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## Protestors say war on Iraq a power grab

*FORsooth staff report*

The heaviest fighting hadn't begun yet when about 300 people gathered March 20 in downtown Louisville to denounce the U.S. war against Iraq as an imperialist grab of oil, land and power.

Ibrahim Imam, an engineering professor and Palestinian-American, told the crowd at Citizens Plaza hours after the first bombs fell on Iraq how "a handful of politicians in Washington... fabricates evidence to start a war against a country that does not possess the weapons of mass destruction we talk about."

The rally was the first of several actions after the start of the war. A week-long protest at the University of Louisville called the Peace Now Camp was organized by members of Citizens Standing Against the War (CSAW).

Campers held workshops, heard speakers and collected food for the anti-hunger program Dare to Care. Their website is at <http://louisvillepeace.org/C-SAW/operationPeaceNow.html>.

At the March 20 protest, Imam, an activist with the Louisville Committee for Israeli and Palestinian States, said a desire to control the oil-rich Middle East, rather than concern with stopping a dictator, spurred the Bush war.

"Today it is Iraq," he said. "I assure you tomorrow it's going to be Saudi Arabia. The day after that it's going to be Iran. The day



photo by Eddie Davis

**Protestors in downtown Louisville denounce the U.S. war on Iraq the day after the first bombs fell March 19. Hundreds have rallied, marched and maintained a peace camp at the University of Louisville to protest the war.**

after that it's going to be Lebanon.... We are going to occupy the whole Middle East."

Eight counter-demonstrators across the street holding signs praising the war and questioning the loyalty of the peace demonstrators prompted responses by some speakers.

"Those in power and the media say those who protest this war lack patriotism," said Baptist minister Tim Duncan, who then quoted a young politician who denounced the Mexican War in the 1840s.

"That young politician's name was Abe Lincoln," Duncan said. "Don't let anybody shame you into not voicing your opposition to this unjust war."

A sign across the street with the words "we support our troops and our president" helped prompt a chant of: "We support our troops, not the war."

Bob Cunningham, founder of the West Louisville Committee for Peace, said that while weapons of mass destruction were not clearly exposed in Saddam Hussein's Iraq, they plainly exist here.

"Poverty is a weapon of destruction," he said to applause. "Homelessness is a weapon of destruction. Lack of health care is a weapon of destruction.... If you want to see the most patriotic people anywhere in the world. Right here, they're on this stage."

Sheila Sutton, an activist with the Kentucky Reproductive Health Network, asked why the Bush administration is so obsessively concerned with Saddam's tyranny when the unsolved deaths of women workers near U.S.-owned factories in Juarez, Mexico are an example of oppression so much closer.

"What kind of homeland security do we have when we force our poor and our working class children into the military because they have no other option?" Sutton also asked.

## Shoppers go to Indiana in boycott



photo by Eddie Davis

**A woman prepares for a caravan to New Albany, Ind. that began a boycott of Louisville malls March 5 to May 31 to prompt effective police civilian review.**

*by Tim Duncan*

Since the December fatal shooting of a handcuffed James Taylor by a Louisville police officer, protesters' shouts of "No justice, no peace" have echoed between police headquarters and the Hall of Justice in downtown Louisville.

Beginning March 5, a 90-day boycott of Louisville malls was announced by the Justice Resource Center and supported by the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, Citizens Against Police Abuse and Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Demonstrators now had a new chant to shout, "We won't shop at a mall, till justice is won for all."

When asked for their reasons for targeting Louisville malls, boycott organizers charge the Louisville business community of remaining "strangely silent" when police officers shoot and kill African American men. Organizers point out that

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## 'Mind blowing' forum creates optimism

*by George Morrison  
FORsooth editor*

While the world's corporations and leaders declare unregulated capitalism to be inevitable for all nations, a Louisville activist shed light March 20 on successful alternatives he learned about at the World Social Forum.

Fred Hicks, a retired anthropology professor at the University of Louisville, spoke at the LouisvilleFOR's Third Thursday Lunch about the forum, held in January in Porto Alegre, Brazil as an alternative to the pro-business World Economic Forum.

The gathering included programs that discussed ways workers and small landholders are resisting corporate rule.

"It was a mind-blowing experience," Hicks said of the forum, the theme of which was "another world is possible," a slogan which he said was in response to statements by former British prime minister Margaret Thatcher that no other system besides unrestricted global capitalism was possible.

Hicks said one session looked at unauthorized conversion of large farms in Latin America back to the small farmers, a



photo by Eddie Davis

**Fred Hicks**

trend that has been going on since the 1970s out of sight of the corporate media.

"Small farmers take over a large land

holding, farm it, market crops collectively," he said. "It all sounds like socialism on a small scale, but they didn't call it that. They called it democracy."

Once such cooperative venture supplies two-thirds of the food to a nearby town, Hicks said.

An urban variety of that trend was evident in Argentina, where workers took over a closed factory and worked cooperatively using democratic, rotated leadership, Hicks added.

He said the fact that so many vacant factories exist in Argentina shows how badly the U.S.- and World Bank-hatched mass privatizing in that nation — which Hicks said is part of "the Washington consensus" — has failed to provide prosperity.

"For the first time there is conclusive proof that the... Washington consensus

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# Kucinich, Williamson, Robbins unbridle imaginations

by Eustace Durrett and  
Ike Thacker

“Welcome to *Imagine America*,” proclaimed the inside cover of the program given out at the event of that name on March 14 at Memorial Auditorium on Fourth Street. The program then invited the audience to “Imagine a new America...”

- where civil rights, affordable housing opportunities, workers rights and a real concern for the environment reign supreme.
- which celebrates diversity, where all people—regardless of race, sex, religion, or orientation — are equally respected, protected and affirmed by the law.
- which guarantees universal health care for all citizens before it commits billions of dollars on a war thousands of miles away.
- where a Department of Peace is in place to address domestic and international conflicts.”

The presentations which ensued expounded upon these points, and challenged the 1,800 attendees to think deeply about issues of sustainability, inner peace, and inter-societal peace. There were three main speakers at *Imagine America*: John Robbins, founder of Earthsave International and bestselling author of “Diet for a New America” and “The Food Revolution;” Marianne Williamson, internationally-acclaimed author and lecturer whose best-selling books include “*Illuminata*” and “*Everyday Grace*;” and Dennis Kucinich, a Democratic presidential hopeful who is committed to peace, human rights, workers’ rights, and public works.

After sometimes haunting musical introductions given by Harry Pickens and Michael Fitzpatrick performed with the full knowledge that war was probably imminent, Dr. Ricky L. Jones of the University of Louisville introduced the speakers.

John Robbins led off with an impassioned plea for a “sustainable and compassionate” world in these “dark and difficult” times. He presented two competing “paradigms of power.”

One, which is the dominant paradigm today, has success as its goal, usually

defined financially (the richest one percent have more wealth than the bottom 95 percent of the population — people with money usually use it to make more money).

The other perception still seeks success, but perhaps in increasing beauty, joy, and comfort — honoring those who excel at giving rather than getting.

Robbins pointed out that there are many kinds of power, including Gandhi’s *sakri-laha* (moral power), and noted that one billion of the Earth’s six billion people live on less than \$1 a day, while three billion lack adequate sanitation. Under these conditions, he also argued that if the U.S. were to adopt the second (giving) paradigm of power, the world’s people would jump to turn terrorists

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over to us — if there were any terrorists left to turn over, that is.

Robbins also argued that a mere \$40 billion could end hunger and bad sanitation, and immunize all children against preventable diseases. Other proposals he advocated included taxing junk food with the proceeds to be used to subsidize healthy foods, universal health care and housing, create less dependence on oil and accelerated development of alternate energy sources and the building of an “infrastructure of peace” rather than spending more than \$1 billion a day on “defense.”

Robbins closed, to a standing ovation. “May all be fed; may all be healed, may all be left.”

