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From Louisville to Palestine – six take peace message

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

Six Louisvillians dared to step into the Middle East’s line of fire March 27 to help end the violence and achieve a settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Dennis Bricking, Milton Carpentier, Angelyn Rudd, Cindy Scheldorf, Carla Wallace, and Sharon Wallace left Louisville after a send-off rally and news conference the previous day to focus attention on the International Solidarity Movement, through which dozens of activists, including the six Louisvillians, are in the Mideast.

They are supporting an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands and a non-violent achieving of a Palestinian state.

“Why do we go?” Scheldorf asked at the send-off rally in front of the Federal Building downtown. “We go to say no to the illegal Israeli settlements, no to the checkpoints, no to the demolition of Palestinian homes.... Soldiers, military tanks and militarism won’t bring order to the region. Only justice can do that.”

The delegation said on its web site (themamfactor.com) it had arrived safely in Jerusalem March 28. It is to return April 9.

Rally speaker Bob Cunningham said



—photo by Tammy Mahan

Cindy Scheldorf speaks by megaphone during a send off rally March 26 for a delegation to the Middle East including herself and five others. She denounced Israel’s occupation and military tactics.

delegation members would escort Palestinians through Israeli check points, replant Israeli-uprooted olive trees, which

he said “have great economic and cultural significance,” to Palestinians and “carry Louisville’s message of peace and justice.”

Sharon Wallace said delegation members would help rebuild homes
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Argentine peace laureate to speak April 22

by Terry Taylor

An internationally honored leader in the struggle for human rights and peace in Latin America will speak Monday, April 22 in Louisville.

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel, an Argentine Nobel Peace Prize laureate who suffered torture and imprisonment for his activism, will speak at 5:30 p.m. in a free public forum co-sponsored by the Louisville FOR at Spalding University in the Egan Leadership Center Lectorium at 901 South 4th Street in Louisville.

Pérez Esquivel is a leader in the Latin American nonviolent movement for human rights who left his position as a teacher of arts in Argentina to become secretary general of the organization Service for Peace and Justice. Although he was a devout Catholic who opposed acts of violence of the Left and the Right, the military government of Argentina treated him as a subversive and he was subjected to imprisonment and torture.

He was born in Buenos Aires in 1931 and after training as an architect and sculptor he was appointed Professor of Architecture,

but in 1974 he relinquished his teaching post in order to devote all his time and energy to the work of coordinating the activities of the various nonviolent elements in Latin America.

It was at a conference in Montevideo, Uruguay in 1968 that the decision was made to set up a joint organization covering all nonviolent elements throughout the region. At a conference in 1974 it was decided to give the organization a more permanent form, and Pérez Esquivel was appointed its Secretary-General.

In 1976 he initiated an international campaign aimed at persuading the United Nations to establish a Human Rights Commission, and in this connection a document was drawn up recording breaches of human rights in Latin America. In the spring of 1977 Pérez Esquivel was imprisoned without cause being shown. In May 1978 he was released, but with the obligation to report to the police as well as being subject to various restrictions. These have subsequently been allowed to lapse, and in 1980 he had an opportunity to visit Europe.

The organization of which Pérez Esquivel is the leader, Servicio Paz y

Justicia, is a well-established one. Latin America is divided into three regions, each with its own offices, and under these come the national organizations. Their activities are coordinated from Pérez Esquivel’s office in Buenos Aires.

The organization is based on a Christian view of life, and enjoys close contact with clergy and bishops critical of present-day conditions in Latin America. The chief task of the movement is to promote respect for human rights, a phrase that is intended to include social and economic rights.

On the practical level this means that Servicio provides assistance to the rural workers in their struggle for land, and to the trade unions in their struggle to protect the rights of their workers. This is done *inter alia* in the form of legal aid. Despite the opposition he has encountered, Pérez Esquivel insists that the struggle must only be waged with nonviolent means.

The writer is an FOR member and the assistant director of the Thomas Merton Foundation. For more information about Adolfo Pérez Esquivel’s speech, contact Terry Taylor at 899-1952 or email him at ttaylor@mertonfoundation.org.

Parenti talk to highlight peace days

Acclaimed activist and author Michael Parenti will speak April 16 at the University of Louisville as part of “Peace Action Days,” a mobilization against war and violence sponsored by the Committee for World Peace and Community Unity.

Parenti will speak at 7:30 p.m. at U of L’s Shelby Theater in the Student Activities Center. He is the author of 15 books, most recently “The Terrorism Trap,” and “To Kill a Nation: The Attack on Yugoslavia.”

He has written articles in The Nation, CovertAction Quarterly, The Humanist and many other magazines. Parenti has taught at colleges in various nations.

The Days of Peace will also include an anti-war demonstration using moving banners April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at 4th Street and Broadway in downtown Louisville and many other events.

An ad with much more information about Peace Action Days is on page four of this issue.

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Activist upbeat even as equality eludes South Africans

by George Morrison
FORsooth editor

Pam McMichael described witnessing South Africa after apartheid as an "incredible experience of grace" during her two trips there in the last two and one-half years.

Still, McMichael added some sobering notes during her talk on South Africa March 21 during the FOR's Third Thursday Lunch, such as the presence of entire black communities of shacks with few services.

"You have people now saying 'You know, the vote's nice, but it's not enough. We really want running water. We want new housing. We want jobs. We want an opportunity to participate more in society,'" said McMichael, an anti-racist, anti-apartheid and pro-Fairness activist.

Her first trip to South Africa was to represent Southerners on New Ground, a group of progressive lesbians, at the World Lesbian and Gay Association's congress

in Johannesburg and her second visit, part of a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship, was last year.

Under apartheid, five businesses owned 50 percent of the economy and 13 percent of the population owned 87 percent of land, McMichael said. South Africa was the fifth worst nation in the world in income distribution, she added.

"None of that has changed since the dismantling of apartheid because the situation people inherited was so severe and so stark," McMichael said.

She said most in the anti-Apartheid struggle, including Nelson Mandela's African National Congress, the country's Communist Party and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, eyed a more socialistic, egalitarian South Africa after apartheid. However, McMichael said, the need to trade with the global economy put off those plans.

The more pro-business economic plan

put in place has not created prosperity or eased poverty, McMichael said, leading many on the left to resume calling for a socialistic approach.

A more pressing issue than economics is AIDS. McMichael said 20 percent of South Africa's adults are HIV positive. Lack of access to medicine and the unwillingness of corporations to put human needs before concern for patents and profits have worsened the crisis, she added.

Despite South Africa's problems, McMichael's talk was largely upbeat about the people who beat apartheid and state terrorism nonviolently.

"People, as gut wrenching as it was, hung with this process," she said, referring to Mandela's Gandhian nonviolence.

After passing around ballots from the 1994 elections that included pictures of the candidates for illiterate voters, McMichael added: "You could not read or write and (still) participate in the first

presidential majority election in South Africa. And we tend to think that we are the sophisticated ones, but we have something to learn around democracy and participation from other peoples."

McMichael added a note of caution to Americans willing to accept their government's definition of various leaders as terrorists.

"Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in jail because he was defined by the white South African government as a terrorist. And to think that now he is honored the world over for his work for peace and the peaceful transition of power. It just reminds us of what dangerous terrain we're on to just do this blanket labeling."

Rev. Polk Culpepper, rector at Calvary Episcopal Church, will speak at the April 17 Third Thursday Lunch on militarism and taxes. For more information, see an ad on page seven of this issue.

Civil rights leader to talk on health

Veteran civil rights activist and vegetarian Rev. James L. Bevel will speak on "The Ethics of Vegetarianism" April 21 during EarthSave Louisville's ninth yearly "Taste of Health, a day-long program of talks and cooking demonstrations around healthy and environmentally sound food.

