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Another 70 Years of Trident?!

By Leonard Eiger



Have you heard the news? The US Navy has been working since 2007 on plans to replace those aging Trident submarines with a new fleet of ballistic missile submarines. The Navy plans to replace the 14 Ohio class submarines currently in service with 12 new subs, each with 16 missile tubes (the current subs have 24), and they will initially deploy the current Trident D-5 missile. Based on construction plans coupled with the new submarine's projected lifespan, the last one built will be on duty until 2082. Government auditors have estimated the total construction cost at nearly \$100 billion.

Assuming the politicians, top brass and weapons contractors behind this project get their way – and this project has substantial backing—we are destined to be stuck with Trident for decades to come, assuming we don't destroy ourselves before 2082. Even with only 16 missile tubes those subs will still carry a whole mess of those 100- or 475-kiloton nuclear war-

heads, which are good for only one thing – incinerating millions of human beings and rendering the land uninhabitable for generations.

Before we spend hundreds of billions (if not trillions) of dollars building and operating the second round of a first-strike weapons system designed during the Cold War – while we cannot even afford to fund necessary social programs at home—we must consider the destabilizing effects this will have on nonproliferation and disarmament efforts. We must challenge the government's plan on both moral and legal grounds, and Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action will be launching such an effort. Help us scuttle the Navy's dangerous plans in 2012.

Leonard Eiger co-chairs the Media and Outreach Committee. More information on Ground Zero's plans to challenge the next generation of Trident will be shared at the Jan. 14th Martin Luther King day of action.

Ground Zero Supporters Share Their Experiences

Views from the Occupy Movement

Gathered by Leonard Eiger

Many members and friends of Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action have been connected with the Occupy Movement since its inception. It is such a natural connection for people who have spent much of their lives engaged in the long struggle for a just and peaceful world. A few of these members and friends have sent us brief reflections on Occupy based on their personal experiences and we share them here. They provide diverse perspectives that share a fundamental connection – our common humanity.

Norm Keegel: “I have been a part-timer with Occupy Seattle since it started. I think our goal is to wake up people to the dire straits we are in, starting with the vast inequality in wealth. The US is the worst of the industrial countries. From that flows lower social trust, community life, health, life span, mental illness, social mobility and greater violence, imprisonment, teenage births, homelessness etc. The wealthy have political power because they contribute to campaigns and hire lobbyists. This includes the military-industrial complex which maintains our nuclear arsenal and endless wars to increase their profits. Also, the fossil fuel companies which stand in the way of our dealing with climate change in a meaningful way. The movement has spread internationally because some people in other countries also recognize what is happening. If enough of us don’t wake up, we will go with a bang or a whimper. We in Occupy are defining the problems and getting together to find solutions. We need your help to save us all (including non-human species we will take with us) from extinction. We have little time!”

Kathy Kelly, Voices For Creative Nonviolence: “I was fortunate to be a guest of Pace e Bene, Australia, and to visit many

Occupy Olympia maintained a large encampment in the shadow of the Capitol dome until the group was removed by the Washington State Patrol on Dec. 16. *Photo by Robert F.W. Whitlock.*



cities there during a six-week visit that began in mid-October. I visited Occupy Brisbane, Occupy Melbourne, Occupy Adelaide and Occupy Perth. In Melbourne, we were able to have a



At Occupy Oakland a diverse community welcomed Ground Zero representatives Senji Kanaeda and Gilberto Perez. *Photo courtesy of Fox Latino News.*

Skype phone call with Occupy New York, Occupy Oakland and our Afghan Youth Peace Volunteer friends, who are keen to “Occupy Afghan Air Waves.” Hakim, the mentor for the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers, translated for us as we shared updates and encouragement. We were glad to learn that police in Auckland, New Zealand had refused to enact orders to displace an occupy encampment there. Also, we felt admiration for the Chilean students who have been occupying their classrooms, 14 year-old youngsters who are clamoring for the right to affordable education for all. I returned from Australia a day before joining Jim and Shelley Douglass for their Mary’s House retreat. It was good to recall the long and wonderful history of Ground Zero in the lives of numerous people who’ve been grateful for your work and witness.”

