

FORsooth

Protestors defy a city's repression, corporate rule at G8

by Dale L. Watson

For thirty hours on June 26 and 27, the heads of state of G8 countries — Germany, France, Italy, Japan, the U.K., the U.S., Russia and Canada — largely affirmed business as usual for the developing world while meeting in the resort village of Kananaskis, a cluster of gift shops and three 5-star hotels located on the eastern edges of the Rocky Mountains 100 kilometres west of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Although this recreational/tourist area (hiking, camping, golfing, skiing) is not far off the beaten track, access can easily be cut off because it is surrounded by high mountains and vast forests (4,200 square kilometres).

Attempts to shut down public displays of discontent with the colonial policies and actions of the G8 were evident in several ways. In addition to the extensive and oppressive security measures and fear mongering about the malevolent intentions of anti-G8 visitors, the City of Calgary did its best to deny access to public space for protest gatherings. In contrast, it funded a \$350,000 party for invited guests. The federal government made its contribution by instructing immigration officials to deny visitor visas to more than 60 people from several poor countries, mostly African, who were invited to speak at the People's Summit (the Group of 6 Billion) and educational events organized by various civil society and church groups. (At the last minute, most were given visas after a public outcry.) Many people who tried to enter

Canada from the U.S. were refused entry at the border. Also, an agreement with a First Nations band to establish a Solidarity Village on tribal land at the main entryway into Kananaskis Country was broken—thanks to pressure from the federal government.

The media buildup to the Summit focused on security rather than the G8 agenda and the workings of the main international G8 institutions — the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Trade Organization (WTO). The concerns, analysis, criticisms and alternative proposals of those who question and oppose the ideology, policies and actions of these institutions were generally ignored by the corporate press.

Security measures were excessive, obsessive, oppressive and expensive. Several days before the Summit, all tourists were excluded from the hotels, resort facilities and campgrounds of Kananaskis in preparation for the influx of military and police personnel. Five thousand soldiers came — complete with Coyote armoured vehicles, Griffon helicopters and surface-to-air mobile equipment with laser-guided missiles. Helicopters and CF 18 fighters from AFB Cold Lake, Alberta, enforced a 150-kilometre no-fly zone around the site. Still, these obscene security measures, which cost Canadian taxpayers at least \$300 million, were not good enough for George W. Bush and company. They overnighed in Montana.

The same excesses in security measures also prevailed in Calgary. Regularly scheduled airline flights were disrupted.



— Photo courtesy Dale Watson

Protestors in Alberta, Canada, the site of the G8 summit, denounce priorities of its wealthy nations. Canadian officials tried to repress peaceful protests while lavishing on the summit's participants.

The roads and streets to the airport were blocked or placed under surveillance by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. City Hall was surrounded by metre high concrete barriers — supposedly to guard against potential car bombers. Mailboxes were removed from the downtown core, and street grates were welded shut.

Mayor Dave Bronconnier assumed the worst about anti-G8 protesters. Instead of acknowledging that elected officials are responsible for allowing citizens to gather in public places to protest the decisions and actions of heads of state, he warned the anarchists, and by implication all protesters, *(continued on page 2)*

Two say not so noble aims spur war drive

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

The Bush administration's plan to attack Iraq and the 12 years of harsh sanctions against that nation are part of a strategy to control the world's oil supply and prevent Iraq from rivaling the U.S. ally of Israel, speakers told the Louisville FOR's Third Thursday Lunch Sept. 19.

Ibrahim Imam, a professor at the University of Louisville and Pat Geier, a co-chairperson of the Louisville FOR, spoke on the Bush plan for war, which the U.S. says is needed to rid the world of a despotic regime with desires of using weapons of mass destruction.

The two are members of the Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq, which was founded two years ago.

Geier said that United Nations inspectors concluded in 1998 that 95 to 98 percent of Iraq's capability to acquire weapons was dismantled. She quoted three sources — government reports or newspaper stories of such

reports — dating back to 1948 outlining the need for the U.S. to become more aggressive with the Third World to protect western standards of living.

"We're always pretty transparent," Geier said. "You can always find some document that says what we're going to do."

She noted that as recently as the late 1980s, the U.S. was selling weapons to Iraq while Saddam Hussein was gassing the Kurds and the Iranians.

Imam noted U.S. interference in the region going back to the CIA's overthrow in 1952 of the democratic Iranian government and the establishing of the Shah's regime solely to protect oil company interests.

He said the Carter Doctrine, put in place by President Carter in January 1980, declared the U.S. would act militarily to protect its interests.

Imam said a key reason for the sanctions and the desire for a regime change was Iraq's rising standard of living in the 1970s and 80s, brought about by an emphasis on education and health care by

the regime. This threatened Israel's position as the sole Mideast nation with a high standard of living and great political power, Imam said.

Still, he and Geier called Saddam's regime brutal.

"As terrible as he is... he has managed to scare people into discipline," Imam said. "He managed to create a well-functioning machine."

Imam said the Bush policy of war to overthrow Saddam is foolish, noting that two groups within Iraq may try to break off if he is ousted. He said the Shiites in the south would scare Saudi Arabia as an independent nation and the Kurds in the north would do the same to the Turks.

Geier said despite the gloomy forecast that a war is inevitable even without U.N. support, the site of 80 people at the lunch, one of the largest crowds in the seven years of the chapter's holding the lunches, boosted her spirits.

"My hope is really in a lot of us," she said. "We have to keep on keeping on."

NAFTA story in FORsooth makes finals

FORsooth contributor Anita Martin of Memphis, Tenn. is a finalist in a competition for the most important news stories that never made it to print — in the corporate press that is.

Martin's piece headlined "NAFTA's devastating effects are clear in Mexico, Haiti," published in the December 2000-January 2001 FORsooth is a finalist in Project Censored's "Most Censored" News Stories of 2001 Awards.

The story, in which Martin documents how the trade treaties NAFTA and GATT have severely hurt the poorest in this hemisphere, became a finalist by being selected in the top 25 percent of the 900 stories entered, a letter from Project Censored said.

The judges include Michael Parenti, Normon Solomon and Frances Moore Lappe. The honor was no excuse to break from Martin's routine of researching and writing, however — a typically timely piece by her on corporate crime is on page four.

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that they would be welcomed to a bed in a crowbar hotel and said, "We're not going to allow them to trample on the rights of Calgarians." Apparently, some Calgarians did not see participants in the People's Summit and protest events as potential threats to their well-being. Members of Catholic and United Church of Canada congregations opened their homes to many of them. Provincial officials did their part by removing prisoners from Calgary jails in preparation for holding anti-G8 detainees (about 500 cells). Only three people were arrested for very minor offenses.

Despite the efforts of three levels of government to intimidate, belittle and silence those who demand an effective voice in creating a more just and humane world order, organizers were able to mobilize, educate and inspire several thousand people who came from across Canada and around the world.