The Taste of Health will last from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will include authors, chefs and activists. It will be held at Frazier Hall in Bellarmine University, 2001 Newburg Road in Louisville

Bevel, a strategist who worked with Martin Luther King Jr., has consistently

stood up for the rights of the poor and living things, EarthSave said. He works to promote nonviolence through Students for Education and Economic Development (SEED) in Chicago.

"The spiritual path he has followed throughout his life has yielded a unique perspective on humankind's responsibility to the world and the living things within it," an EarthSave news release said.

He will speak at 1:15 p.m. April 21. For more information, call EarthSave Louisville at (502) 581-9296 or e-mail earthsave@ka.net.

Ecumenical school starts April 4

An ecumenical school whose organizers call it a "safe place to learn to ask the hard questions" is beginning its first series of classes.

Classes at The Center for Faith & Action will begin on Thursday, April 4 and will be taught in intensive four- to six-week courses in six core-curriculum areas: spirituality and the arts, vocational discernment, Christian community, peacemaking, biblical studies, and spiritual practice, organizers said.

Among the faculty for the new school are Jan Arnow, president of Louisville's Institute for the Prevention of Youth Nonviolence; Dr. Patricia Tull, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; and Dr. John Hendrix, retired Professor of Christian Education at The Southern Baptist Theological

Seminary in Louisville.

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

Tuition for each course is \$60.00. Sliding-scale payment options and scholarships are available. A detailed course schedule is available upon request.

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

For more information about the center, contact its managing director, Dawn M. Ripley, at (502) 896-0172, or e-mail her at dawn@faith-action.org.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Louisville International Cultural Center (LICC) is seeking two to four week home stays starting May 25, 2002 for a group of professionals from the Republic of Moldova. They will be working in Louisville area businesses in the day and would be enthusiastic to share their evenings and weekends with local host families.

Interested in other multi-cultural activities? LICC is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and nurturing cross-cultural relationships among people and institutions in the Greater Louisville area and their counterparts in the world.

Please call for more information (502) 561-5422 or visit us on the web <www.licc.org>.



PEACEMAKER TRAINING INSTITUTE, CARBONDALE, IL

August 3-13, 2002. PTI is an FOR program that offers training for young adults interested in becoming more effective peace and justice activists. Those between the ages of eighteen and twenty-five are cordially invited to this training at Carbondale, IL. Cost: \$300-375. Some scholarship assistance available as well as fundraising suggestions from FOR, Nyack. Request application from FOR, Box 271, Nyack, NY. 845/358-4601. fax: 845-358-4924 www.forusa.org. Contact Maryrose Dolezal, PTI Coordinator, at the Nyack number. Or call Joe Monahan, 618/536-1286 or Joel Landry, 618/529-4284.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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'Shameful' decisions imperil us

by Sister Rose Marie Cummins

Recently, a friend from Springfield, Ill. sent me some startling information that truly reminded me why I want to write a column about the Earth. It spoke of the many decisions that have been made against the environment and the marginalized in our society—in the past year alone. In particular, it addressed our present leadership in government. But, after reflecting, I realized that, ultimately, all of us are players in this scandal and this fiasco.

Since this is an *Earth Alert* column, I will specifically speak to decisions made or actions taken by the administration against the environment. The range of these actions is wide. They effect the water we drink, means of transportation, wetlands, wilderness and forests, the air we breathe, and farmers. They also portray a shameful betrayal of the earth and of a sense of democracy and decency. They tell of broken campaign promises.

What are some of these decisions? They include:

- A 50 percent cut in research into renewable energy sources.
- A reduction in the acceptable levels of arsenic in our drinking water
- A proposal to do away with new marine protections for the Channel Islands and the coral reefs of Northwest Hawaii.
- A 28 percent cut in funding for research into more efficient and cleaner trucks and cars.
- A betrayal of a campaign pledge to invest \$100 million for conservation of rain forests.
- Pulling out of the 1997 Kyoto Treaty agreement on global warming.
- Doing away with funding for the Wetlands Reserve program which encourages farmers to maintain wetlands habitat on their property.
- Slashing the Environmental Protection Agency's budget by \$500 million.
- Abandoning a campaign pledge to regulate carbon dioxide, the waste gas that contributes to global warming.
- Nominating Linda Fisher, an executive from Monsanto, a seed company that has pushed genetically-engineered foods into the U.S. market, for the number two position at the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Nominating J. Steven Giles, an oil and coal lobbyist, for deputy secretary of the interior.
- Nominating Bennett Rayer, who advocates repealing the Endangered Species Act, for Assistant Secretary for Water and Science.
- Nominating David Lauriski, an ex-mining company executive, to the post of Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.
- Reducing the Low Income Home Assistance Program for persons who need assistance paying energy bills.
- Allowing Gale Norton, Interior Secretary, to proceed with a controversial plan to auction oil and gas development tracts off the coast in eastern Florida.
- Announcing an intention to open up Montana's Lewis and Clark National Forest to oil and drilling. Proposing to give the government authority to take private property through eminent domain for power lines and gas pipelines.
- Planning to serve genetically engineered foods at all government functions—perhaps to convince the American public that these foods are safe.
- Forcing out Forest Service head Mike Dombeck and appointing a timber industry lobbyist as his replacement.

The list goes on. What do these decisions and actions tell us? For me, they say that our leadership will *continue* to hunt down "terrorists" under the guise of war—but with the real intention of pursuing our addiction to oil and gas. They tell us that our earth is of little value—and that it and the marginalized people of our country and world are mere commodities.

The title of a song that I heard while working with Central American refugees in the 1980s comes back to me. It simply asks, "Who Are the Terrorists?" I find myself asking that question now.

The writer is an activist with the Dominican Earth Center of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catharine, Ky.

Dramatic Rise in Military Spending

The Bush Administration and Congress use the war on terrorism to justify huge increases in military spending, but most of the projected increases have nothing to do with stopping terrorism, including:

- \$2 billion for the dangerous and accident-prone Osprey tiltrotor aircraft
- \$2.5 billion for unnecessary and expensive "Virginia" attack submarines
- \$910 million for Comanche helicopters, a program plagued with delays and cost overruns
- \$475 million for the Crusader artillery systems, too heavy for a mobile force.

While waste continues unabated in the Pentagon, social programs are underfunded and valuable programs are cut, including:

- \$700 million in job training and employment programs
- \$85 million to train doctors in children's hospitals
- \$596 million from Dept. of Education after inflation
- \$9 million from worker safety programs
- \$268 million from Community Block Grants to states, as they face \$40 billion in deficits
- \$417 million to repair public housing

THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

The real costs of the war in Afghanistan—both human and monetary—may not be known for months or years. For those who sought revenge, an "eye-for-an-eye" has been met and surpassed, with estimates of up to 4,000 innocent civilians killed in Afghanistan along with unknown numbers of Taliban or Al Qaeda fighters. We like to believe in the good our country does, but how will historians judge the rich-

"For 45 years of the Cold War we were in an arms race with the Soviet Union. Now it appears we're in an arms race with ourselves."

—Adm. Eugene Carroll (U.S. Navy, retired),
Center for Defense Information

est country in the world attacking one of the poorest, whose people were not responsible for the September 11 attacks?

Early estimates of the monetary cost of the war range from \$1 billion to \$2 billion per month. President Bush and Congress authorized \$29 billion in Fiscal Year 2002 emergency money to pay for the war, and Bush wants authority to spend another \$10 billion. This borrowing will haunt the U.S. taxpayer with increased debt for years to come.