Similarly, Marianne Williamson stressed that, in politics and in life, a person should focus as much on what they do want as on what is wrong. “Something is turning,” she said. “We are here to turn the tide.” She we should act on our visions instead of merely reacting. Quoting Gandhi, Williamson also suggested that the end is

inherent in the means, that “we must be the change we want to see in the world.” In short, inner change is needed. Although it will be difficult, it is urgent, she said.

Ignoring the mainstream, which never has saved anybody and never will, we must take on challenges that are daunting, but no more so than abolitionism, women’s suffrage, or civil rights, Williamson said. We must remember, she added, that the government and the corporations it sanctions work for us, not vice-versa.

The keynote speaker of the evening, Rep. Dennis Kucinich, agreed. Kucinich, who was elected mayor of Cleveland at age 31 in 1977 and was thus the youngest person ever chosen to lead a large U.S. city,

has also marched with students against the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank in Seattle and elsewhere. While mayor, Kucinich fought and won a major battle with Cleveland banks against privatization of Cleveland’s water company. The banks, though, retaliated, and Kucinich was forced into a political exile that lasted the better part of two decades. Subsequently, he was vindicated and is the major antiwar presidential candidate, having advocated that the U.S. not invade Iraq even with U.N. sanction.

Kucinich took each major justification for attacking Iraq and refuted them one by one, convincingly. We, he said, are just not like the U.S. that is being projected upon the world; he compared the current situation to that which prompted W.B. Yeats to write in 1939 of a sort of cognitive dissonance,

where the falcon cannot hear the falconer and “the center cannot hold.”

Some people, he said, argue that mankind is basically violent and aggressive, and dare not hope for peace — but peace can in fact “be inevitable,” if we transform ourselves and look at the world holistically, as interconnected, Kucinich said. “Sitting in this auditorium tonight,” he said, “are a thousand sources of energy.”

He said Shuttle Columbia astronaut Kalpana Chawla, who died in the January disaster, is said to have once looked upon the Earth from the silence of outer space and said to her fellow voyagers: “Look! The whole world is reflected in the iris of my eye.”

Kucinich said the U.S. planned a “war of aggression” on Iraq, which violates the very U.N. *charter*, not merely this or that resolution. We are, he said, at a critical evolutionary moment, when the forces for war and peace are fighting it out, and each of us can choose which to support. In fact, he suggested that the U.S. should lead a movement to eliminate all nuclear weapons, including our own, and uphold all treaties, including the ABM, non-proliferation, biological, chemical, and Kyoto environmental treaties.

He also made it a point that “economic justice” is an achievable goal in this rich country. Universal, single-payer health insurance, affordable housing and good jobs for all, and an end to hunger are all within our reach. The spirit which founded this country “is us,” Kucinich said, adding that we can call on its transforming power. As if to pull the related themes of the evening together, Kucinich ended by observing that, despite the doomsday predictions, millions celebrated our common humanity at the millennium.

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

## Talk on Christians in Iraq

“We Pray With Open Hands: The Experience of Christians in Iraq” will be the theme of this year’s Keenan Lecture at Spalding University. The speaker will be Sheila Provencher, who participated in the Iraq Peace Journey, a delegation of U.S. Catholic leaders who visited that country in December.

Provencher will show slides of her trip, introducing the audience to a dimension of Iraqi life that is hidden from most Americans. News media portray Arabs as Muslims, but in fact there is a sizeable Christian minority in almost every country of the Middle East. Provencher’s slides and stories will highlight the experience of Iraqi civilians under 12 years of sanctions and the destructiveness of war. She stays in contact with people that

she met last year, and she will report on their current situation.

Provencher has degrees from Harvard and Notre Dame universities. She has been active in efforts to lift the sanctions against the people of Iraq. In September she participated with members of the Dominican order in a 28-day water-only Fast for Peace and Non-Violence held in New York City.

This year’s Keenan Lecture will be given in the Spalding University library at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, followed by a reception for the speaker. There is no charge for the lecture and all are invited to the reception. Parking in any university lot is free.

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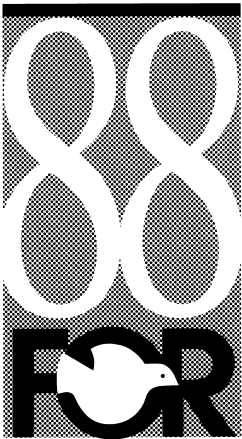
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# Panel backs alternatives to Iraq war

by Dennis Bricking and Emily Greer

The citywide organization Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq, which includes people of all age groups and backgrounds committed to opposing the war through nonviolent means, is working to educate the community about the risks of war against Iraq and about how peaceful alternatives are essential. By addressing and exhausting all means, the message has infiltrated the mainstream media and has allowed people to feel that they are not alone in opposing this unjust, American led war on Iraq.

The LCSWAI has used public grassroots concepts, such as leafleting, raising banners, posting "No War" bumper

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*"We intend to emphasize the need to eliminate "Weapons of Mass Destruction" where they exist within the U.S, its allies and across the world, as well as in Iraq."*

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stickers and yard signs, creating public and private dialogue, and holding rallies and Progressive Peace marches.

The committee has also helped coordinate forums and workshops, promoted candlelight vigils, and maintained creating a website to help spread our message.

Many of our members are currently holding "No War" banners and posters at off ramps leading into downtown, at high impact intersections and have held banners at various interstate overpasses. Leafletting is one tactic we have used in public areas around The Galleria, other businesses and on the busy streets of Bardstown Road and Frankfort Avenue to get our message out in the open.

The Yard Sign Campaign has sprinkled signs in Louisville reading "Another Family for Peace," "Peace is Patriotic" and "Another Business for Peace."

In addition, LCSWAI has held many effective Street Theater projects. Die-ins at rallies or candlelight vigils are ways to emphasize that Iraqi people are no less human. Satirical performances have been conducted in malls with Uncle Sam carrying missiles and at candlelight vigils relating how mass media will dictate the information received by Americans concerning the death and destruction occurring in Iraq during the War.

The Street Theater committee was responsible for the Peace-In at the Rudyard Kipling nightspot where many poets and musicians performed to raise awareness about the injustices of this war. They also passed out buttons to people who found "warheads" under their tables. Everyone participating was surprised not to find a plastic missile, but instead a photograph of defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld or President Bush. The Street Theater was one of many local groups participating in and publicizing the international performance of Lysistrata at the Kentucky Theater, Actors Theater and the University of Louisville.

Worth mentioning is that this group has been in constant contact with the Squallis Puppeteers whose efforts have allowed for a very creative, whimsical and much needed exaggerated anti-war environment by creating the popular Mr. Missiles, Globehead, Peace Doves and Seven Deadly Sins puppets, just to name a few.

Peace Keeper training has been effective for public rallies and marches and has allowed us to have a positive dialogue with the local police to insure there will not be a

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- Western Branch of Louisville Free Public Library— 604 S. Tenth Street— Monday, April 21 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topic— What's on your mind concerning the environment?
- City Café— 1250 Bardstown Road (next to Baxter Theaters at the Mid City Mall)— Monday, April 21 from 7 to 9:00 p.m. Topic— Ways that we can reuse and recycle.
- Amazing Grace Whole Foods & Nutrition Center— 1133 Bardstown Road (near Grinstead Drive)— Tuesday, April 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topic— How can citizens secure sustainable agriculture for healthier living in Metro Louisville? Special guests: farmers and others from our local Community Farm Alliance.
- Babylon Restaurant— 6700 Strawberry Lane— Tuesday, April 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topic— "What can the individual citizen do with respect for a clean environment for our children and grandchildren, their children and....?"
- Twice Told Coffee Shop— 3507 W. Hwy 146 Lagrange (Oldham County). Wednesday, April 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topic— Peaceful coexistence: Sustainable Agriculture in Oldham County.
- The Rudyard Kipling— 422 W. Oak Street (in Old Louisville)— Wednesday, April 23 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Topic— Old houses and old neighborhoods: How to keep them alive, thriving and environmentally smart.. Special guest: Gary Watrous, local environmentalist/solar architect /old house energy efficiency expert/CEO, Watrous Associates.
- Heine Brothers' Coffee— 119 Chenoweth Lane (in St. Matthews by Paul's Fruit Market)— Wednesday, April 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topic— Polluted water ways in Louisville: How unsafe are they? Special guest: Bud Hixson, President, Friends of Beargrass Creek.
- Highland Coffee Company— 1140c Bardstown Road (by Blockbuster Video in the Tyler Park Mall)— Thursday, April 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topic— Sustainable development: What it is and how it can work in Metro Louisville?
- Nimde Books— 2200 W. Chestnut Street— Saturday, April 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topic— Air Pollution in Louisville: Just what pollutants are in our air and what can be done to prevent the health problems that result.. Special guest: Arnita Gadson, Director, West Jefferson County Community Task Force.
- Lynn's Paradise Café— 984 Barret Avenue. Sunday, April 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Topic— Mass Transit: How to make it work for the new Metro Louisville. Special guest— Barry Barker, Executive Director, TARC.

