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Root Causes: Why Hondurans Flee or Resist

by Gala King



"After witnessing the influx of migrants on the more recent 'migrant caravans' predominantly coming from Honduras, I felt called to go to Honduras – to be present to a land that though deeply rich in natural resources and culture was becoming increasingly dangerous, and uninhabitable for its citizenry to the point where people felt compelled to risk their lives and those of their children to escape." – Gala King

The economic interest of the U.S. in Honduras dates back to the 1850s, and has included mining, large-scale fruit plantations, export processing zones,

mono-crop agriculture, and tourism.

Militarily and politically, the U.S. has also played a major role in Honduras with the signing of the military bases agreement in 1954, providing a strategic location for the U.S. military throughout the Central American wars. In 2009, the U.S. backed the military coup of democratically elected President Manuel Zelaya. Since that coup, the U.S. has backed several fraudulent elections and currently supports the president, Juan Orlando Hernandez ("JOH"), despite the ongoing allegations of corruption and human rights abuses.

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About the writer: Gala King

I was raised in Minnesota by an immigrant mother from the Philippines and a human rights activist as my father. I grew to understand how my Filipina American identity was shaped by U.S. foreign policies which colonized my mother's homeland, and how I carry a deep sense of responsibility to hold my U.S. government accountable for its atrocities locally and abroad.

I have found the space to engage my dual identity in culturally relevant and faith-rooted social movements.

Root Causes: Why Hondurans Flee or Resist *continued from page 1*



After 150 years of U.S. intervention, the root causes of migration in

Honduras include: the government for and of the elite, the military and militarized police, transnational banks and corporations, and an extractive economic model. Combined, these create cycles of violence, impunity, corruption, and inequality, which directly impact the people vis à vis organized crime, land displacement, war on the poor, and human rights abuses.

As Father Ismael "Padre Melo" Moreno, a Jesuit priest and the director of Radio Progreso, states, "It is the alliances between oligarchic business and political elites and transnational capital, backed by the U.S. embassy, the armed forces, and people from organized crime, that create the caravans." These are the root causes of migration.

A delegation of solidarity activists

IM4HI partnered with SHARE Foundation, Leadership Conference of Women Religious, and Sisters of Mercy of the Americas to organize an interfaith delegation in March 18-25, 2019. Nearly 75 people answered this call and joined the delegation. It was comprised mostly

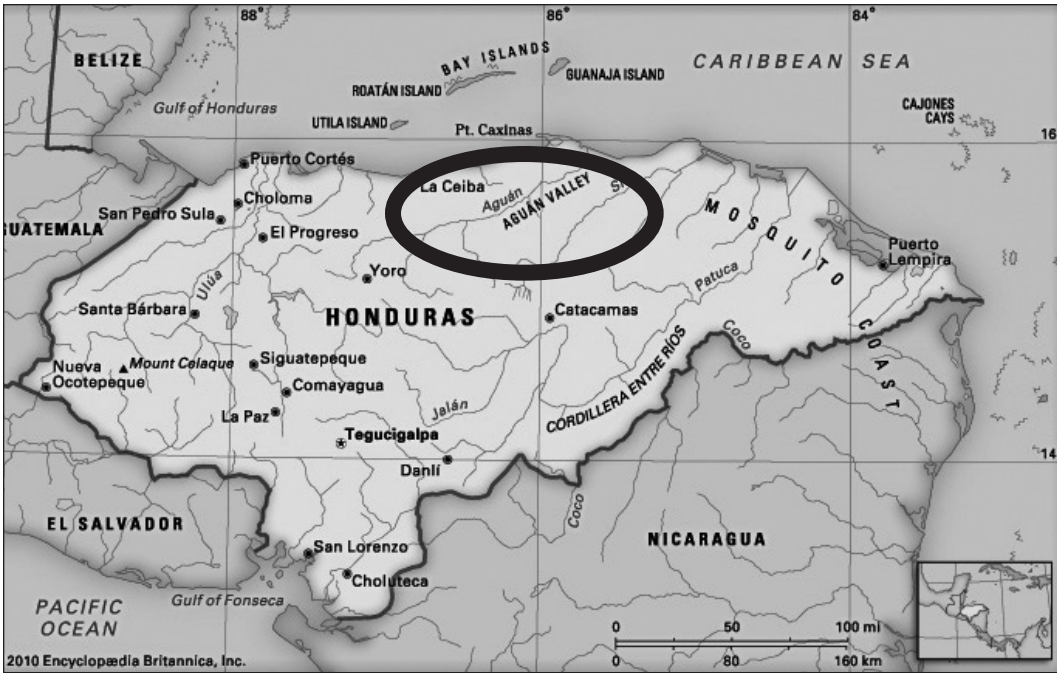
As the faith community organizer of Northern California for the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity (IM4HI), I engage dozens of sanctuary faith communities across Northern California, to provide accompaniment for asylum-seekers, advocate for more just policies and practices, and address the root causes of migration. IM4HI began coordinating delegations to Honduras in 2015, in partnership with other organizations in the U.S. and Honduras.