From June 21 to 25, the People's Summit, held at the University of Calgary, attracted several hundred participants. Fourteen workshops produced reports and recommendations on such things as the environment, trade and the economy, health, education and labor. For example, the Trade and Economy Workshop recommended the actualization of 100 percent debt cancellation for impoverished nations without further delays and without harmful World Bank and IMF conditions; the democratization of international trade and financial organizations, including a tax on foreign currency speculation; and the adoption of binding legislation to ensure that multinational corporations are penalized for violating international agreements and conventions on the environment, human rights, indigenous peoples and workers' rights.

The keynote address of the conference was given by Stephen Lewis, a well-known Canadian UN Envoy on AIDS in Africa. It

was an eloquent statement about the deceptive, manipulative and oppressive relationship which rich countries have established and maintained with poor countries for many years through the World Bank, IMF and WTO and a passionate plea to recognize and respond appropriately to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa (i.e., something like 10 times the \$2 billion pledged at the Summit). Unless, he said, we deal with HIV/AIDS, the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD), which the G8 Summit endorsed, is a pipe dream. (For the complete text, see <http://www.g8peoplesummit.org/ab/lewis.html>.)

On June 23, about 5,000 people paraded through 11 blocks of downtown Calgary to Olympic Square for a rally featuring rousing speeches and protest songs.

On June 25, the Council of Canadians and Kairos, an ecumenical social justice coalition, sponsored a day and evening of presentations by representatives of NGOs from Africa, Argentina and Canada concerning the disastrous consequences for poor countries in Africa and South America of IMF-imposed Structural Adjustment Programmes and the refusal to cancel odious debts. Speakers from both Africa and Canada pointed out that NEPAD is the work of a handful of African officials from only five countries, that the African people through representatives of various grass roots NGOs played no part in the conception, design or formulation of NEPAD and that it repeats the same economic/political/social policies and programs which have wrecked such havoc in Africa and other poor countries during the past 20 odd years. (For a compilation of African assessments of NEPAD, contact cgosselin@ccic.ca.)

June 26, "the day of action" against the G8, began with a "snake" march (of about 1500 people) through several blocks

of a commercial section of the city core. It ended with a "die in" symbolizing the deadly impact of G8-designed policies in so-called developing nations. In the afternoon the Council of Canadians and other organizations asserted the right of citizens to gather in public places by hosting the "people's picnic" at a city park. Then in the evening people jammed a local theater to hear the words of speakers like Maude Barlow and Michael Moore and the music of Bruce Cockburn, Chris Brown and Brothers Creegan.

These events were peaceful and orderly; no property was damaged; no litter was left in the streets or the park. People sought to engage some of the hundreds of police officers (on bikes) in conversation, but there were no confrontations. Riot-equipped police kept out of sight in buildings along the parade routes or in squad cars.

Much education about the G8 happened in local communities during several weeks prior to the Summit, an attempt to draw attention to the economic and political agenda of the G8, which is intended mainly to promote and implement the self interests of club members, that is to say, the interests of large corporations for whom they act.

For example, Central Alberta chapters of the Council of Canadians organized a televised debate with a local member of parliament, a basic information workshop on the G8 and its relationship to the World Bank, IMF and WTO and a series of presentations on such topics as an African perspective on debt, the World Bank and the IMF; a moral/religious critique of globalization; the use of antiterrorist legislation to "criminalize" dissent; and the struggle to preserve health services nationally and internationally. Around 300 people participated in these events.

What can we say about the Summit itself? Since it is designed only for the participation of insiders, we can say very

little. We know that they talked about terrorism and a G8 Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction, which includes a provision committing the G8 to \$20 billion over 10 years to finance the destruction or cleanup of nuclear and chemical weapons in Russia and former Soviet countries.

They talked about the Middle East and Afghanistan (but apparently not about Bush's intention to invade Iraq), trade, debt relief, AIDS and education, mostly in terms of the previously agreed upon emphasis on Africa.

They endorsed NEPAD; pledged only an additional \$1 billion for debt relief; did not increase aid for education at the level recommended by the World Bank; did not increase the \$2 billion Global Fund to combat AIDS, malaria and TB; made no commitments which would significantly increase their GNP/foreign aid ratio (.19 for G8 countries compared to .46 for non-G8 countries); and generally reinforced the commitment to business as usual. (For an insider review and evaluation of the Summit, see the report of Sir Nicholas Bayne, G8 Research Group, University of Toronto, at http://www.g8.utoronto.ca/g7/evaluations/2002_kananaskis/assess_bayne.html.)

Judging from the level of national and international participation in events, programs and protests prior to and during the Summit, the worldwide movement to resist corporate globalization and create more equitable, humane and environmentally viable societies does seem to be resilient and to be gaining momentum. Whether it is enough to fundamentally change the prevailing political/economic paradigm remains to be seen.

The writer, a retired minister in The United Church of Canada, lives in Red Deer, Alberta and is a member of the FOR.

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Some in labor unifying with peace efforts as war nears

We are the workingclass. Our labor power makes others wealthy. Our bodies are on the battlefields when rich folk make war to get out of economic and political crises. Hooray for Pax Americana, and hooray for Tony Jeeves-the-butler Blair.

President Bush is about to wage war on Iraq. Much of the loyal Democratic Party opposition has already begun to suckle at the breast of the munitions makers, as in get-thee-behind-thy-president-in-a-time-of-war. There are, fortunately, voices of sanity. Listen to the words of South African statesman Nelson Mandela:

"If I am asked, by credible organizations, to mediate, I will consider that very seriously. But a situation of this nature does not need an individual; it needs an organization like the United Nations to mediate. We must understand the seriousness of this situation.

"The United States has made serious mistakes in the conduct of its foreign affairs, which have had unfortunate repercussions long after the decisions were taken. Unqualified support of the Shah of Iran led directly to the Islamic revolution of 1979.

"Then the United States chose to arm and finance the (Islamic) mujahedin in Afghanistan instead of supporting and encouraging the moderate wing of the government of Afghanistan. That is what led to the Taliban in Afghanistan. But the most catastrophic action of the United States was to sabotage the decision that was painstakingly stitched together by the United Nations regarding the withdrawal of the Soviet Union from Afghanistan.

"If you look at those matters, you will come to the conclusion that the attitude of the United States of America is a threat to world peace. Because what (America) is saying is that if you are afraid of a veto in the Security Council, you can go outside and take action and violate the sovereignty of other countries."

A covert American program during the Reagan administration provided Iraq with critical battle planning assistance at a time when American intelligence agencies knew that Iraqi commanders would employ chemical weapons in waging the decisive battles of the 1981-1988 Iran-Iraq war, according to senior military officers with direct knowledge of the program, the *New York Times* reported Aug. 17. Iraq's use of gas in that conflict is repeatedly cited by President Bush and national security advisor Condoleezza Rice as justification for "regime change" in Iraq.