HOMELAND DEFENSE

Further costs of the war on terrorism will some day be tallied in lost civil liberties. Homeland Defense spending of about \$38 billion is hidden throughout the budget, in nearly every department. Some of this spending represents legitimate measures to prevent or respond to future attacks like the one on Sept. 11: airport security, disaster response, an improved medical crisis network. Some of it will lead to a more militarized society, relying on enhanced secretive agencies like the CIA and FBI, which stir up trouble rather than prevent it, increased monitoring of communications, and unwarranted arrests based on vague suspicions.

The best way to improve our national security is to redirect money from the military and arms trade to social programs at home and massive humanitarian aid abroad.

An excellent source for cost estimates of the war on terrorism and homeland defense is from the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, Washington, D.C. www.csbaonline.org. For more information about the 2003 budget and proposals to cut military spending see also www.natprior.org, www.cdi.org, www.clw.org

"MORE ... MORE ... MORE," said the Pentagon

DEPT. OF DEFENSE (OUTLAYS IN BILLIONS)

	2002	2003
Personnel	\$81	\$93
Operations & Maint.	\$134	\$144
Procurement	\$60	\$62
Research & Devel.	\$45	\$51
Construction	\$5	\$6
Family Housing	\$3.7	\$3.8
Other	\$2.8	\$2.2

WHAT YOU CAN DO

• Demonstrate and leaflet during tax season and on the last day of filing, Monday, April 15, 2002, at the IRS or a post office.

• Write the President and your representative and senators and demand that the military budget be cut. Write letters to the editor of your local paper. Send all of them copies of this flyer.

• Refuse to pay the 3% federal excise tax on your phone bills. This tax has been used symbolically as a war tax since World War I. Nonpayment of the federal tax is between you and the IRS and should not result in cutoff of phone service. Though illegal, nonpayment of the tax is almost risk-free. Contact us for details.

• Refuse to pay all or part of your income tax. Though illegal, thousands of Americans are openly participating in this form of protest. You can take control of your paycheck and avoid

contributing to the military. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you.

• Contribute resisted tax money to an organization working to help people (e.g., day care centers, health clinics, food banks, housing programs, human rights organizations) or to an alternative fund that pools tax money from resisters and gives grants to human needs and peace groups.

• Contact the group(s) to the right or the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 6512, Ithaca, NY 14851, (800) 269-7464; www.nwtrcc.org. Support the Peace Tax Fund bill to allow 100% of your taxes to fund nonmilitary programs: (888) 732-2382; www.peacetax.com.

RESOURCES

• Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 10¢ each (1-199), 7¢ each (200 or more), 6¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage.

• For sample brochures and resources on war tax

resistance, send a self-addressed stamped (55¢) envelope to War Resisters League at the New York address below.

• *War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military*, 130-page handbook with history, methods and resources. \$12 plus \$1.25 bookrate or \$3.95 priority mail.

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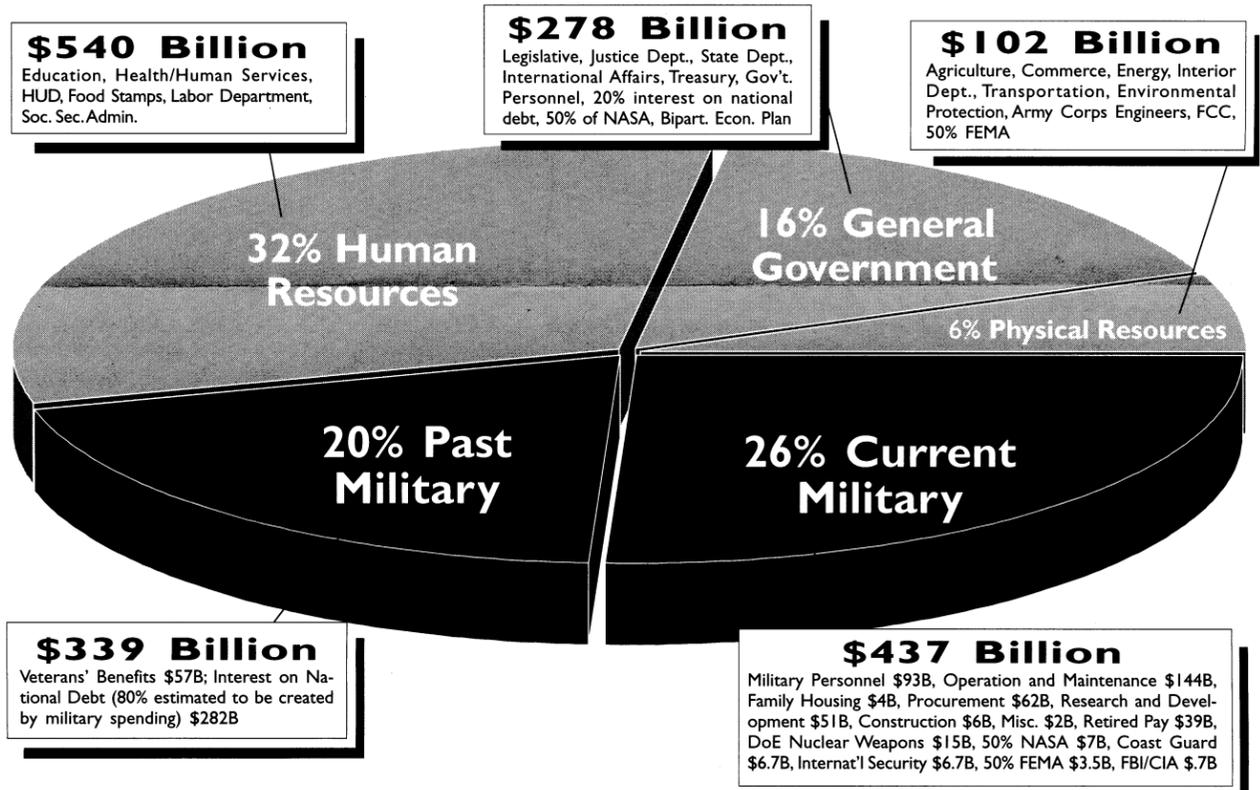


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WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

The United States Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2003

Total Federal Funds Outlays \$1,696 Billion



Amid labor progress, chilling setbacks can still happen

This column has always maintained that there is no such thing as an "inalienable right." Poor and working people get nothing without fighting for it, and keep nothing without continuing to fight for it.

For example, notwithstanding the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, baby-boomers, now in their forties and fifties, are facing increasing age discrimination in hiring and retention, the web site DiversityInc.com said.

In Miami-Dade Co., Fla. on September 11 voters will decide by referendum whether a 1998 law should be repealed. This law outlaws discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations. Gay rights advocates have launched a campaign against this homophobic onslaught.

In a third and chilling illustration of regression, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that employers need give no back pay to undocumented workers, even if convicted of blatantly firing the workers for unjust cause.

According to United Farm Workers (UFW) president Arturo S. Rodriguez, "The Republican majority on the U.S. Supreme Court has effectively nullified California's pioneering 1975 Agricultural Labor Relations Act as well as the only effective remedy in national labor law. The court has emasculated the "make whole remedy" in California's farm labor law, which requires growers to make farm workers "whole" for their economic losses — such as lost wages and benefits — when employers fire them for union activities or refuse to bargain in good faith for a union contract."

The ruling will actually increase illegal immigration by encouraging employers to hire only undocumented workers, who now have no protection and no recourse. The decision has created what Rodriguez terms "a permanent underclass of easy-to-exploit semi-slave laborers." It is therefore all the more important to pass quickly UFW-sponsored House and Senate legislation allowing undocumented workers to earn legalization.

Add to the Republicans' "understanding" of the issues of immigrants and Latinos the following sentiment toward another group: Republican National Committeeman Chuck Yob said recently on television that women running for statewide elective office are best suited for secretary of state because "they like that kind of work." Yob said he would not resign over this remark, and its fallout.

