



Recipe Concocted for Perpetual War

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"Returning to the Trenches" by Italian Futurist Christopher R.W. Nevison, 1916

FOCUS ON U.S. WAR Last October marked the 16th anniversary of our unending war – or military occupation – in Afghanistan, the longest conflict on foreign soil in U.S. history. The cost to human lives in our current cycle of U.S.-initiated “perpetual wars” throughout the Middle East and Africa is unthinkableably high. It runs well into millions of deaths if one counts – as do the Nuremberg principles of international law – victims of spin-off fighting and sectarian violence that erupt after we destroy governance structures.

Also to be counted are other forms of human loss, suffering, illness, and early mortality that result from national sanctions, destruction of physical,

social, and medical infrastructure, loss of homeland, refugee flight, ethnic cleansing, and their psychological after-effects. One has to witness these to grasp their extent in trauma, and they all arise from the Nuremberg-defined “supreme crime” of initiating war. Waging aggressive war is something America is practiced in and does well, with justifications like “fighting terrorism,” “securing our interests,” “protecting innocents,” “spreading democracy,” etc. – as has every aggressor in history that felt the need to explain its aggressions.

Yet few gathered across the country in October, much less gave a thought of lament to the harm we are doing. It’s

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PM: How Do U.S. Military Gifts to Israel Affect Children and Youth?

by Polly Mann



When our U.S. taxpayer money (and/or increasing our national debt) is used for foreign purposes, it is our responsibility to look at what is being done with it.

That's why we can't ignore the fact that the country topping the list of U.S. military handouts is Israel at \$3.8 billion annually, which is 25 percent of that nation's defense budget. Some of this sum is allocated to cover its military detention of Palestinian children. Israel's military and court detention is unique in the world in its systematic incarceration of children—specifically, Palestinian children. Children as young as 12 are taken from their beds at night by Israeli soldiers and police, bound, blindfolded, and taken to detention centers. Under Israeli military law they are denied access to lawyers during interrogation and even the youngest are denied access to their parents. This happens to around 500 to 700 children annually.

There is a light at the end of this tunnel—that is, if enough people become aware of the situation and can convince their congressional representatives to get behind it. U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum of St. Paul has introduced a bill, H.R. 4391, that would prohibit U.S. assistance to Israel from being used to support the military detention, interrogation, or ill-treatment of Palestinian children in violation of international humanitarian law or the use against Palestinian children of: (1) torture, inhumane, or degrading treatment; (2) physical violence or psychological abuse; (3) incommunicado or administrative detention; (4) solitary confinement; (5) denial of parental or legal access during interrogations; or (6) force or coercion to obtain a confession.

Another sliver of hope can be found in the Refuseniks. The Israeli online *Ynet News* reported that 63 young Israelis of conscience sent a letter to Israeli government officials declaring their refusal to enlist in the Israeli Defense Force (IDF). In the letter, the draft-age youth referred to comments Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman made when Trump announced the U.S. was moving its embassy to Jerusalem, officially recognizing it as Israel's capital; Lieberman spoke of revoking the citizenship of Arab Israeli residents.

The Refuseniks wrote:

An entire nation exist in the shadow of organized incitement against the Palestinians on both sides of the Green Line and we, youngsters from all walks of Israel life, refuse to believe the incitement and participate in the oppression and occupation led by the government.

One of the signees is already incarcerated in military prison after declaring his unwillingness to serve in the IDF. These Refuseniks take a stand, well aware of what their refusals will result in. They were preceded by others like them who have provided them with guidance. And yet, they are hoping to continue the momentum by asking other youths throughout Israel to reconsider enlisting in the IDF. "We will refuse to serve in the military out of a commitment to the ideals of peace and with an awareness that we can create another (better) reality in which to live. We call on our fellow youth to ask themselves—is military service in fact working towards this reality?"

We, in the U.S., must ask ourselves: What will we do as U.S. citizens to create a better reality? ☺

Polly Mann is a co-founder of WAMM and frequent contributor to the WAMM Newsletter.