of people of various faith backgrounds representing different organizations, as well as community organizers and human rights activists. My father, Gary King, a human rights activist, and I were among the 75.

The delegation was hosted by Radio Progreso and ERIC (Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación) in Honduras that have been around for over 60 years, conducting community organizing, investigating human rights abuses, and broadcasting from a community radio station. Since the 2009 military-backed coup, state-sanctioned repression and violence against the people defending land and human rights had been escalating. Radio Progreso was the only radio station covering the grassroots resistance. The director of Radio Progreso and ERIC, Padre Melo, had been seeking international solidarity, calling on the international community to come and be an international public witness to their pursuit for justice.

Community resistance in Guapinol

Since our delegation was so large, we were split into three smaller groups. My father and I traveled to the Bajo Aguan region in the northern, central part of Honduras. When we arrived, I was amazed at the beauty of the land, rich



The Bajo Aguan Region of Honduras (circled) where local residents are attempting to protect their life-sustaining water from illegal mining.

in biodiversity and land area, attracting corporate interests for the tourism, mining, and mono-crop African Palm Oil industry. With the increase in these extractive industries over the past few decades, there was also an increased military presence throughout the Aguan region, which we witnessed.

A crisis developed that had its origins between 2010 and 2014, when a series of mining exploration concessions

were granted to mining companies by the Honduran government. This resulted in conflicts between mining companies and local townspeople, and in the contamination of drinking water, including from the Aguan River that runs through the town of Guapinol. In August 2018, prior to our visit, community members set up “Guapinol Dignity Camp” to peacefully protest illegal mining concessions in their

