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New plant in Oak Ridge spurs activism

by Ralph Hutchison

It's time for every person who opposes extending the life of nuclear weapons and adding to their military capabilities to join efforts in Oak Ridge, Tenn. against a planned \$6.5 billion plant to produce thermonuclear bomb parts.

The Oak Ride Environmental Peace Alliance, a group working nonviolently for worldwide disarmament while focusing on the Y12 facilities at the East Tennessee city, is launching the end-game of its campaign to stop the Uranium Processing Facility, which the National Nuclear Security Administration said this year it will build.

The agency said the plant's main mission will be to perform "life extension upgrades" on U.S. nuclear warheads to lengthen their useful life. NNSA and the Department of Energy have given conflicting estimates of how much the plant will increase the life of nukes—the numbers range from 45 to 120 years. In the process of being upgraded, some warheads will be modified to have new military capabilities. In other words, they will be new nukes.

It's official, but it's not over.

Now is the time to act.

There are still several things to do, and each of them depends on political strength. If we let this one go by because we are busy with other things, our silence will be taken as assent.



— photo courtesy OREPA

Young people in 2010 confront face-to-face the threat of nuclear destruction at the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn. with the theme, "This Is Not Our Future!"

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Here are four key things. But be forewarned; it's not really pick-and-choose time. We need everyone to do all four.

1. Show up to protest. Young people in Tennessee are planning an action in Oak Ridge for Saturday, April 16 called "A Safer World Is Our Right." It will include a march

from Bissell Park in Oak Ridge to the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex; we'll have a concert for disarmament and a peace rally there. You can find details on OREPA's new web site: www.orepa.org. Together, we will write the first page of a new chapter in the story of nuclear abolition.

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Foreign aid cuts would harm many

by Phil L. Nippert

Many people around the world relying on humanitarian aid will die if the U.S. makes the 21 percent cut to foreign aid stipulated in the House of Representatives' proposed budget for 2011.

Darfuri civilians (2.7 million in the region itself are totally reliant on aid, along with another 260,000 refugees in neighboring Chad) are among those at risk.

Humanitarian aid in Darfur and eastern Chad is funded in part by the following U.S. foreign aid accounts: Migration and Refugee Assistance, International Disaster Assistance and Food for Peace (aka Food Aid), which the House budget cuts by 36 percent, 50 percent and 41 percent, respectively.

And many people around the world will not be saved by strong preventive diplomacy from conflicts such as the one in Darfur if the House's proposal of eliminating the Complex Crises Fund (the Department of State's emergency fund for such work) is passed. And many people will not become self-sufficient and help grow the world economy if the House cut of 74 percent to the Civilian Stabilization Initiative (the Dept. of State's program for strengthening at-risk

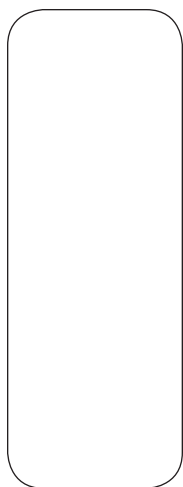
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Dream team is in place: four begin editing paper

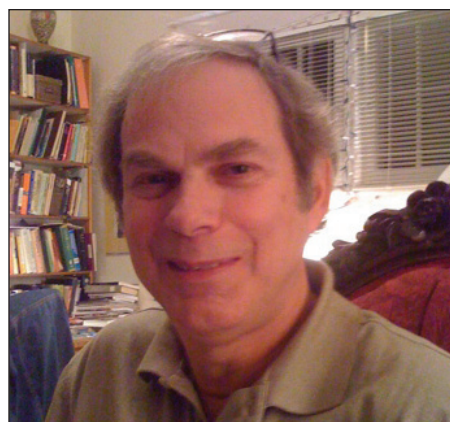
Four Louisvillians concerned about bringing peace and justice to the world share FORsooth editing duties, beginning with this issue. They replace George Morrison, who stepped down after the March FORsooth after 21 years as editor.

"I'm delighted with these new editors," Morrison said. "They bring varied skills of journalism, social concern and organizing. I'm so confident about the paper's future."

Svetlana Binshtok serves as managing

editor, through which she will have primarily responsibility for editing stories, columns and commentaries and writing headlines.

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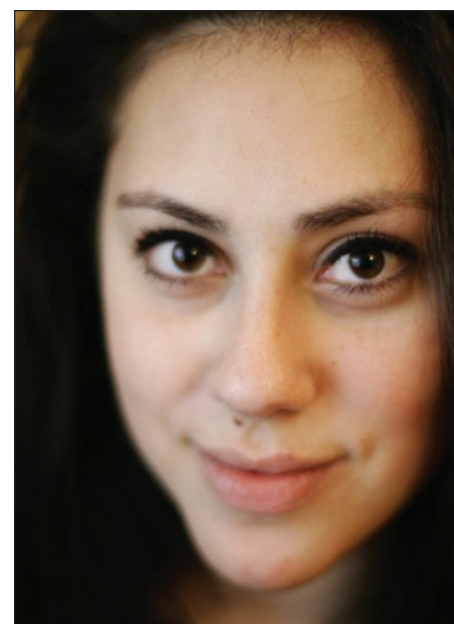
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governments by supplying experts from the Departments of Agriculture, Treasury, State and other branches), or the 13 percent cut to the Contributions to International Peacekeeping Activities Account (which pays our share for U.N. peacekeeping missions worldwide, including UNAMID in Darfur and UNMIS in South Sudan) are passed.

Foreign aid makes up one percent of the federal budget, yet a recent poll not only found that many Americans thought it took up 25 percent, but that they thought it should take up 10 percent. This is encouraging because foreign aid not only pays for disaster

The budget for the remainder of fiscal year 2011 and fiscal year 2012 will likely be debated by Congress through most of March; please contact all your congressional representatives and senators and urge restoration of the foreign aid budget to the level proposed in the President's budget.

relief, but helps the more than one billion people in the world who live on less than one dollar a day.

CARE, a leading aid and anti-poverty group which has seen first-hand the good such funding does, said: "Because of U.S. aid, over the last 60 years, maternal and child mortality have dropped sharply, literacy rates have increased and economic opportunities have expanded in the developing world."

Anti-HIV/AIDS work in countries where this disease is widespread gets paid for out of our foreign aid budget. To look at it economically, such funding helps grow our economy by helping the developing world, which receives almost half of our exports (one in five American jobs are export-related); eleven of the fifteen largest importers of American goods and services are former recipients of U.S. aid (for

example Taiwan and South Korea).

One can use the world's response to the genocide in Darfur to illustrate how properly-funded and -directed aid and diplomatic support keep people alive, and what happens to endangered civilians when these things are diminished. To understand what Darfur is now relying on inadequate aid must face day to day, consider the following eye-witness account of a Janjaweed attack:

"We reached an abandoned NGO (Nongovernmental Organization) health clinic. Beyond it lay a grassy flat over which people now ran toward us. A village just through the trees was under attack and they were running in panic past us, stopping, remarkably, to urge us to escape with them. Next to the clinic, under plastic shade tarps, were wounded people from a prior attack who had been left behind when the clinic was abandoned moments earlier. Some of those fleeing were wounded, or held their wounded children in their arms. They screamed for medical help that was no longer there. The most seriously injured just sat or lay down around the clinic, some crying or moaning from pain or despair, waiting to die from their injuries or be killed by the approaching Janjaweed. Yet they looked at us and felt concern for us and told us to run while we could....

"After one last glance at these kindly but doomed people we were running for the Land Cruiser... hearing the gunfire now in the open as we sped faster and faster from the meadow. A child sitting in the grass stopped crying and waved goodbye to us."

This happened in the summer of 2006, and was described above by Daoud Hari, a Darfuri then living in Chad who made his living serving as a translator and guide for journalists wanting to go into Darfur (the journalist on this trip was Nicholas Kristof).