A number of Defense Intelligence Agency officers who took part in aiding Iraq when its military was actively using chemical weapons, now say they believe that the US should overthrow Hussein at some point. But, at the



time, they say, they all believed that their covert assistance to his military in the mid-1980s was a crucial factor in Iraq's victory in the war and the containment of a far more dangerous threat from Iran.

The Pentagon "wasn't so horrified by Iraq's use of gas," said one veteran of the program. "It was just another way of killing people — whether with a bullet or phosgene, it didn't make any difference."

A secret blueprint for US global domination reveals that President Bush and his cabinet were planning a premeditated attack on Iraq to secure "regime change" even before he took power in January 2001, the *Sunday Herald* in Scotland reported Sept. 15. As uncovered by the *Herald*, the blueprint was drawn up for Cheney, Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz (Rumsfeld's deputy), Jeb Bush and Lewis Libby (Cheney's chief of staff). The document, *Rebuilding America's Defenses: Strategies, Forces and Resources for a New Century*, was written in September 2000 by the neo-conservative think-tank Project for the New American Century (PNAC).

The plan says: "The United States has for decades sought to play a more permanent role in Gulf regional security. While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein."

The PNAC blueprint describes American armed forces abroad as "the cavalry on the new American frontier." It supports an earlier document written by Wolfowitz and Libby that said the US must "discourage advanced industrial nations from challenging our leadership or even aspiring to a larger regional or global role."

The PNAC report also:

- refers to key allies such as the UK as "the most effective and efficient means of exercising American global leadership";

- describes peace-keeping missions as "demanding American political leadership rather than that of the United Nations";
- says "even should Saddam pass from the scene," bases in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait will remain permanently—despite domestic opposition in the Gulf regimes to the stationing of US troops—as "Iran may well prove as large a threat to US interests as Iraq has";
- spotlights China for "regime change," saying "it is time to increase the presence of American forces in southeast Asia." This may lead to "American and allied power providing the spur to the process of democratization in China";
- calls for the creation of "US space forces," to dominate space, and the total control of cyberspace to prevent "enemies' using the internet against the US";
- and states, "Advanced forms of biological warfare that can 'target' specific genotypes may transform biological warfare from the realm of terror to a politically useful tool".

But, as is said, if you sow the wind you reap the whirlwind. The *Financial Times* reported on Aug. 20 that Saudi investors have withdrawn between \$100 and \$200 billion from US banks. They feel that their money is not safe here, in part because of US authorities' monitoring of their accounts as part of the war on terror.

The Saudi money shifts may have contributed to the recent downward pressure on the dollar. "People no longer have any confidence in the US economy or in US foreign policy," said Bishr Bakheet, a financial consultant in Riyadh.

Oral historian Studs Terkel feels the federal government should be doing more to help workers affected by recent corporate scandals, but that many people seem reluctant to speak out against the Bush administration at a time when it is leading a war against terrorism. Studs is right, but, thankfully, there are important exceptions.

In a resolution adopted Aug. 26, the San Francisco Labor Council speaks out: "No New War Against Iraq — Keep the Government Off the Docks!" It alludes to an opposition movement that halted the government's drive to launch a war against Iraq in 1998, "which

showed that the labor movement and people's movement do have the potential to force a reversal of unjust government policies." It then continues: "And Whereas, wasting billions of dollars on the Iraq war buildup translated into cutbacks of essential job-producing social programs at home such as education, health care, social security and housing, and threatening the rights of labor to strike and organize, and Whereas, the Bush administration's war drive has a domestic component — threatening to turn his 'endless war' against the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) as an opening wedge against the entire labor movement, by threatening government intervention on the West Coast docks under the guise of 'Homeland Security,' on the side of the Pacific Maritime Association bosses and a coalition of anti-union corporate interests,

"Therefore, be it Resolved, that the San Francisco Labor Council (AFL-CIO) reaffirm(s) and join(s) the growing movement in opposition to any US war against Iraq," and that it "strongly condemn(s) any attempt by the government... to introduce troops or otherwise intervene in the contract dispute between the ILWU and the employers."

The September *Labor Paeans* covered the plight and protest letter literally written in blood of the Light House workers, who make Samsonite luggage, in Thailand. On September 16, twenty four of these courageous workers were reinstated to their jobs as part of a settlement that provided assurances that the company will not "interfere with trade union activities" (campaign for Labor Rights).

Crediting a huge letter-writing campaign, Light House union president Jaturoong Sornroon writes: "With more and more of the international solidarity support, we are getting more confident and have stronger belief in our power to change the situation in our factory, and in Thailand. We have come to realize that the only power that management has in hand is money and time, but we are much greater in numbers and unity. It's not all the time that money wins over dignity, courage, and unity."

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While poor get jail, system goes easy on rich criminals

by Anita Martin

The Enron executives (and perhaps those of other companies) guilty of corporate fraud could receive short sentences in "corporate chic" prisons, according to Peter Jennings of ABC World News. Does this mean they get to keep the millions stolen from their employees? If so, crime really does pay, at least for wealthy people.

A news report told of a prisoner who received a life sentence for stealing a cucumber! This was considered a third offense under the "three strikes and you're out" rule. Such sentencing renders ridiculous the very mild punishment corporate executives, motivated by greed, not need, may be given. But those who cannot afford high-priced lawyers sometimes receive unjust sentences. It is often the attorney, not the crime, that determines the outcome.

Could the perpetrators of crime at Enron and other companies have taken lessons from the Savings and Loan scandals of more than a decade ago? "Silverado, Neil Bush and the Savings and Loan Scandal" is devoted primarily to this bank's fiasco. Author Steven Wilmsen emphasizes the collaboration between Silverado and its financial firm in making losses appear to be gains. The similarity of this relationship to that between Enron and Anderson makes it appear that history has repeated itself.

The efforts of Enron's managers to escape responsibility for their role in the company's crisis are similar to what happened at Silverado. According to Wilmsen, the president's brother, Neil Bush, and the

other directors blamed, not themselves, but the lawyers, accountants, real estate appraisers, consulting firms and all who had "helped or commiserated with Silverado."

Incredibly, Neil Bush attempted to obtain reimbursement of his legal expenses associated with the Silverado case from the bank's indemnity fund. This \$23 million, which should have been used to reimburse depositors, was eventually taken by the federal government as partial settlement of the case against the bank.

Meanwhile, those whose enormous salaries and bonuses plus reckless handling of their clients' assets contributed largely to Silverado's failure, were allowed to escape with little or no fines or punishment. As Wilmsen points out, they were given preferential treatment over depositors.