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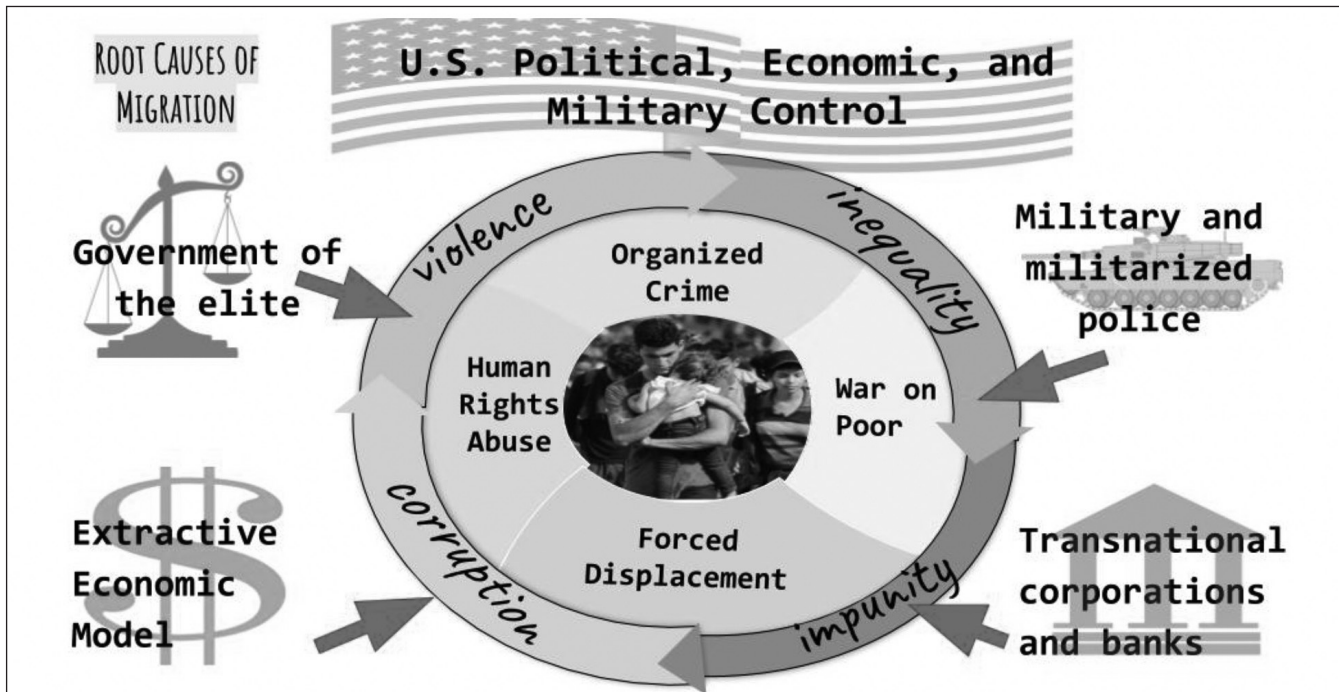
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community, in an effort to protect their water. After about 90 days, over 1,000 military and police forcibly evicted the community members with tear gas and violence. As a result, 13 of the community leaders were charged with false crimes such as blocking roads, arson, illegal detention, and illicit association. Although the charges were eventually dropped, the government appealed the decision, and the community leaders were still feeling threatened, with many living in hiding.

When our delegation arrived in Guapinol, over 100 community members met us and escorted us to the Aguan River, inviting us to experience the beauty of the river, as we immersed our feet and legs, and participated in a river blessing. Within 20 minutes of the river blessing, an armed military unit appeared on the other side of the river, glaring and taking photos of the community and delegation. The community responded powerfully, chanting at the military to leave, reminding them who the water belonged to. This is their daily reality.

Throughout our trip, we witnessed the community strength and commitment to nonviolent resistance. Despite the militarization of their community and criminalization of their leaders, the Guapinol community leaders continued to organize and speak out against state-sanctioned violence and human rights abuses. Even in the face of death threats and radio equipment being vandalized, the staff at Radio Progreso continued to bravely broadcast



As the delegation, in solidarity with members of the Guapinol community, participated in blessing the Aguan River, a threatening group of armed military appeared on the other side.

the voices of the people. With the ongoing state-sanctioned repression, the community continued to protest in the streets, unifying behind the chant “Fuera JOH!” (Leave, Juan Orlando Hernandez). ☮

ACTION: Act to end U.S. complicity in the root causes of migration from Honduras. Two ways to support Honduras:

Urge Congress to Pass the Berta Cáceres Human Rights Act (H.R. 1945). March 2, 2019 marked the three-year anniversary of the assassination of Berta Cáceres, the Honduran indigenous and environmental rights leader. The Berta Cáceres Human Rights in Honduras Act was reintroduced to

continue the call for justice. If passed, this bill would suspend U.S. security assistance to Honduran military and police until certain human rights conditions are met, including justice for Berta Cáceres. Contact your House Representative to urge them to co-sign the bill today.