For more information about Earth Day Week... as well as ongoing Conversation Cafés in the Metro Louisville area or to find out how to start your own Conversation Café contact John Hartmann at 502-454-4820 or [jhartma9@bellsouth.net](mailto:jhartma9@bellsouth.net) Check out [www.adenainstitute.org/conversations](http://www.adenainstitute.org/conversations) or [www.conversationcafe.org](http://www.conversationcafe.org).

# Forum creates optimism

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does not work. Argentina did everything they were supposed to do and the result is a disaster.”

The proposed Free Trade Agreement of the Americas – the next phase of that consensus – is in serious trouble, Hicks added.

“It inspires optimism,” he said. “You can see the co-called Washington Consensus is in retreat.”

Even in retreat, globalism is leaving suffering in its wake, Hicks added. One forum program explained how privatizing in India has killed poor people there.

A government board that partly regulated the distribution of farm produce during scarcity was abolished to comply with free trade rules imposed by the west even though the board’s backers said it had helped eliminate starvation.

“After the privatization, speculators were allowed to hoard food when it was scarce and starvation returned,” Hicks said.

He said the disaster underscores the issue of “food sovereignty,” which includes not just land reform (which Hicks said alone does little to help farmers), but the right of nations to reject chemically-based farming methods in favor of more small farm-friendly organic methods.

Some Brazilian stores had many organic products, Hicks added, giving him more optimism. Despite the anti-corporate, anti-globalism tone of the social forum, Hicks said no enmity was ever directed at his nation.

“Americans seemed to be very welcome,” Hicks said. “People were encouraged to know they had allies even from the belly of the beast.”

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Former national FOR director Doug Hostetter will talk about peacemaking by Israelis and Palestinians at the April 17 Third Thursday Lunch. Two members of the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado, Colombia will speak May 8, the second Thursday, which is the lunch’s date because of a scheduling need.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 458-1223 or 458-8056 by the Tuesday before the lunch.

# Shoppers boycott (continued from page 1)

the Louisville business community has used its considerable power and money in the past to influence city policies, most notably in favor of the merger of city and county governments that went into effect in January. Yet in response to an issue of justice that affects the customers that support the business community, boycott organizers accuse these same businesses of becoming “strangely silent.”

To critics who accuse boycott organizers of misdirecting their tactics against malls, organizers respond that the history of boycotts shows that they have often been directed against businesses when citizens feel they have been locked out of the political process. In 1959, South African activists called for a world-wide boycott of South African businesses and goods as a way to force the South African government to end apartheid.

While most people remember Martin Luther King’s leadership in the Montgomery bus boycott, few people remember that in the sermon he preached the night before he was assassinated, he called for a boycott of leading businesses in Memphis as a tool to bring justice to the city’s striking sanitation workers. He understood that the Memphis business community had the power to force city officials to grant a fair contract to sanitation workers.

In response to people who worry that a boycott could affect jobs, boycott organizers respond that the business community should end the boycott, not the boycott organizers, by using its influence with city officials to institute profound changes — rather than the superficial

reforms proposed by the mayor — that can ensure equal justice for all.

Organizers have a website that lists the demands of the boycott at [www.geocities.com/boycottlouisville/](http://www.geocities.com/boycottlouisville/).

The boycott is part of a campaign involving rallies and marches. Hundreds of demonstrators have refused to let city and law enforcement officials quietly sweep under the rug the latest shooting of an African American man by Louisville police, the sixth in four years. Rather than diminishing in size as city leaders had hoped, the demonstrations have grown in number and intensity after local peace activists joined the call for equal justice for all people of Louisville.

More than 400 demonstrators gathered March 16 to listen to singer-activist Pete Seeger and Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Martin Luther King III.

In an attempt to divert community and media attention from the demonstrations, Mayor Jerry Abramson released a toothless plan to reform the police department. The plan was labeled an “emergency ordinance” by the mayor and was rapidly approved the next day by the Metro Council, although metro council members and their constituents had little time to examine or debate the plan.

The reason for the mayor’s push for rapid approval became obvious once people had an opportunity to look at the plan’s details. The civilian review board proposed by the mayor will be restricted to examining incidents involving police shootings and will not be allowed to investigate incidents involving other types of police abuse.

To further underscore its weakness, the civilian review board will have to rely solely on evidence gathered in the police department’s investigation of its own officers since the board will not have the

power to subpoena witnesses or conduct its own independent investigation. Critics of this plan argue that police cannot objectively investigate other police officers and thus for a civilian review board to be effective it must have the funds and power to conduct investigations separate from those done by the police department.

The plan not only failed to address the significant problems within the police department which contributed to the police shootings of six black men, it also failed to calm community anger that arose when a grand jury followed the advice of Commonwealth Attorney Dave Stengel and did not indict either of the police officers involved in the killing of James Taylor. The Commonwealth Attorney’s recommendation and grand jury’s decision not to indict the two police officers continued a familiar pattern: no police officer involved in the shooting of a black man in Louisville has ever been punished, indicted, or prosecuted. Indeed some have been given awards and almost all of them remain on the police force.

Boycott organizers and supporting organizations urge all people who want equal justice to be guaranteed for all people of this community to honor the mall boycott and encourage their friends and family also to do so. The Justice Resource Center is also collecting the receipts of people who are supporting the boycott by shopping in Indiana.

Receipts can be taken to the Justice Resource Center at 1321 Cecil Ave. or given to organizers at each Justice and Peace Rally, which will be held every Sunday at Seventh and Jefferson streets at 2:30 p.m. Boycott organizers are also asking that people call the mayor’s office (574-3061) to express their support of the boycott.

*The writer is Baptist minister working with the Justice Resource Center.*



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KEENAN LECTURE

## *We Pray With Open Hands* *The Experience of Christians in Iraq*

presented by

**Sheila Provencher**

Participant in the Iraq Peace Journey,  
a delegation of US Catholic leaders to Baghdad,  
who met with Arab Christians and others in December  
to learn first-hand about their experience  
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**Tuesday, April 8, 2003**

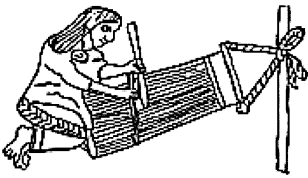
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- Discuss the leadership of women in the fair trade cooperatives
- Offer cooperative-made crafts for sale in order to raise money to improve the living conditions in communities.

\*The name K'in al Antzetik means "Land of Women" in the Mayan language tzeltal. The organization seeks to transform discriminatory relationships and work for social justice democracy and autonomy.

**For more information call Nancy at 812-280-9034**

# A face on a human tragedy

## One woman's death brings home the pain of occupation, war

In Kentucky, West Virginia and elsewhere, just a few decades ago, people rose up against that ecological devastation called strip mining. A strip mine is dug by shearing away a mountaintop, exposing the coal seams and outcrops after removing the topsoil and overburden. Croplands and homes along the mountainside are often destroyed in its wake.