Robert F.W. Whitlock (peacepotential.blogspot.com): “Working in the Olympia Occupy Wall Street solidarity project has been nothing short of amazing, awesome, and all-consuming! The energy and enthusiasm, talent and skill, hard work and perseverance that so many people have brought to the local occasion have been truly inspiring – and reaffirming of my faith in humanity. It is definitely a team effort here, and the sense of potential for a truly inclusive community is exciting. Thank you to Adbusters and the Occupy Wall Street movement for creating the 99% frame, and for illuminating some of the darkest places, and most harmful aspects, of our socio-economic-cultural system.”

Buddhist monks Senji Kanaeda and Gilberto Perez participated in the “Sacred Sites Peace Walk for a Nuclear-Free World” in

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California from Oct. 20 to Nov. 6. This is an excerpt from Senji's reflections: "On the way we had some opportunities to join several Occupy groups. On Wednesday morning, Nov. 2, we walked into Occupy in City Hall Plaza in Oakland. Native people drumming were in front and we Buddhists drummed and chanted mutually and the walkers followed. It was most exciting to be part of this parade. When we entered that plaza, probably 25,000 people were there. We sat down and chanted and beat our drums for five hours until late afternoon. Many other participants sat down together with us and shared their hopes, prayers and wishes. I especially noticed one of the remarkable things in Occupy in the Bay Area is that it is made up of the diverse community and everyone took the Nonviolent Way. I've never seen all kinds of people – Black, White, Latino, Asian and of course Native – all gathered together and acting together peacefully. Wow! What kind of beautiful solidarity this was! I had known that the theme and purpose of Occupy is not just unfair economy or non-employment. It is also about issues like nuclear power, weapons and indigenous people's poverty. They are all connected. We are all connected. We are the 99%."

Gordon Sturrock, Squadron 13 Veterans for Peace: "So what is it about Occupy Eugene (OE) that makes it so unlike most of the other Occupy efforts across the country? For one thing, OE hasn't been 'busted up' by city officials. Instead, somehow, Occupy Eugene has managed to gain support and kindness from city officials, including its police officers, and do what some knowledgeable people have said was impossible, care for and feed our poor and homeless with no paid staff. Many of us know it hasn't been easy, nor without misstep. Money and dedicated volunteers are chronically in short supply. The great difficulties that come with working with disadvantaged people – like homelessness, drugs, anger, emotional and mental problems, and an unwelcome criminal element – all come into focus for OE and anyone else who is watching, instead of being swept under the rug like our society tries to do. But all in all, what they are doing is a nothing short of miracle. This is cer-

Occupy Eugene and supporters during a demonstration in the fall.
Photo courtesy of www.ourtakeonfreedom.wordpress.com.



tainly unprecedented and has been done using largely open and democratic process. It is something for all Eugenians to be very proud of.

But on Dec. 14, Eugene's city planners will decide if OE can stay, or be "evicted" like has happened, often brutally, as we have all seen in many other cities across the nation. What will Eugene do with OE? Will the collective of people who don't get paid to help and feed other people, be busted up and destroyed? Or will the true humanitarian effort be nurtured and supported by the people who make decisions for the rest of us by virtue of their elected powers? Well, I know what I would recommend, let them stay. But I understand some decision makers may be voting against this. To those who don't support OE's efforts to help the homeless and disadvantaged people, I would ask you, where are they going to go in our world of quickly diminishing jobs, increasing food and energy prices, and steady budget cuts for services for the poor? And all this while we bail out banks and send massive amounts of money to arms manufacturers? Will the City of Eugene force these people to disperse into the cold winter just prior to Christmas?"

