, many years to come.

There must be another way. We must create another world.

In October, Dominican Earth Center will be the host of a presentation by a member of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. A Fast for Peace and Nonviolence will begin in New York City on September 1. Many other groups are beginning to organize and work together against war. Let us find a way to turn the rhetoric and the actions of warmongering around. We can make a difference.

The writer is the director of the Dominican Earth Center in St. Catharine, Ky. For more information, call (859) 336-7778.

An Interfaith Service of Silence and Light

Honoring the Memory of Those Who Died on September 11, 2001

The Clifton Center Auditorium • 2117 Payne Street Louisville, Kentucky • 5 p.m. Sunday, September 8, 2002

On Sunday, September 8, 2002, at 5 p.m. Interfaith Paths to Peace and Kentuckiana Interfaith Community will co-sponsor "An Interfaith Service of Silence and Light" and the Clifton Center Auditorium. The Thomas Merton Foundation is also a sponsor of this event.

People of all faiths as well as individuals who do not belong to any organized religion are invited to gather at the Clifton Center to observe 103 minutes of silence in memory of those who died in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, but also to honor that memory by renewing our commitment to work for peace throughout the world. The period of silence we will observe represents the number of minutes between the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center on September 11 and the moment when the second tower finally fell.

Those who gather at the Clifton Center, located at 2117 Payne Street, will also be invited to light a votive candle as they depart the auditorium as a sign of their renewed commitment to peace. Individuals are encouraged to bring to the auditorium written expressions of sympathy. We respectfully ask that those attending limit their expressions to writings on paper. These will be gathered and forwarded to an appropriate victim's survivors group representing all those who died in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

It is not necessary to be present for the entire 103-minute period. You may feel free to stop in for a few moments of silence. However those who enter the auditorium after the period of silence has begun or leave before the period concludes will be asked to do so in a spirit of quiet respect.

For further details contact Janet Irwin at 584-1444 or Roy Fuller at 587-6265.

LANTERN FLOATING CEREMONY

On July 9, Nagasaki Day, this year the weather was perfect for the lantern floating ceremony whereas in the past we have often waited with fear and trembling to decide if we would be caught in a downpour.

The calm of the evening and the beauty of the setting in front of the lake provided a brief respite from the terrorism that seems always surrounding us. A large crowd gathered and expressed deep appreciation for the spell cast over them by the flute selections that Laurie Stiers provided. It was good to sing peace songs again, with Laurie's beautiful voice in the lead. The audience responded favorably to the readings and the silence.

In a reading from *The Nonviolent Coming of God*, by Jim Douglass, Terry Taylor began with this quotation: "The United States has once again embraced the use of nuclear weapons as a tool of armed conflict. The latest version of this madness sees nuclear bombs as necessary for our war on terrorism. No one sees that the use of nuclear weapons, even as a response to the most heinous act of terrorism, is itself a terrorist act."

In the reading that Mitzi Friedlander gave quoting novelist Arundhati Roy of South Asia, she ended with these words, "It's not just the one million soldiers on the border who are living on hairtrigger alert, it's all of us. That's what nuclear bombs do. Whether they're used or not, they violate everything that is humane. They alter the meaning of life itself."

As Terry Taylor remarked, in introducing Barbara Brown, despite many years of participating in such commemorations this was his first opportunity to share the experience with someone who actually survived the bombing. Barbara spoke briefly of the indescribable trauma and horror of the bombing of Nagasaki when she was ten years old.

As the sun was going down, participants rose, came forward to pick up a small white paper bag and moved along silently up the slight hill to the dock where the lanterns were to be launched. Linda Lombardi was waiting in her kayak to start the launch, after each person placed a candle in the bag and attached it to the wooden platform. Slowly the long procession moved across the water as we remembered those who died and prayed silently for an end to war. Laurie continued to sing, and the gong was sounded fifty seven times.

As people were leaving, tiny peace cranes were handed out made by Sachie Futamura, a former member of our planning committee who has moved back to Japan.