The D9 bulldozer used in this process was a hated sight. One of the protesters' songs rang out, to the tune of the spiritual "Comin' for to carry me home:"

"Keep away, big D9 'dozer, comin' to destroy my home."

Please remember this as I fast-forward.

In December 2001 and January 2002 I was privileged to be part of a delegation of U.S. Jews that visited Israel and the West Bank (we tried to get into the Gaza Strip but the Israeli military blocked us). Our group joined up with the International Solidarity Movement (ISM), an organization supporting justice for the Palestinian people.

Some of us sat down in front of an Israeli armored personnel carrier provocatively positioned near the main entrance to the Palestinian Authority headquarters in Ramallah. Others of us were observers, medics and reporters. The international press covered the event.

We all could have been killed. We were fortunate. But, over a year later, Rachel Corrie, age 23, was not so lucky. On March 13, just a few weeks ago, Rachel, wearing a bright red jacket, without anything obstructing a view of her, was run over by a Caterpillar D9 bulldozer, made in the USA. and paid for with American tax dollars.

Listen to the words of Israeli Jewish peace activist Gila Svirsky: "(Rachel) stood in front of the bulldozer, asking with her eyes for the driver to have compassion on the (Palestinian) home he was about to destroy, but he drove directly onto her. And then backed up to finish the job."

Gila then quotes from an ad placed in the Israeli newspaper *Ha'aretz* by the seven organizations comprising the (Israeli) Coalition of Women for Peace, stressing "(Rachel's) valiant and non-violent efforts



to prevent the destruction of a Palestinian family's home. The occupation has led to a cheapening of human life — Palestinian, Israeli and others."

Ghassan Andoni, the distinguished Palestinian physicist and ISM leader, relates past events to the murder of Rachel Corrie, saying: "after the April 1, 2001 ISM demonstration in Beit Jala we had many discussions about the possibility of (peaceful protestors) losing lives.... At that peaceful demonstration an Israeli tank and without a reason or a warning showered us randomly with high speed bullets. Eight ISMers were injured; luckily no one was killed.

"With Rachel's tragedy this is no more a discussion of possibilities, it is for real.... What was killed with the murder of Rachel was the very basic faith we had in humanity and humans.... We thought that when we present no threat to the opponent and treat him with respect and love, even when we face his hostility and anger, it will be impossible for a human to kill....

"Deep inside both Palestinians and Israelis are full of fear, anger and hatred towards each other.... Rachel tried to open a window of hope, to spread love to all.... She tried to help the bulldozer driver to recognize his human limits. His power of destruction.... crushed the human inside him just before he crushed the little and beautiful body with his huge blade."

I am on the national board of directors of Brit Tzedek v' Shalom—the Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace, a U.S. group calling for a state of Palestine next to the

state of Israel. Our president, former Knesset member Marcia Freedman, issued a press release which said "the ISM (is) engaged in a legitimate form of non-violent action to oppose and expose what are widely regarded as human rights abuses by the occupying Israeli forces.... There can be no justification for the IDF's intentional or negligent use of deadly force against them, to the extent that it occurs.

"Ultimately, only an end to the occupation — negotiated if possible, unilateral if necessary — and the withdrawal of Israeli forces and settlements from the West Bank and Gaza Strip can bring an end to the violence that has now claimed an American life."

There has been much discussion of Rachel's murder on the listserv of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, veterans of the U.S. civil rights group active in the deep south in the 1960s. The murders of many African American civil rights workers (eg. Herbert Lee Medgar Evers, James Chaney) and ordinary citizens by the Ku Klux Klan and others received limited if any public notice until the killings of white civil rights martyrs (eg. Mickey Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, Viola Liuzzo) occurred. The protest against the Vietnam war resulting in the murder by guardsmen of white students at Kent State University was nationally headlined while the murder of black students in Orangeburg, S.C. about the same time went mostly unnoticed.

Pointing this out in no way diminishes the importance of the ultimate price paid by the whites who were killed fighting for civil rights in the south and against the Vietnam war in Ohio, but it does indeed make a point. Similarly, the fact that Pales-

tinians are so frequently murdered in the Occupied Territories that they are just referred to as numbers and not by their names, whereas Rachel Corrie's name is becoming known — does not by even one iota lessen her heroism and martyrdom, but neither must we let this fact be lost.

Earlier, I asked you to remember the D9 bulldozer used to strip mine land, houses and dreams in Kentucky and elsewhere. The D9 dozer was similarly employed to destroy the land, houses and dreams of innocent Palestinians. It was also used to snuff out the life of Rachel Corrie in occupied Palestine. Both were manufactured in the United States. The armored personnel carrier that made me fear for my safety in Ramallah, Palestine was likely manufactured in but certainly paid for by the U.S.

Rachel Corrie was not just an international solidarity activist. She was also a union member — of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) 1199 Northwest in Washington state. She was remembered at an SEIU organizing conference on March 22. Also, 1199ers For Peace And Justice, part of the New York City 1199NY/SEIU, issued the following statement:

"Rachel Corrie was doing what we hope all members of our union will be doing in the coming days of danger for the entire world — standing up for sanity and against the death machine that will cause thousands of civilians, including many more Iraqi and Palestinian children — as well as perhaps thousands of our own young people in the military — to die in Bush's war for no logical reason."

Rest in peace, dear Rachel.

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## Alternatives to Iraq war

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repeat of the unfortunate confrontation between the Louisville police and peace activists during President Bush's visit last fall. Since that event, we have coordinated our activities with the local police in order that they have notice of our rallies and marches.

We have held forums on how to discuss the war in Iraq with both strangers and relatives, how to diffuse a situation and calmly discuss this heated and real concept of war, and how this war affects us. These therapeutic workshops have given us an avenue to express our grief and outrage about the war in Iraq in a safe environment.

One of our members, Doug Johnson, working with an international peace group known as "Voices in the Wildernes," is in Iraq standing in solidarity with the Iraqi people to document and be a witness to the war. He is currently in basements in Baghdad as bombs fall around him. He is there to record his experience and bring it back to the Louisville Peace Community and the local media, not to mention that his journals will eventually become a part of history. You can visit his journal entries dealing with what he has seen and experienced and view his photographs of Iraqi citizens and their work as peacemakers.

The LCSWAI wants to encourage our new Metro Council to support a resolution to bring the troops home and end the war. In December, the outgoing city Board of Alderman narrowly missed passing a similar resolution and such resolutions have been passed in many communities, including Chicago, San Francisco and Berea, Ky.

Also, most recently, the Louisville Peace Community has held Progressive Peace Marches many times each week in various parts of the city. LCSWAI works with local religious groups and businesses to coordinate a departure point and finishing point. The marches happen, rain or shine and are nothing but color and sound. You may have seen them traveling up Bardstown Road, down Frankfort Avenue, into the business district of downtown, along Broadway, into

the communities of West Louisville, and around the neighborhood of Old Louisville and University of Louisville.

Some of the marches have joined with civil rights groups to protest against police brutality and police conduct and for the first time in our recent memory black and white activists have marched together for peace and justice. Organizers from both groups have seen more cooperation and more effectiveness from these activities and expect more still.

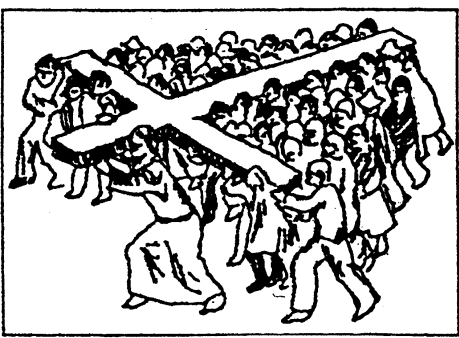
Globalization, environmental and fairness groups have been represented and participated with us at the peace rallies and marches. People are beginning to see the connected nature of the issues and how more voices will create a more audible and louder cry concerning these issues.