Endnotes

1. "If I had a banner!" (2008 video at: youtu.be/9ZbwNGUjjHY) H. R. 4391. 115th Congress: Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act. www.GovTrack.us. 2017. Accessed

Ahed Tamimi and a Slap That Was Heard Around the World

by Newsletter Staff



Palestinian teen, Ahed Tamimi, handcuffed, and being led into a closed Israeli military court.

FOCUS ON PALESTINE

Israeli Defense Minister Lieberman, issued a statement worthy of history's worst racists: "Whoever goes wild during the day will be arrested at night." True to Lieberman's word, during the night of December 18, 2017, the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) burst violently into the home of the Tamimi family in the Palestinian village of Nabi Saleh and arrested the 16-year-old daughter, Ahed Tamimi. Her arrest was in retaliation for slapping a soldier with her bare hand when she tried to defend her family's home against the armed IDF who were invading their yard. Ahed's 14-year old cousin, Muhammad Tamimi, had just been shot in the head at close range with a rubber-coated metal bullet by soldiers; he was very seriously injured and lost part of his skull. The incident not only

February 12, 2018. govtrack.us/congress/bills/her4391

2. Dozens of youth sign letter refusing to serve the occupation?" December 28, 2017. Ynetnews.com tinyurl.com/y7gsolmy

ACTION: Demand that your congressperson support H.R. 4391 to end the Israeli military detention of Palestinian children.

draws world attention to Ahed's arrest, but also how Palestinian children can be wounded or killed by the IDF for stone throwing, or in other cases for just existing on coveted land. It reveals not only the illegality and injustices done to children but of the Israeli occupation of Palestine, itself.

Even after her arrest, apparently the Defense Minister wasn't through expressing his ire toward the teenage girl who dared defy his military. When popular Israeli songwriter Shira Gefen compared Ahed to Nazi-defying heroines, Lieberman mustering all the dignity one could expect from such a high-ranking official with so much power at his command, said the comparison was "infuriating and nauseating", asked the songwriter be banned from radio, and referred to Ahed as "the bimbo who attacked a soldier". (The Israeli newspaper, *Haaretz*, is one of many sources reporting his statements.)

Israeli Education Minister Bennett, among other Israeli officials, had already called for severe punishment for Ahed, saying she should get life imprisonment. Prominent Israeli journalist, Ben Caspit, recommended this treatment of her and a female cousin who was also arrested: "In the case of the girls, we should exact

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a topic we'd like to forget. Recalling that domestic opposition to the Vietnam War grew exponentially over the similar (but far shorter) timespan of that aggression, one might wonder what has changed. A numbed, distracted America has reached the point where bellicose presidential threats to destroy North Korea with its puny nuclear arsenal, and cancel the agreement keeping Iran from developing one, barely elicit shrugs among us.

One explanation for our current apathy is that our military-industrial complex (President Dwight D. Eisenhower's term for the institutionalized promoter-beneficiaries of warfare) has long since developed means to effectively counter any collective war-weariness. Vietnam-era MIC apologists publicly worried that "sickly inhibitions against the use of military force" would jeopardize American "interests" around the globe. In time-honored fashion they cast "back-stabbing" blame for the "Vietnam Syndrome" on war-opposing figures of the time like Daniel Ellsberg, Jane Fonda, Dr. Benjamin Spock, even Walter Cronkite, and the millions of so-called "me-generation" draft resisters who they said caused the "loss" of Vietnam.

Does Vietnam look "lost" to America today? Hardly. What was lost in Vietnam were millions of its own people, a countryside devastated by saturation bombing and the eco-poison Agent Orange, whose toxicity still devastates people there, and the still-present effects of that war.

Lest we forget, it was visited upon them in our name, at our hands,



"Struggle to Survive" by Afghan War artist Arabella Dorman, 2018

by our leaders and the profit-making military-industrial backers we tolerate. Add the millions of deaths and utter destruction of Cambodia, along with Laos, and we arrive at a massive, prolonged Holocaust-level crime perpetrated by our country, which also suffered – although not nearly at the same rate.

Along with 58,000 official American lives lost, plus hundreds of thousands of physically and many more emotionally damaged veterans, we as a society lost whatever post-World War II moral standing we thought we enjoyed. However we may try to fool ourselves, we all know this inside.