NATIONAL GROUPS URGE RESISTANCE IF WAR ESCALATES

At the July meeting of Pax Christi USA National Assembly in Detroit, the board served notice that escalated war on Iraq by the United States will trigger civil disobedience throughout the nation, according to an article in the *National Catholic Reporter* (8/16/02)

Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, urged the 600-plus participants to sign a pledge of resistance against US military action in Iraq. The pledge is sponsored by eight national peace groups including the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

"The War in the Persian Gulf in 1991 was an unjust war condemned by Pope John Paul II. Any new war will be an unjust war. We must say 'No,'" declared Bishop Gumbleton, founding president of Pax Christi.

END THE NUCLEAR DANGER – AN URGENT CALL

This effort is a new coalition campaign, a rallying cry for all those who are worried about the drift toward a nuclear catastrophe – an unparalleled disaster which could happen in the United States, in a foreign land, or in several different places. The cover letter and explanation of the *Urgent Call* has come from Randall Forsberg, Director of the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies, who was the inspiration and prime mover of the Freeze Campaign in the eighties. Cochairs with her are David Cortright, President, Fourth Freedom Forum, and Jonathan Schell, Peace and Disarmament Editor of *The Nation*.

Randall points out that with such a coalition we can much more effectively make our concerns known and press the Bush administration to stop blocking arms control agreements, stop threatening to use nuclear weapons in the Third World.

We can press Congress not to fund nuclear 'bunker busters.' And we can ask the Senate to require destruction, not storage, of weapons withdrawn under the Bush-Putin agreement, thereby reducing the awful risk of theft or loss of control.

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Sept 23 (Mon) **GLOBILIZATION FROM BELOW**, event sponsored by the Ky Community Farm Alliance in Lexington. Call Alicia Robbins, 502/223-3655

Sept 25-29 (WTFSS) **RAISE YOUR VOICE IN DC WHEN IMF AND THE WORLD BANK HOLD ANNUAL MEETINGS. NATIONAL DAYS OF ACTION AND TEACH-INS. End Debt Slavery, Cancel the Debt Now, End Corporate Rule.** Contact JubileeUSA Network, 202/783-0129. www.jubileeusa.org

Sept 27-29 (FSS) **PFLAG NATIONAL CONFERENCE, "Family Voices for Equality – Charting a New Course in the Great Lakes."** Hyatt Regency, downtown Columbus, Ohio. Call 614/447-5105 www.pflag.org

Sept 27-29 (FSS) **PEACE WALK 2002 - IGNITING THE WORLD PEACE FLAME**, at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis where Dr. King was assassinated. On Saturday evening Thich Nhat Hahn will speak. Sunday will be a day of Mindfulness with Thich Nhat Hahn. Write Peace Walk 2002, S Highland St, Box 151, Memphis, TN 38111. Call 901-543-9786. www.peacewalk2002.org

Oct 12 (Sat) **KENTUCKY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY (KCADP), ANNUAL MEETING and LUNCHEON FEATURING STEVE BRIGHT**, Director of the Southern Center for Human Rights. The Center provides legal representation to persons facing the death penalty and to prisoners challenging unconstitutional conditions in prisons and jails. For more details, call 585-2895.

Oct 11-13 (FSS) **KFTC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, Ky Leadership Ctr in Faubush (near Somerset)

Oct 24-27 (TFSS) **RESTORING JUSTICE, RECLAIMING HUMANITY: NATIONAL MEETING TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY.** Accommodations at Raddison Hotel, Chicago must be made by Sept 24. Call 1-312-787-2900. Registration due by Oct 11. Contact Leona Martin, 920 Pennsylvania Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003. 1-202-543-957. www.ncadp.org. e-mail: nationalconference@ncadp.org.