Such regressive words and deeds highlight the need for caution when unions court and are courted by the Republican Party. For instance, the recent success of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA) in persuading President Bush to offer a 30% tariff on imported steel is but a partial victory, burying the paramount problems of the US-dominated global trading policies that caused the glut of cheap imported steel and America's lack of government health care coverage, both of which have placed the US steelworkers at an ongoing disadvantage.

In addition, Portside contributor Sumner Rosen said, "The other side of the story [gift of the tariff] includes the Bush campaign to carve away major unions, like the steelworkers, from the AFL-CIO's political and policy clout to weaken any opposition to both its domestic and international policies."

Labor must not allow itself to be divided and conquered. Labor must remember that it is courted because it is strong. Thus, giant health care union 1199, is rightly being grateful to New York Governor Pataki for legislation for \$1.8 billion in raises which he pushed through in January. It must not, however, forget that its favor is sought because, Steven Greenhouse wrote in the New York Times, it is "viewed as having the state's most effective political operation. With its phone banks, foot soldiers and sizable donations, it played a major role in electing Charles E. Schumer



and Hillary Rodham Clinton to the Senate."

The union also warred against Pataki during his first two years over his proposal to cut Medicaid. All "gifts" to workers have been earned. Labor must never let go of that earning power, must never focus on the golden eggs while its goose is captured and cooked.

The workers' fight continues: Teamsters from Local 79 in Tampa, Florida, and Locals 89 and 783 in Louisville, rallied on March 25 outside Sypris Solutions headquarters in Louisville. Sypris Electronics, LLC, its subsidiary in Florida, constructs circuit boards used in US guided missiles and smart bombs.

Teamsters Local 79 in Tampa represents

227 workers at Sypris Electronics. They have been on strike since October 19 after a company proposal that would have nearly doubled the cost of health insurance, eliminated a holiday, and decreased the maximum number of weeks of vacation.

There are complex questions of union support for the defense industry, and security clearance, which will be saved for a future column.

In a separate battle for justice, on behalf of the 35 million American descendants of African

from the plaintiffs, and that it is unfair for taxpayers and companies to pay when they never owned slaves.

However, Associated Press reported in March: "the lawsuits say slavery is a wound that fails to heal, condemning blacks in America to more poverty, unemployment, poor education and clashes with the justice system than other Americans."

"They lag behind whites according to every social yardstick: literacy, life expectancy, income

"All 'gifts' to workers have been earned. Labor must never let go of that earning power, must never focus on the golden eggs while its goose is captured and cooked."

slaves, Deadria Farmer-Paellmann (New York resident and recent law school graduate) has just filed lawsuits against three corporations shown to have profited from slavery. One fact revealed by her five years of research is that one-third of Aetna's first 1,000 policies were written on the lives of slaves. The suits are seeking class-action status and could be expanded to include other companies.

Opponents say that precedents such as reparations to interned Japanese-Americans are irrelevant because generations separate slaves

and education. They are more likely to be murdered and less likely to have a father at home."

Besides, as expressed by one of the attorneys who prepared the suits, "any damages won from the lawsuit would be put into a fund to improve health, education and housing opportunities for blacks." The demand for just reparations is not an obstinate attempt to perpetuate weakness and victimhood, but is rather an effort to free African Americans from the shackles so unjustly bequeathed to them.

Contact Ira Grupper at irag@iglou.com.

April 4 - 16, 2002



Peace Action Days

Calendar

March 27 - April 9

Louisville Delegation to Palestine

Louisville peace and justice activists will participate in the International Solidarity Movement Campaign from March 27 - April 9. The nonviolent direct action campaign will bring together Palestinians, Israelis, and International Delegations from around world to help end the Israeli occupation of Palestine's West Bank and Gaza Strip. For more information on the delegation go to the following websites: <http://peacepages.home.att.net> and <http://www.theimamfactor.com>

Thursday April 4

Reverend James Orange "Where Do We Go From Here?"

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Zion Baptist Church, 2200 W Muhammad Ali. A Commemoration to Martin Luther King Jr.'s contribution to workers' rights. The night before Dr. King was assassinated, he spoke to an audience of striking sanitation workers and their supporters in Memphis, TN. Sponsored by Kentucky Jobs With Justice, labor and civil rights organizations.

Friday April 5

Vigil to End the Occupation and Stop the Violence

12 Noon, 6th & Broadway. Please wear black. Sponsored by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States; the Fellowship of Reconciliation; and the Kentucky Chapter of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Wednesday April 10

Moving Banners Anti-War Demonstration

5:30 PM, 4th & Broadway. Sponsored by the Committee for World Peace and Community Unity. Signs are provided.

Friday April 12

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Tuesday April 16

Michael Parenti speaking on "Terrorism and Globalism"

7:30 PM, University of Louisville Shelby Theater, Student Activities Center. Michael Parenti is an Internationally known author and speaker and one of our nation's leading progressive political analysts. For more information you may go to the Michael Parenti Political Archive at www.michaelparenti.org

Peace Action Days is being coordinated by the Committee for World Peace and Community Unity. To get updates to the calendar of action and events go to www.peacepages.home.att.net/pad - Or you may call David Horvath at 583-4670 or Jan Taylor at 425-3795.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"We must find new ways to speak for peace...and justice throughout the developing world...a world which borders on our doors. If we do not act we shall surely be dragged down the dark and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight."

TAKE ACTION FOR PEACE

April 4 - April 16

April 4 marks the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Local peace and justice activists are coordinating two weeks of peace action and events in memory of Dr. King. During this time Louisville will also have a peace delegation in Palestine. Our hearts and prayers will be with them. It is our hope is that all of us will use this time to reflect on the meaning of peace and search for ways in which we might bring justice to our suffering world.

Join the Solidarity Fast

Members of the peace and justice community are participating in a "Sunrise to Sunset" fast as an expression of solidarity with the Louisville delegation that will be in Palestine from March 27 through April 9. If you would like to join the fast or want more information contact David Horvath at 583-4670.

Michael Parenti
"Terrorism and Globalism"
 Coming April 16
 University of Louisville



Temple points way to a new method of getting justice

by Corrine McCann

A true story was told last month on PBS television's "Religion and Ethics Newsweekly." A professor of comparative religions shared the following to illustrate a compassionate and successful response to enemy attack. This version is as close as I recall.

Young teenagers destroyed a Vietnamese Buddhist temple. The youth were arrested and when temple authorities were encouraged to press charges, they declined. Instead, the leaders of the temple consulted with one another and decided to invite the young conspirators to visit the temple, attend services and learn more about the purpose of the temple.

One of the monks spoke with a young man whose name was Angelo. "Your name means 'angel', did you know that?" asked the monk. "From now on, you will be the angel, the guardian angel, to watch over our temple. You will watch over it and protect it, making sure no more evil or destruction comes this way."

Later in conversation, Angelo said that he never would have done such a malicious act had he and the others known what the temple represented. Hearing this story led me to think of our government's response to terrorism and other issues. According to polls, 80 percent plus of U.S. citizens agree with the President's decision bomb countries with terrorists and to "Get them, dead or alive!" Our military continues its assault on a devastated nation and plans to do the same to Iraq and other countries.

In the meantime, terrorists live right here in the United States, in Great Britain, in Canada and probably everywhere. Terrorism will continue and we will have enemies. Round and round we'll go like dogs chasing tails in wars against terrorists and their wars against us. Isn't it time for us to look at new ways to think about why we are hated so much by oppressed and suffering human kind? The article last month in FORsooth by Angelyn Rudd on Cuba gives us a hint about new ways of thinking. So, too, did the Vietnamese Buddhist monk in the story above.