We intend to emphasize the need to eliminate "Weapons of Mass Destruction" where they exist within the U.S., its allies and across the world, as well as in Iraq. We will continue to spread peace and nonviolence in our community through awareness while bringing together other groups who oppose the war and the decline of the most fundamental human rights and safeguards in our society. We will stop this war and help fight for these rights and a clean, healthy environment.

This campaign is ongoing. Even though the war has started we now want to push for an end to it and to bring troops home. If you'd like a sign for your business or neighborhood, would like a calendar of events, know about Doug Johnson's experiences or would like to participate in the Progressive Peace March in any form, please contact [Pcunity@yahoo.com](mailto:Pcunity@yahoo.com) or visit our informative website [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org).

*Dennis Bricking, a longtime peace activist, is a member of the Louisville FOR steering committee. Emily Greer recently became an activist in the anti-war movement after years of being concerned with environmental and humanitarian issues.*

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS**  
**A WALK FOR JUSTICE**



**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**18 APRIL 2003**  
**9:30 - 11:30 AM**

All are warmly invited to participate in this prayerful, justice-oriented outdoor "Stations of the Cross" focusing on the suffering of Jesus in our midst today.

We begin at M.L. King Park in front of the Mazzoli Federal Building (on the South side of Chestnut between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets) walk through the downtown area (about 1.5 miles) and conclude at Founders Square Park across the street from the Cathedral of the Assumption (on 5<sup>th</sup> Street between Muhammad Ali Blvd. and Liberty)

Street parking is difficult. The most convenient garage parking is available in the Galleria lot located next to the Cathedral on 5<sup>th</sup> between Muhammad Ali and Liberty.

#### Sponsoring organizations include

St. William Church, Christ the King Church, The Church of the Epiphany, Ascension Catholic Church, EarthSave Louisville, the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Kentucky Jobs with Justice, KITLAC, Louisville Catholic Worker Community, Louisville Habitat for Humanity, Louisville Youth Group, Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, Louisville Committee to Stop the War in Iraq, CrossRoads Ministry, and many others.

For more information contact Anne Walter at 635-6307, David Horvath at 583-4670, Kevin Sullivan at 634-4916 or Fr. John Burke at 778-5055. Thanks for joining us!

# Film puts nation’s policy on trial along with Kissinger

## The Trials of Henry Kissinger

35mm print to screen at the University of Louisville’s Floyd Theater (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Student Activity Center at Cardinal and Floyd Street) on Tuesday April 15 and Thursday April 17. Open to the public and free admission.

*reviewed by David Sauter*

As bombs fall in Iraq while we “shock and awe” the country, the parallels and connections between George W. Bush’s administration and the Trials of Henry Kissinger are frightening. This connection shows a history of callousness and imperialism in U.S. foreign policy and provides a context for our current war policy in Iraq. The primary connection from the film to our government and our current foreign policy in Iraq is U.S. economic interest being held above basic freedoms, democracy, international law and, most importantly, human life. This is exemplified in all three “trials” against Henry Kissinger, which are discussed in the film. The “trials” include: his role in prolonging the Vietnam War and the illegal bombing of Cambodia, his role in the invasion of East Timor by the Indonesian government, and his role in the coup which overturned the democratically elected government in Chile in 1973.

In the first trial, Kissinger rises to power in the Nixon administration as he thwarts the chance for peace in 1968 under Lyndon Johnson to help Nixon’s narrow election. Like the Bush Administration’s use of bravado and bullishness to characterize its policies so too do Kissinger and Nixon use this image of the U.S. to prolong the war in Vietnam.

This is exemplified in the Christmas bombing which was to show that we were strong in the eyes of the USSR and China. Also, Kissinger and Nixon came up with the “madman theory” to justify the invasion of neutral Cambodia to show the North Vietnamese that we were capable of do whatever it takes to win the war. The film also points out Kissinger’s engineering of clandestine illegal bombing raids in Cambodia, and after a peace was reached in 1973, the U.S. continued to bomb Cambodia for years just as we have done in Iraq.

The second trial is Kissinger’s role in the invasion of East Timor by the Indonesian government. Here, Kissinger and Ford meet with the Indonesian dictator Suharto just before the invasion. Through recently declassified documents it is shown that in this meeting Kissinger and Ford gave the “green light” for the invasion and discussed the use of U.S. arms in the invasion, weapons which mandated by law can only be used in defense. Here, Kissinger using doublespeak states that the invasion is a preemptive and justified defensive attack on the threat of East Timor becoming communist. This doublespeak and

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preemptive logic is the same reason the U.S. public was given to justify our offensive attack in Iraq. And finally, U.S. foreign policy in Indonesia and East Timor was driven by the same forces as in Iraq: oil (and coal) in Indonesia and U.S. hegemony.

The third trial is Kissinger’s role in the Chilean coup, which resulted in the murder of the democratically elected socialist president Salvador Allende and established dictator Augusto Pinochet as ruler of Chile. After the election of Allende, IT&T and Pepsi expressed their apprehensiveness about the future of their business in a socialist Chile. When Allende spoke of nationalizing the copper mines in the country, IT&T went to the Nixon administration asking for intervention. This became Kissinger’s covert program Operation Condor. In Operation Condor, Kissinger and

the CIA worked together to kidnap the main opposition to the military’s ability to overthrow Allende’s newly elected government. This became known through recently declassified documents as Track II.

In Track II, Kissinger wrote that the coup was to “shock” the Chileans. The general was kidnapped and murdered. This left the country vulnerable to the coup. Kissinger and Nixon who brought Pinochet into power resulted in the loss of thousands of lives and the systematic disappearances of dissenters.

The Trials of Henry Kissinger shows a continuum of U.S. foreign policy that is based on the principles of U.S. hegemony and capitalist gain with disregard for human lives, democracy, and freedoms in non-Western European countries. In the context of the Bush Administration and our invasion of Iraq this film shows how these policies have always been a part of the U.S. Now, with the “unprecedented” first strike, an appointed U.S. president, and the further consolidation of media, the movement for global peace and justice must rise up to

challenge U.S. hegemony which is hell bent on putting the whole world in danger.

The Trials of Henry Kissinger (35mm film print) is brought to the University of Louisville by the Film Liberation Unit, Student Activities Board, and the McConnell Center. We are currently planning discussions to center around Kissinger and U.S. foreign policy and will have local peace and justice groups tabling. The film screens at the Floyd Theater (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Activity Center, corner of Cardinal and Floyd) Tuesday, April 15 at 2:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 17 at 4 and 8 p.m. For the Tuesday screening, we are planning a panel discussion.

The Trials of Henry Kissinger is open to the public and admission is free.

Call the Student Activities Board for details at 852-6691.

*The reviewer is an activist with the Film Liberation Unit, a Louisville-based group working to bring independent progressive media to the area.*

# DOUG HOSTETTER

Cofounder/coordinator of the new Chicago-based  
U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation;

Photojournalist currently on assignment in the Middle East for  
the American Friends Service Committee;

Former executive director and interfaith secretary of  
the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Nyack, NY.

Wednesday,  
April 16

“CASUALTIES OF WAR:  
AFGHANISTAN AFTER THE AMERICAN WAR &  
IMPRESSIONS FROM IRAQ”

Potluck Dinner/Slide Presentation  
6:30 PM - Wednesday, April 16  
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
4<sup>th</sup> and Kentucky Streets

Thursday,  
April 17

“CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM: PALESTINIAN & ISRAELI  
PEACEMAKERS IN A LAND OF CONFLICT”

Third Thursday Lunch Buffet - \$6.00  
11:30 AM - Thursday, April 17  
RUDYARD KIPLING RESTAURANT  
422 West Oak Street  
Reservations: 458-1223 or 458-8056

We look forward to welcoming Doug Hostetter back to Louisville where he became well known and dearly loved by the peace community during the eight years that he served on the F.O.R. national staff, especially in helping us sponsor two Bosnian students who were denied entry into a university in Bosnia because of their Muslim background. Altogether he enabled more than 100 young students to find sponsors in the United States.