As if the above weren't bad enough, wars like the one in Darfur indirectly kill

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Human trafficking seen widespread in area, US

by Ike M. Thacker

Not only are the horrors of human trafficking visited on people in faraway places "over there" such as African countries where civil wars are going on, said Marissa Castellanos at February 17's Third Thursday Lunch, but it happens in the U.S., in Kentucky, and even in Louisville. Castellanos, Human Trafficking Project Manager at Catholic Charities of Louisville, a contract coalition member of the HHS-funded Kentucky Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking Program, said that by conservative estimates 300,000 children are exploited or sold for sex every year in the U.S. and estimated that 14,000 to 17,000 victims, of all ages, are trafficked into the U.S. annually. Thus, she said, the 57 cases of human trafficking that have been identified in various areas of Kentucky since June 2008 and the 57 more virtual slaves who were trafficked in other states and moved to Kentucky later are not at all an indication of a small problem: there are likely many more victims still living in conditions of slavery right here in Kentucky.

Castellanos said that there are two main types of human trafficking: labor and sexual, with elements of both sometimes being present in the same case (in Kentucky, the split is 46 percent labor trafficking, 46 percent sex trafficking, and 8 percent with earmarks of both). The key indicator that marks a case as human trafficking, she said, is that someone is forced to do work or perform sexual acts *without the ability to choose to leave*. Although no industry is exempt from the scourge of human trafficking, said Castellanos, farms, domestic-labor situations, and hotels are some of the most common areas in which one finds human slaves even in the second decade of the twenty-first century.

Prostitution is a common element in human trafficking, Castellanos noted, saying



— photo by Eddie Davis
Marissa Castellanos

that many pimps are also human traffickers. And the victims are often young: Castellanos said that if a teenager is on the street for as long as three months there is a 90 percent chance they will participate in "survival sex," which often involves human trafficking.

Frequently, she said, the traffickers go to poor countries and offer to pay customs and the like to get the future victim to the U.S. for a job in a restaurant or as a nanny or whatever. Castellanos said the situation becomes human trafficking when the victim gets here and the "job" is either a front or a job the trafficked person cannot choose to quit. Human bondage and indentured servitude are illegal, but they happen, and happen all too often, she said.

The mechanism is often a threat to send the worker or sexual slave back to their home country or harm their relatives there, Castellanos explained, giving as an

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Imagine seeing this in color:



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The Louisville FOR's web site includes Action Alerts about issues of great concern to peace and justice people. It also lets you link to peace groups in many nations and look over every FORsooth going back to April 2002. And the pictures – starting with the July-August 2008 issue – are in color.

If you love blogging, contribute your thoughts and hopes to the US FOR's blog www.forpeace.net. Keep up with the national organization's unequalled activism for a world of nonviolence and justice at www.forusa.org.

As much as we know you love reading FORsooth, there's no reason to wait till next month to be inspired and challenged by the FOR.

FOR's Mission Statement

The Fellowship of Reconciliation seeks to replace violence, war, racism and economic injustice with nonviolence, peace and justice. We are an interfaith organization committed to active nonviolence as a transforming way of life and as a means of radical change. We educate, train, build coalitions, and engage in nonviolent and compassionate actions locally, nationally, and globally.



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95 Years on Peace Frontiers

Since 1915, the Fellowship of Reconciliation in the United States has led campaigns to obtain legal rights for conscientious objectors, win civil rights for all Americans, end the Vietnam War, oppose U.S. intervention in the Third World, and reverse the superpowers' arms race. An interfaith pacifist organization, the FOR has members from many religious and ethnic traditions. It is part of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation, with affiliates in 40 countries.

In the development of its program FOR depends upon persons who seek to apply these principles to every area of life. If you are not already a member, we invite you to join us in this endeavor. Membership consists of signing the Statement of Purpose, indicating that you agree with FOR goals.

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We, the people, came to Indy to ‘represent ourselves’

There were twenty of us from here in Louisville, Kentucky, active and retired union sisters and brothers from the Communication Workers of America (CWA), United Auto Workers (UAW), and Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco Workers and Grain Millers Union (BCTGM). We drove in two vans to Indianapolis, Indiana, to support the thousands and thousands of Indiana workers massed in the Indiana legislature building.

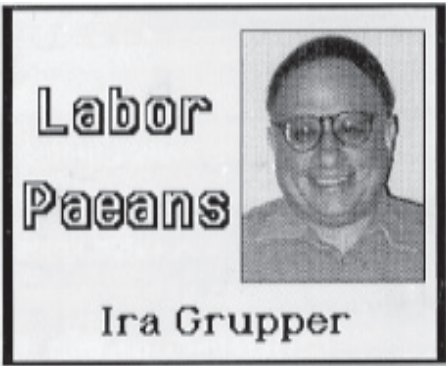
In Indiana, as in Wisconsin and Ohio, the Republican-dominated legislature and a reactionary Republican governor are hell bent on destroying municipal collective bargaining rights, and focused on rolling back union gains won thru many decades of struggle.

We met up with two Louisville union brothers from the United Food & Commercial Workers (UFCW). Both of them were standing before a massive crowd, a throng that completely filled the main floor of the atrium, and all the floors above. One strummed his guitar and both belted out union songs to a jubilant audience.

Bill Londrigan, state president of the Kentucky AFL-CIO, gave a powerful speech in support of our friends to the North: “A few short years ago the workers and unions of Kentucky faced a similar challenge when a newly elected Republican governor made passage of right-to-work-for-less and repeal of prevailing wage two of his top agenda items....”

“And, like the union members of Indiana, (we) came to (our) capitol in Frankfort by the thousands.... When it was all over we defeated both right-to-work and repeal of prevailing wage!”

How glorious was this Indiana throng, decked out in union jackets, shirts and caps, chanting and singing. We also stood in



support of the Democratic legislators who crossed into a neighboring state to deprive the Republicans of a quorum, while the Republicans were exposed for their vicious attack on the working class.

The politicians claim to represent the people. We, the people, were there to represent ourselves.

But the outcome of this struggle is not settled. Republican capital and power is formidable. Yet, and as of this writing (March 9), with his disapproval number at nearly 60 percent, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is facing possible mass defections by Republicans from his anti-worker agenda. Then, again, the reactionaries hold state power.

Still, our labor movement for too long has been divided, uncreative, seemingly flummoxed by companies closing in the U.S. and reopening overseas. Unions have for too long attended labor-management seminars, and have embraced that new euphemism, “working families,” instead of that old truth: the “working class.”

There are signs that the U.S. labor movement, divided into two camps—the AFL-CIO, and Change to Win—is beginning to re-energize. But, minus a creative approach to reach masses of workers, is it enough?

Enter the Emergency Labor Meeting (ELM). Ninety-six union leaders and activists from 26 states, and from a cross-section of the labor movement, gathered at the Laborers Local 310 Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, on March 4-5. The group gathered in response to an invitation urging them to “explore together what we can do to mount a more militant and robust fight-back campaign to defend the interests of working people.”

Your columnist was there, representing the Kentucky Labor Institute (KLI), a group that hopes to set up classes to teach labor history throughout Kentucky. Here, are some of the “perspectives” approved by ELM:

The cold-blooded (capital) offensive threatens the very existence of our unions.

Labor movement unity in action—public and private sector, the two federations and the independent unions—is indispensable.

The key to an effective fight-back is mobilizing the union ranks—in the workplace and in the streets.

There is plenty of money available without demanding givebacks from public employees, but this requires changing our nation’s priorities to raise taxes on the rich and redirecting war dollars to meet human needs.

We not only defend the social insurance model—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, public education, food stamps, unemployment insurance, etc.—but also demand that these programs be strengthened.

Contract negotiations cannot by themselves create the 27 million full-time jobs urgently needed today. Since the private sector has failed to do this (in fact, the corporations continue to off-shore good full-time jobs in their continued drive to

lower labor costs), we need a public sector that can put America back to work.

We champion the needs of the entire working class, including the unemployed, not just our dues-paying members.