[Update from www.occupyeugenemedia.org: On Dec. 14, Occupy Eugene presented the City Council with a proposal from its General Assembly, requesting an extension of the camping ban exemption. In response, the city agreed to extend the exemption until January 11, 2012. The city also committed an estimated \$300,000 to fund various programs targeting issues highlighted by OE, but not directly to the movement itself, including \$100,000 earmarked to protect the city's homeless from exposure on particularly cold nights.]

Leonard Eiger co-chairs the Communications Committee. Thank you to Norm Keegel, Kathy Kelly, Robert F.W. Whitlock, Senji Kanaeda, and Gordon Sturrock for sharing their perspectives for this article.

Occupy Trident, Jan. 14!

OCCUPY TRIDENT is the theme as Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action honors Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy with a vigil and nonviolent direct action on Saturday, January 14, 2010 at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor.

Additionally, on Monday, January 16th people are welcome to join members of Ground Zero who will occupy the streets with an inflatable, full scale Trident D-5 missile in Seattle's Martin Luther King Day March.

Please see the enclosed flyer for full details.



Washington Peace Team Provides Example of Nonviolence in Practice

By Rosy Betz-Zall

The Washington Peace Team (WPT) was founded in January 2011. Rosy Betz-Zall gathered a group of people who wanted to undertake nonviolence trainings with the goal of being able to step in and de-escalate situations where conflicts were getting hot and might be moving toward violence. As David Berrian says, “While talking about nonviolence is important, there comes a time, as Ground Zero well knows, that talk is not enough – we need to put nonviolence into practice, and this is what WPT does.”

WPT has provided peacemaking skills at marches and rallies this fall and has assisted food bank users during the long wait for assistance during the holiday season. The kind of work peacekeepers and Peace Teams carry out is quite similar, but the relationship with the community differs a bit. The Peace Team tries actively to build a relationship with folks on all sides of a conflict and work as a non-partisan group. We are on the side of human rights.

The two upcoming trainings in February and March will include the basic experiential learning needed to be a part of

the peace team. They will focus on a grounding in nonviolence, developing greater empathy for self and all, deep listening skills, working on the ability to maintain calm in difficult situations, and beginning to learn more de-escalation skills.

Most of the WPT members have attended the nine trainings that have been given this year (38 hours of training). Each training had a different focus for developing skills in working from a loving and friendly presence when conflict is happening.

The vision statement that the team created reads: *The Washington Peace Team responds to requests for a nonviolent, impartial presence in situations with potential for conflict and creates space for people to resolve their own conflicts nonviolently.*



A volunteer with the WPT helps de-escalate a potentially tense situation with police officers at an Occupy Seattle demonstration in October. Photo by Asha Gunabalan.

- We promote the use of nonviolent techniques through role modeling, teaching, and trainings.

- We partner with communities and organizations to build interconnections that foster nonviolent, respectful communication and interactions.
- We are committed to the use of nonviolence in our personal, professional, and community lives.

Our Basic Training is in two parts on Saturday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, March 10. Both trainings will take place from 1:00 to 5:00pm at the University Friends Meeting (4001 9th Avenue NE, Seattle). For those that complete the basic training we plan to have follow-up trainings and opportunities for role play and practice once each month (second Saturday afternoon) during the year. Cost for both parts of this training is only \$99 to \$199 (sliding scale based on income). Scholarships are available.

To register and for more information please contact Rosy Betz-Zall at 206-782-9305 or email WashingtonPeaceTeam@gmail.com.

Rosy Betz-Zall is an experienced nonviolence trainer and long-term Ground Zero member who lives in Seattle.

Annual Meeting Elects New Stewardship Council

Members and supporters of Ground Zero met on October 29. We discussed the year's accomplishments (many!), planned for the year ahead, and took some time to reflect on the loss of our dear friend Sr. Jackie Hudson.

We also elected the Stewardship Council for the upcoming year. Michael Hill and Mary Gleysteen were selected as Co-Chairs; Cathy Palzkill and Barbara Hill were chosen to be Co-Secretaries; and Tim Russell was chosen as Treasurer. Additionally, Rodney Brunelle, Lynne Greenwald, Senji Kanaeda, Denny Moore, and Gilberto Perez were each elected as at-large positions. Volunteers also committed to help with several committees, including House and Grounds, Communications, and Fundraising.