Doug has been ready to assist in war torn countries since the Vietnam War when he went to Quang Tin Province (1966-69) under the auspices of the Mennonite Central Committee and organized a literacy program for elementary school children whose schools had been destroyed by the war. Some 4000 Vietnamese children benefited from the program. While there, Doug also organized sewing and craft cooperatives for refugees.

During the contra war in El Salvador and Nicaragua, Doug represented the Fellowship of Reconciliation in sending delegations, providing leadership and nonviolence training. During the crisis in Afghanistan, he was sent twice by the Mennonite Central Committee to assist in refugee work. He has led delegations to Palestine/Israel and traveled widely in the Middle East. We are indeed privileged to have Doug in Louisville so soon after his return from the war zone to provide insights into ongoing events in the Middle East.

SPONSORS: Louisville Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, 451-5658; Fellowship of Reconciliation, Louisville Chapter, 458-8056; American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, 893-9828; Louisville Middle East Peace Delegation & Support Group, 239-5931  
(Donations will be gratefully accepted)





HOSTETTER’S VISIT  
ANTICIPATED

Many of us in Louisville eagerly await Doug Hostetter’s visit, not only to renew our long standing friendship but to hear his first hand report from the war zone where he has been sent for one month as a photo/journalist to monitor the refugee situation in Amman, Jordan and possibly in Syria. He is representing the American Friends Service Committee.

Such an assignment is nothing new to Doug Hostetter. Twice during the war in Aghanistan he was sent there to bring relief to displaced people within their own country where bombing and fighting continue. Last October he was accompanied by Wallace and Evelyn Shellenberger of Paoli, Indiana, under the auspices of the Mennonite Central Committee. Hostetter also went to Tajikistan to join workers from Help the Aghhan Children, Inc. in delivering relief supplies (wheat , sugar, oil and blankets) to 3,600 displaced families in northern Afghanistan.

Friday, November 2 was singled out as a very important day because it rained – the second rain in ten years! “It was a disheartening sight; people had built shelters out of blankets and straw mats, providing some shelter from wind and cold but of no use against rain.”

The Shellenbergers visited a camp for displaced Afghans organized by the Iranian Red Crescent in a Taliban-controlled section of western Afghanistan. They helped distribute 40,000 comforters and blankets along with 5,000 metric tons of lentils from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank purchased by the MCC. At times they were close enough to the war zone to hear shelling.

Everyone is invited to see slides and hear more from Doug about his time in Afghanistan at a potluck dinner on Wednesday evening, April 16, at Central Presbyterian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Kentucky Streets at 6:30 pm.

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A different topic will be discussed the next day at the **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** when Doug Hostetter will elaborate on his new work as coordinator of the Chicago-based **U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation**. This is a major concern in Louisville where we have maintained a noon vigil every Friday for the last two and a half years to end the Israeli occupation of Palestine. We are reminded on the news every day of the tragic situation and unbearable suffering being inflicted upon the Palestinians.

While serving as interfaith secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Doug organized delegations and went to Israel/Palestine several times. Under the topic “**Children of Abraham: Palestinian and Israeli Peacemakers in a Land of Conflict,**” he will provide insight into this ongoing catastrophe.

Please note the flyer in this issue of **FORsooth** providing more details and telephone numbers to make reservations for the lunch. Contributions will be graciously received at both events. Checks should be made payable to F.O.R.

FRIDAY VIGIL ADDRESSES  
SENATOR McCONNELL

Twenty people signed the following letter which was presented by Cindy Scheldorf and Beverley Marmion to Senator McConnell’s receptionist in his office during our vigil to “End the Israeli Occupation of Palestine” on Friday, March 21, 2003.

Dear Senator McConnell:

*On Saturday, March 15th, Rachel Corrie, a 23 year old peace activist from Olympia, Washington, was mangled to death by an Israeli Defense Force bulldozer as she stood in front of the home of a Palestinian family in the Gaza Strip to prevent its demolition. Her companions and others at the scene observed the circumstances of her death as a deliberate killing on the part of the driver of the bulldozer.*

*We stand here today to register our outrage – at Rachel’s murder, at the home demolition she was trying to stop, at the illegal occupation of Palestinian lands by the Israeli armed forces which are brutalizing an entire people, and at the gross misuse of our American tax dollars to further Israeli aggression.*

*We are asking you to call for a Congressional investigation into the circumstances surrounding Rachel Corrie’s murder.*

*Her violent death has great personal resonance in our community because seven Louisvillians have traveled to the West Bank and Gaza Strip over the last eighteen months as members of the International Solidarity Movement, Rachel Corrie’s group. They have stood, unarmed and nonviolently, as supporters and protectors of Palestinian civilians in confrontations with Israeli soldiers. Quite obviously, they risked injury and even death.*

*But their individual bravery and commitment to peace between the Palestinian and Israeli peoples are not the issue here. The real issue is that the Bush administration has vetoed and, on other occasions, informally prevented U.N. Security Council Resolutions that would have sent an international peacekeeping force to stand between the Palestinian people and the Israeli occupiers. This peacekeeping force would have prevented Rachel Corrie’s death and the thousands of deaths and injuries suffered by the Palestinians and, to a far lesser extent, by the Israelis. It would prevent the ongoing destruction of Palestinian society.*



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Please make your check payable to the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Your gift is tax deductible.

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Tim Scheldorf, Treasurer  
Fellowship of Reconciliation  
2917 Beaumont Road



*So, we are calling upon you, as we have in the past, to press the Administration to withdraw its veto so that an international peacekeeping force can be authorized by the U.N. Security Council to stand between the Palestinian people and the Israeli Defense Forces.”*

A MILITARY DRAFT?

Many of us were quite surprised in January, 2003, when Representative Charles Rangel announced his intention to present new draft legislation before the congress. He said, “I believe that if those calling for war knew that their children were likely to be required to serve – and be placed in harm’s way — there would be more caution and a greater willingness to work with the international community in dealing with Iraq.”

His proposal (HR 163) would draft both men and women. Those not going into the military would do alternative service (such as Americorps). The only exemptions would be for hardship cases or medical disqualification.

Conscientious objectors (COs) would be ***drafted into the military*** as noncombatants “at the discretion of the President.” COs could be transferred to a civilian national service program. A companion bill (S 89) was introduced in the Senate by Fritz Hollings.

Such possibilities were upsetting and prompted leaders of several national peace organizations to arrange a meeting in Rangel’s office to express their concerns. Bill Galvin, representing **The Center on Conscience and War**, reported on the meeting in the latest issue of “The Reporter for Conscience’ Sake.”

They inquired about Rangel’s purpose in sponsoring HR 163 and were told that it was to get people involved in discussing and thinking seriously about the course the government was taking in going to war with Iraq. Galvin pointed out that the great number of letters and communications to members of congress showed that there was a vast amount of public concern but that congress was not listening. John Judge of the Washington Peace Center reminded those gathered that during the Vietnam draft not one child of a member of congress was drafted and sent to Vietnam.

CCW argued with Rangel that the drafting of COs into the military would be a regression to conditions imposed on COs in World War I when many COs ended up in prison for refusing to cooperate with such provisions. They urged Rangel and his staff to study the 1992 military Conscientious Objector Act introduced by Ron Dellums during the first Gulf War to rectify the problems that COs encountered at that time. The staff agreed to study this legislation and current military policies concerning CO discharge. They are considering reintroducing the bill.