We reject every attempt to divide us by race, skin color, gender, immigration status, religion, or sexual orientation. This means not only politically correct resolutions but active support to all targets of such pernicious discrimination.

A unified, energized working class could reach out to students, mom-and-pop businesses, family farmers, and others who are being squeezed by the corporate class. We should not partner with the Chamber of Commerce and corporate America.

Our goals cannot be met while American blood and vast amounts of our tax dollars are being consumed by unjust wars to advance the global corporate agenda. We say end the wars, bring all of our troops home now.

The mutual declarations of support between protesters in Madison, Wisconsin, and insurgent independent unions in Egypt are a proud example that deserve wide emulation.

Since many of the attacks we face today have bipartisan support, labor must act independently of these two parties.

We must view organizing the South as fundamental to rebuilding a strong national labor movement in this country.

We close with the words of Abraham Lincoln (1861): “Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital; that, in fact, capital is the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital and deserves much the higher consideration.”

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Dream team *(continued from page 1)*

A graduate of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Binshok has written for many print and online publications and blogs in Cleveland and Louisville and has volunteered at homeless shelters and community centers in both cities.

She is a native of Odessa, Ukraine and grew up in the Cleveland area after moving with her family to the United States.

Tom Louderback and John L. Hartmann are contributing articles co-editors. They will search the area and world for story ideas and maintain primary responsibility for deciding what stories FORsooth will publish.

Hartmann, the manager of independent pro-sustainability Louisville mayoral candidate Jackie Green’s campaign in 2010, has organized many forums and programs on sustainability and peace. He has directed a weekly Conversation Café since 2002, where people from many perspectives discuss issues ranging from

same-sex marriage to the Afghan war.

Louderback for decades has written commentaries for FORsooth and other area publications. He has provided financial management and accounting for companies, government agencies and not-for-profit organizations, including the Louisville Science Center. A graduate of the University of Louisville, Louderback has volunteered for Common Cause, Louisville Friends Meeting and groups helping the disabled.

Peter S. Fosl takes the position of editor in-chief. He will oversee FORsooth’s overall direction, propose growth strategies to the Louisville FOR steering committee and, in conjunction with the other editors, develop technologies to expand the newspaper’s outreach.

A professor at Transylvania University in Lexington, Fosl is a co-chairperson of the Louisville FOR steering committee.

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example a case she has been working with for three years where every family the girl stayed with told her, “If you leave, we are from your country and know where your two younger sisters are, and will harm them.” Thus the girl passed up even apparent opportunities to leave out of understandable fear: and thus the often-insidious truth of human trafficking, said Castellanos.

Some one-third (35 percent) of the cases Castellanos has worked with, she said, are actually U.S. citizens; the other 65 percent have come from 13 countries such as Sudan and Haiti representing most areas of the world. Of the human trafficking victims (survivors) identified in Kentucky, a handout passed out by Castellanos noted that 77 percent are female and 23 percent are children. There have been only seven known indictments in Kentucky since an anti-human-trafficking state law became effective in July 2007, said Castellanos; despite the fact that the FBI and ICE are actively involved in statewide anti-trafficking efforts, she said that there have been no federal indictments. Thus, as Castellanos noted, we still have a long way to go in this critical effort: we have a lot of work to do, indeed, despite the fact that she noted the very extensive training of LMPD officers on how to recognize and deal with cases of human trafficking.

One thing that contributes to the veritable scourge of human trafficking, especially in the labor (as opposed to sex) field, said Castellanos, is the cheapness of such commodities as sugar, coffee, and cocoa. Seventy percent of the world’s cocoa, for example, Castellanos noted, comes from Ivory Coast, and most of it has been produced at some point along the line by child slave labor. Given these facts, she exhorted her listeners at the conclusion of her presentation to buy Fair Trade coffee and cocoa and even sugar: it is *not* okay to buy things made with slave labor!

The revealing Q and A session that followed Castellanos’ presentation focused on such issues as the “victimless” crime of smuggling sometimes morphing into human trafficking; the frequent practice of “mail-

order brides,” not technically trafficking, often almost doing the same as the wielder of very unequal power turns his “wife” into a de facto domestic servant or even sells her for sex; and the assertion (by a member of the audience) that none of this should surprise us in what is after all a capitalist society, rife everywhere with commodification. The session also clarified just what absolutely essential services Castellanos’ Human Trafficking Project offers: helping victims move out of state if needed, paying for housing and medical care, referring human slaves to affordable legal help, and the provision of food and clothing.

One final service that Kentucky Rescue and Restore (which, by the way, has six contract coalition members throughout some of the larger cities in the state) offers in its open-ended, by-choice programs, sometimes does apparent harm as well as good, according to Castellanos. This is the provision of therapy. In the teens of the twenty-first century, we still allow to exist situations the very remembering of which through psychological counseling creates great pain. Human trafficking, of course, is not the only such situation—but its widespread existence is nonetheless a searing indictment of our society. The National Human Trafficking Hotline Number is 1-888-373-7888, and Kentucky Rescue and Restore’s website is www.rescueandrestoreky.org.

Ike M. Thacker is an advocate for political, social, and economic democracy. He focuses especially on housing issues.



To make a day beautiful, use a little forcefulness also

As funding for the Public Broadcasting System hangs in the balance of this gargantuan budget fight, I am wondering if President Obama needs to act a little less like Mr. Rogers and perhaps not be so afraid to display some Oscar the Grouch in facing an avaricious right wing.

Bad analogy, I know. Fred Rogers, in fact, using just his moral conviction, testified before the U.S. Senate in 1969 against proposed cuts in the \$20-million PBS allocation, so dazzling a legendarily tough Senator John Pastore, that the no-nonsense Rhode Island Democrat confessed that Rogers gave him goose bumps, adding, “Looks like you just earned the \$20 million.”

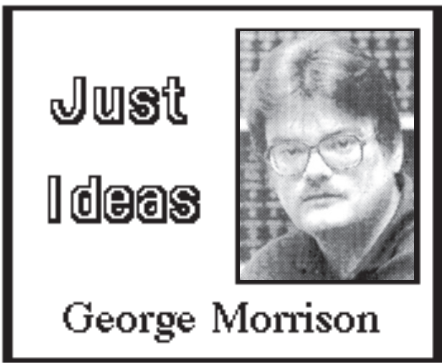
Mr. Rogers, moreover, still is on the air, eight years after his death, while scores of flashy, thoughtlessly violent shows made lots of money for a while, then faded.

Sure as Fred Rogers wore sweaters, the ethical, compassionate and inclusive approach he exemplified will eventually win the day. Still, he knew in 1969 that when the battle is over the nation’s moral direction (President Nixon’s proposed PBS cuts were part of an effort to shift more funding to the Vietnam War), you have to use forcefulness, not just congeniality.

You can’t just hope that the collective logic of the public leads them to embrace sense. You have to appeal to them based on themes, not just policy points. That’s something the Democrats haven’t done well since Franklin D. Roosevelt. Lyndon Johnson was all policy, so skillfully dominating Congress that he never saw the need to connect with the public.

Bill Clinton, likewise, figured the improvements brought about by his policies would solidify his legacy, but today, even his backers can’t easily say what was the theme of his presidency.

Meanwhile, Republicans are all about “Morning in America” and “Compassionate



Conservatism,” giving the commercial TV networks what they need – clichéd sound bites – so in return, they garner superficial coverage that ignores their failures.

Every pundit uncritically passes on the myth that Ronald Reagan though force of his will, or military spending increases, tore down this wall, when, if there’s something demolished in a communist capital in 1989 because of Reagan, it was the Goddess of Democracy statue built by pro-democracy students in Tiananmen Square.

That’s the one commonly called the Chinese version of the Statue of Liberty (actually, it was modeled -- oddly enough -- after a Soviet statue built in 1937, but reigns as a symbol to resistance to one-party

totalitarianism) and its collapse, rather than the Berlin Wall’s falling, has roots in Reagan military budgets.