Disarmament Begins at Home

Peace Vigil Faces Seattle PD

By Leonard Eiger, from a report by Glen Milner and Rodney Brunelle

Ground Zero and Seattle Veterans for Peace organized a vigil on the day after Thanksgiving to remind people that disarmament begins at home (and quite literally in the home), and that our shopping choices are important because of the messages they send to our children.

While thousands of people flooded into Seattle's Northgate Mall on the infamous Black Friday, about a dozen people gathered at the intersection of 5th Ave NE and NE 106th Street holding a variety of signs for peace and to promote nonviolent toys for children.

After a while, a mall security guard approached the group and told them that they could not be on that public sidewalk next to the mall. The vigilers explained that they would not move as they were on a public sidewalk.

Soon the Seattle Police arrived. The vigilers could hear the mall security guard trying to convince the police officers that the vigilers were involved in an illegal activity. The Seattle Police left without talking with the vigilers.

The vigilers continued their "illegal activity" for a while longer, and then called it a day. The First Amendment withstood yet another challenge; chalk one up for freedom of assembly!

Leonard Eiger, Glen Milner, and Rodney Brunelle serve on the Ground Zero Communications and Fundraising committees.

2012 PLC Gathering

Planned for March 9-12

The next Pacific Life Retreat and Action is planned for early March in Montecito, CA. The activities will include a presentation on Vandenberg Air Force Base, spiritual reflections, nonviolent direct action at Vandenberg, and plenty of social time and community-building. To learn more and register, go to <http://plcretreat.eventbrite.com>.



Pax Americana Explores the Race to Control Space

By Tim Russell

Pax Americana means relative peace on United States' terms. *Pax Americana* is also a film that came out recently that describes this US hegemony in space. We all remember the terrible feeling we had in our stomachs when Ronald Reagan first announced the SDI program, dubbed Star Wars, and the Vision 2020 publication put out by the US Space Command. We in the peace community recall that both missile defense and efforts to weaponize space are based on the abrogation of valuable international treaties protecting space from becoming the new battleground. Further, we recognize that missile defense is based on nonexistent technologies and upset any international balance of power that might exist. They assert our real goal to control space and deny access to others. The documentary *Pax Americana* makes this point well.

While Trident is our main concern at Ground Zero, weaponizing space is the leading edge of militarism and deserves some attention. Some of what makes this video great are the wide range of heavyweights that are interviewed. There is Joe Cirincione of the Ploughshares Fund, Theresa Hitchens from the Center for Defense Information, Martin Sheen, Baker Spring from the Heritage Foundation, Noam Chomsky and Bruce Gagnon of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. Additionally, the producers have remarkable access to US Space Command and Air Force academy facilities and personnel. The producers also made the award winning documentary, *The Corporation*.



Beyond the immediate concerns posed by SDI – tremendous sums of money and the destabilization of other countries – the simple fact is highlighted that so many of today's electronic systems depend on satellites. These satellites are exceptionally vulnerable to attack. The movie begins with the news from 2007 that China shot down a satellite. As with Sputnik, this event stirred fear on the part of the American defense industry of competition for the heavens by another nation. Is this the next arms race we wish to conduct?

Also recently re-released with bonus material is the classic *The Atomic Café*. One of the earliest films to humorously chronicle US culture's twisted relation to the bomb, it remains a must-see to this day. Check out both if you can!

Tim Russell serves as Treasurer on the Ground Zero Stewardship Council.

Dorli Rainey—Ground Zero Stalwart and New Face of the Occupy Movement!

Interview by Leonard Eiger

Outspoken octogenarian peace activist Dorli Rainey is no stranger to conflict. No matter what situation she encounters, Dorli brings her own unique mix of nonviolence, years of experience as an activist, determination and a keen sense of humor.