The MIC managers' answer to our Vietnam unease was brilliantly synergistic, and has made the subsequent costs of war largely invisible to us. First, they quickly eliminated the draft, fine-tuning Vietnam-era social engineering via temporary college deferments – which had reduced but did not eliminate military service burden-sharing among the better-off – into no burden at all for that class.

In its stead they created a "professional" army whose ranks are manned by "volunteers" from the ever-growing pool of de-industrialized America's less-advantaged – joined more

recently by immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship. The British imperialistic model of employing "surplus" populations as enforcers of global military dominance was thus reborn here. Our "poverty draft" does not elicit much concern among well-off conservatives and liberals as long as token soldiers get honored in commercials, sporting events, and holidays.

Our remarkably swift transition from "boots on the ground" to overwhelming reliance on aerial bombing, drone, mercenary, and surrogate (including U.S.-supported Al Qaeda and ISIS proxy) warfare under Obama completed the domestic pain-relieving process of engaging globally in the "foreign entanglements" our first president warned us against. The lopsided asymmetry of this kind of war-making is such that our casualties have become a tiny fraction of a percent of the totals. American war deaths have dropped to levels so infinitesimally low that government lawyers can claim with a straight face (arguing against the need for congressional war authorization) that U.S.-NATO's aggressive bombing campaigns do not even constitute "war" anymore.

Nor has our government raised taxes

to cover war costs (something our Founding Fathers assumed would provide inherent constraints and help make war unpopular). Rather, it has put war costs, already conservatively estimated to be \$5.6 trillion since 9/11, onto the ever-expanding national debt ceiling, which “like a speed limit sign that is never enforced” now stands at over \$20 trillion, with no end in sight. This level of debt would normally and will eventually—particularly combined with our unending trade deficit—reduce the buying power of the dollar and raise prices for everything we import. It has not yet done so because the dollar’s status as the surrogate world trade currency is propped up by U.S. hard and soft power.

This is the poison icing on the cake of the MIC’s maintenance of war: our abundance of cheap world goods depends on it. On a level we fear to examine, our livelihoods are complicit in the ongoing wars being waged in our name.

Unsurprisingly, we tend not to concern ourselves with our government’s harming of distant others when we do not see it. If those harmed are effectively demonized by our compliant consent-manufacturing mass media so as to make us believe “they deserve it,” our sympathy tends to disappear altogether. But to be human is to care about other humans, and we pretend otherwise at our own moral peril. Veterans who cannot keep buried their psychic wounds of combat – from Vietnam to the present wars – are committing suicide at the rate of 22 per day.

Given our somnolent acceptance of the notion that this unprecedented state of perpetual war is somehow protecting our safety, it’s ironic that military service is emerging as

significantly correlated with, if not a cause of, America’s dramatic increase in mass shootings and other domestic terror-type killings. (PTSD-related murders overall also remain uncounted.) Researchers studying recent lists of mass shooters find veterans are over twice as likely to be mass shooters. Post-combat related “copycat” homicidal violence might be a direct externality of training and then assigning young people to commit murder overseas.

A superhero style militaristic culture promoted by the Pentagon and CIA-backed entertainment industry helps sustain public momentum for war but does not generate peace at home. How much worse will this problem become now that the military is relaxing its standards and accepting applicants with histories of mental illness? Earlier writing-on-the-wall consequences appeared when “Oklahoma bomber” Timothy McVeigh killed 168; “DC Sniper” John Muhammad killed 17, and Robert Flores shot his three professors. All three were veterans of the first Gulf War. A Homeland Security analyst warned that we were creating human time bombs – only to be personally disparaged for his politically incorrect but accurate prediction.

We have an engorged, nonstop war-making machine that is reliant on high-tech weapons systems, normalized ubiquitous surveillance, the congressional hostage-taking presence of defense manufacturing and support industries or bases in every district, the narrowing of mass media discourse to stage-managed, stereotyped liberal-conservative mudslinging and subsidized glorification of war prowess, and not least, the continual re-creation of enemies to fight.