Huge bi-partisan, administration-initiated military aid to China allowed the Beijing government in the 1980s to make the largest military build-up in history.

Then, there are the respective records of completed Republican and Democratic administrations in tackling deficits. The Democrats win in a rout, albeit with the unfinished current presidency yet to be figured in.

Democrats, with not a single Republican representative or senator voting for it, got through a tax and budget package in 1993 that today is still a matter of shame and self-reproach for their party – naturally, because it was a spectacular success.

Teen pregnancy and crime fell due to the rising economy, adult supervised recreation, increased funding for Head Start and nutrition programs and expanded sex education of the 1990s. These policies, all of which the GOP gained big by ridiculing and demonizing, actually strengthened the family, where all the fist-pounding Jesse Helms rhetoric totally failed to.

Yet, rather than touting these successes, the Democrats cede the family values mantra to the opposition.

When George W. Bush’s tax cuts came up for renewal after the November elections, rather than demanding proof from the GOP that these tax cuts actually created the jobs and prosperity promised upon their enactment in 2001, the Democrats again turned spongy, this time giving a free pass to a dismally failed policy.

And after a congressman childishly heckled and defamed the President of the United States during his State of the Union speech, the Democrats should have been preparing a bill of censure against Rep. Joe Wilson and demanding Republican leadership repudiate him, noting that Democrats would never have shouted some junior high school-ish denunciation, even at a Republican president whose untrue information killed thousands.

Instead, they sheepishly allowed “you lie” to achieve the status of the Sense of the Nation, further putting health care reform on the defensive and allowing the political tone to grow uglier.

Vilified successes. Venerated failures. Unchallenged outbursts of incivility. It’s anything but a beautiful day in the neighborhood.

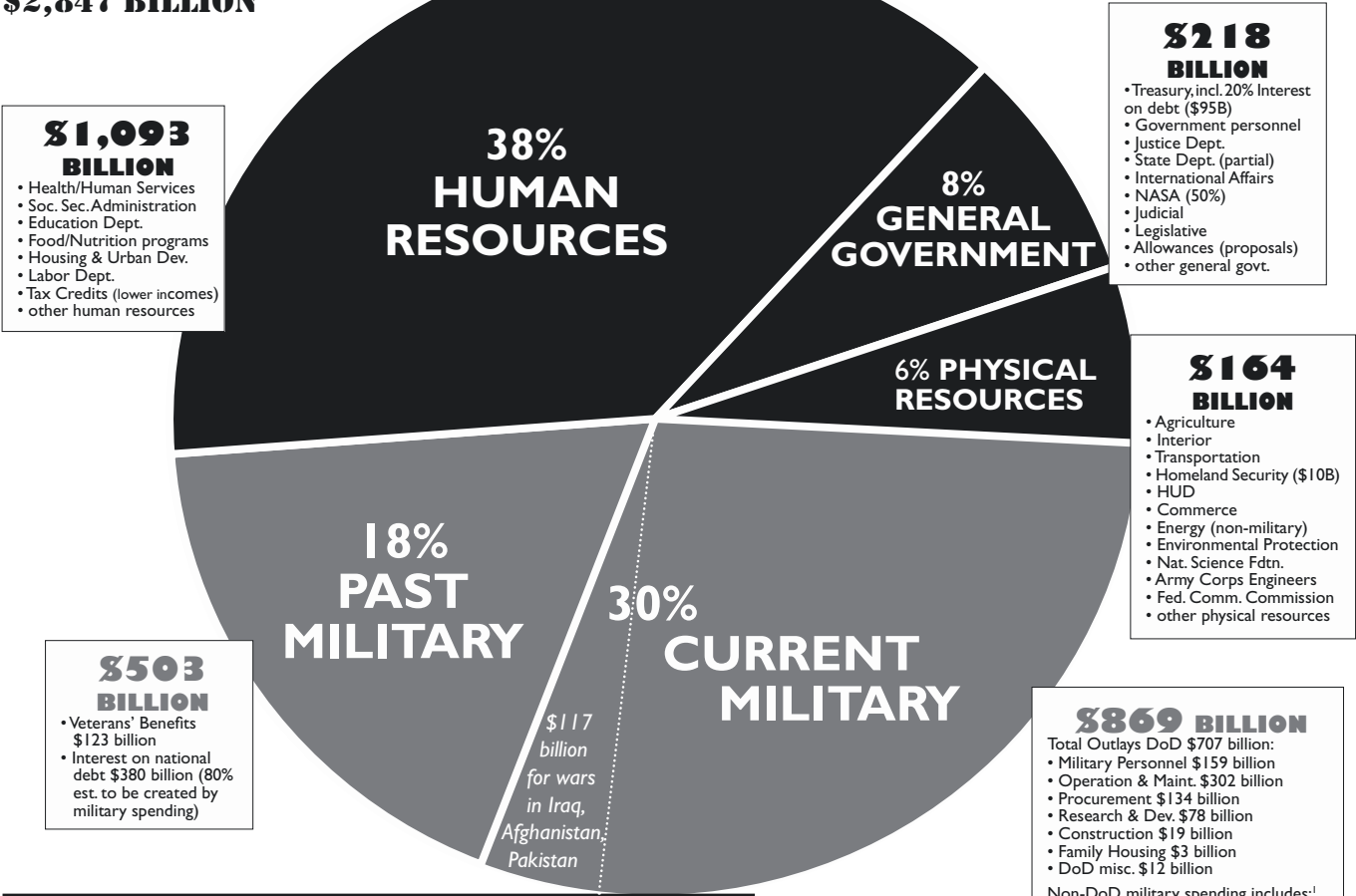
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WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2012 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL OUTLAYS (FEDERAL FUNDS) \$2,847 BILLION

Non-MILITARY: 52% AND \$1,475 BILLION



HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

“Current military” includes Dept. of Defense (\$707 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above (\$162 billion). “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.* For further explanation, please go to www.warresisters.org.

These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2012*. The figures are federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes. What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 18, 2011, goes to the federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making the human needs portion of the

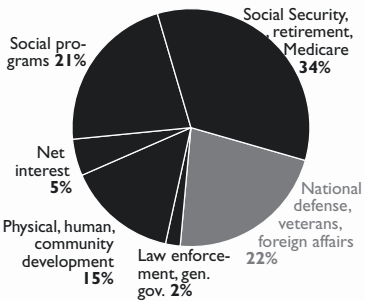
budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.

*Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending most (if not all) of the national debt would have been eliminated.

The Government’s Deception

The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and the expenses of past military spending are not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.

Source: 1040 Forms and Instructions 2010, Federal Outlays for FY 2009



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Oak Ridge

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2. Cut off the money. While the rest of the nation is tightening its belt, the weaponers are buying bigger trousers. It's crazy. And it can be stopped if we aggressively work on the budget process in Congress. You can be part of this effort in several ways:

Write or visit your elected representatives and suggest they pick this low hanging fruit.

Write a letter (and organize your friends) to the editor of your local paper -- put the new bomb plant on the map (if only Tennesseans raise a ruckus, we'll be ignored).

Consider a trip to D.C. for the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability's D.C. Days -- the easiest, most energizing and fun lobbying experience you'll ever have.

3. Support OREPA as we educate and organize -- and maybe sue them. We are exploring litigation as a way to send the NNSA back to the drawing board, and the Natural Resources Defense Council is interested in helping. But we need money to retain counsel and develop the case. We believe this can be a very effective way to put the brakes on the project, and we believe delay is tantamount to victory -- the "need" for this bomb plant diminishes as time passes.

4. Help us organize opposition. In these days of electronic organizing, some of it is easy -- put the action on your Facebook page and share it with friends; write on walls and tweet and tell your Linked In friends. But old fashioned face-to-face and on-the-phone organizing is important, too. Contact OREPA to schedule a presentation by us. We believe we are in the first stages of a campaign that can put the new bomb plant idea to rest for good, but it will take a compelling display of people power.