Four ambitious goals are outlined:

- Recruit one million signers by June 12, 2003.
- Recruit ten million signers by June 12, 2004.
- Collect tax-deductible donations averaging \$10 per signer to pay for TV, radio and print advertising to reach mainstream America.
- Make nuclear disarmament a central issue in the 2004 elections.

The strategy for recruiting on-line signers is to ask each signer to recruit ten more signers, for those to each recruit ten more, etc. Randall also requests names of organizations to sign on and be put in the on-line state-by-state guide to groups that support the Urgent Call. She can be reached as follows: Urgent Call, IDDS, 675 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02139. Tel: 617-354-4337. Fax : 617-354-1450. E-mail: forsberg@urgentcall.org

The position paper and detailed plans are outlined in the June 24, 2002 issue of *The Nation*.

TAKE ACTION

Forsberg also encourages us to contact our representatives, urging them to co-sign a resolution introduced in the House in June by Rep. Ed Markey (D-MA) This HJRes 97 calls for an end to the development, testing, and production of nuclear weapons, the ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, and greater efforts to stop the proliferation of nuclear technologies to North Korea and Iran. (Rep. Markey played a major role in the nuclear freeze movement some twenty years ago.) There are 16 cosigners, and by the end of August Forsberg hopes to have 100.

It is encouraging to learn of peace rumblings in Congress. Another shining light is Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) who has proposed a Department of Peace and whose "Prayer for America" has been widely circulated. (See www.thespiritoffreedom.com.)

Kucinich is also the lead plaintiff in a suit filed against President Bush in June by 30 Democratic House members (and one Independent) in an effort to block the president from withdrawing from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty. They maintain that the president does not have the authority to withdraw unilaterally from a treaty and should first seek the consent of Congress.

There is another reason for contacting Representative Kucinich. The National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund has alerted us that he has not yet signed on as a cosponsor of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund legislation (HR 1186). It would allow conscientious objectors to pay their full federal tax into a separate fund which would not be used to support the military. The bill was introduced in the House by Representative John Lewis (D-GA) and has 32 cosponsors. Kucinich is very likely to be persuaded, and a note from us might do the trick.

RICHARD DEATS RECEIVES F.O.R. NEWS FROM THE WEST BANK

Since the incursion, Richard has been getting a steady stream of e-mails from FOR contacts in the area – Israeli and Arab, Jewish and non-Jewish – including Bethlehem, Beit Sahour and Beit Jala, chronicling what they consider aggressively violent action by the Israeli Defense Forces.

"The face of modern war increasingly hits children, women and old people," said Deats, as reported by Khurram Saeed in the June newsletter from the Minnesota FOR chapter. Richard Deats is the Director of Communications and editor of *Fellowship* in the FOR national office.

"Most that you see on television are the bombers, the troops going in, the F-16s. The people behind these headlines are human beings caught in the crossfire."

Through the years with many FOR delegations going to the area, a number of FOR friends have hosted our visitors and strong ties have developed. Deats remembers especially dining on the balcony overlooking Bethlehem several years ago visiting Elaine Zoughbi (an American) and Zoughbi Zoughbi who directs the FOR Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center there. (Several Louisville FOR members remember meeting Zoughbi at an FOR conference some years ago.)

Richard received sad e-mails from these friends in June. They awoke to the sounds of Israeli tanks passing their home and helicopter gunships firing near Manger Square. The windows were blown out of their house and their balcony where Deats had once died, was struck by bullets. Water service was interrupted when tanks broke a pipe on the hill above their home. This occurred during the period when 200 Palestinian gunmen were holed up inside the Church of the Nativity.

The article describes other heartbreaking circumstances that FOR friends have endured in recent months. Deats, whose daughter's family with 11 children lives in Jerusalem, said that the e-mails have given him a more balanced view than he receives from the American press.