Beyond post-traumatic killings and suicides, and our massive debt, the

costs of maintaining this behemoth afflicts America in other ways. Blowback is likely a factor in our record-level teen suicides, road rage incidents and shootings both of and by an increasingly militarized police force; an epidemic in opioid and other addictions; a hollowed out productive economy that underpays most workers; “Ponzi” style financing of our economy, and our utterly unsustainable late-stage imperial dependence on the war industry for our economic vitality.

We can also add the compounding of poisons into the air, water, and soil that will touch everyone’s children long into the future as we focus our wars where the oil is. This is in order to control the world’s petroleum supply, which is wrecking the world’s weather – via the activities of the number one institutional polluter in the world: the U.S. military.

Our out of control national destructiveness and its unspeakable costs constitute the “spiritual death” that Martin Luther King warned us about at the height of the Vietnam War, yet they remain mostly unaddressed in public discourse. How much longer before, finally, we can no longer pretend not to notice the taste of poison in this recipe concocted to make war palatable? ☺

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ACTION: See calendar page and protests April 14/15.

Stop Militarizing Police!

by Newsletter Staff

FOCUS ON
MILITARIZATION

The *Morrison County Record*, the newspaper of record for the county that hosts the Camp Ripley National Guard facility, included within its pages an end-of-the-year 18-page supplement, *The Ripley Reporter Recap*, featuring a masthead with its logo of the gates and tagline, “The Warrior’s Choice.” This supplement provides an idea of how law enforcement personnel train at the military base:

Camp Ripley had over 338,600 DoD and 62,500 civilian man-days of training at the installation. The increase in man hours is attributed to out of state organizations, law enforcement agencies and state partners utilizing the resources of the 53,000-acre state-owned regional training facility to complete their annual training tasks.

And this:

Camp Ripley features numerous ranges and state-of-the-art training facilities to support military, law enforcement, first responder and inter-agency partner training requirements. The installation is structured to have a full complement of automatic small

arms and large caliber weapons ranges as well as several specialized training facilities.

This kind of training is why peace/antiwar activists are concerned not only about ever increasing U.S. militarism abroad but also with increasing militarization of law enforcement within the U.S. To counter the benign image of expanding militarism, groups of activists from the Brainerd Area Coalition for Peace, joined by Women Against Military Madness and Veterans for Peace, maintained a presence at the camp entrance last September (2017) on Open House Day at Camp Ripley, the National Guard facility in central Minnesota. The activists held banners and signs and watched as vehicles belonging to local law enforcement from throughout the state entered the gates.

Among the clearly identifiable vehicles were those from the sheriffs’ departments of Anoka, Stearns, and Morrison County, as well as a Morrison County SWAT Team; police departments from Minnetonka, Brooklyn Park, Little Falls, and St. Cloud, and the Minnesota State Highway Patrol. It was not known why so many different local law enforcement agency vehicles



Vigil outside the gates of Camp Ripley on Open House Day.

were there that particular day, but law enforcement training in militarized tactics such as how to conduct “crowd control” of the civilian population not only takes place at times at this facility, but also others like it throughout the United States.

The people should not be regarded as enemies and do not need the overkill of military tactics applied. ☺

Activists with the Brainerd Area Coalition for Peace and Women Against Military Madness who participated in the vigil contributed to this report.



Typical police officers, U.S., 1955



Today's U.S. police SWAT Team.

You've Got to Be Carefully Taught

FOCUS ON
CHILDREN

*Before you are six,
or seven, or eight...*
the opening lyrics

from the perennial musical South Pacific could have applied to Camp Ripley's Open House Day when the facility invites the public, including families, to visit the Minnesota National Guard facility. Excited young children ran about for an afternoon of adventure exploring massively-lethal weaponry. They climbed all over tanks equipped with impressive canons and played at operating real—though not fireable at the time—weapons such as a grenade launcher and a long-range Ma Deuce machine gun. (This type of machine gun was described as follows by one war fighting enthusiast: "Witnessing the down-range effects of the .50-caliber bullet is an eye-opening experience," writes Gordon Rottman, author of *Browning .50-Caliber Machine Guns*. "There are few who can say they were wounded by a .50-cal. Those hit seldom say much more." tinyurl.com/y9od52ek)