THE FACTS ARE ON OUR SIDE

The new bomb plant is every bit as bad an idea as you think it is:

- It is outrageously expensive -- when first proposed five years ago, the price tag was \$600 million; it has increased 1,000 percent since then!

- It is utterly unnecessary -- by the time it is complete in 2024, 90 percent of the U.S. stockpile will have already undergone the life extension process in existing facilities which are being modernized right now for one-tenth the price of the UPF.

- It is shockingly provocative -- major investments in new facilities to produce nuclear weapons will deeply undermine U.S. efforts to stop Iran and other nations from pursuing nuclear capabilities.

- It is patently illegal -- the U.S. promised in 1970 in the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to pursue complete disarmament "at an early date." The U.S. Constitution declares treaties to be the "Supreme Law of the Land."

- And it is immoral -- the act of preparing for the destruction of the planet offends all norms of fundamental human decency.

BACKGROUND

The Uranium Processing Facility will replace existing operations at Y12 and carry on the work of manufacturing thermonuclear secondaries and cases for nuclear weapons out of Highly Enriched Uranium, lithium deuteride, beryllium, depleted uranium, and other materials.

The UPF is being designed as one-third of a new U.S. nuclear weapons complex. A facility at Los Alamos (the CMRR-NF) will produce plutonium pits; the UPF makes components called "secondaries"; a new replacement facility at Kansas City, Mo. will make the electronic and non-nuclear components. Together, the three facilities will expand U.S. weapon production capacity.

The UPF as announced will have the capacity to manufacture 80 warheads each year. The NNSA says it can carry out stockpile surveillance, maintenance and life extension with a capacity of 10 warheads each year.

The extra 70 warhead-per-year capacity is to add numbers of secondaries and components called "cases" to the stockpile, the NNSA said.

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April 21

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May 19

Terry Taylor

Iran: Up Close and Personal. A report from Terry Taylor, Executive Director of Louisville's **Interfaith Paths to Peace**, about his trip to Iran in November of 2010 as part of a ten-person Citizen Diplomacy team sponsored by the national Fellowship of Reconciliation. Terry will present reflections on Iran's history, demography and geography that can help us better understand Iran (and Iranians). He will also offer suggestions about how the U.S. can more effectively negotiate with leaders of the Islamic Republic.

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Existing facilities at Y12 are already doing the work slated for the UPF. In fact, 90 percent of the U.S. stockpile will have already undergone life extension before the UPF comes online in 2024. More than \$100 million is being spent now to modernize the existing Y12 facilities.

The writer is the Coordinator of the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance.

For more information about the April 16 action "A Safer World Is Our Right" or other OREPA activities, e-mail the group at orep@earthlink.net or call 865-776-5050 before 9 pm.



FACE IT AGAIN. TAX DAY IS COMING! Bishop Gumbleton Sends a Message.

We really don’t want to look at those figures. But there they are, right before your eyes. Now we know exactly how much we must give to fight the wars in Iraq, and Afghanistan, and elsewhere and keep the Pentagon moving along. In looking back at last year’s return, each of us knows how much we gave last year to the Internal Revenue Service as we compare that figure with this year’s.

Last year on April 15, it so happened that the date coincided with our Third Thursday Lunch where we welcomed several local war tax resisters to discuss their experiences with the IRS. See Ike Thacker’s excellent detailed report in FORsooth, June 2010. We also showed a 30 minute film *DEATH AND TAXES* (also covered in Thacker’s report.) You may order it by sending a check (sliding scale for \$10 or \$20) made out to the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, (PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215. (nwtrec@nwtrec.org or www.nwtrec.

Last year also we had a visitor from Lexington, **Steve Olszewsky**, a long-time tax day activist with Quaker background. He has been pushing for HR 2085, the Peace Tax Fund bill. He writes about his tax day experiences: “In Austin, I was a member of ACOMT. We handed out the WRL pie chart flyers at the post office, one tax day over a thousand. In Houston, I handed out the WRL ‘funny money.’ On Capital Hill, I have visited every office of the House and Senate annually for the last ten years. Am interested in having FOR join me in another visit to John Yarmuth. I found him receptive to Rep Jim McGovern’s reintroduction of a bill requiring an Iraq Exit Strategy.”

Back to tax day in Louisville last year. Steve writes an amazing story: “After the lunch, several of us set out for the Federal Building at 6th & Broadway to distribute the War Resisters League Flyer showing that half of our tax money goes to military funding. Our intention was to distribute 1,000 flyers. <http://www.warresisters.org/files/FY2011piechart.pdf>

Unfortunately we passed by a big **Tea Party Rally** going on. That Rally had the participation of several local political candidates. As such, it seemed impossible to do anything distinct from that rally. Personally, I was uncomfortable about trespassing at a Federal Courthouse. I think the others were similarly discouraged, and it had been a long day already. Plus the weather had turned unseasonably warm, soaring into the nineties!

So I went alone to the Gardiner Lane post office. I checked in with security, and the logistics made it impossible to stand near the drop-off point without trespassing on Federal property. In addition, they explained that with e-filing, they expected extremely low car drop-off traffic of tax returns. The head of security did however take a flier and said he absolutely agreed with what it was saying. He recommended that I try the St Matthews post office which was in a strip mall and thus not Federal property.



After a while at that strip mall, a local cop said I needed a permit to “solicit” in St. Matthews. He suggested I go to the nearby Lyndon post office just outside his jurisdiction. Leafleting continued well there, but many asked if I was “one of those crazies” and similar references to the Tea Party crowd who were already getting tons of media coverage about their huge rally.

It is encouraging to find support for war tax resistance activity in local peace communities and to join in participating with similar efforts and events occurring around the nation on Tax Day. It was hopeful to find support from city and federal officials. Planning for this year’s efforts will benefit from last year’s activity in Louisville.”

Editor’s note: Indeed we are benefitting from Steve’s thoughtful and well planned activities. We can honor his work by coming to leaflet on Tax Day, **April 18**. Since our early beginning in 1975, the Louisville FOR chapter has faithfully witnessed every tax day, calling attention to the need to spend more tax dollars on programs of social uplift than on military defense. It was more fun in those early days. As all of the cars drove by at Sixth and Broadway to deposit their returns, we were able to leaflet from the sidewalk. Drivers often rolled down their windows and reached out for the flyer. Al Mortenson and Tom Moffett were among our most faithful, along with VG and AC Cuppy who made a huge burlap banner which now proudly hangs at the Rudyard Kipling Restaurant.

FOLLOW THE TRADITION, and follow STEVE OLSHEWSKY’s inspiring example. On Monday, April 18 at noon, come to leaflet at the corner of 5th and Market. Stay for one hour, or as long as you can. Let our message be heard!

We are honored to share with you excerpts of a letter from Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, retired bishop of the Detroit archdiocese. It was included in a packet of materials distributed by the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee.

“In an age where our country invests madly in weapons of war and uses them against people around the world, the same leaders call on other heads of state to refrain from violence.

In an age where the “war is peace” slogans of 1984 seem to guide our leaders, there is still cause for hope.

We are seeing hope rise from the grassroots in places where we did not know the seeds of change were sprouting.

Here in the US we are in the season where Americans are told to pay their taxes.

My work over four decades grew increasingly focused on changing the priorities of our government from being a leader in war to a leader of peace and justice.

I honor the work of the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee in its support for people who take the step of reversing those priorities with their own money.

We are in an age when we must actively oppose the violence that US tax dollars promote with weapons around the world while stealing resources that could bring people out of poverty here at home.

War tax refusal is an honest and bold response to the inequities of our day and a powerful way to show that we are not cowed by the unjust demands of our own government.”

Calendar *(continued from back page)* OUT OF TOWN

SOA WATCH “DAYS OF ACTION.” April 4-11, 2011. Washington, D.C. Activities will include a rally at the White House, a march on the Pentagon, film screenings, cultural events across the city, and lobbying. Demand an end to oppressive U.S. foreign policy. For more information, visit www.soaw.org.