Silverado's author sees Neil Bush's belief that his own well-being came before the well-being of the institution he was supposed to serve as the essence of the crisis. Bush "became a window into the board rooms of savings and loans across the country. Through him the country saw that ethics and business ideals went out the window in the 1980s, replaced by the notion that money and importance are the birthright of a small privileged set."

Wilmsen believes George Bush senior managed to have the takeover of Silverado postponed until the day after he won the 1988 presidential election. Of course, he too was a member of that "small privileged set."

Many people blame Reagan's deregulation of the savings and loan system for its failure, but the author says deregulation alone could not have caused it. He believes the S & L crisis required "a vast abrogation of ethics" on the part of hundreds of people throughout the country.

Most of the money to cover this tremendous loss came from taxpayers. Will

those whose greed caused the Enron disaster also escape liability for the tremendous grief and anger they provoked? I hope not. We will never be able to establish accountability until we require responsible behavior of corporate America's leaders.

The writer is an FOR member living in Memphis, Tenn.

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Berrigan to speak Oct. 21, 22

As the U.S. prepares to widen its post 9/11 warmaking, renowned Catholic peace activist Daniel Berrigan, S.J., will speak at two area colleges in October.

Berrigan will speak at Spalding University on Monday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m., and at St. Catharine College the following morning as part of the Fall Theology Lecture series, which is a joint venture of the colleges.

Both presentations are free and open to the public.

Reflecting on President Bush's call for war against Iraq, Berrigan has titled his talk, "Render to Caesar? Christian Peacemakers in a Warmaking State."

Berrigan is a poet, speaker and author who actively opposed the Vietnam War, supported draft resistance and symbolically attacked military weapons to draw attention to their deadly purpose. Often arrested and sometimes jailed, Berrigan was tried with the Catonsville Nine in the 1970s and the Plowshares Eight in the 1980s. In 1988 he and his brother Philip were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for their decades of active peacemaking.

A native of Michigan, Berrigan entered the Society of Jesus in 1939 and was ordained a priest in 1952. Early in his career he taught high school religion and college theology. He has also been an editor for a Jesuit publication and an administrator for the Jesuit order. He has been the subject of many interviews and articles, and he has appeared in four films.

The author of numerous articles and hundreds of poems, Berrigan's name appears on over 50 books including collections of poetry and reflections on scripture. His earlier works include *They Call Us Dead Men* about following one's conscience, and *Night Flight to Hanoi* about his trip to North Vietnam to obtain the release of three American pilots. More recently he has published *Sorrow Built a Bridge* about working with AIDS victims, and *Isaiah: Spirit of Courage, Gift of Tears* about the prophet's message for today.

For more information about the Spalding event, call the College of Arts and Sciences, 502-585-7122. At St. Catharine, contact the Office of Academic Affairs, 859-336-5082.

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We oppose discrimination based on race, income, gender, sexual orientation, age, citizenship status, nationality or religion.

We believe there are countless ways to be active and to express and enact these principles; we seek to create space for these different expressions. We believe that comprehensive criticism paired with a vision for the future is fundamental to positive social change. Criticism without a vision is debilitating and disempowering, while a vision that is not anchored by critical analysis is unattainable.

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AlterNation is a free festival in Central Park that is bringing together the spheres of art and activism; the festival will run from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 12. We are seeking to create a fun, carnival atmosphere that will engage participants on multiple levels including intellectual, creative, and emotional.

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Chomsky gives gripping look at US in era of terrorism

9-11, by Noam Chomsky
(Seven Stories Press, New York, 2001)

Reviewed by Terrence A. Taylor

This little book deals with big truths. Painful truths. The kind of truths that most Americans don't want to face.

However, as Gandhi so eloquently pointed out, truth is an important tool; in fact, truth is a lever that can be used to move the world if properly understood and embraced. In this book a man who is sometimes identified as a "strident radical" speaks calmly. One of his most important messages is that "There are proper and lawful ways to proceed in the case of crimes, whatever their scale." (p. 24.)

Nine Eleven is unusual in that it is not a book written by Professor Chomsky. It is instead the compilation of a series of interviews conducted with him in the month following what has become the most infamous date in American history. It is also unusual in that it is probably one of the first publications in a new wave of what I would call "e-mail books," since a number of the interviews were conducted via electronic mail, some with news media in the U.S., others with reporters abroad.

The 125 pages of *9-11* are filled with uncomfortable facts about America. For example, Chomsky says "we should recognize that in much of the world the U.S. is regarded as

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a leading terrorist state..." (p. 23). We can disagree about whether or not the U.S. actually is a terrorist state, but what Chomsky wants us to understand is that people in large parts of the world see us that way *regardless* of how we see ourselves. This and other observations lead us to see a bitter reality that most of us would rather not affirm, but a reality that must be confronted if we are to have any hope of preventing further terrorist attacks on our country.

The interviews are divided up (and in some cases combined) into seven "chapters." The titles of these provide the reader with a taste of the difficult topics this book explores.

Not Since the War of 1812, reminds us that the September 11 attacks represent something new in world affairs, not because of their scale and character, but rather their target: the continental U.S. Chomsky says that this is the first time since the War of 1812 that our country has come under large scale attack. (P.11).

Is the War on Terrorism Winnable? Here Chomsky offers a qualified "Yes," but adds that we must seek lawful rather than violent means in our effort to win. He notes the example

of how Britain has dealt with IRA terrorism. The British, he says, finally came around to dealing with the terrorists through the courts and sought to address the underlying issues that led to violence. (P. 24).

The Ideological Campaign, cautions that "the U.S. government is now trying to exploit the opportunity to ram through its own agenda: militarization, including 'missile defense,' code words for the militarization of space; undermining social democratic programs; also undermining concerns over the harsh effects of corporate globalization." and a slew of other items concerning peace and justice. (pp.33-34)

Crimes of State, asserts "the U.S. is the only country that was condemned for international terrorism by the World Court and that rejected a Security Council resolution calling on states to observe international law." (p.44).

Choice of Action, observes that the war on terror is neither new nor a 'war on terror'. Chomsky says: "We can live in a world of comforting illusion. Or we can look at recent history, at the institutional structures that remain unchanged, at the plans that are being announced" and ask ourselves some difficult questions about our homeland's core beliefs. (p. 68).

Civilizations East and West, draws our attention to the fact that the U.S. befriends repressive Islamic regimes when doing so serves our interests while it opposes other repressive

Islamic regimes in the name of fighting terror. (pp.78-79)

Considerable Restraint? Chomsky here points out that our government's assertion that it is acting with restraint is undermined by the observable facts of the situation at home and abroad. (pp. 93-118).

The need to face truth is at the heart of this book, and the truth is our best weapon in fighting terrorism. As we approach the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks, I think that it doesn't hurt to point out once again that a beautiful way to honor the memory of those who died is by remembering another famous September 11th. On that date in 1906 Mohandas Gandhi launched his famous Satyagraha or "truth power" campaign in South Africa. His campaign of truth led to others in South Africa and India. Such power ultimately helped the leaders of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States put an end to this nation's centuries old system of government-sponsored apartheid.