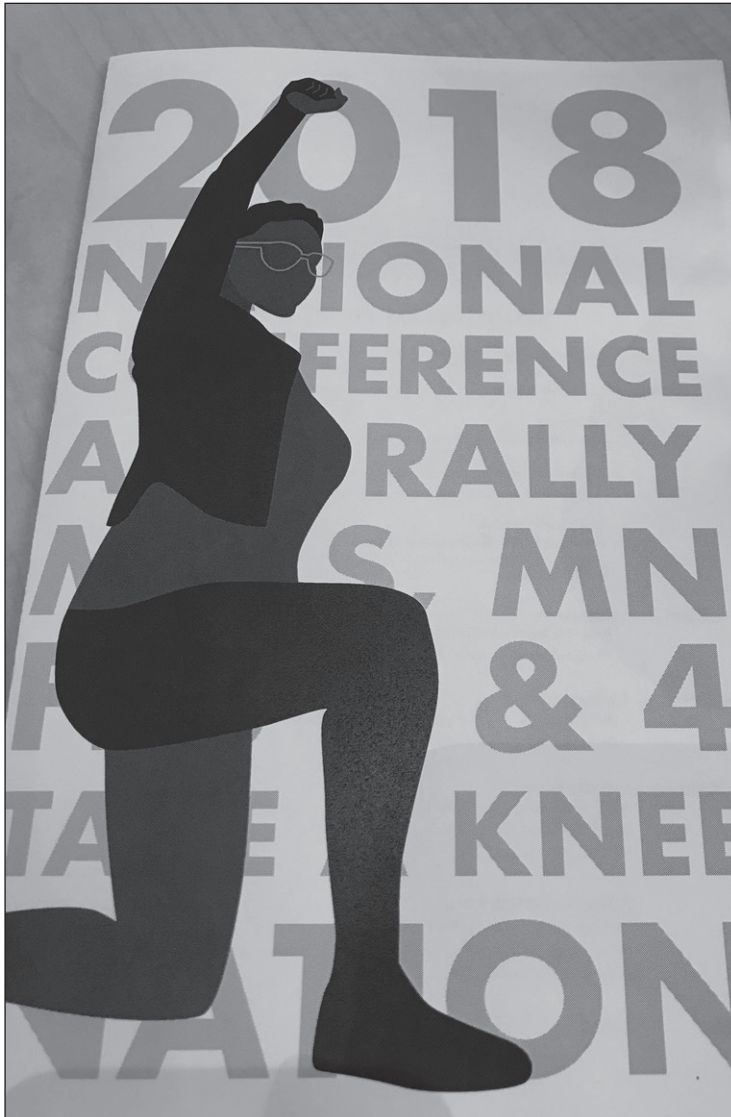
Assisting children with sighting and handling the weaponry were soldiers in regulation camouflage, instructing them as tenderly as their pre-school and elementary teachers might with encouraging words: "Isn't that cool?" Of course, it's highly unlikely that the children were aware that in wars on the receiving end of the weapons could be civilians—including children like themselves—inevitable, if unintended, casualties. ☺

Mary Beaudoin



*Weapons are child's play at Camp Ripley's Open House Day, September 2017.
Note: civilian heads and faces were distorted to avoid identification.*

Mothers Demand: End Police Killing Youth of Color



On February 3, more than a dozen grieving mothers from cities throughout the nation including Chicago, Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Minneapolis, gathered together at Augsburg College in Minneapolis for the Take a Knee Nation conference to say that they can't keep burying their children—they want the police killing of youth of color to stop. They spoke of the loss of their sons and at least one daughter who ranged in age from 16 and 17 to young adulthood; a few were in their thirties. These mothers' children were killed during a routine traffic stop, mistaken for a terrorist solely because of a name, waiting for a bus after work, dancing at a party, in the back running away from police, surrendering with hands in the air, mentally ill and waiting to be taken to a hospital. They were killed by one officer or multiple police. They were killed with pistols, automatic rifles, or military-grade weapons. One mother said that her son was shot 21 times. In every case, mother after mother said there was no reason to purposely shoot her child to cause death. Perpetrators received impunity, and often the victims were blamed for their own deaths.