LATIN AMERICA SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE. April 8-11, 2011. Washington, D.C. Sponsored by the Latin America Solidarity Coalition. For more information, visit: www.lasolidarity.org.

UNITED NATIONaL ANTIWAR COMMITTEE--NATIONAL CALL TO ACTION. April 9, 2011. Demonstrations in San Francisco and New York. For more information, visit: www.nationalpeaceconference.org.

APRIL ACTION IN OAK RIDGE: A SAFER WORLD IS OUR RIGHT. April 16, 2011. Oak Ridge, TN. Activities include a march to the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex and a peace rally and action there. On the heels of the government’s announcement of a \$6.5 BILLION bomb plant in Oak Ridge, this nonviolent people-power protest is crucial. For more info, visit: www.orepa.org. Sponsored by the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance.

F.O.R. DELEGATION TO IRAN: May 1-15, 2011. For more information, call 518-421-4918 or email iran@forusa.org.



Mark Johnson, Executive Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation

"Recalculating Our Route: Rethinking How We Move Forward as a Peace Movement"

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 PM
Central Presbyterian Church
318 W. Kentucky Street
Small Chapel

Mark will share insights gleaned from visits with dozens of local peace groups on a recent trip to more than twenty states across the U.S

Thursday, April 21, 11:30 - 1:00 PM
FOR Third Thursday Lunch
Rudyard Kipling Restaurant
422 W. Oak Street
RSVP Jean Edwards 458-8056

Mark will discuss how preparations for the upcoming Antiwar Demonstrations scheduled for April 9, 2011 in New York City and San Francisco, already endorsed by 300 organizations nationwide, have tested the antiwar movement's efforts to rally the public in continuing opposition to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Mark will reflect on the intersection between the April 9 campaign and FOR's Campaign to Demilitarize Life and Land.

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Unpaid position, but the Spiritual dividends vast!

Contact Jean Edwards, EdwardsFOR@Bellsouth.net, or 458-8056

Data-savvy volunteer sought to help the Louisville FOR

The Louisville chapter is seeking a data management technician to produce a master database of FOR members and FORsooth subscribers, including their e-mail addresses. Experience with Excel or Numbers required, familiarity with other database programs desired.

For more information, contact chapter steering committee co-chairperson Peter Fosl at pfosl@transy.edu.

Foreign aid cuts would harm many (continued from page 2)

more people than die directly from the actual violence; insecurity takes away people’s ability to independently maintain the conditions needed to live, and causes deprivation of food, medicine, shelter, potable water, etc. Aid then becomes the life blood.

So it is no surprise that a rigorous study of the effects of insufficient aid funding in Darfur during the period this Janjaweed attack on civilians took place found that mortality increased if the number of aid workers decreased. During July 2006 to September 2007, violent deaths decreased, but diarrhoea-related deaths and deaths for children under five increased.

This was partly because the number of aid workers decreased by 18 percent while the number of beneficiaries went up from 3.5 Million to 4.2 Million, increasing the ratio of beneficiaries to aid workers by 50 percent. But it was also due to a reduction in aid funding, causing the WFP to reduce food rations by 50 percent. By November 2007, funding for health, nutrition, water and sanitation had risen to well past the 75 percent mark in each case, causing mortality rates to decrease.

This report elaborates: “As funding levels drop, conditions in the camps (for people displaced by fighting) become unsuitable due to shortages in staff and medical equipment, overcrowding and deteriorating sanitary conditions,” adding: “In deciding whether an event is classified as a humanitarian emergency the threshold for an emergency situation is one death per 10,000 population per day. Unfortunately, if this number has already been reached, then valuable time will have already been wasted before interventions are prepared so it is important to move beyond mortality rates to ‘leading’ indicators. These could include nutrition and vaccination rates, which are earlier indicators of trends.”

A great portion of such medical services in Darfur and eastern Chad are provided by international aid groups.

In 2009, the Khartoum regime currently at war with Darfur rebels expelled half of the aid personnel in the north of Sudan as part of its plan to obscure Darfur from world scrutiny by silencing the reporting of aid organizations. The absence of such reporting would make it easier to remove the 2.7 million internally displaced persons from the region’s 65 IDP camps and thus completely subdue civilian-based support for the rebels any way the regime saw fit.

The United States’ only significant response to these expulsions was to continue to support the aid groups still in the region, which helped prevent massive starvation, if not a restoration of health or gender-based violence victim care. And the world has been cowed by Khatourm’s threat to scuttle the peace with and recognition of the independence of South Sudan if it is pressured on Darfur.

Consequently, Darfur today shows what happens when war in a severely impoverished area is neglected by international diplomacy and drastically under-supplied with food, healthcare, shelter and other forms of aid. In the last three months, 100,000 people have been displaced from central Darfur by fighting between loosely reunited rebel groups and government forces and militias, often arriving in the tens of thousands in very bad condition at already overcrowded camps which since the 2009 expulsions have seen aid and health services deteriorate relentlessly (thanks to lack of diplomatic pressure on a regime which systematically blocks peacekeeper and aid access and capacity).

Government troops and allied militia attacks on civilians have increased. All this has occurred simultaneously with remaining aid groups very reluctant to break the silence on what their personnel on the ground witness (out of fear of being expelled), and with very few reporters from outside the country covering a region which the outside press has badly slighted for years. The most detailed reporting on situations faced by Darfuri civilians is now left to news sources run by Sudanese based outside the country, namely Sudan Tribune out of Paris and Radio Dabanga out of the Netherlands. These, along with the rare aid group willing to speak out, are our main sources on exactly

how bad life for civilians has truly become.

A November 2010 survey by the World Food Programme gets specific, reporting that the WFP cut general food distributions from 70 percent of the daily minimum kilocalorie needs to 50 percent, that up to 82 percent of children may not be getting a nutritionally acceptable diet, that more than one in two surveyed children between six to 23 months had been sick in the two weeks prior to the survey. Nutrition surveys are not reviewed and released, keeping the world from knowing just how bad things are getting. The review goes on to say that the limited data available indicate “an extremely poor nutritional situation” and that people are very likely dying from starvation and/or sickness derived from it, adding that humanitarian conditions are at their worst since the current conflict in Darfur began.

See the review, “Navigating Without a Compass: The Erosion of Humanitarianism in Darfur” conducted by Tufts University personnel, posted Feb. 15 by Eric Reeves

at www.sudanreeves.org. Daily reports from the more than 65 internally displaced person (IDP) camps in Darfur by Radio Dabanga (www.radiodabanga.com) seem to bear this out.

Cutting aid and diplomatic support to people trapped in such a situation is obviously unconscionable. It is also bad economics; the cost of not investing in conflict prevention capacity in the State Department alone would be exorbitant. For example, a current analysis estimates a cost of over \$100 billion over a period of ten years would result from a resumption of war between North and South Sudan, specifically from lost GDP and higher peacekeeping and humanitarian costs.

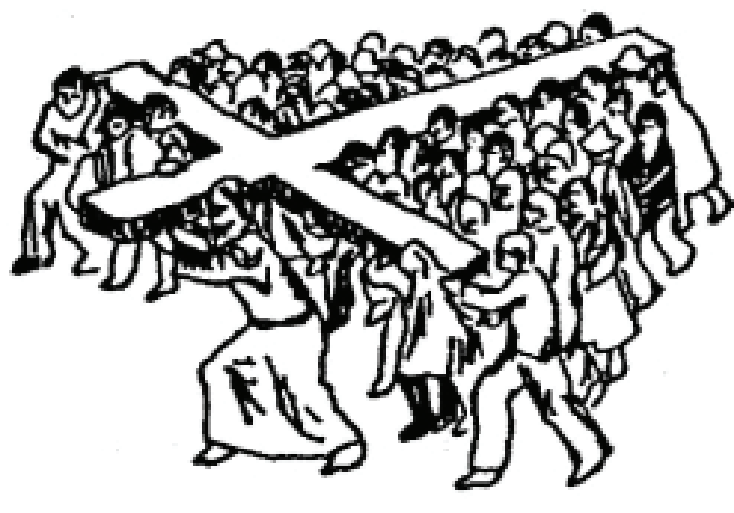
This is why the Department of State has the Complex Crises Fund (which may be allocated much faster than agencies’ budget funds) and in part why it has declared conflict prevention one of its four major goals in its first-ever Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review.