An e-mail has also come from Noah Salameh who visited our FOR group in Louisville two years ago and led a workshop on conflict resolution. He is a Muslim living with his family in Bethlehem. He teaches human rights and conflict resolution and is a former Israeli prisoner. Salameh wrote of feeling dejected because food supplies were running low and

worst of all, his five year old daughter could not celebrate her birthday. "She asked me in the morning, where is my gift, and she came to kiss me. ... But I didn't know what to say to her....She doesn't understand what a curfew is or what the shooting around us means."

The national FOR has been sending delegations over on a regular basis, but the last one in June was forbidden entry and their passports were stamped that they would not be permitted to return for ten years. Richard Deats was in that group.

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Calendar for peacemakers

Aug 24 (Sat) **CONFERENCE FOR A PEOPLE'S AGENDA**, called by the Kentucky Alliance and many co-sponsors. The purpose is to identify issues that need to be presented to the new Metro Council and to ensure that the new government will serve *all* people of our community. Quinn Chapel AME Church, 1901 W Muhammad Ali, community activity room, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Call Tahiti or Alice Wade at 778-8130.

Aug 26 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE**. Presbyterian Seminary, Room 10, Nelson Hall, 7:30 pm. Visitors encouraged. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 583-4670.

Aug 27 (Tue) **WHITE ALLIES AGAINST RACISM**, Workshop sponsored by NCBI (National Coalition Building Institute), Louisville chapter. Central Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ky. 7:00-9:30 pm. Free. Call Eileen Blanton, 581-9729.

Aug 28 (Wed) **CONVERSATION CAFÉ (Every Wednesday)** at Heine Bros. Coffee Shop, 119 Chenoweth Ln. 7:00-8:30. After each conversation, the topic will be decided for the next Wednesday. Contact John Hartman, 454-48200, e-mail: jhartma9@bellsouth.net.

Aug 28 (Wed) **STRATEGY SESSION TO PLAN FOR RE-ESTABLISHING IN LOUISVILLE A VIBRANT PRESENCE OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE (NCCJ)**, formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews. National City Bank, National City Tower, 37th Floor, 101 South Fifth St. 11:00-1:00 pm. (Bring in parking garage ticket for validation)

Aug 29 (Thu) **JACK CONWAY**, Democratic candidate for Third District congressman. Yearlings Club, 4409 W. Broadway. 6:30-8:00 pm. Anne Nordthup, incumbent, has also been asked to speak. Call 582-1999.

Sept 1 (Sun) **FIFTH ANNUAL LAWN PARTY, hosted by Carla Wallace**, to benefit the Fairness Campaign and the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. Buffet catered by Wiltshire Pantry. 13317 US Hwy 42 in Prospect. Turn left. Tax deductible contributions should be made payable to "Fairness Education Fund." 5:30-9:30 pm. Call Fairness, 893-0788. (If you cannot attend, mail check to Fairness Campaign, 2263 Frankfort Ave, 40206.)

Sept 1 (Sun) **FAST FOR PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE begins in New York City**. Call Sister Rose Marie Cummins, 1-859-336-7778.

Sept 2 (Mon) **CONCERT BY UNION MUSICIANS**, 7:00-9:00 pm. Contact "Jobs with Justice" for location, 625-3724.

Sept 3 (Tue) **FUNDRAISER FOR KFTC (Kentuckians for the Commonwealth), to stop mountain top removal**, celebrating 20 years of organizing in eastern Kentucky, featuring readings by **WENDELL BERRY**. Dinner/music at the Ruyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 West Oak Street. 6:00-8:00 pm \$25 (RSVP: 589-3188) Call Tom Pearce, 741-7790.

Sept 4 (Wed) **JUSTFAITH**, a challenging nine-month social justice formation program with weekly sessions of two and a half hours including prayer, reflection, reading, discussion, guest speakers and video presentations. Hosted by The Thomas Merton Foundation, 2117 Payne Street, 7:00-9:30 pm., for people of all denominations, extending through April 9, 2003. \$350 plus books and retreat fees. Facilitated by Terry Taylor, Assistant Director of the Merton Foundation. Call 502/899-1952.