The conference asserted that police killings are only part of unjust institutional systems. Some of the mothers planned to brave the freezing cold to continue to draw attention to the issue, joining others who would stand and take a knee—outside the gates of the sports palace, the U.S. Bank Stadium arena, the next day during the Super Bowl. ☺

How to Rewind the Doomsday Clock!

The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, which moved its Doomsday Clock ahead to just two minutes to midnight (Doomsday), offers these steps to rewind the clock: cool Trump rhetoric, negotiate with North Korea, stick with the Iran Deal, reduce U.S.-Russian tensions, and insist on global action on climate change. (#Rewindthenuclearclock)

In Minnesota, the WAMM Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons has collected 10,000 signatures on a petition to demand that the U.S. sign the legally binding international treaty on the prohibition of nuclear weapons. Also: Of the 123 nations that agreed to negotiate the treaty, as of mid-February, 56 nations have signed it and five have actually

ratified it: Cuba, Guyana, the Holy See (the Vatican), Mexico, and Guyana. More are expected. ☺

IT IS 2 MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT



Ahed Tamimi and the Slap

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a price at some other opportunity, in the dark, without witnesses and cameras.”

Apparently outraged that Ahed’s mother, Nariman, had posted a video of the slap that went viral (categorized as “incitement”), Leiberman vowed revenge on the whole family, as is often the case with children who are arrested. When Nariman Tamimi went to inquire about where her daughter was being detained, the military arrested her as well. Because Ahed and her family have been active in resisting the Israeli occupation of Palestine, they are a particular target of the Israeli government.

Ahed has been held in prison since her arrest and her trial began in secret in a closed Israeli military court. But the slap she gave the IDF soldier has resounded around the world. ☺

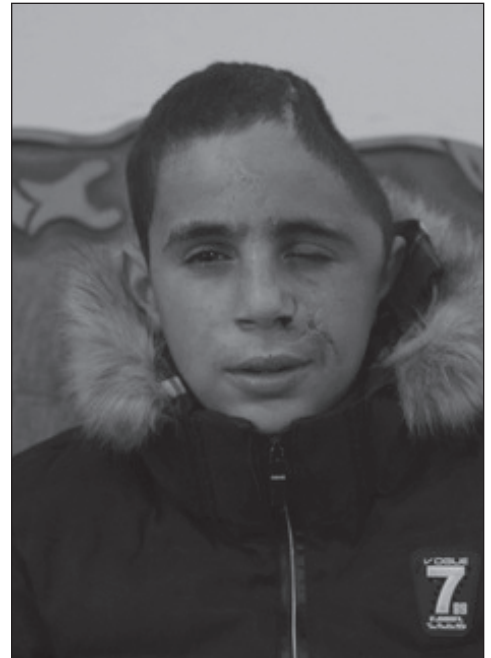
ACTION: Sign the Code Pink petition to demand her immediate release: #FreeAhed <http://www.codepink.org/freeahed>.

RESOURCES: *Palestinian Children in Israeli Military Detention*

Defense for Children International: Palestine. No Way to Treat a Child. tinyurl.com/jxqez5h Military Detention. tinyurl.com/jdtxg31 Number of Children in Israeli Detention. tinyurl.com/ycqenoyj

B’Tselem Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories: Statistics on Palestinian Minors in Custody of the Israeli Security Forces. January 3, 2018. tinyurl.com/y9sz8879 and Unprotected: Detention of Palestinian Teenagers in East Jerusalem. Joint report by HaMoked and B’Tselem. October 2017. tinyurl.com/ydcs23ja

UNICEF: Children in Israeli Military Detention: Observations and Recommendations. tinyurl.com/y7uqw72f



Ahed’s 14-year-old cousin, Muhammad Tamimi, lost part of his skull after he was shot at close range with a steel-coated rubber bullet.

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Good News: Free Speech Victories!

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The First Amendment Wins

“The First Amendment is the foundation stone of our democracy, and we must be constantly vigilant in its defense. It was a privilege to work on this case,” Kevin Riach, attorney for Robin Hensel of Little Falls, is quoted as saying. He was awarded the Attorney of the Year 2017 by *Minnesota Lawyer* magazine for his pro bono defense in the case. The Minnesota State Supreme Court ruled last September in favor of the persistence and courageous activist, stating that actions like the one she had been charged (her removal from a Little Falls City council meeting) were overly broad and ambiguous and threatened free speech.