Her recent experience with pepper spray at an Occupy Seattle protest in November catapulted Dorli into international fame after the photo of her went viral.

In the midst of a very busy schedule, Dorli answered a few questions for Ground Zero's Roving Reporter. As with everything else she does, Dorli was direct and spoke from a solid base of experience. Here is what she had to say.

Ground Zero: How did your early days growing up in Austria forge your world view and your longstanding work for peace and justice? Do you remember any non-violent protests?

Dorli Rainey: I cannot remember any demonstrations in the area where we lived. It was an agricultural center where farmers traded their wheat and things. Sort of like Yakima. I became aware of the scourge of war when bombs fell on our town and later when I lost a classmate who got killed in a bombing attack. By the way, bombing only strengthens the resolve to resist by the people being bombed. Bigger and better bombs never ensure success.

"It is amazing to me how much money is spent on prosecuting unarmed nonviolent civilians just to protect the worst killing machines known to mankind."

because there are more of us, but also because some of our earlier activists are now joining the ranks of "Elders." I look at my circle of friends and think of all the older people at Ground Zero; they did not just start their activism after they got older. They were there in the struggles all along.

GZ: What would you like to say to your fellow "senior citizens" if you could send them a message?

Rainey: When I speak at events I almost always quote Jackie's

[Hudson] "taking one step out of your comfort zone" quote. This little quote has done more than anything else to get people to start to think what they can do.

GZ: Can you share any thoughts on your most recent Ground Zero action in May and the upcoming trial?

Rainey: I hope that we get this case dismissed. It is amazing to me how much money is spent on prosecuting unarmed, nonviolent civilians just to protect the worst killing machines known to mankind.

GZ: From your experience, when or how does a basically nonviolent protest become violent?

Rainey: The violence very seldom originates within the movement, but is provoked by outsiders. Last October when we marched to the Aerospace Museum in DC one man jumped ahead of the marches at the front door of the museum and tried to get in. Immediately the pepper spray came out. The man (because he was stupid) admitted that he had infiltrated our group because he wanted to write a negative article about our movement. He said he was writing for the American Spectator.

GZ: How would you resolve conflicts within a nonviolent action?

Rainey: We used to surround people we thought might incite a riot early on. This works before the police get involved. Also we must understand that people we think off as trustworthy infiltrate our movement.

GZ: Tell us about your role models?

Rainey: My heroes in my growing up years were Dr. [Albert] Schweitzer and Mahatma Gandhi. Later I added Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to my list of people who, through their courage, passion and non-violence, have found their place in history. Father Bichsel and Jackie Hudson are my inspiration for working within the nonviolent movements of today.

GZ: Do you have suggestions for nonviolent actions that Ground Zero might add to its current actions?

Rainey: We could start [to] Occupy Bangor. Even without actually going in we could stand on either side of all the roads leading into the Base.



Holding her sunflower aloft, Dorli Rainey was arrested for blocking the road during the August, 2010 Ground Zero action. *Photo by Leonard Eiger.*

GZ: How do you see the importance of elders as role models for young activists?

Rainey: There always have been outstanding elders who had a way of putting life in perspective. There were just never enough of them to become a force. I see a shift now. More older people are speaking out and are being heard. This is not just

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Update on Current Court Cases

From information supplied by Rev. Anne Hall

Betsy Lamb, Brenda McMillen, Tom Rogers and Rev. Anne Hall appeared before Judge James Riehl in Kitsap County District Court on Nov. 14. All were represented by volunteer attorney Bill Rutzick. The four were on trial for being “pedestrians in the roadway” (a traffic infraction) when they blocked the entry road to Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor with a 44-foot inflatable missile on August 8, 2011. Judge Riehl considered several pretrial issues, including the government’s *motion in limine* which would have prevented the defendants from mentioning nuclear weapons, international treaties the US had signed, or any of the reasons they sought to symbolically close the base that day.