The Genocide Prevention Taskforce in December 2008 proposed a plan to reorganize government to improve on the poor U.S. responses like those which occurred during genocides in the 20th century. The GPTF report called for recognizing that civilians are the first line of defense abroad and making conflict prevention and response a core civilian mission. It also recommended building conflict prevention and response capabilities by creating the new Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations at the State Department and “integrating a focus on women and girls in everything we do.”

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates and other U.S. military leaders have expressed strong support for conflict prevention and humanitarian aid by the U.S.; as Gates has said, “It is a lot cheaper than sending soldiers.”

The writer, of Louisville, is an activist with the Kentuckiana Interfaith Task Force on Darfur.





The Way of the Cross

A Walk for Justice

Good Friday

April 22, 2011

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

All are warmly invited to participate in this prayerful, justice-oriented outdoor “Stations of the Cross” focusing on the suffering of Jesus as reflected in situations of oppression and suffering today. We begin this 12th annual event at Martin Luther King Park in front of the Mazzoli Federal Building (on the south side of Chestnut between 6th and 7th 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 5th between Muhammad Mi and Liberty).

Street parking is difficult. The most convenient garage parking is available in the lot located next to the Cathedral.

Sponsoring organizations include

St. William Church, Ascension Church, Church of the Epiphany Social Responsibility, CrossRoads Ministry, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Highland Baptist Church’s Mission and Justice Ministry Group, Interfaith Paths to Peace, James Lees Memorial Presbyterian Church, JustFaith Ministries, Kentuckiana Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean (KITLAC), Kentucky Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Louisville Committee for Peace in the Middle East, Committee for Israeli and Palestinian States, Louisville Peace Action Community, St. Cecilia Church, St. Martin de Porres Church, and many others.

For more information contact Anne Walter at 583-6419 or David Horvath at 479-9262

Calendar for peacemakers

Mar 26 (Sat) **REEL WORLD STRING BAND & KELTRIC-ITY CONCERT.** In celebration of its 50th anniversary, Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church is sponsoring a special night of music with a social justice theme. Free and open to the public. Seating limited—first come, first serve. 7:30 PM, doors open at 7 PM. Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Church, 4936 Brownsboro Road. For more information, contact Henry at 727-9153 or hfaustin@bellsouth.net.

Mar 28 (Mon) **F.O.R. STEERING COMMITTEE.** Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road. Every fourth Monday. Visitors encouraged. For more information, call Pat Geier at 456-6586 or Peter Fosl at 291-2506.

Mar 29 (Tues) **“THE STATE OF FAIR HOUSING IN LOUISVILLE: IMPEDIMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS.”** Join us for a brown bag forum to kick off Fair Housing Month by discussing the findings of the recent report on the state of housing in our city. Noon to 1 PM. New Directions Housing Corporation, 1000 East Liberty. For more information, contact the Metropolitan Housing Coalition at 584-6858.

Apr 2 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** Dr. Blaine Hudson begins with Black and African World History (11 AM – 12:30 PM). Followed by Joshua Poe presenting, “Segregation and City Planning in Louisville, Kentucky” (12:45 PM to 2 PM). DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue, at 35th St just north of Algonquin Parkway. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531.

Apr 2 (Sat) **“PLANT FOR THE PLANET” ARBOR DAY TREE GIVE-AWAY.** Volunteers will give away 1,500 tree seedlings from the Kentucky Division of Forestry to folks who will pledge to plant and care for them. Species include both understory trees such as Eastern Redbud, Dogwood and Pawpaw, and canopy species such as Black Oak, Shellbark Hickory and Sycamore. 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, Douglass Community Center, 2305 Douglass Blvd. For more information, contact Stephen at 459-1405 or srs@iglou.com.

Apr 2 (Sat) **ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY,** sponsored by Church Women United at a new venue -- Hotel Louisville, Wayside’s new hotel and dining facility, located at 120 West Broadway. Luncheon buffet, \$14 with an assortment of fruit cobblers for dessert. Music by the Wayside Christian Mission Choir. The speaker will be either Rev. Tim Moseley or his wife, Nina, founders of the Mission. For tickets, contact Mary Carver.

Apr 3 (Sun) **“AIM HIGHER”** focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every 1st Sunday at 7 PM, 2236 Kaelin Avenue at the FOR office. This group welcomes invitations to speak about conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for high school students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters. Call Jim Johnson, 262-0148.

Apr 4 (Mon) **DEADLINE FOR THE MAY ISSUE OF FORsooth.** Contact Jean Edwards at 458-8056 or edwardsfor@bellsouth.net. Please email new or updated calendar listings to calendar.peace@gmail.com.

Apr 6 (Wed) **THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM.** Meets the first Wednesday of each month. The forum’s purpose is to hold and promote the intention of sustainability for Louisville; establish and nourish relationships that strengthen community and create change; and create a space for discussion that inspires, motivates and deepens our ability to catalyze social change. Bring your lunch and enjoy the company of like-minded community members. Noon to 1:45 PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Apr 9 (Sat) **PEAK OIL.** Every 2nd Saturday, Main Library, 4th & York, Mezzanine, Boardroom. 9 AM. Call George Perkins, 425-6645. Apr 9 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** Dr. Blaine Hudson begins with Black and African World History (11 AM – 12:30 PM). Followed by Dr. Ian Jacobs and Cynthia Jacobs presenting, “South African Update: Personal and Political Perspectives” (12:45 PM to 2 PM). DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue, at 35th St just north of Algonquin Parkway. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531.

Apr 10 (Sun) **VIGIL FOR PEACE.** Every second Sunday. The vigil is in remembrance of all those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. Bring a candle. 5-6 PM, Bardstown Road at Douglass Blvd. Sponsored by LPAC (Louisville Peace Action Community). For more information, call Harold Trainer at 387-9490.

Apr 12 (Tues) **GRAWEMEYER AWARD IN RELIGION LECTURE.** Luke Timothy Johnson, winner of the 2011 Grawemeyer Award in Religion will speak on his book, *Among the Gentiles: Greco-Roman Religion and Christianity*. In his book, Johnson examines the religious, social and historical contexts of early Christianity, and proposes that despite doctrinal differences, Christians, Jews and pagans of ancient Greece and Rome shared certain ways of being religious. Book signing and reception to follow lecture. Free and open to the public. 7 PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Caldwell Chapel, 1044 Alta Vista Rd. For more information, call 895-3411.

Apr 13 (Wed) **KITLAC (Kentucky Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America and the Caribbean).** Every second Wednesday at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. 7:30 PM. For more information, call David Horvath at 479-9262 or Pat Geier at 456-6586.

Apr 14 (Thurs) **FAIR HOUSING MONTH FORUM.** Sponsored by the Metropolitan Housing Coalition, this

year’s forum will feature presentations and a panel discussion about the fair housing issues facing people with disabilities. 1 PM to 4 PM, Louisville Free Public Library, 301 York Street. For more information, call 584-6858.

Apr 14 (Thurs) **THE FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB.** Meets the second Thursday of the month, for those interested in learning about fair trade and the American system of economics of Hamilton and Clay. 6:30 PM, 1838 Frankfort Ave. For more information, contact John Miller at papajohn15@bellsouth.net.

Apr 14 (Thurs) **APPAF (American Palestine Public Affairs Forum).** Every second Thursday. A documentary film exploring the situation in Middle East will be presented. 7 PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road, Nelson Hall, Room 119. For more information, call Bashar Masri, 773-1836.

Apr 16 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** Dr. Blaine Hudson begins with Black and African World History (11 AM – 12:30 PM). Followed by Dr. Robert Douglas presenting, “Black Art.” (12:45 PM to 2 PM). DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue, at 35th St just north of Algonquin Parkway. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531.