Sept 6 (Fri) **EXHIBITION OF LOUISVILLE ARTS & NEW-CULTURE (E.L.A.N.)**, to benefit the Louisville AIDS Walk. Live Entertainment, Silent Auction, Wine and Hors d'oeuvres. Call Steven Bowling, Walk Director, 583-3783. SBowling@hqtrs.com.

Sept 7 (Sat) **SWEET POTATO ROAST PARTY**, Russell Community Garden, 26th and Cedar, 3:00 pm. Sponsored by Sustainable Agriculture of Louisville (SAL). Call Stephen Bartlett, 894-9308.

Sept 8 (Sun) **CONCERT, "SPIRIT OF PEACE," featuring internationally acclaimed jazz pianist HARRY PICKENS**, to benefit the Peace Education Program. Also included will be the Central Presbyterian Church Choir and a multicultural community choir to premier a work especially dedicated to the Peace Education Program. Central Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ky. 3:00 pm. Call Marie Yannaco-Grant, 589-6583.

Sept 8 (Sun) **INTERFAITH SERVICE OF SILENCE AND LIGHT, honoring the memory of those who died on September 11, 2001**. Everyone is invited to join in observing 103 minutes of silence in memory of those who died but also to renew our commitment to work for peace. The 103 minutes represent the number of minutes between the time the first plane struck the North Tower and the moment when the second tower finally fell. Clifton Center Auditorium, 2117 Payne St. 5:00 pm. Sponsors include Interfaith Paths to Peace, Kentuckiana Interfaith Community, and the Thomas Merton Foundation. For further details call Janet Irwin, 584-1444 or Roy Fuller, 587-6265.

Sept 10 (Tue) **24 HOUR PEACE VIGIL TO MOURN THE LOSS OF LIFE AT HOME AND ABROAD, AND TO SAY "NO" TO THE WAR AGAINST IRAQ**. Beginning at midnight on Sept 10 and continuing until midnight on Sept. 11. Corner of Fifth and Jefferson at the war memorial. Come for as long as you can stay. Contact Pam McMichael, 292-2234.

Sept 11 (Wed) **KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean)**, with special concern for 9-11 victims. Presbyterian Seminary, Room 10, Nelson Hall. 7:30 pm. Call David Horvath, 583-4670 or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Sept 11, 12, 13 (WTF) **CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE, between two guests from India, Dr. Andreas D'Souza and Dr. (Ms) Imat Mehdi** sharing experiences in responding to the challenges of Christian-Muslim relationships in order to help us acknowledge the complexities of our lives and accept God's call to struggle together for the well-being of our communities, society, and the peace of the world. Following events free and open to the public: 1) Sept 11, Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church, 4th & St. Catherine, 7:00 pm (2) Sept 12, The Temple, 5101 U.S. Hwy 42, 7:00 pm. 3) Sept 13, Islamic Cultural Ctr, 4007 Upper River Rd, 3:00 pm. Sponsored by the following offices of the Presbyterian Church (USA): Worldwide Ministries Division's Interfaith Relations Office, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, & Congregational Ministries Division's Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. For details, Barbara Roche, 228-0687.

Sept 12 (Thu) **DR. MORGAN ROBERTS: "THE MAKING OF A MINISTER," 150th CONVOCATION ADDRESS, LOUISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY**. Dr. Roberts is the interim director of the Field Education Program at the Seminary. Caldwell Chapel, 1044 Alta Vista Rd. 7:30 pm. Call Office of Communications, 895-3411, x460. e-mail: 150th@lpts.edu, www.lpts.edu

Sept 14 (Sat) **SECOND ANNUAL PEACE RUN TO BENEFIT THE PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM**. The event will again be a 5K run, 5K walk or 1-mile family walk. The weekend will be the one-year anniversary of September 11. Come to honor or memorialize any fallen victim of violence. By supporting the **Peace Run II**, you will be supporting programming in this community to teach our young people techniques to sustain nonviolence. Call 589-6583.