In all cases, the judge ruled in the defendants’ favor. He said he would allow them to talk about why they blocked the road, although he withheld his ruling on exactly to what extent they could discuss international law and other issues covered in the *motion in limine*. He also ruled that the group could show a video of the action, and that they could consolidate their cases. In addition, he implied that he would make the same rulings for the seven (Mary Gleysteen, Dorli Rainey, Shirley Morrison, Alice Zillah, Rev. Anne Hall, David Hall and Bernie Meyer) who were charged with the same traffic infraction for blocking the road to Bangor on May 7.

In order to allow more time for pretrial matters and trials, the judge rescheduled the trial of the August 8 group to January 4, 2012, and the trial of the May 7 group to January 5. Both trials will begin at 1:15p.m. in courtroom 105 of 614 Division St. in Port Orchard. Supporters welcome!

Rev. Anne Hall recently retired from her long-term leadership with the *Ground Zero Stewardship Council*, though she will still participate in actions. She and Dave are enjoying their retirement on Lopez Island.

Military Nuke Movers Don’t Make the Grade

In late November, media outlets reported that the active-duty Air Force wing at Joint Base Lewis-McChord that transports nuclear weapons (and just happens to be the only one that does) received an “unsatisfactory” rating following a week-long inspection.

The articles indicated that the rating resulted from an “isolated incident involving an individual assigned to the mission.” The Seattle Times reports that the airlift wing will continue its mission, and it will be re-inspected within 90 days.



Seattle Joins Global Launch of the People’s Charter for Nonviolence

By Tom Shea

“We’re really glad you did this,” said one of eight Occupy Seattle participants at the Ground Zero co-sponsored launch of the People’s Charter to Create a Nonviolent World on Armistice Day (Veterans Day in the US) on November 11 at 11a.m. Thirty people circled up in front of the Wall of Remembrance Memorial, on the Second Avenue side of Benaroya Hall. A moment of silence in honored US military killed in



“Giving voice to ordinary people”: Representatives of seven groups, plus individual supporters, gathered on Veteran’s Day to promote an end to violence. *Photo by Leonard Eiger.*

WWI, “the war to end all wars” and all our wars since then. Participants talked about why they came. Pat and Joe Colgan spoke of their son killed in Iraq and their weekly witness on Tuesdays in front of the Federal Building. Representatives of Ground Zero Center, Veterans for Peace 92, the Seattle Peace Team, the Puget Sound Nuclear Weapon Free Zone, Collective Voices for Peace, USA, the Seattle Chapter of Buddhist Peace Fellowship, and Colectiva Voces Ecologiacs Panama, along with twenty-three individual signers launched the initial Charter on the 11th.

On the same day, the People’s Charter was launched simultaneously in Australia, Malaysia, and the Philippines and has already gained signatories in sixteen countries. The aim of the Nonviolence Charter is to create a worldwide movement to end violence in all of its forms. The Charter gives voice to the millions of ordinary people around the world who want an end to war, domestic violence, oppression, economic exploitation, environmental destruction, and violence of all other kinds. The Charter is also designed to support and unite the courageous nonviolent struggles of ordinary people all over the world.

You are invited to sign the Charter on the internet: thepeoplesnonviolencecharter.wordpress.com.

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A Skeptic's Case for Nuclear Disarmament Prepares Readers for Tough Conversations

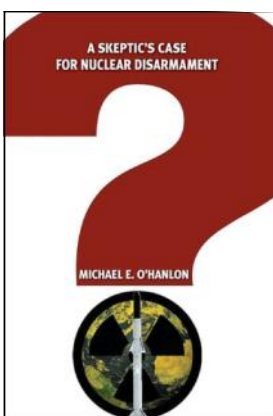
By Tim Russell

Imagine the rare instance where the activist is vigiling at the corner and Joe and Joann Public actually stop their car and initiate a dialog.

Activist: "We must abolish nuclear weapons!"

Joe and Joann Public: "OK. How exactly are you planning to do that?"