Today we Americans can use the truth that we learn about ourselves, our government, and its foreign policy to make profoundly positive changes, but only if we set aside our assumptions, open our eyes, and take to heart what most of the rest of the world already seems to know.

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Don't laugh off the surely chief executive, book warns

The Bush Dyslexicon: Observations of a National Disorder

by Mark Crispin Miller, 2002, 2001;
W. W. Norton & Company, New York.

Reviewed by Tracy McLellan

Mark Crispin Miller is an accomplished author, interesting interviewee, as well as the Professor of Media Studies at New York University. This book was originally published in 2001, updated with a 32-page preface after September 11th.

Among a host of other peerless insights, Miller's great contribution here is to delve deeply into the gray areas of Bush's psychology, the dyslexia, the innocent aw shucks side, and the other part of the Bush personality, often overlooked, full of meanness and vindictiveness. Miller agrees that Bush is easily the most intellectually bankrupt president ever, but he makes clear that is no reason to miscalculate about a certain political shrewdness possessed by Bush.

Miller wants to laugh at the buffoonery of Bush along with the rest of us, but he cautions against misunderestimating Bush. There is the genius of the book! Miller provides an intense psychological examination of the meaning of a Bush Presidency, while at the same time bringing his keen eye in a very well-researched way to the psychologies of recent presidents, particularly of the last half-century, but also with a cursory, yet enlightening look at Andrew Jackson, Zachary Taylor, Woodrow Wilson, James Monroe, and Andrew Johnson.

Bush is sometimes popularly compared to Andrew Jackson, as an apparent intellectual midget who has his hand on the pulse of the populace. Whereas Jackson, had a fierce populous streak, and a sharp country mind, as well as the blood on his hand of many a slaughtered Native American,

Bush comes from and serves a staunchly patrician background. Young Bush was the author of many of the dirty tricks of the elder Bush, such as the Willie Horton hoax. Miller traces an alarming Nixonian vindictiveness in the President. Miller announces with confidence in the beginning of the book "(f)ar from merely goofing on this president then, this book is meant to shed some light on propaganda in our time."

Everything Bush does as president is done for the huge corporate interests that selected him, including but not limited to gutting "regulatory apparatus in order to enrich the likes of Exxon, BP

and exaggerates others far out of proportion to their reality. The camera, by its very nature lies, beneficial to the hypocrisy of Bush. Miller examines how TV and the institution of the presidency have evolved together symbiotically and "attempts to give the lie to that enormous wave of propaganda—a joint production of the GOP and major media—whereby George W. Bush was forced on us as president, and then, after his inauguration, hailed almost universally for his amazing charm, his democratic ease, his rare ability to be all things to all Americans..."

Miller cites the *Vanity Fair* article by Gail

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Amoco, Phillips, Texaco and Mobil, Dow and DuPont, Lockheed and Apache—and among the dirtiest, Alcoa (whose CEO, Paul O'Neill, Bush made his secretary of treasury)." - and other gas, oil, nuclear, and mining interests.

"Although (Bush) is as overwhelmed as he appears, this president is neither as dim-witted nor as easygoing as TV makes him out to be. That first impression now requires a clear corrective..." Bush has squandered many of the privileges his background has afforded him—privileges of education, for example, many a poor slob has only dreamed of. A Bush Presidency has everything to do with TV. Many of the observations Miller makes are universal but still unique to Miller's power of observation and eloquence, which make this book serious, but humorous, and fun to read.

Television distorts foreground valuations,

Sheehy in October 2000 as authority for Bush's dyslexia, but this is far from reason to dismiss Bush. Many very capable people, including Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, and Albert Einstein have suffered this affliction. As important is the second component of Bush's Disorder, often overlooked because of the hilarity of the Bush gaffes, "even more suggestive of *amnesia*. Indeed the president's peculiar language is the language of forgetfulness—which is also the language of TV."

You're sure to be familiar with many of the malapropisms Miller documents. These are quite voluminous and not only funny. Miller has an unfortunate tendency to compare some of Clinton's mistakes and the scrutinous reporting they received, and by comparing them to the much more serious deficiencies of Bush,

Defector from the right exposes a world of dishonesty

Blinded By the Right, The Conscience of an Ex-Conservative

By David Brock
Crown Publishers, New York, 2001

Reviewed by Larry Hovekamp

There was that quote from Friedrich Engels which I vaguely half-recall about the class struggle contesting for the mind (with the other two points forgotten). During this historical period, one could go to any book store and periodical display, flip AM radio stations, and surf cable "news" channels, and the same, incessant reactionary message bombarding the mass mind is that "liberals" totally monopolize and manipulate the airwaves, reading, and academe. (If that was ever only so...)

One such proponent, David Brock, produced many best-selling books extolling their worldview and positions. He skillfully wrote slick, nearly libelous articles and books, such as "The Real Anita Hill" and "The

Seduction of Hillary Rodham." Now, out of the closet politically and otherwise, former literary mercenary David Brock recounts his odyssey in and out the Washington reactionary slash-and-trash industry in his book, "Blinded By The Right, The Conscience of an Ex-Conservative" (Crown Publishers, 2001).

The subtitle of David Brock's recent personal expose' was revealing: "The Conscience of an Ex-Conservative." The subtitle, a take-off from the title of Barry Goldwater's initial descent in reactionary absurdity, "The Conscience of A Conservative" suggests:

- That author Brock has a conscience. After serving quite profitably as a hack writer for rightist political interests while knowing that they are intellectually dishonest, he gradually "realized" their errors. ("Profitably" is not simply an accurate description—he earned among the highest advances for any writer in history, frequented overpriced restaurants, and acquired yachts and vacation homes.) After his nice fortune, he now renounces the Right and is repelled by their homophobia,

misogyny, and ruthlessness. A similar defector, Mel White, ex-speechwriter for Jerry Falwell, repudiated his past after years of gradual acceptance of his gay nature and Christian awareness. That was not the case with David Brock. (See the next point).

- That Brock is an ex-conservative. Brock admits that he started not as a right-winger, privately maintained views contrary to his mentors' agenda, was perturbed by the Right's vicious nature and hypocrisy, and had led a discrete gay lifestyle. Granted while as an undergrad at Berkeley, he was disapproved of the so-called political correctness of the campus Left and then fell in with a "conservative student newspaper," and remained mired in their politics when more ambitious job opportunities surfaced. (Review the previous point).

Sometimes as in the case of Brock, it takes a snitch to help uncover crimes and incriminating evidence on bigger punks, even if one suspects nature of the source.

along with a much less critical reporting by the mainstream media, seems to thereby exonerate Clinton. Still the comparison does illuminate a particularly rabid strain of Clinton haters, without exception Republican.