In Cuba, Angelyn tells us, they celebrated the New Year in Trinidad with innumerable glittering stars and a full moon, celebrating with the incomparable beauty of nature to welcome the New Year. The people of Cuba also had a display of fireworks, a small humble display. Compare that to what we did here for the Winter Olympics. Millions of dollars were spent and millions of fireworks were shot into the skies, polluting the heavens and the air with more poisonous gases, more chemicals, more smoke, more noise, more braggadocio -- all displaying what a wealthy nation we are with money to burn.

Couldn't this money be used to address global concerns, like hunger, disease, a peace academy, negotiating skills? If I read the polls correctly, it seems that the majority of people seem to look at one side of the coin when we look at all we have as a nation -- all our abundance, our freedom, our wealth, our democracy.

A minority of the populace challenges

us to look at the other side of the coin to see all that we do have in excess. The millions wasted on fireworks and other extravagances is robbery of the poor. It seems the majority rejoices in our self-importance, oppression of the other, even barbarism. Who will, as Rose Marie Cummins, O.P. asked in the same issue of FORsooth, who will lead us out of this denigrating war on terrorism, lack of concern for the environment, and oppression of our fellow human beings?

We need more voices of compassion, more persons of discernment and critical analysis, more persons to challenge us to think in new ways and respond to our suffering world.

When the present, seemingly silent minority becomes the majority, perhaps then we will have liberty and justice for all.

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Louisville to Palestine

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damaged by jet bombings, protest the taking of land and speak up for U.N. peacekeepers "that would greatly diminish the suffering of Israelis and Palestinians."

Israel and the U.S. oppose placing peacekeepers in the occupied territory, she said.

Members said they hoped to help steer the Israeli government and the Palestinian movement toward non-violent action.

The delegation's statement of purpose said: "We work under the leadership of Palestinian peace activists, supporting them in their creative resistance to the occupation and lending support to Israeli and other peace activist groups."

Two days after arriving in the Middle East, Rudd sent an e-mail saying: "Now is the most important time to please call our reps. To please make phone calls and let them know we are here, and the U.S. must intervene (in) these violent attacks. They are begging for the U.S. to intervene here.... We must try. Please try something. Please write a letter to the editor too. Let everyone know the violence has escalated, and the U.S. is key to ending it."

Other speakers at the rally included Joe McMillan, a retired professor at the University of Louisville, and Avery Kolers, assistant professor of philosophy at the school.

"I am a Jewish American and I oppose the occupation," Kolers said. "It's clear that Zionism, the ideology on the basis of which Israel was founded -- whatever else it has -- has at its core a liberatory message.... It's impossible to affirm that for one people and deny it for another."

"Tomorrow is the first day of Passover," Kolers added. "Traditionally we say 'Next year in Jerusalem.' This year, I'm going to say 'Next year in a shared and democratic Jerusalem.'"

McMillan said his opposition to war as a means of settling disputes like the Middle East conflict goes back to his youth, when at age 16 he refused conscription into the ROTC.

"Ever since then, I have been against war," McMillan said, adding that the traditional Hebrew definition of "peace" is a condition including righteousness, and that it's time supporters of Israel live by that ideal.

Activist Pam McMichael suggested supporters of the peace delegation write letters to the editors of newspapers and speak to five people during the delegation's trip they haven't spoken to about the issue.

U of L engineering professor Ibrahim Imam, a Palestinian-American and longtime activist for a homeland for his people, said the delegation's trip and vigils against the occupation held each Friday in downtown Louisville give him "a glimmer of hope that this nation, all of this nation, is going to wake up and see the plight and the agony we are forcing on the Palestinian people."

University of Louisville Peace and Justice Committee Presents

Michael Parenti



April 16, 2002

7:30 PM

Shelby Theater

Student Activities Center
University of Louisville

"Here at home and throughout the world people are fighting back against the forces of wealth, privilege, and militarism -- some because they have no choice, others because they would choose no other course but the one that leads to peace and justice."

Michael Parenti is an internationally known author and speaker and one of our nation's most progressive political analysts. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Yale University in 1962. He has taught at a number of colleges and universities, in the United States and abroad. His writings have been translated into Portuguese, Japanese, Spanish, Chinese, Turkish, Polish, German, Bangla, and Dutch. He is the author of fifteen books including: **The Terrorism Trap** (City Lights Books, 2002); **To Kill a Nation: The Attack on Yugoslavia** (Verso Books, 2001); **Democracy For The Few** (St. Martin's Press, 2001); **America Besieged** (City Lights Books, 1998).

His articles have appeared in *CovertAction Quarterly*; *Monthly Review*; *Prevailing Winds*; *The Humanist*; *New Political Science*; *Nature, Society and Thought*; *The Nation*; *Z Magazine*; *Dollars and Sense* and numerous other publications.

Other sponsors include: The U of L Brandeis School of Law, U of L College of Education and Human Development, The McConnell Center, The Fellowship of Reconciliation, The Kentucky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition. (If you or your group would like to co-sponsor this event please call the number below)

For more information call: 502-583-4670 or go to www.peacepages.home.att.net

NEWS FROM NYACK

Excitement is in the air at the **FOR NATIONAL OFFICE**. Their newsletter reports five to ten telephone calls a day requesting help in starting **FOR** groups or organizing actions for peace. In addition, nearly twice that many requests come by e-mail.

Such interest is unprecedented! But from the mass media you would not know that the peace movement is alive and well.

Thinking, compassionate, and significant people are questioning the knee-jerk responses of anger, violence, and repression. They are **looking at nonviolence with eyes that are actually sort of open**. Their numbers are growing.

New, young, energetic staffpersons are responding with material, training, referrals, and with personal appearances where possible. They include **Amy Beckhusen, Maryrose Dolezal, Ellen Kurtz** (intern), and **Janet Chisholm** who is stepping down as Interim CoExecutive Director to return happily to full time program work which she loves.

Our new **NATIONAL COORDINATOR, PATRICIA CLARK**, has just come on board and has had her first energizing meeting with staff and national council leaders. She has been on the national program staff with the American Friends Service Committee since 1994. Before that she did anti-death penalty work in California (1990-94), the Klan Watch project at the Southern Poverty Law Center (1985-90), and before that she worked with Habitat for Humanity in Zaire for several years. We are truly blessed to have this experienced, able and dynamic new leader.

In another unprecedented happening, the **United Methodist Church** has sent a staff person, **Laurie Day** to serve sixteen months helping with nonviolence training. Convinced that active nonviolence is the basic answer that the world needs, this new team at **FOR** will help bring nonviolence training and grassroots organizing into communities across the nation

Forty new **FOR** groups are already forming out of this ferment plus community coalitions, a national coalition, and stirrings in many souls.

The **FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE** (June 15-19) at Manhattan College in New York City will provide fellowship and dialogue with people from over 40 countries focusing on **The Power of Nonviolence - Exploring Alternatives**. (See flyer in this issue). Make your reservation now! Call 1/845-358-4601. e-mail: conference@forusa.org

THE FOR INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDER DELEGATIONS are traveling bi-monthly to Palestine and Israel, cosponsored by the Muslim Peace Fellowship and the Jewish Peace Fellowship. If you can go, contact FOR INTERFAITH PEACE-BUILDERS, c/o NVI, 4545 42nd St NW, Suite 209, Washington, DC 20016 (202-244-0951) Fax: 202-244-6396 e-mail: middleeast@forusa.org

THE TASK FORCE ON LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARRIBEAN has launched a long-term accompaniment project in the Uraba region of northern Colombia. Two volunteers arrived in February to live with the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado. Two Louisville organizations (**FOR** and **KITLAC**) have helped financially with this effort that has been the dream of our national council member, Erik Reinhart-Vidal.

THE CAMPAIGN OF CONSCIENCE continues its nonviolent direct action campaign, working with AFSC and Pax Christi, to gather support for shipping water purification equipment to Iraqi civilians in violation of US/UN economic sanctions. They are also promoting the **PEACE PLEDGE** to halt escalation of the US war on Iraq. See flyer in this **FORsooth**.