Sept 15 (Sun) **PEACE WALK (MEDITATION)**, Every third Sunday at Cherokee Lake (Lexington Rd & Grinstead Drive. 12:45 pm. Call Bronson Rozier, 451-2193. Brozier@bellsouth.net

Sept 18 (Wed) **DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF FORsooth. Contact George Morrison, editor at 944-6460. cyw_us@yahoo.com** (For calendar listings, call Jean Edwards, 458-8056).

Sept 19 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH**, sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring **PAT GEIER** and **IBRAHIM IMAM** from the **Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq**, discussing US escalating hostilities against Iraq, international opposition, and implications for the Middle East, highlighting organizing efforts to prevent the next US war. Ruyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St, 11:30 am buffet, \$6. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Cathy Ford, 458-1223 or Jean Edwards, 458-8056.

Sept 23 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE**. Presbyterian Seminary, Room 10, Nelson Hall, 7:30 pm. Visitors encouraged. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 583-4670.

Sept 24 (Tue) **KCADP (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty)**. Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30 pm. (upstairs). Call Joe Hardesty, 562-6893. (Also see out-of-town listing for Oct 12)

Sept 24 (Tue) **RURAL JUSTICE EVENT, with representatives from Brazil, Ecuador and Mexico**. Sponsored by KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean). Call Stephen Bartlett for time and place, 894-9308.

Sept 26 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING EXTRAVAGANZA. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BEVERLEY MARMION'S HOUS**, beginning at 6:30 pm. Call 451-5658.

Sept 28 (Sat) **EARTH CHARTER SUMMIT, celebrating this historic document**. Interactive panel discussion. Floyd Theatre, UL Student Activities Ctr, Belknap campus, 10:00-3:00. Call John Hartman to verify, 454-4820.

Sept 29 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE AIDS WALK**, uniting the community in heightening awareness of **HIV/AIDS** and raising funds to address the needs of those suffering from **AIDS** in our own community. Benefit for Glade House, House of Ruth and other AIDS service organizations. Registration and opening ceremonies begin at noon on the Belvedere. Walk begins at 2:00 pm. Sign up now and collect sponsorships. For registration forms call 574-5947.

Oct 1 (Tue) **ANNUAL DINNER sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky**, featuring **GREGORY T. NOJEM, Arab American, Associate Director and Chief Legislative Council for the ACLU national office**. International Convention Center, 221 Fourth St., 7:00 pm. (Cash bar at 6:30 pm) Hogan Award presentation to **ANNE BRADEN**. Tickets \$35. Special table rates for community groups. To place an ad in the dinner journal or to make reservations, call 581-1181

Oct 2 (Wed) **GANDHI BORN ON THIS DATE IN 1869 - "PEACE WILL NOT COME OUT OF A CLASH OF ARMS, BUT OUT OF JUSTICE, LIVED AND DONE BY UNARMED NATIONS IN THE FACE OF ODDS."**

Oct 4 (Fri) **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, regional meeting, dinner, featuring MILLARD FULLER, founder of HFH. Continues on Saturday. Call 583-6599. Partner.habitat.org**

Oct 4-11 (FSSMTWTF) **KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE WEEK: International Days of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space**. Call your representative to support **HR3616 to ban weapons in space**. Organize protests to representatives, conduct community teach-ins, hold meetings of religious leaders, visit local schools. Contact **Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space**, P.O. Box 90083, Gainesville, FL 32607 (352/337-9274) email: globalnet@mindspring.com www.space4peace.org

Oct 12 (Sat) **KENTUCKY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY (KCADP), ANNUAL MEETING IN LEXINGTON. See out-of-town listings.**

Oct 12 (Sat) **ALTERNATION EVENT, Bringing Together Art and Activism in a fun carnival atmosphere**. Organizations invited to set up displays with creative ideas to actively engage folks in learning about issues. To reserve table space contact Aleve Douglas, 589-5304. e-mail: alevedouglas@hotmail.com

Oct 13 (Sun) **24th ANNUAL COMMUNITY HUNGER WALK**. Contact KIC (Kentuckiana Interfaith Community), 587-6265.