Duluth Police Riot Gear on Hold

The Duluth police force in northern Minnesota is planning to undergo “mobile field force training to learn how to handle potentially difficult crowd control.” According to FEMA, field force operations are for “law enforcement and security officers who require training and practice in mass-arrest procedures.”

In the eventuality of needing mass arrests in Duluth, Police Chief Mike Tusken said he wanted his officers appropriately attired in case things might get out of hand as when, in

a 2012 incident, antiracist activists pelted a small group of white supremacists with snowballs at the civic center. In that incident, three people were catch and release cases and one was held on unrelated charges so things hadn’t exactly gotten out of hand, but in the future, the department wanted to be prepared just in case. Hence, they planned to update and expand their wardrobes with matching new riot gear, fully accessorized with batons and shields.

High schoolers joined with Native Americans to throw a wrench in the planned purchase. The teens were from two classes participating in the Youth in Government program which is focused on learning about democratic processes. The Native Americans were water protectors and many had participated in the resistance to Standing Rock and/or Enbridge pipeline projects. They had heard about the proposed acquisition of \$125,000 of riot gear over 2018 and 2019.

Having had experience with police brutality and abrogation of free speech and assembly in the pipeline struggles, people have every reason to be concerned when hearing about increases in police militarization in their area. And, as any citizen who has tried to make an impact with government knows, it’s not always



Photo: Duluth Reader. Tara Houska, a First Nation citizen, activist, and attorney expresses objections to the Duluth City Council about proposed riot gear for the city police force.

easy – and sometimes next to impossible – to follow specific processes and appear at an exact time open to citizen comment. In this case, on December 11, 2017, the last day of the year that the council was to meet, activists were successful in eventually making their voices heard before the Council, even though initially they had been told it was not time for public comment and a mike was turned off to prevent them. The next day the police chief told the city council that the decision to purchase riot gear would be put on hold to allow hearing the concerns of the community.

Sources: *Duluth News Tribune*; *Duluth Reader*; *KBJR6.com* video recording of Duluth City Council meeting. “Field Force Operations”: FEMA website. tinyurl.com/y8psk2lf

Welcome Kristin Dooley as WAMM Director

A warm welcome to Kristin Dooley, our new WAMM director. Kristin is a long time anti-war, women rights and labor solidarity activist. She participated in the Central American solidarity movement and has been an active opponent of U.S. wars and interventions since. She has also been active in labor solidarity

efforts, making connections between the wars abroad and the attacks on working people at home.

Kristin reads books like most people drink water. She is a very experienced type designer and has worked professionally in typography and design.



Kristin Dooley

WAMM Calendar

Please note that WAMM's provision of information on other groups' events is not meant to convey or endorse any action contrary to public policy that would be inconsistent with exempt purposes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), i.e., charitable purposes.

Ongoing Vigils for Peace

Vigil to End War

Every Wednesday, From 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Signs available on St. Paul side. Brief circle up for announcements after the vigil on St. Paul side. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine

Every Friday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Peace Vigil

Every Tuesday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the east side of the Franklin Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis. Sponsored by: Prospect Hill Neighbors for Peace. FFI: Call 612-379-7398.

Grandmothers for Peace Vigil

Every Wednesday, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. 50th Street and Halifax (1 block west of France), Edina. FFI: Call Marian Wright 612-927-7607.

WAMM Committee Meetings

Board Meeting

Third Tuesday of every month, 6:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Book Club

Episcopal Senior Living Complex, Welcome Center, 1860 University Avenue West, St. Paul. Call WAMM for meeting time and date. FFI: Call 612-827-5364.

End War

First Monday of every month, 6:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Ground All Drones

Second Thursday of every month, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Middle East

Second Monday of every month, 10:00 a.m. at WAMM, 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Suite 3, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

St. Joan of Arc/WAMM Peacemakers

Fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church, Parish Center, 4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call Barbara 612-722-4444.