If it was me, after a long pause, I might say, "Well, it would start with not building more nuclear weapons. Then we would sign some agreements with other nuclear 'haves' to start dismantling. Oh, and get rid of that supposed missile defense program." Could I give any greater detail to the vision of abolishing nuclear weapons I have had for much of my life? Maybe not.



Michael O'Hanlon's recent book *A Skeptic's Case for Nuclear Disarmament* has helped me fill in the picture of the steps and the hurdles there are in reducing to zero. He looks to the day that our goal begins to be realized. O'Hanlon is a young senior fellow at Brookings Institute. He sits just to the right of someone like Joseph Cirincione, president of the Ploughshares Fund,

clearly another important voice in the discussion. He does not inhabit the lunatic Right with the likes of Edward Teller, Max Boot or Baker Spring. But sometimes you wonder if they are friends.

O'Hanlon believes in a limited missile defense, the title of a previous book, and he thinks we can't reach for nuclear disarmament without a near complete global armistice. That said, he offers some great thinking on getting beyond perpetual nuclear stockpiling.

Some of the questions O'Hanlon has are: *How would we verify that other countries are dismantling their weapons? How would regional security alliances be affected when our umbrella of security had extended to them? How could we ensure that countries would not build again covertly? Would countries like Israel really dismantle their nuclear weapons, let alone admit they have them?*

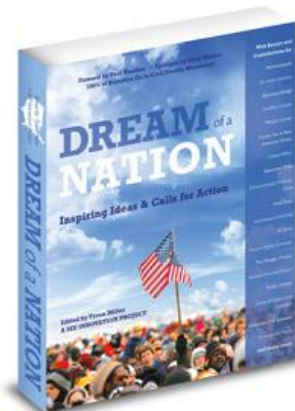
One of O'Hanlon's main points concerning abolishing nuclear weapons is that we haven't completely "arrived" once they are abolished. There need to be "practical options for rebuilding them," he argues. He envisions an international organization to give approval for monitoring and rearming. O'Hanlon is the type to protect against ever being accused of rushing irrationally to a world free of nuclear weapons. He might view our camp as impractical. So, if you are in the mood for reading a perspective you likely won't always agree with, in his words, "a realistic path to zero," then give it a try. I think you'll find it stimulates your thinking and might prepare for a stronger debate when you have Joe and Joann Public to dinner.

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Dream of a Nation Inspires and Informs

By Tom Shea

Since the end of the Cold War, "tens of billions of dollars in outdated, irrelevant and expensive systems --ballistic missile defense, trident submarines and \$3.9 billion dollar Zumwalt class destroyers--remain barnacled in the budget bloating....that eclipses a host of other priorities..." That is how Frida Berrigan begins her well-illustrated and -graphed essay in *Dream of a Nation*.



Berrigan is one of more than sixty pioneer visionaries and leaders whose works are included in a book that is

core to the movement called "Dream of a Nation." From the Introduction by David Fortan to the poetic conclusion by Alice Walker, writers are mainly activists like Berrigan, who practice what they preach.

Like *Yes Magazine*, "Dream of a Nation" combines readable issue-analysis with examples and guides for paths to hopeful outcomes. Most intriguing for the reader are the full-color illustrations and startlingly composed graphic layouts that give life to the plus and minus statistics of every story. Each one of the twelve topic areas includes five or six essays by different authors. Besides Berrigan, the chapter "Waging Peace" includes Michael McPhearson of Veterans for Peace, David Krieger, of Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, and two others. "Citizen Stewardship" has Frances Moore Lappe and five others. Democracy Now's Amy Goodman and Yes Magazine's Sarah vanGelder are two of the practitioners in "A News Media That Informs and Empowers"

"A Nation that Shines" features Bioneers host Kenny Ausubel and others writing about "Everyone a Changemaker" and "Painting Hope in the World."

For participants and supporters of Ground Zero, "Dream of a Nation" can be a source book to help us keep our eyes on the prize of a park to replace the costly Trident threat from nuclear subs and missiles.