Bush is quite capable of talking articulately about the corporate interests he serves, as for example the missile defense fantasy. He "can talk quite clearly on the subjects that most interest him: baseball, football...putting men to death...on the other hand, our president is extraordinarily tongue-tied when he's trying off the cuff, to sound a note of idealism, magnanimity or—especially—compassion." Here he often betrays hypocrisy in speech of ideals he hasn't a clue about.

Bush is funny. However, typical of the serious warning Miller sounds, quoting Bush: "I understand this is a unconventional war (sic). It's a different kind of war. It's not the kind of war that we're used to in America.... The Greatest Generation was used to storming the beachheads. Baby boomers such as myself was used (sic) to getting caught in a quagmire of Vietnam, where politics made decisions more than—more than the military sometimes. Generation X was able to watch technology right in front of their TV screens, you know, burrow into—into concrete bunkers in Iraq and blow them up."

Need it be mentioned that Bush did not go to Vietnam? That he sat it out in the Texas Air National Guard, and that there is solid evidence he went AWOL from that post for a whole year? "And so to snicker at this president for his stupidity is not productive, for his unfitnes isn't really funny - and in any case he isn't stupid. True, he is...probably the most illiterate (president ever), and easily among the least concerned about the contents of his mind...At issue here is...a profound confusion that ought not to cloud the mind of anyone who has his finger on the trigger."

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An old quote spurs dreams of a far better future world

By Corrine McCann

The following essay in quotations was with a pile of papers from who knows when, the source is unknown and it's not a computer printout, so it must be several years old. I find it insightful and occasionally humorous. Consider all these changes since the 1940s.

"Penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, television, the pill, plastic, contact lenses, radar, credit cards, the ball point pen and laser beams all came to be. Before World War II there were no pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air conditioners, drip dry clothes, and the only man on the moon was the one in our imaginations.

Closets back then were for clothes, not for coming out of. Bunnies were small rabbits and were not Volkswagens. Designer Jeans were scheming girls named Jean, and having a meaningful relationship meant getting along well with your cousins. We thought "fast" food was what you ate during Lent and time sharing meant togetherness, not condominiums.

In 1940 'making out' referred to what you did on your school exam. Pizza, instant

coffee and McDonald's didn't exist. For a nickel you could get a bottle of pop or enough stamps to mail a letter and two post cards. One could buy a Chevy Coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? A two-bedroom apartment rented for \$33 a month, including utilities.

Grass was mowed, coke was a cold drink, and pot was a cooking utensil or a portable toilet. Rock music was what you heard on Grandma's lap, and AIDS were helpers in the hospital or in the principal's office. That generation thought you needed a husband to have a baby and they had never heard of tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, cholesterol, and men wearing earrings."

Things have changed since the 1940s, a half century in time, give or take a few years. I have high hopes then, for humankind, if so much could have transpired in so short a time. With technology, the information age, and a growing consciousness that the world is in chaos and crisis, more so than ever before, I have hope that the following will occur in the next fifty years.

Instead of Schools for Assassins we will build Academies for Peace — first in Fort Benning, Ga. and then around the world. It's possible that this generation will find a cure for cancer, Alzheimer's, AIDS and the West Nile Mosquito virus. In less than four score years we can end global warming, affluenza, pornography, spousal abuse and the abduction of children. We may still have time to reverse the effects of desertification, deforestation, and water, air and noise pollution. Perhaps the songs of Mother Earth will be more

popular than the music of The Momma's and The Pappa's, and we will give more attention to the belly of the earth than to the belly of Britney Spears.

A fair and just wage will replace corporate and sport greed. Road rage will refer to the cartoon antics of Wiley Coyote and the Road Runner. No one will die because of famine, abuse or neglect. It will become fashionable to once again get a

husband before you get a baby and rock music will be a lullaby sung for little ones on Grandma's lap.

What are your memories from years gone by? What are your hopes for the future?

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Saturday October 12, 2002

Registration 10:30, Fourth and Broadway

Start at 11:00

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A 3k(1.8642 miles) walk/run starting at Fourth and Broadway . The finish line will be the "bottom" end of the race so to speak, at Central Park. The finish will be the kickoff for rest-of-the day festival, AlterNation, which focuses on Globalization and its local connections. The race title refers to the corporate pursuit of cheap labor and resources, forcing the worldwide workforce into a "race to the bottom." Be the first (or the last) to spank the bottom at the finish line!

Where?

Meet at Fourth and Broadway for registration at 10:30. The race starts at 11:00 and will finish at Central Park at 12 noon at the start of AlterNation, a huge multi-organization festival of arts, music politics, education and fun.

What's the Catch?

None really. No prizes either. If you're interested in a little fun at the expense of corporate globalization, come on out! Participants may choose their own special number to race with and are encouraged to form teams within organizations, carry a sign or leaflet on the course to help educate about globalization issues.

A permit for the race has been received so it will be "legal" but still subversive!

For more information: David Horvath, 583-4670



IS THE VIETNAM SYNDROME STILL OPERATIVE?

(Report by George Edwards)

There were five of us who rushed down to the new Kentucky History Center in Frankfort on Saturday morning, September 21, to hear **Howard Zinn**, scheduled to address the precarious state of civil liberties in times of national crisis. We were startled to learn that Zinn had become ill.

Instead we heard **George Herring**, professor of history at the University of Kentucky and author of *America's Longest War: The U.S. and Vietnam* (1997) who kindly agreed to fill in for the illustrious Zinn. He spoke to the question of "9-11: The End of the Vietnam Syndrome?" Herring's answer to that seems to have been "maybe."

The term "Vietnam Syndrome" is a catchword describing the bitterness surrounding the U.S. defeat in Vietnam and the determination not to get caught up in such a quagmire ever again. With some realism, Herring described the enormous pitfalls imposed on us during the Vietnam experience, a war designed to win over the people rather than annex the territory: the unfamiliar rugged terrain, no definable front line, the menacing shadow of the Soviet Union rattling nuclear swords, the fear of Chinese intervention, and others as told in *The Longest War*.

Little time was given to the difficulties faced by the Viet Minh, though Herring did refer to a conversation of American visitors with General Giap, commander of the enemy troops, who stated that the U.S. seriously miscalculated the determination of a people committed to ending their colonial status.

In the short run, 9-11 "did seem to put away the Vietnam syndrome," Herring said, in the same way that the Vietnam War represented a huge "paradigm shift" which under President Bush is progressing toward "first strike" and "unilateral intervention." Our attentive listening for moral criticism of "first strike" was hardly rewarded.

Herring was alarmed however over the "chicken hawks" such as Richard Pearl who found ways to stay out of the Vietnam quagmire but are angry that Saddam was not blown away in 1991 or thereafter. Herring also points out that the Vietnam Veterans are now in the saddle in Washington, determined to prove that they are not like the wimps who tied their arms behind their backs in Vietnam.