Oct 21 (Mon) **DANIEL BERRIGAN at Spalding University**. Call Joe Martos, 636-1848.

Oct 25 (Fri) **HYMN FESTIVAL AT THE PRESBYTERIAN SEMINARY**, part of its 150th anniversary celebration, commissioning a new hymn for the church, "There Is a Dream that Thrills God's Heart," written by Professor Thomas H. Troeger of Iliff School of Theology. Renowned organist Bruce Neswick of St. Philip's Cathedral in Atlanta will lead the program. Free, but tickets are required. Call the Office of Communications after September 1, 895-3411.

Nov 2 (Sat) **WORLD COMMUNITY DAY: "Daughters of Abraham Called to Peace,"** sponsored by Church Women United. St Peter's United Church of Christ, 1225 W Jefferson, 9:30 am, followed by lunch. Offering will benefit women in prison in Kentucky. Call Else Brown, 425-7516.

Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

AD HOC COALITION FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION – (778-8130)

AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (451-2155)

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)

BREAD FOR THE WORLD – 2nd Tuesday (239-4317)

CAPA (Citizens Against Police Abuse) – 2nd & 4th Thursdays (778-8130)

C.E.A.S.E. [Citizens for Equitable Assignment to School Environments] – 3rd Saturday (778-9427)

CLARK & FLOYD COUNTIES AIDS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (288-2706)

CLOUT [Citizens of Louisville Organized and Working Together] – (583-1267)

COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES – 3rd Sunday (451-5658)

COMMITTEE TO END THE WAR AGAINST IRAQ – (899-1952)

COMMON CAUSE – 1st Tuesday, every other month (228-1534)

COMMUNIST PARTY USA – Sunday evenings (648-8197 or 727-5940)

CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)

EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Sunday (569-1876)

FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)

FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (456-6586 or 583-4670)

GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (897-3335)

GREEN PARTY – Every other Saturday (635-5978)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (583-6599)

HATE FREE SCHOOLS COALITION – 3rd Thursday (454-3300)

INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 1st Wednesday (896-2697)

JEFFERSON COUNTY WELFARE REFORM COALITION – 2nd Friday (585-3556)

JUBILEE NETWORK – (583-4670)

KENTUCKIANA NATIVE AMERICAN SUPPORT GROUP – 1st & 3rd Thursdays (635-2817)

KENTUCKY JOBS WITH JUSTICE (582-3508, ext. 124)

KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday, jointly with POWER (589-3188)

KY AIDS LIFE ALLIANCE (KALA) – Every Thursday (479-7884)

KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)

KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – 4th Tuesday (585-2895)

KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN (KITLAC) – 2nd Wednesday (583-4670)

KY RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION – (774-4000)

LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP – 2nd and 4th Thursdays (587-6225)

LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – 2nd Sunday (456-5261)

LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (454-3300), www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org

METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION – 4th Wednesday (584-6858)

NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) – 3rd Monday (634-1804)

NAGASAKI/HIROSHIMA COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE – 1st Sunday (458-8056)

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) – 2nd Monday (245-5287)

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – 3rd Sunday (329-0229)

PAX CHRISTI – Last Wednesday (899-1952)

PEACE & COMPASSION BUDDHA CIRCLE/CML – (451-2193, brozier@bellsouth.net)

POWER [PEOPLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING FOR ENERGY REFORM] – 2nd Monday, jointly with KFTC (778-2687)

RCRC [Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice] – (585-3050)

RESULTS (a hunger lobby) – 2nd Saturday (451-4907)

SHADHULIYYAH SUFI SPIRITUALITY GROUP – Thursday nights (893-6122)

Note: If your group would like to be added to this list or if information needs to be updated, please let us know by calling 458-8056.