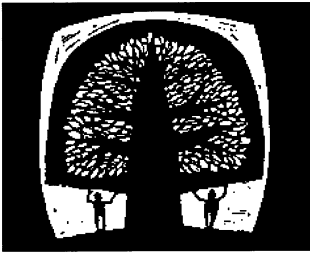
Then the question of **required military service** arose again as a result of Rangel’s legislation. Representative Nick Smith stated in the Washington Post (1/3/03) that he and Curt Weldon were going to reintroduce HR 3598 to require **every** young person to spend 6 to 12 months in the military – even conscientious objectors! After visits to the offices of both representatives, CCW has concluded that HR 3598 would not be introduced in its original form, and any revision would not force COs into the military.

Meanwhile, in January this year, legislation (**HR 487**) was reintroduced to **repeal the Military Selective Service Act of 1980** by Representative Ron Paul (R-TX), who had given detailed objections to invading Iraq before the war started. Chances for this bill to pass are higher than ever now, especially with a little help from all of us! Because of the Iraq war, along with Rangel’s request for a draft, Congress will have to think about the Selective Service Act. **The Center on Conscience and War urges us to support HR 487.**

We depend on CCW during these critical days for their excellent work on behalf of conscientious objectors. And CCW depends upon us for contributions to keep their vital work going. Send your check to: CCW, 1930 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009. Tel: 202/483-2220. Fax: 202/483-1246. E-mail: nisbco@nisbco.org



Kentucky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean (KITLAC) and the Fellowship of Reconciliation are pleased to present



Defining a  
presence of  
peace:

Gildardo Tuberquia

Member of the Internal Council of the Colombian peace community of San José de Apartadó, Colombia

With Jutta Meier-Wiedenbach, coordinator of the FOR Task Force on Colombia

May 8, 2002

Crescent Hill Presbyterian Church

142 Crescent Avenue

Fellowship Hall, behind church

6:30 Pot Luck Supper

7:30 Presentation and Discussion

Also appearing earlier that day:

11:30 Rudyard Kipling 422 W. Oak,  
buffet lunch (\$6) and presentation at  
noon. Reservations required by May 6.

Contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056

About the speaker:

Gildardo belongs to a community in the Urabá region of northern Colombia. This community is one of more than 50 Peace Communities that have declared themselves neutral in the war, committing to nonviolently demand their right to justice and peace. They have taken an extraordinary stand against violence at the very center of a war zone, refusing to support any armed actor. The community has suffered terribly from political violence, mostly by the paramilitary groups that according to witnesses are supported by the Colombian Army. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL DAVID HORVATH, 583-4670

# Calendar for peacemakers

**APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH commemorating the 1968 Federal Fair Housing Act. Special Symposium planned. See calendar entry for April 15.**

Apr 5 (Sat) **PROGRESSIVE MARCH FOR PEACE, from UofL campus to Bellarmine University,** Merton Center. 2:00 pm. Sponsored by the Louisville Committee to Stop the War Against Iraq. For details about the next leg, contact Sam Avery, 741-6944, [aversam8@cs.com](mailto:aversam8@cs.com) or visit [www.Louisvillepeace.org](http://www.Louisvillepeace.org)

Apr 6 (Sun) **PROTEST AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY,** every Sunday, sponsored by the Justice Resource Center. 7<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson, 2:30 pm. Call 774-1116 or 445-2509.

April 7 (Mon) **PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE AND NONVIOLENCE FOR THE HEALING OF OUR HEARTS AND WORLD, every week day at 12:15.** Twenty minute prayer service followed by vegetarian soup, James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Ave (at William Street). Call 896-0172.

April 8 (Tue) **TEACH-IN AT BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY. DR. MILBURN THOMPSON,** speaking on the war from a Christian point of view. 11:00-12:00 am. 2001 Newburg Road, Pasteur Hall, Room 102. Call 452-8000 or 238-3538.

April 8 (Tue) **WE PRAY WITH OPEN HANDS: THE EXPERIENCE OF CHRISTIANS IN IRAQ. Sheila Provencher** sharing her recent experiences with the Pax Christi delegation to Iraq. Spalding University, Egan Leadership Ctr, 4<sup>th</sup> & Breckinridge, 7:30 pm. Call Professor Joe Martos, 636-1848 or 585-9911.

April 9 (Wed) **KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean).** Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, Room 119. 7:30 pm. Call David Horvath, 583-4670 or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

April 11 (Fri) **NOON VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST,** including a news update. **EVERY FRIDAY AT SIXTH AND BROADWAY,** in front of the Federal Court House (where Senator McConnell's office is located). We vigil in solidarity with the **“Women in Black”** who vigil every Friday at noon in Israel. The vigil is sponsored by the Committee for Israeli/Palestinian States, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

April 12 (Sat) **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED: “Economic Justice: Families Worldwide,”** Annual Assembly, featuring **Eleanor Jordan,** ombudsman for the Kentucky Cabinet for Women and Families. Masterson's Restaurant, 1830 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 10:15 am. \$15. For reservations, call Helen Mudd, 448-5014 or Else Bown, 425-7516.

April 12 (Sat) **WORKSHOP IN NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION FOR ECO-JUSTICE,** a production of Whippoorwill Holler Ynstitute (WHY). A one-day workshop for environmentally concerned activists. At St Catharine College, Springfield, Ky, affiliated with the Dominican Sisters, colocated with the Dominican Earth Center and an 800 acre sustainable agriculture farm. 8:30 am to 9:30 pm. Fee \$49 includes two meals, drinks, snacks, work materials, reference book(s). Contact Dick Shore, 205 Catalpa Rd, Lexington, Ky 40502. 1/888/44J-muir. e-mail: [dickshore@earthlink.net](mailto:dickshore@earthlink.net)

April 13 (Sun) **AMERICAN-ARAB ANTI-DISCRIMINATION COMMITTEE, dinner meeting.** Call Dr. Yacoub, 893-9828

April 13 (Sun) **CANDLE LIGHT VIGILS FOR PEACE** every second and fourth Sunday. Silent vigils for all those suffering in conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a candle and some friends. People of all faiths are urged to come. 7:00-8:00 pm. Rain or shine. **Douglass Loop,** Bardstown Rd at Douglass Blvd; Bardstown Rd at **Longest; St. John Vianney** Church, 4839 Southside Drive; **St. Margaret-Mary** on Shelbyville Rd across from Oxmoor Mall; **Ursuline** Motherhouse, 3115 Lexington Road, every Sunday; and at **Central Park,** 4<sup>th</sup> & Magnolia (8:00 pm). (Also **Springfield,** Ky, in front of the courthouse, every Friday, 3:00-4:00). Call Julie Driscoll, SCN, 905-4703, Anne Walter, 635-6307, or Beverly Moore, 473-1114. [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org)

April 15 (Tue) **FAIR HOUSING MONTH SYMPOSIUM:** “Removing the Barriers in Civil Rights , Fair Housing and People with Disabilities.” **KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY SARA PRATT** (8:30 am), followed by breakout sessions. Registration begins at 8:00 am. Hyatt Regency Hotel, 320 W. Jefferson. Sponsored by Metropolitan Housing Coalition, FannieMae, Center for Accessible Living and Metro Human Relations Commission. 8:00-12:00 am. Free. **Registration required.** Contact Lee Ann Thomas, 589-6620. Fax 589-3980.

April 15 (Tue) **IMPROV FOR PEACE PERFORMANCE,** Bellarmine University Quadrangle, 2001 Newburg Road, 11:00 am. Free. Sponsored by **C-SAW** (Citizens Standing Against War). 548-2430. Peace demonstrations by the troupe will occur throughout the city during the month of April to benefit the Louisville peace community.

April 16 (Wed) **DOUG HOSTETTER: “ CASUALTIES OF WAR: A BRIEF LOOK AT AFGHANISTAN AFTER THE AMERICAN WAR.”** We rejoice in the opportunity to renew our ties with Doug Hostetter who was in Louisville several times while serving on the national F.O.R. staff. His slide presentation will describe his experiences working with refugees in Afghanistan during the past two years and will include pictures of his present work with Iraqi refugees in Amman, Jordan under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. Everyone is invited to hear him at a **potluck dinner** on Wednesday evening at Central Presbyterian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> & Kentucky, at 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Call Jean Edwards, 458-8056, or Pat Geier, 456-6586.