Despite the air of inevitability hanging over the "new" interventionist design to smash Iraq once again, Herring regrets that no strong Democratic voice has emerged to put the brakes on. He also reminds us that the Democrats who spoke against the 1991 Gulf War were drowned out by the "success" of that war.



Our Louisville group of Zinn enthusiasts felt that Herring chose a descriptive approach to burning issues of the post 9-11 era rather than a clarion moral advocacy. Questions about the erosion of civil liberties, the threat of U.S. imperialism, the linkage between Iraq and the Palestinian policy were not included.

What did we go out to see? A reed shaken by the wind? The hard questions belong to us. Do we really want to see a prophet, or is there something beyond that?

ON A MOVE: The Story of Mumia Abu-Jamal

Recently I had an opportunity to read this remarkable story, so eloquently told by Terry Bisson, whose "prose is a wonder of seemingly effortless control and precision," according to *Publishers Weekly*.

Now I understand why Helen Prejean wrote, "I couldn't put it down," in speaking of this powerful book. Although I already knew the basic facts about the case, I now know why worldwide attention has focused on it. Author Howard Zinn wrote, "To read this book is to gain deep insights into issues of race and poverty – and the pretenses of our nation with regard to equal justice before the law."

The story of Mumia Abu-Jamal as told by Bisson is breathtaking. Descriptions of his teen-age years during the late 1970s and early 1980s are gripping. Born into a loving family with parents who cared, his brilliant mind and fascinating personality developed and blossomed.

Long before he even finished high school, Mumia became famous for "doing interviews." Wherever he went he was liked and admired. He soon became a daily radio journalist covering breaking news that was meaningful to all Philadelphians, especially the poor. He was in a whirlwind, rushing from one assignment to another.

His broadcasts were featured on WDAS, WRTI, WHAT, WUHY, The Mutual Black Network, NPR's "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered." At age 26 he was already president of the local chapter of the Association of Black Journalists. In January 1981 his picture appeared in the Philadelphia Magazine with the caption, "One to Watch."

If you have an opportunity to listen to a new CD, "175 Progress Drive," you will hear his interviews with Bob Marley, Jimmy Carter, Ossie Davis & Ruby Dee, Hugh Masekela, and interviews with ordinary people in extraordinary situations throughout Philadelphia.

A funny story is told in the book about the time Mumia covered a press conference for President Jimmy Carter. The owners of the station were there and they were appalled to see their reporter in jeans and t-shirt, with a backpack on his shoulder. Then later in the elevator going down, President Carter saved Mumia from disgrace by remarking, "Those were some probing questions you asked, young man. I was very impressed."

"Thank you, Mr. President," said Mumia. "Hmm," said the station owners who had heard every word. Of course, one wonders while reading the book just how this young man with such a promising future could have landed on death row. I waited several weeks before reading the last chapter because

I knew the story and I am torn by this tragic miscarriage of justice.

It turned out that the final details are worse than I had predicted. He had become a target of the Philadelphia police because of the eye witness accounts he broadcast about the police harassment and final destruction of the MOVE compound. He attended all of the trials and exposed the truth.

A few months later he was driving late at night past 13th & Locust when he saw a commotion in the street. A man was spread-eagled over the hood of a police car, being beaten with a flashlight. He knew immediately it was his brother Billy.

"He ran across the street. Was he yelling? He doesn't know, doesn't remember..."

The cop was facing him. He never heard a sound, but he knew he had been shot because something lifted him off the ground, almost gently, and he was in the air... Then he saw the pavement lifted up. He thinks he cried out, because he knew he was going to hit hard, face first, because he couldn't make his arms work. Then everything went black, and he never felt the ground at all..."

By morning every newscast in the city led with the story: POLICEMAN SHOT TO DEATH. RADIO NEWSMAN CHARGED.

Mumia lay in the hospital bed, barely conscious. He had been shot in the chest, beaten, arrested, beaten again, then chained to a hospital gurney where he passed out on his way to surgery. The bullet had pierced a lung and split his liver.

The trial in 1982 was described briefly in the book. It was less a trial than a lynching.

The prosecution witnesses (even those who changed their stories) were never challenged. Mumia was not allowed to defend himself, and when he insisted, he was barred from his own trial. He was sentenced to death, but he has not been killed because his case has attracted world-wide attention and support.

Last December a federal judge threw out his death sentence and ordered a new sentencing hearing. This has been appealed, arguing for a new trial since the jury in the trial was comprised of ten whites and only two blacks. There is also a confession by Arnold Beverly claiming he was hired by the mob to kill the policeman because the officer had interfered with mob payoffs to police. Legal counsel for Mumia is being provided by Leonard Weinglass, a formidable trial lawyer.

Mumia is now 47 years old, still being held in solitary confinement 23 hours a day. But his voice has in no way been silenced. His weekly written commentary goes out on the Internet, on Pacifica Radio, and in print. His columns cover Iraq, Northern Ireland, and Serbia; sweatshops, child abuse, foreign policy, and of course, death row. He was recently made an honorary citizen of Paris and last year he gave an audiotaped lesson in civil rights to Antioch College's graduating class.

At the time of his arrest, Mumia had recently won the prestigious Corporation for Public Broadcasting "Major Armstrong Award" from Columbia University. His books of essays have sold over 150,000 copies and have been translated into seven languages. Mumia's radio journalism continues to reflect the struggle for survival taking place every day on the streets and in the homes in every neighborhood of Philadelphia.

(www.mumia.org)
(www.prisonradio.org)

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.

The dates of October 4-11 were chosen to coincide with the pro-space "World Space Week" that annually promotes the aerospace industry agenda for space.

Help us build this vital global movement to stop the nuclearization and weaponization of space. Working together we can create a new consciousness about protecting space from the bad seed of war!

- Sign our organization on as a co-sponsor for the week.
- Enclosed is \$3 for a Keep Space for Peace Week poster.
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Calendar for peacemakers

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 TOUR: "Reclaiming Democracy, Resisting the new NAFTA, with representatives from the Landless Farmers Movement of Brazil, Venezuela and Mexico.** Sponsored by KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean). James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave. Potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. Led by Stephen Bartlett, 894-9308.

Sept 24 (Tue) **LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE TO BE INTRODUCED BY BILL ALLISON.** Show support by attending the Board of Alders meeting at City Hall, 601 W. Jefferson, 3rd Floor, 6:00 pm. Call Jobs with Justice, 625-3724.

Sept 26 (Thu) **FORSOOTH LABELING EXTRAVAGANZA. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO BEVERLEY MARMION'S HOUSE,** beginning at 6:30 pm.