Since 100 percent of royalties are returned to the 60+ organizations who shared their vision in this project, consider ordering directly from the publisher, at www.dreamofanation.org.

Tom Shea co-chairs the Communications Committee of Ground Zero.

POSTCARDS, FILMS, T-SHIRTS, and BUMPERSTICKERS

DVDs and CDs

"CONVICTION" a documentary about three Dominican nuns, including Sr. Jackie Hudson, sentenced to Federal Prison for their nonviolent protest at a Minuteman III missile site in Northern Colorado. DVD. Item # F-1; \$25 for personal use, \$40 for public performance showings

"WALKING FOR PEACE" This 29-minute film documents the spiritual and physical journey of a 300 mile walk, from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation to Bangor Submarine Base. DVD. Item # F-2; \$10

"FREE WORLD" A documentary with original music on the "Journey of Repentance" in which 18 people traveled to Japan to atone for the atomic bombings. DVD. Item # F-3; \$15

"GENIE OUT OF THE BOTTLE—UNLEASHED" An examination of how nuclear weapons came to be, made by two 14 year-old boys from Chicago. DVD. Item # F-4; \$10

"ONE BOMB AWAY—CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT FOR NUCLEAR AWARENESS" Previously a book, it is now available on CD and a great primer for those both new and veteran in the abolition movement. CD. Item # F-5; \$10

BUMPERSTICKERS

**NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT
BEGINS AT HOME**
ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS--RESIST TRIDENT
Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action www.gzcenter.org

Sunflower Bumpersticker

5.5 inches diameter. Gorgeous! Brilliant full-color sunflower and yellow text on bright blue background. Item # S-2; \$1.00 ea. 1-10; \$.75 ea. 11-100; \$.50 ea. 101+



BUMPERSTICKER 3x12"

White and red on blue.
Item # S-1
\$.50 ea. 1-10; \$.50 ea. 11-100; \$.25 ea. 101+

RESIST TRIDENT...

Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Striking t-shirt shows a sunflower growing through a disarmed nuclear weapon. Brick red or sage green shirt.

Item # SH-3

S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

\$17 each or 2 for \$32



WE FOUND THEM!

Weapons of Mass Destruction...they're closer to home than you think! Map shows dozens of nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons sites across the US, with a full list on the back.

Sage green shirt.

Item # SH-1

S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

\$17 each or

2 for \$32



"War No More" with Peace Dove and Globe

White, yellow, blue and green design on black shirt. Ground Zero logo on sleeve. Item # SH-2

Adult sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Children's sizes S, M, L, XL

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Planners Welcome!

By Tom Shea

What will the Ground Zero Center actions look like in 2015 and 2020? A new group of Ground Zero planners welcomes others to help answer that question. Co-chairs of the Communications Committee, Leonard Eiger and Tom Shea, presented the idea of a long-term planning team at the Stewardship Council on December 10.

Bernie Meyer, Rodney Brunelle, and Tom Rogers signed on to work with Shea and Eiger. Others would be most welcome to join. Shea said, "We hope to use internet for most of our work together, with the possibility of an all-day meeting sometime down the line." If you would like to help on some long term planning, please contact Shea at tom-shea@centurytel.net or Leonard Eiger at subversivepeacemaker@gmail.com.



Tom Shea co-chairs the Communications Committee for Ground Zero (formerly called the Media and Outreach Committee). Leonard Eiger took the photo above.

Ground Zero Using Social Media to Connect

"Social Media" is all the buzz these days. When you cut through all the tech-speak it's essentially about two-way communication, connections, and, in its best sense, building community. Folks at the Ground Zero for Nonviolent Action are working hard to connect with a broad range of individuals and organizations and build a strong community of nonviolence that our world so desperately needs.

A new and improved Ground Zero website is in the works and will soon launch. Meanwhile, check out Ground Zero on Facebook and Google+. Help us connect as we continue to build this community to be a powerful, non-violent force for change in the world.

Leonard Eiger co-chairs the Communications Committee.

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