Peace Pledge Campaign for Iraq

Amid US troop build-up in Kuwait to expand the war against "terrorism," ten Congressional leaders sent a letter to President Bush urging him to "...plan to eliminate the threat from Iraq." This, despite the increasing opposition of the international community to attacking other countries under the pretext of "fighting terrorism"—a position clearly expressed by UN Secretary General, Kofi Annan, on the eve of receiving the Nobel Peace Prize: "Any attempt or any decision to attack Iraq today will be unwise in that it can lead to a major escalation in the region...the only way to defeat terrorism is through long-term international cooperation."

Are we to wait for this escalation to happen and then hold up our well-worn "Stop the Bombing" signs...or can we take proactive steps to prevent the escalation?

The Fellowship of Reconciliation, joined by the

American Friends Service Committee and Voices in the Wilderness, proposes an all-out national and international effort to prevent the spread of this war. We suggest an immediate Peace Pledge Campaign cosponsored by the major national peace organizations and faith communities.

We urge national organizations to contact their affiliates in other countries to spread the word. With e-mail listservs and emergency mailings, we have the potential of quickly reaching hundreds of thousands of people. This effort to prevent all-out war on Iraq could be the first step in mobilizing people for a positive new foreign policy of peace, justice and sustainability and away from militarism and repression.

Please copy the pledge form below and share it widely. (Mailing and contact information are at the bottom of the form.)

—Hossein Alizadeh

I support peace for Iraq. I grant permission to use my name and city publicly as an opponent of the ongoing economic and bombing war on Iraq, and of any escalation of that war.

In addition, I pledge to take the following actions: (check as many as apply)

- Write a letter to the editor of my newspaper (see the websites listed for sample letters & background).
- Form a delegation to my local newspaper to discuss Iraq coverage (for advice, call or email the office).
- Introduce a resolution to my organization or faith community. (see websites for draft resolutions).
- Engage at least one new person in conversation about Iraq.
- Call the President to urge no escalation of the war on Iraq. (202) 456-1111 or 1414.
- Call my Congresspeople (switchboard 202-224-3121 or local offices) to urge no escalation of the war to Iraq.
- Write a letter to my Congresspeople (to their local offices because of problems in DC mail delivery) weekly.
- Participate in a public event such as a vigil or picket.
- Distribute this pledge form (forward e-mail or especially distribute to people without email).
- Other (please specify, be creative, and report your efforts so we can post them).

I am contributing \$_____ to make this Campaign of Conscience Peace Pledge a success. (Please make check payable to FOR and mail check to WWFOR at the address below.)

I am including \$_____ for a pure water project in Iraq in violation of the deadly economic sanctions laws, through the Campaign of Conscience for the Iraqi People (send to AFSC-CoC, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102).

I am not including a donation in violation of the economic sanctions laws at this time, but will do so if the US significantly escalates war against Iraq (send to AFSC-CoC, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102).

Name (Signature): _____

Name (Print legibly): _____

Address: (include zip) _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Copy for yourself & send e-mail to: iraq@forusa.org
OR mail to WWFOR-CoC, 225 N 70th, Seattle, WA 98103.
For information: (206)789-5565. E-mail: iraq@forusa.org.
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Kentuckians for the Commonwealth and the B.R.Y.C.C. House present

The KFTC Progressive Film Series

**A Series of Classic and contemporary Feature
Films with Progressive Themes and Content**

**Our Special May Day Feature
Coming April 28 at 5:30 PM at
The B.R.Y.C.C. House, 1055 Bardstown**

Salt of the Earth (1954, 94 min.; directed by Herbert Biberman; starring Rosaura Revueltas, Will Geer, and the members of Local 890 of the Mill-Mine Workers). Taut drama about striking New Mexico mineworkers (with a refreshingly pro-feminist viewpoint), as the mostly Mexican-American members of Local 890 demand the same pay and conditions as Anglo workers receive. Director Biberman, actor Geer, screenwriter Michael Wilson, and producer Paul Jarrico were all blacklisted at the time the film was made, Revueltas was deported in midst of production, and the US government kept theaters from booking and warned projectionists away from showing the film, which was deemed communist propaganda.

An optional discussion group will follow the film.

**Admission is free but a \$1-\$5 donation
is requested. This is a fundraiser for
Kentuckians for the Commonwealth.
Refreshments will be sold.**

Third Thursday Lunches

presented by the

Fellowship of Reconciliation

March - April 2002

April 17 **Rev. Polk Culpepper**

Polk, who is rector at Calvary Episcopal Church, will lead our special **Tax Day Lunch**. He will speak on "Your Tax Dollars at Work: Missile Defense, the 'War on Terrorism,' and Stuff the Joint Chiefs Don't Even Want." Respondents George Edwards, Nancy Jakubiak and David Brown Kinloch will address conscientious objection, tax refusal, and Peace Tax Fund legislation.

The Rudyard Kipling • 422 West Oak Street • Louisville
Buffet Lunch at 11:30 • Presentations at Noon
\$6.00 • **Reservations required**



For reservations, call Cathy Ford (458-1223)
or Jean Edwards (458-8056) by Tuesday before the Lunch



Letters to
FORsooth

The right to disagree

A temptation during times of war is to brand those with whom one disagrees as unpatriotic. I would suggest, however, that the fact that one citizen disagrees with another about the choices of their leaders does not necessarily mean that the one is patriotic and the other not. Debate about such matters is not only healthy but essential for the proper functioning of any democracy.

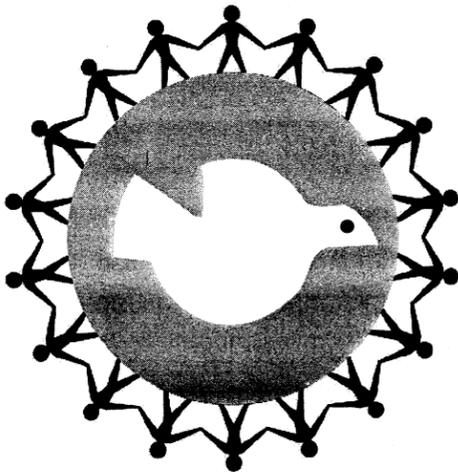
In fact, Americans have always disagreed on the proper response to violent attacks by terrorists or nations: For example, Abraham Lincoln, as a member of the House of Representatives, stood in the House chamber in 1847 and said that the war against Mexico was unnecessary and unconstitutional. Who of us would say that Lincoln was unpatriotic?

When I say that I disagree with the wisdom of making America safe from violence by engaging in more violence, I do so out of love for my country. When I say that I oppose American practices, I do so in the name of America's highest ideals, which include the right of other Americans to voice their opinions, however much I may disagree with them and they with me.

— Polk Culpepper
Louisville

The Power of Nonviolence

Exploring Alternatives



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Come and share in fellowship and dialogue with people from over 40 countries focusing on **The Power of Nonviolence — Exploring Alternatives**. Keynote speakers will inspire and challenge us, plenaries will provoke thought and discussion, practical workshops will build skills, inform and inspire; meditation and entertainment will help to uplift. The entire conference will encourage all to take action and create change.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Special guests include Pete Seeger, Dana Gillespie, Ben Cohen, Walter Wink, George Houser, Dana Gillespie, Dorothy Cotton, Division X, Plus Minus, and many more to be announced.

The campus has wonderful accommodations, a fitness center, and easy access to the Big Apple.

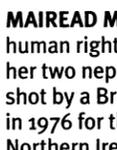
"Bring Along the Children" Special youth program for ages 6-16 will be offered.