Apr 17 (Sun) **LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES.** Every third Sunday. First Unitarian Church, 4th & York Streets, 3 PM. Call Beverley Marmion, 451-5658.

Apr 18 (Mon) **TAX DAY!** Say “NO” to the bloated military budget and the illegal wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Join in leafleting and street theatre at noon for one hour on the corner of Fifth and Market Streets. For more details, contact Jean Edwards, 458-8056.

Apr 20 (Wed) **RETHINKING HOW WE MOVE FORWARD AS A PEACE MOVEMENT,** presented by **FOR National Executive Director Mark Johnson.** He will reflect on what he has gleaned from visiting with dozens of peace groups during his recent trip to more than twenty states across the US. Everyone is welcome and urged to attend the presentation at Central Presbyterian Church, 4th and Kentucky Streets (side door), 7 PM. For details, call Cathy Ford, 458-1223 or Pat Geier, 609-7985.

Apr 21 (Thurs) **THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH.** Mark Johnson, the National Executive Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, will discuss how the Antiwar Demonstrations of April 9, 2011, in New York City and San Francisco tested the antiwar movement’s efforts to rally the public in continuing opposition to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. As of early January, the April 9 events had already been endorsed by 300 organizations and individuals across a broad political, economic, ethnic and religious spectrum. Johnson will reflect on lessons from the April 9 campaign and how it fits into FOR’s Campaign to Demilitarize Life and Land at the national and local level. Rudyard Kipling Restaurant, 422 West Oak Street. Buffet lunch at 11:30 AM; presentation at noon. \$6. Sponsored by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and Interfaith Paths to Peace. For reservations contact Jean Edwards at 458-8056 or edwardsfor@bellsouth.net or Cathy Ford at 458-1223 or fordhoff@bellsouth.net.

Apr 21 (Thurs) **KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE.** Every third Thursday, 5:30 PM. **Note special location this month:** First Unitarian Church, 809 South Fourth Street. Call Kay Tillow, 636-1551.

Apr 21 (Thurs) **FORsooth LABELING.** Presbyterian Seminary, Administration Building, Room 10. 6:30 PM. **We need volunteers!** Many hands make light work, and the opposite is also true! So please join us if you can. Call 458-8056 for more information!

Apr 22 (Good Friday) **A WALK FOR JUSTICE.** Everyone is invited to participate in this prayerful, justice-oriented “Stations of the Cross” throughout downtown Louisville, focusing on the suffering of Jesus in our midst today. 9:30 to 11:30 AM, beginning at the Mazzoli Federal Building, 7th & Chestnut. The walk will conclude at Founders Square Park, 5th & Muhammad Ali Blvd. For details, call Anne Walter, 583-6419.

Apr 23 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** Dr. Blaine Hudson begins with Black and African World History (11 AM – 12:30 PM). Followed by Larry Muhammad presenting, “Jockey Jim” (12:45 PM to 2 PM). DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue, at 35th St just north of Algonquin Parkway. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531.

Apr 30 (Sat) **SATURDAY ACADEMY.** Dr. Blaine Hudson begins with Black and African World History (11 AM – 12:30 PM). Followed by Frank X. Walker presenting, “Giving Derby Back to the Black Community” (12:45 PM to 2 PM). DuValle Education Center Cafeteria, 3610 Bohne Avenue, at 35th St just north of Algonquin Parkway. Call Bani Hines-Hudson, 295-7531.

May 19 (Thurs) **22ND METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION ANNUAL MEETING.** Featuring guest speaker Daniel T. Kildee, Co-Founder and President of the Center for Community Progress and vacant property expert. Social hour at 5 PM; dinner and program at 6 PM. Louisville Hyatt Downtown. For more information or to reserve tickets, visit: www.metropolitanhousing.org or call 584-6848.

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Regular Meeting Times for Area Organizations

911 TRUTH LOUISVILLE (502-609-6020)
ADDICTION RECOVERY ADVOCATES OF KENTUCKIANA – 2nd Thursday (485-1248)
AIDS INTERFAITH MINISTRIES (AIM) OF KENTUCKIANA, INC. – 1st Tuesday (574-6085 or 574-6086)
AMERICA 2000 DEMOCRATIC CLUB – 4th Tuesday (459-0616)
AMERICANS UNITED FOR SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE – 3rd Thursday, every other month at noon (608-7517)
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – 1st Saturday (637-8951)
APPAF [AMERICAN PALESTINE PUBLIC AFFAIRS FORUM] – 2nd Thursday (895-8155)
BREAD FOR THE WORLD – Last Monday (239-4317)
CAPA [CITIZENS AGAINST POLICE ABUSE] – 2nd Thursday (778-8130)
CART [COALITION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION] – 3rd Wednesday, Union Station, TARC Board Room (893-5172)
CLOUT [CITIZENS OF LOUISVILLE ORGANIZED AND WORKING TOGETHER] – (583-1267)
COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST – 2nd Monday (456-6586)
COMMON CAUSE – Ad hoc discussions. Continuous engagement. (454-7797)
COMMUNIST PARTY USA – 1st & 3rd Sundays at 2:00 PM (384-3875)
COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY – 2nd Tuesday (775-4041)
CONVERSATION CAFE – Wednesday evenings (560-0085)
COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher” – Second Sunday (893-2334)
EARTH SAVE LOUISVILLE – 2nd Saturday (299-9520) www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org
FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN – Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities (893-0788)
FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB – 1st Thursday, papajohn15@bellsouth.net
FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION – 4th Monday (609-7985 or 291-2506)
FRIENDS FOR HOPE (Support Group for Adult Cancer Survivors) – 1st Thursday (451-9600)
FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE – 2nd Tuesday (893-8436)
GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB – 3rd Tuesday (897-3335)
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays (637-6265)
INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE – 1st Tuesday (214-7322)
IRFI [ISLAMIC RESEARCH FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL, INC.] – Sundays at 6:00 PM (502-423-1988)
JOBS WITH JUSTICE KENTUCKY (582-5454)
JURISDICTIONARY CLUB OF LOUISVILLE – Know the law and how to use it (500-8161)
JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER – (345-5386)
KFTC [KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH] – 2nd Monday (589-3188)
KITOD [KENTUCKIANA INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON DARFUR] – (553-6172)
KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION – 3rd Monday (778-8130)
KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY – (541-9998)
KITLAC [KY INTERFAITH TASKFORCE ON LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN] – 2nd Wednesday (479-9262)
LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES – 3rd Sunday (451-5658)
LOUISVILLE PEAK OIL GROUP – 2nd Saturday (425-6645)
LPAC [LOUISVILLE PEACE ACTION COMMUNITY] – (456-6914)
LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH – Meditation every Sunday (473-8435)
LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP – Friday nights (893-0788), www.louisvilleyouthgroup.org
LOUISVILLIANS IN FAVOR OF EQUALITY (LIFE) – 4th Sunday (384-3875)
METRO SWEEP FOR ACCESS – 3rd Tuesday (895-0866 or 899-9261)
METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION – 4th Wednesday (584-6858)
MIGHTY KINDNESS – mightykindness@gmail.com (235-0711)
MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE, at UL (852-6372)
NAACP [NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE] – 3rd Monday (776-7608)
NAMI [NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL] – 2nd Monday (245-5287)
PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG) – 3rd Sunday (329-0229)
PEACE & COMPASSION BUDDHA CIRCLE/CML – (451-2193, brozier@bellsouth.net)
RCRC [RELIGIOUS COALITION FOR REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE] – (866-606-0988)
RESULTS (a hunger lobby) – 2nd Saturday (451-4907)
SIERRA CLUB INNER CITY OUTINGS – 2nd Thursday, 7:30 PM (558-0073)
WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT) – every Wednesday, 6-8 PM (636-0160)

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.