Tackling Torture at the Top (T3)

Second Wednesday of every month, 10:00 a.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Ongoing Events Committee to Stop FBI Repression

Stand with the people subpoenaed in a witch hunt, defend civil liberties. Learn what you can do. FFI: Visit stopfbi.net and mnStopFBI.wordpress.com.

People of Faith Peacemakers Breakfast

Second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. African Development Center, Riverside and 20th Avenues South, Minneapolis. Peace with justice resource, support group. FFI: Visit justviewpoint.org or call 612-333-4772.

Grandmothers for Peace

First Wednesday of every month, 12:45 p.m. Edina Public Library, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina. Justice issue programs for understanding our role in changing systems. FFI: Call 952-929-1566.

Pax Salons

Every Tuesday, call for details and location. Small donations accepted. FFI: Call 651-227-3228.

Middle East Peace Now

Usually second or third Saturday. Refreshments 9:30 a.m. Program 10:00 a.m. Location varies. FFI: Visit mepn.org.

WAMM Second Monday Movies

Second Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South (enter on 42nd St.), Minneapolis. Projected on big screen. Free admission, popcorn. All welcome. Discussion follows film. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364. or email wamm@mtn.org.

[Terror] March 12, 2018.

The first documentary to place

filmmakers on the ground during an active FBI counterterrorism sting operation. (T)ERROR explores just how far we are going to prevent terror and exactly the liberties we are sacrificing to get there.

Sacred Lands & Wounded Lives – The Environmental Footprint of War, April 9, 2018.

This compelling documentary exploring the under-reported environmental impacts of war and preparations for war. The film confronts the immensely broad ecological and human ramifications of everything from technological development and natural resource exhaustion to weapons testing and modern warfare itself.

Miss a movie? DVD collection from WAMM Second Monday Movies is available for check-out in the WAMM office.

Special Events 2018 National Spring Anti-War Actions: Stop Endless U.S. Wars!

Sunday, April 15, 1:30 p.m.: Gather at Hennepin and Lagoon Avenues, Minneapolis. 2:00 p.m.: March: The march will conclude at or near the starting point. Spring anti-war actions will be held April 14–15 in U.S. cities to say enough of endless wars. Initiated by Minnesota Peace Action Coalition; co-sponsored by WAMM and others.

What Perpetual War Is Costing Us: Spread the Word!

Educate U.S. taxpayers with Military Spending Postcards packed with information. You can give them to your friends, family, book clubs, religious organization, other social networks, distribute them in your community. We can mail them to you. Order online at tinyurl.com/yc989926 or call the WAMM office at 612-827-5364 (\$5 donation/100 cards to cover mailing costs).



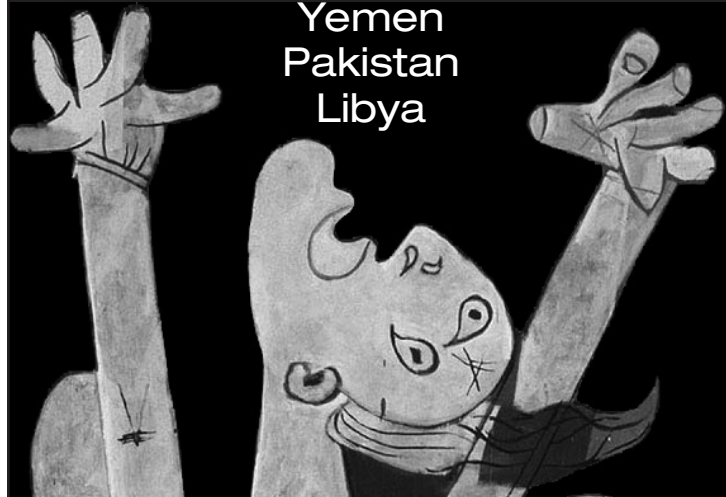
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Co-Sponsored by Anti-War Committee, Every Church a Peace Church, Freedom Road Socialist Organization, Mayday Books, Minnesota Cuba Committee, St. Joan of Arc Peacemakers, Socialist Action, Twin Cities Peace Campaign, Women Against Military Madness, Veterans for Peace.

For more information call 612-827-5364 or 612-275-2720.