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JIM LAWSON, former chairperson of the FOR National Council, is renowned as a dedicated and effective civil rights leader, nonviolence trainer and activist. He served as one of Martin Luther King Jr.'s closest advisors and mentors on nonviolent activism, largely influenced by the teachings of Gandhi. Jim, a retired United Methodist minister from Los Angeles, remains active throughout the country—speaking out for justice and peace, teaching, training and leading marches. He is featured in PBS's *A Force More Powerful*.



MAIREAD MAGUIRE has devoted her life to working for peaceful conflict resolution and human rights throughout the world. She became an advocate for the peace process when her two nephews and niece died after being hit by an IRA getaway car whose driver was shot by a British soldier. Mairead and Betty Williams were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1976 for their efforts in organizing some of the largest peacemaking demonstrations in Northern Ireland's history. Mairead founded the Community of the Peace People.



AMBER AMUNDSON's husband, Craig Scott Amundson, died in the terrorists' attack on the Pentagon on September 11th. Amber remains committed to nonviolent solutions and continues to advocate alternatives to war. Along with other family members, she recently led a peace march from Washington D.C. to New York City. She has spoken out courageously and attracted intense media attention. With others who suffered the death of a family member on September 11th, she has formed a new organization called Peaceful Tomorrows.



HILDEGARD GOSS MAYR is the honorary president of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation. Much of her childhood and youth were spent in Nazi-occupied Austria. She and her French husband, Jean Goss, pioneered in building East-West relations during the Cold War, and later in nonviolence education and training throughout the world. Author and lecturer, Dr. Goss Mayr was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and is recipient of the Nawano Peace Prize.



BRUCE GAGNON is a Vietnam-era veteran who began his career working for the United Farmworkers Union in Florida. Bruce is the Coordinator of the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space. He was the organizer of the Cancel Cassini Campaign in 1997 which drew enormous support and media coverage around the world. It was featured on the television program *60 Minutes*.

PLENARIES WILL INCLUDE:

- Exploring the Power of Nonviolence
- Our Grief is Not a Cry for War
- Nonviolent Alternatives to the War on Terrorism
- US Space Command: Military Arm of Corporate Globalization
- Gender, Religion and Conflict
- Nonviolence and Social Change
- Middle East, Islam, Judaism and the Search for a Just Peace
- Nonviolent Transformation

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS WILL BE OFFERED. TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Decade of Nonviolence
- Compassionate Listening
- Learning Meditations
- Jesus' Third Way of Nonviolence
- Soulforce/GLBT and Nonviolence
- Death Penalty
- FOR History
- Conscientious Objection
- Teaching Nonviolence to Children
- International Criminal Court
- Racism
- Planned Giving and Wills
- Middle East
- Korean War
- Africa's Liberation
- Budget Priorities of the US Government
- International Accompaniment & Collective Nonviolence in War Zones
- Arms Trade
- Tibet
- Music and Spirituality and many more.



Calendar for peacemakers

Apr 7 (Sun) **HIROSHIMA/NAGASAKI COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE**, Presbyterian Seminary, Room 10. 7:00 pm. Call 458-8056,

Apr 8 (Mon) **INTERFAITH TRANSCENDENTAL PRAYER THROUGH CHANT PERFORMANCE**. Participation by the monks of Gethsemani, Cantor David Lipp of the Jewish community, the Hindu Temple, Dr. Aly Farag of the Muslim Community, and the Tibetan Buddhist monks of the Drepung Gomang Monastery. Proceeds will benefit the Gomang Institute to establish a permanent teaching center in Louisville for Tibetan Buddhist culture and studies. Cathedral of the Assumption, 443 S. 5th St., 7:00 pm. Call the Cathedral Heritage Foundation, 583-3100.

Apr 10 (Wed) **KITLAC** (Ky Interfaith Task Force on Latin America and the Caribbean). Presbyterian Seminary, 7:30pm. Call David Horvath, 583-4670 or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

Apr 10 (Wed) **PREDATORY LENDING IN OUR COMMUNITY**, sponsored by the Metropolitan Fair Housing Coalition, moderated by **Suzy Post**, Director. Featured panelists: **Senator Gerald Neal** (Kentucky General Assembly), **Bob Winlock** (Ky Attorney General's Office), **Phil Peters**, Director, AARP of Kentucky, **Jim Gaunt**, CEO, Fifth Third Bank. Noon, Louisville Urban League, 1535 West Broadway. (Bring a brown bag lunch if you wish). (584-6858)

Apr 12 (Fri) **NOON VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST**, every Friday at 6th and Broadway in front of the Federal Bldg where Senator McConnell's office is located. We vigil in solidarity with the "Women in Black" who vigil in Israel at noon every Friday. Sponsored by the Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Apr 12 (Fri) **MEXICO DELEGATION FROM THE HUMAN RIGHTS OFFICE in Tlaxiaco Oaxaca**, addressing **PLAN PUEBLO PANAMA, GENETICALLY MODIFIED CORN, AND THE MILITARIZATION OF MEXICO**. Presenters: **Sister Ema Juarez Juarez, Jose Alejandro, Sandoval Torres**. St Francis of Assisi School Cafeteria, 1960 Bardstown Rd (side entrance). 6:00 pm. Sponsored by Sister Lupe Arciniega, Community of Loretto, and KITLAC. (Finger food catered by the Mayan Gypsy. Music too!) **RSVP** by April 8, 425-3844.

Apr 13 (Sat) **EDWARDS LECTURE: "CONFLICT IN CONGREGATIONS"** featuring **DR. HUGH HALVERSTADT**, professor of Ministry at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, author of *Managing Church Conflict*. Sponsored by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, honoring Jean and George Edwards. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, at Gardencourt, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Free. Lunch provided. Please register in advance. Call 1/502-895-3411. e-mail: yj-gillenwater@lpts.edu

Apr 13-14 **LOUISVILLE DELEGATION LEAVES FOR OAK RIDGE, TN. to JOIN THE "STOP THE BOMBS CAMPAIGN."** The Department of Energy is building a new facility there to make "mini nuclear bombs." Call Arch Taylor, 895-0176 or Tom Wannemuehler, 479-7629. See "Out-of-town" listings.

Apr 14 (Sun) **CELEBRATE THE EARTH/EARTH DAY 2002** at the Louisville zoo, 10:00-5:00, free. Environmental groups will be welcomed and are urged to participate. Call Robin Kaukas, 459-2181, ext.376.

Apr 14 (Sun) **WELCOME HOME and REPORT-BACK FROM OUR DELEGATION TO PALESTINE**. Pitch-in supper. BRADEN CENTER, 3208 West Broadway. 5:00 pm. Call Pam McMichael, 387-6401.

Apr 15 (Mon) **TAX DAY! DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE GOING? See flyer in this issue of FORsooth. JOIN IN THE TAX DAY DEMONSTRATION, 5th and Market Streets, noon to 1:00. Cast your vote in the PENNY POLL to indicate HOW OUR TAX DOLLARS SHOULD BE SPENT.** Call Cathy Ford, 458-1223, or Polly Johnson, 473-8435.

IF A THOUSAND MEN WERE NOT TO PAY THEIR TAX BILLS THIS YEAR, THAT WOULD NOT BE AS VIOLENT AND BLOODY A MEASURE AS IT WOULD BE TO PAY THEM AND ENABLE THE STATE TO COMMIT VIOLENCE AND SHED INNOCENT BLOOD.
— Henry David Thoreau

Apr 16 (Tue) **MICHAEL PARENTI, internationally known author, university professor, speaker, and progressive political analyst. UL Belknap campus, Shelby Theatre in the Student Activities Center, 7:30 pm** Sponsors include UL Peace & Justice Committee, UL Brandeis School of Law, UL College of Education & Human Development, the McConnell Center, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Kentucky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America/Caribbean. Call 502/583-4670.