April 17 (Thu) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, featuring **DOUG HOSTETTER, cofounder and coordinator of the new Chicago-based U.S. CAMPAIGN TO END THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION: “Children of Abraham: Palestinian and Israeli Peacemakers in a Land of Conflict.”** 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. (See flyer in this issue of **FORsooth**)

April 17 (Fri) **IMPROV FOR PEACE PERFORMANCE,** University of Louisville Quadrangle, 12:00 noon. Sponsored by C-SAW (Citizens Standing Against War). Call 548-2430. Peace demonstrations by the troupe will occur throughout the city during the month of April to benefit the Louisville peace community.

April 18 (Fri) **GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE,** “The Way of the Cross.” Everyone invited to participate in this

prayerful, justice-oriented “Stations of the Cross” throughout downtown focusing on the suffering of Jesus in our midst today. 9:30-11:30 am, beginning at the Mazzoli Federal Building, 7<sup>th</sup> & Chestnut. Call Anne Walter, 583-6419 or 635-6307.

April 18 (Fri) **IMPROV FOR PEACE PERFORMANCE,** Kentucky Theater, 651 S 4<sup>th</sup> St, 7:30 pm. Sponsored by C-SAW (Citizens Standing Against War). (589-6419) Suggested donation to benefit the Louisville peace community \$10. (Students \$5)

April 20 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES,** every third Sunday, First Unitarian Church, 4<sup>th</sup> and York Sts, 3:00 pm. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658. Elections will take place at the April meeting.

April 21-27 **EARTH DAY WEEK CONVERSATIONS: vital topics of local environmental concern at various locations. See flyer in this issue of FORsooth.** Special guests will include Tom Fitzgerald, Gary Watrous, Bud Hixson, Arnita Gadson. For more details, call John Hartman, 454-4820. e-mail:

Apr 27 (Sun) **JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN,** Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies, DePaul Univ, Chicago and codirector of the Jesus Seminar of the Society of Biblical Literature. Cosponsored by St. Matthews Episcopal Church and St. Clement's Episcopal Church, at St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 330 N. Hubbards Lane. Three presentations as follows: 1:45 pm, **“Method and the Historical Jesus.”** 3:15 pm, **“Meaning and the Historical Jesus.”** 7:00 pm, **“Jesus and Judaism.”** Crossan is the author of many best selling books including, *The Historical Jesus, Jesus: A Revolutionary Biography, The Essential Jesus,* and *Who Killed Jesus?: Exposing the Roots of Anti-Semitism in the Gospel Story of the Death of Jesus.* For more information, call David Banks, 540-5700 or 454-0648.

Apr 27 (Sun) **MEMORIAL SERVICE TO REMEMBER MURDER VICTIMS,** with reception following. Sponsored by Bridges Center and Interfaith Support for Murder Victims' Families. West End Baptist Church, 1400 S. Fourth St (at Magnolia). 4:00 pm. RSVP, 456-5451.

Apr 28 ( Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE,** Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, #10, 7:30 pm. Visitors welcome. Call Pat Geier, 456-6586, or Mary Horvath, 583-4670.

April 29 (Tue) **KCADP (Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty).** Regular monthly meeting at Highland Presbyterian Church, 1011 Cherokee Rd, 6:30 pm.. Call our new chair, Chris Coyle, 412-5288.

April 30 (Wed) **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF FORsooth. Contact George Morrison, editor, 944-6460. e-mail: [klm86@netzero.com](mailto:klm86@netzero.com)** For calendar listings, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056. e-mail: [edwardsfor@aol.com](mailto:edwardsfor@aol.com)

May 1-31 **PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY BY DAVID YOUNG.** Louisville peace community and Iraqi-American Community. Louisville Free Public Library, 4<sup>th</sup> and York Streets. Call 574-1617.

May 3 (Sat) **NATIONAL DAY OF ARTISTIC RESISTANCE. The Works on Shirts Project** will stage **“WEARNICA,”** an international exhibition of artistic reactions to war, rendered on the backs of white cotton dress shirts and worn into cultural, commercial and governmental locations around the globe to raise public awareness of the realities of war in our time.” **Local artists and volunteers needed. [www.louisvillepeace.org](http://www.louisvillepeace.org)**

May 8 (Thu) **SECOND THURSDAY LUNCH** sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation featuring **GILDARDO TUBERQUIA** from the peace community of San Jose de Apartado, Colombia. He will be accompanied by Jutta Meier-Wiedenbach who serves as an international peace presence in the community which has suffered numerous attacks in recent years. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 W. Oak Street, 11:30 am buffet, \$6. Reservations required. **RSVP** to Cathy Ford, 458-1223 or Jean Edwards, 458-8056.

May 8 (Thu) **POTLUCK DINNER** sponsored by KITLAC (Ky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean) presenting visitors from San Jose de Apartado, Colombia. James Lees Presbyterian Church, 1741 Frankfort Avenue, 6:30 pm. See flyer in this issue of **FORsooth**.

May 10 (Sat) **“POLICE AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE: Can We Bridge the Gap?”** Public Forum and Annual Meeting sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky. Call 581-1181.

May 28 (Wed) **METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION, ANNUAL MEETING FEATURING ELLEN FEINGOLD.** Papa John's Stadium, \$35. Send check for one or more ickes, made payable to MHC, to the office at 333 Guthrie Green, #409, Louisville, KY 40202. Call 584-6858.

## OUT OF TOWN EVENTS

April 10-13 **LATIN AMERICA SOLIDARITY COALITION CONVERGES ON WASHINGTON, DC TO CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS (WHISC).** Call 202/234-3440. [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org)

April 25/26 (FS) **SISTER HELEN PREJEAN, AUTHOR OF DEAD MAN WALKING, AND SISTER MARYA GRATHWOHL,** at Berea College, focusing on the death penalty and its link to violence against the earth. Call 606/297-8792.

May 17-18 **GLOBAL NETWORK AGAINST WEAPONS AND NUCLEAR POWER IN SPACE.** Annual meeting in Australia. Contact Bruce Gagnon, 352/337-9274. e-mail: [globalnet@mindspring.com](mailto:globalnet@mindspring.com) [www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org)

June 8-13 – **JOURNEY TO THE BORDER.** The Center for Faith and Acion, in partnership with **BorderLinks**, will coordinate a delegation to the US/Mexico border region to witness he maquiladoras that employ thousands of workers and understand the impacts of US trade policies on the lives of the poor. Trip includes a hqandsa-on service project. Participants will stay with families in Mexico for part of the week. Cost: \$550 plus airfare. Deadline to request application is April 30. Call 896-0172 for application.

June 18-July 1, **WITNESS FOR PEACE HISTORIC DELEGATION OF 100 PERSONS TO NICARAGUA-MEXICO- CUBA-COLOMBIA, celebrating twenty years of transforming people and policy.** To challenge the cycles of military and economic violence in Latin America perpetuated by US policy and corporate practices. Includes special 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in DC, June 29-30. Call 202/588-1471, or [delegations@witness](mailto:delegations@witness) for peace.org

LOCALLY, CALL RICK AXTELL, 859-239-9083

Aug 28 (Thu) **FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S “I HAVE A DREAM” SPEECH. EVENT PLANNED IN DC.** Stay tuned.

## Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

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

ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Wednesday (585-3375)

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 Thursday (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 – Saturday evenings (648-8197 or 473-2659)

CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (454-4820)

CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD – Books by Neale Donald Walsch. 1st Monday (468-2305)

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 – 1st Tuesday (456-9540)

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)

JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – 3rd Saturday (774-1116)

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](http://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](mailto: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.**