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. NOJEIM, 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'S BIRTHDAY. BORN 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 2 (Thu) **GALA DINNER & SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR KENTUCKY YOUTH ADVOCATES.** First Lady Judi Patton will be awarded the first ever Giraffe Award for "sticking her neck out on behalf of children." She has personally been involved in establishing a network of centers around the state for victims of child sexual abuse. For details & reservations, call 502-895-8167. Email Donna Mellick: dmellick@kyyouth.org

Oct 4 (Fri) **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED,** General meeting, featuring a representative from **Citizens Against Police Abuse.** First Lutheran Church, 417 E Broadway, 9:45 am. Call Else Brown, 425-7516.

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 7 (Mon) **LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE.** Update your information if you have moved or changed your name. Call the Jefferson County Board of Elections, 574-6100.

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

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

Oct 12 (Sat) **ALTERNATION, A FREE FAMILY FESTIVAL, Bringing Together Art and Activism in a fun atmosphere.** Join with peace and justice organizations, arts groups, musicians, poets, jugglers, and more. Participate in workshops, games and activities for children and adults. 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.** Registration and entertainment begin at 1:30 pm at the **Belvedere.** Walk begins at 2:30 pm, down 4th street to Oak and return. Recipients of funds raised include Dare to Care, Kids' Cafes, community ministry food banks, and hunger needs in Honduras. Contact Roy Fuller, KIC (Kentuckiana Interfaith Community), 587-6265.

Oct 16 (Wed) **WILLIAM MENDOZA GOMEZ, President of Coca-Cola Workers' Union in Barrancabermeja, Colombia, and member of the National Union of Food Industry that has experienced death threats, displacements, office raids, kidnappings and extortion.** Potluck supper at St William Church, 1226 W. Oak St., 6:30 pm. Presentation at 7:30 pm. Sponsored by KITLAC and Witness for Peace. Call David Horvath, 583-4670.

(Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring **REPRESENTATIVE JIM WAYNE** addressing, **"Is Your Government for Sale?"** including campaign finance reform, the "clean money" movement, and his own efforts to bring about public financing for legislative races. Jim Wayne, Democrat from Louisville, has been a strong advocate for peace and justice issues during his twelve years in the Kentucky House of Representatives. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St, 11:30 am buffet, \$6. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Cathy Ford, 458-1223 or Jean Edwards, 458-8056.

Oct 20 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** First Unitarian Church, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley, 451-5658.

Oct 21 (Mon) **DANIEL BERRIGAN, SJ: "RENDER TO CAESAR? -- Peacemaking Christians in a Warmaking State."** Prophetic voice for civil rights and social justice. Spalding University Auditorium, 7:30 pm. Call 585-7122. Berrigan will speak the following morning at St Catharine College, 2645 Bardstown Rd, 859-336-5082. (Professor Joe Martos, 636-1848. Email: Jmartos@Spalding.edu)

Oct 23 (Wed) **DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE OF FORSOOTH.** Contact **George Morrison, editor at 944-6460.** cw_us@yahoo.com (For calendar -listings, call Jean Edwards, 458-8056.)

Oct 24 (Thu) **MADRE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR, Vivian Stromberg.** Founding board member of MADRE, a women's human rights organization working in partnership with women's community-based groups worldwide to address issues of health, economic development and other human rights. Univ of Louisville, 7:30 pm. Location to be announced. Call David Horvath, 583-4670.

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, 895-3411.

Oct 27 (Sun) **SCOTT RITTER, former chief United Nations Arms Inspector in Iraq,** who resigned from UNSCOM in protest, insisting that the talk of weapons of mass destruction was a pretext for a determination to topple Saddam Hussein. Church of the Epiphany, 914 Old Harrods Creek Road. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586 or Terry Taylor, 583-3100.

Oct 28 (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.

Oct 31 (Thu) **TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF.** Curriculum materials and the orange collection boxes are available by calling 1-800-252-KIDS. www.unicefusa.org

Nov 1 (Fri) **"POETRY OF PLACE AND TRANSPORT: A COMMUNITY IN MOTION,"** featuring **Wendell Berry, Frank X Walker, Dianne Aprile, Paul McDonald** and music by **Harry Pickens.** Fundraiser for **CART** (Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation) advocating enhanced bus service, light rail, walking trails and cycling lanes. Clifton Center Auditorium, 2117 Payne St, 7:00-8:30 pm, reception following in Room 105, cash bar. \$25 at the door. Call 473-0971.

Nov 2 (Sat) **WORLD COMMUNITY DAY: "Daughters of Abraham Called to Peace," Exploring Relationships with our Jewish and Muslim sisters,** 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. Bring personal care items (in plastic bottles) for women at the Kentucky Correctional Institute (KCIW) at Pewee Valley. Call Else Brown, 425-7516.

Nov 2 (Sat) **NAACP 88th ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND GALA: "FREEDOM UNDER FIRE"** with keynoter **Hiliary Shelton,** Director of the NAACP Washington Bureau. Dinner at the International Convention Center, 221 S 4th St., 7:00 pm, \$60. To order tickets, call 634-1804. (Office hours: 1:00-5:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

Nov 5 (Tue) **ELECTION DAY.** Support Kentucky's Family Courts. **VOTE YES FOR FAMILY COURT.** To register in advance, call Board of Elections, 574-6100.

Nov 10-17 **SEVENTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF FAITHS: "Faith & Sacred Texts,"** beginning Sunday with two presentations by **Deepak Chopra, M.D.,**

Dec 14 (Sat) **ANNUAL UNITY DINNER, sponsored by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression.** For details and to order tickets, call 778-8130.

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

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. UK Law School, Faculty Club. 10:00 to 2:00. For more details, call 585-2895. www.KCADP.ORG

Oct 11-13 (FSS) **KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH (KFTC) ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING,** Ky Leadership Center in Faubush (near Somerset). Call 589-3188.

Oct 18-20 (FSS) **ELEVENTH NATIONAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE WEEKEND IN HENDERSON, KENTUCKY: "Nurturing the Activist Within."** Concerts, storytelling, workshops, discussions, worship, time with nature. Featured speaker, **CARLA WALLACE** sharing her recent experiences in Bethlehem. RSVP by Oct 7: PWJW_c/o_Paff_Haus, 435 First St, Henderson, KY 42420. Call 270-826-0281. www.paffhaus.org

Oct 24 (Thu) **AMERICA'S IMAGE: VIEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.** Who better to speak to this question than international students from many different countries? UK Jewell Hall, Euclid Ave., 7:00 pm. Sponsored by the United Nations Association, Blue Grass Chapter. Contact Charles Holmes.

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.

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 – (456-6586)

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

COMMUNIST PARTY USA – Sunday evenings (648-8197 or 550-4558)

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 (584-1444)

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 (456-9342)

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)

PROGRESSIVE STUDENTS LEAGUE AT UL – 2nd & 4th Mondays (638-1021)

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.