Apr 16 (Tue) **ELSA MARSTEN**, Author of *Women in the Middle East: Tradition and Change*, will discuss her book and experiences. Indiana Univ SE, 4201 Grantline Rd, Ogle Ctr Recital Hall, New Albany, IN. 6:00 pm. Free. Call the Louisville International Cultural Ctr, 561-5422.

Apr 17 (Wed) **ELSA MARSTEN**, (See above). Spalding University, Egan Leadership Center, 901 S 4th St., 6:00 pm.

Apr 18 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY TAX DAY LUNCH**, sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring the **REV. POLK CULPEPPER** of Calvary Episcopal Church, addressing **"Your Tax Dollars at Work: Missile Defense, War on Terrorism, and Stuff the Joint Chiefs Don't Even Want ."** Respondents include George Edwards, Nancy Jakubiak, and David Brown Kinloch, addressing conscientious objection, tax refusal, and Peace Tax Fund legislation. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W Oak St, 11:30am buffet, \$6. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Cathy Ford, 458-1223, or Jean Edwards, 458-8056.

Apr 18 (Thu) **OPEN HOUSE AT THE BRYCC HOUSE**, 1055 Bardstown Road. Reception and tour. Come and see the great

work being done at this unique youth establishment . If you can attend, call 456-1006. email: brycc@brycchouse.org

Apr 21 (Sun) **COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES**, First Unitarian Church library, 4th & York Sts, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Apr 21 (Sun) **EARTHSAVE, "TASTE OF HEALTH,"** Bellarmine University, Frazier Hall, 11-5. Restaurant samples, cooking demonstrations, door prizes, children's activities, informational booths. Free. Call Holly Clark, 569-1876. Special note: **The Rev. James L. Bevel** will speak at 1:15 pm on **"The Ethics of Vegetarianism."**

Apr 22 (Mon) **ADOLFO PEREZ ESQUIVEL**, Director of the Culture for Peace and Human Rights Professorship, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Nobel Peace Prize recipient, imprisoned for speaking out in defense of human rights in Latin America. Founder of the Latin American Peace and Justice Service and acting president of the Argentine chapter (affiliated with the Fellowship of Reconciliation). 5:30 pm. Call Terry Taylor, 899-1952, or Mariela Ramirez, 429-9943.

Apr 22 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE**, Presbyterian Seminary, Room 10, Nelson Hall, 7:30pm. Visitors encouraged. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 583-4670.

Apr 23 (Tue) **KCADP** (Ky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty). Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30pm. Call Joe Hardesty, 562-6893.

Apr 24 (Wed) **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**, weekly Bible Study through May 29, taught by **THE REV. ARCH TAYLOR**, sponsored by the Lay Institute of Theology, Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. 10:30 am to noon. Laws Lodge. \$25 voluntary. Call 895-0176.

Apr 25-27 (TFS) **DISCOVERY: A Weekend Journey through the Life, Writings and Spirituality of Thomas Merton**. Presenter: **TERRY TAYLOR**, Associate Director of the Thomas Merton Foundation. \$75 for commuters (includes lunch on Fri /Sat). \$125 includes Thu/Fri overnights. Registration with \$50 deposit due by April 8. Contact Sheila Hutchins, Spalding Retreat Center, PO Box 24, Nazareth, KY 40048. (502/348-1597)

Apr 28 (Sun) **PROGRESSIVE FILM SERIES** presenting a special May Day feature, **"Salt of the Earth."** Sponsored by Kentuckians for the Commonwealth (KFTC). At the **BRYCC HOUSE**, 1055 Bardstown Rd, 5:30 pm. Suggested donation \$1-\$5. For further info or to suggest films, call David Anderson, 280-8177.

May 1 (Wed) **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF FORsooth**. Contact George Morrison, editor, 451-0631. kfm@iglou.com For calendar listings, call Jean Edwards, 458-8056.

May 9 (Thu) **FORsooth LABELING** at Beverley Marmion's, 6:30pm. All hands needed! Call 451-5658

May 10 (Fri) **MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY**, sponsored by Church Women United. **"Sharing Our Stories, Healing Our Hearts, Celebrating God's Love."** Calvin Presbyterian Church, 2501 Rudy Lane. Call Els Brown, 425-7516.

May 19 (Sun) **REPRESENTATIVE CYNTHIA MCKINNEY**, Fifth-term Democrat from Georgia, speaking at the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Convention. Spalding University Auditorium, 2:00 pm. Dinner at St. Michael Orthodox Church on Hikes Lane at Furman Blvd. 6:00 pm. Call Dr. Yacoub, 893-9828.

May 22 (Wed) **14th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION** featuring **CRIT LUALLEN**, Secretary of the Executive Cabinet of Governor Paul Patton. Papa John's Cardinal Stadium, 2800 S. Floyd St. 5:30 Social Hour, 6:30 Dinner, 7:00 Program. Call 584-6858. Don't miss **THE Affordable Housing Event** of the year.

OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

Apr 13-14 (SS) **"QUESTIONING SECURITY: NONVIOLENT WITNESS AT THE Y-12 NUCLEAR WEAPONS PLANT, OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE."** Workshop and non-violence training on Saturday, 9:30-4:30, Church of the Savior, 934 Weisgarber Rd, Knoxville. Rally, Lunch, and Direct Action on Sunday, 11:30-4:30 at the Y-12 Complex, Oak Ridge. **FOOD, MUSIC, PUPPETS, KIDS TENT**. For more details, call the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA), **865-483-8202**. Write PO Box 5743, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. www.stopthebombs.org e-mail: palomagal@earthlink.net Join the Louisville delegation. Call Arch Taylor, 895-0176 or Tom Wannemuehler, 479-7629.

Apr 19-21 (FSS) **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, in Seattle: "Reframing Globalization: The Challenge for Human Rights."** World Renowned human rights defenders will speak, including Rodolfo Montiel Flores, recently freed in Mexico. Register online at www.amnestyusa.org by searching AGM, or call 212/807-8400.

Apr 19-22 (FSSM) **COLOMBIA MOBILIZATION: ERADICATE ADDICTION NOT CAMPESINOS. Washington, DC**. National coalition supporting nonviolent negotiated political solutions to the conflict in Colombia. Colombia has the worst human rights record in all of Latin America. www.colombiamobilization.org

Apr 19-22 (FSSM) **SOA WATCH, VIGIL AND LOBBY**, part of the spring mobilization in DC. Ongoing vigil outside the capitol building with speakers, musicians, report-backs from lobbying to **CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS**, 202/234-3440 info@soaw.org www.soaw.org

May 10-12 (FSS) **NO STAR WARS! INTERNATIONAL SPACE ORGANIZING CONFERENCE & PROTEST**, Berkeley, CA. Keynote: **Representative Barbara Lee**, the only person in Congress to vote against the call to war in Central Asia. Hosted by Nevada Desert Experience. Protest planned at Lockheed Martin. Contact: **Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space**. PO Box 90083, Gainesville, FL 32607. (352)337-9274. Globalnet@mindspring.com Coordinator, Bruce Gagnon. See his article in "Fellowship," Nov/Dec, 2001, and hear him speak at the National Conference.

Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

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

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

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – Various Tuesdays (637-8951)

ANTI-RACIST ACTION – Every Saturday (569-1780)

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)

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

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 2000 – (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 (473-0464)

KY AIDS LIFE ALLIANCE (KALA) – Every Wednesday (969-0336, mobile 262-0118)

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 COMMUNITY OF MINDFUL LIVING (Thich Naht Hanh Tradition) – Sundays (451-2193)

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 Color 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)

PERU PEACE NETWORK (456-4189)

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

PROGRESSIVE STUDENTS LEAGUE/UL (634-5977)

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

RELIGIOUS LEADERS FOR FAIRNESS (587-6935)

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.