Support the Fall Tour. In September, Padre Melo will be visiting a few cities in the U.S. on a speaking tour. His presentation will be live-streamed and groups are encouraged to organize viewing sessions. In October, we hope a few Guapinol community leaders will travel to the U.S., speak in 2-3 cities, and receive the prestigious Letelier-Moffitt Human Rights Award, in Washington, D.C. Support these visits by organizing a



A protest against the assassination of Berta Cáceres, the Honduran Indigenous and environmental leader.

viewing session for Padre Melo! For this and more information about how to support the tour, contact g5king@msn.org.

Resources:

- Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity: www.im4humanintegrity.org
- Root Causes Delegation Blog: rootcausesdelegation.wordpress.com/
- Berta Cáceres Bill: solidaritycollective.org/bertacaceresact

- “If San Pedro Sula Is Murder Capital of the World, Who Made It That Way?” by David Bacon, June 13, 2019, *The American Prospect* tinyurl.com/y6f8cp9e

Gala King, an organizer with the Interfaith Movement of Human Integrity, and her father, human rights activist Gary King



PM: What's on Polly Mann's Mind Today?

Imagining National Security Advisor John Bolton on an all-expense paid fishing trip in Katmandu, among other thoughts.

by Polly Mann

Behave like guardians of the public's purse strings!

Public Citizen, the nonprofit organization which has been acting as “the people’s advocate” since 1971, has joined with 21 allied organizations to petition Congress to embrace dramatic cuts in Pentagon spending and stop investing in war. It is working in the coalition with People Over the Pentagon (peopleoverpentagon.org) to send letters to all presidential candidates in a call to “reallocate the bloated Pentagon budget to meet domestic and human needs,” to wage “no war that isn’t legally authorized and paid for,” and to “adhere to our values and work toward international cooperation.” The coalition believes that the military industrial complex has driven Pentagon spending to insane levels – spending more than what is spent by the next seven countries combined. It contends that “spending should be reduced at least \$200 billion immediately, which would free up over \$2 trillion or more over the next decade for domestic and human needs.” This is a start. Of course, Women Against Military Madness would like to see all Pentagon spending reduced even further, to an absolute minimum.

It might be necessary to send John Bolton on a fishing trip to Katmandu with all expenses paid but it would be worth it.

U.S. leads the world in military expense

Obviously world leaders believe that to ensure peace, a country must go to war with the U.S. empire doing all it can to create or reenforce this belief. Each year the sums allocated for military expenditures worldwide have grown larger and larger, with the U.S. taking a strong lead, according to the renowned Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). When one considers how much is spent in this lethal business, it would probably be enough to end world hunger.

Nuclear weapons in the hands of state terrorists?!

Without a doubt, there should be a stop to the manufacture of all nuclear weapons everywhere. Existing ones need to be dismantled and not “modernized.” The U.S. has an added responsibility to take the lead as the only country in the world to have actually dropped the bomb. But the U.S. administration is going in

the opposite direction!

Analyst Chris Hedges, a former *The New York Times* war correspondent, writes that the Trump administration’s most dangerous foreign policy decision was to share nuclear technology with Saudi Arabia, as it will lead to a grave existential threat for the Middle East and ultimately, the United States. Helping Saudi Arabia nuclearize is without congressional approval. Hedges warns that it’s terrifying to think of nuclear weapons in the hands of despotic Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman (MBS), and ultimately radical jihadists who are supported and funded by powerful elements within Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government spent more than \$450,000 in just one month, according to reports, to lobby the Trump administration to approve the purchase of services and equipment. Westinghouse and other U.S. companies, led by retired military men, will profit handsomely. (“Giving the bomb to Saudi Arabia’s Dr. Strangelove” tinyurl.com/y6trhb7o)

And while we’re on the subject of corporate profit —

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PM: What's on Polly's mind

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We pay taxes but profitable megacorporations don't.

Sixty Fortune 500 companies didn't need to pay taxes in 2018 – that's more than even in previous years. This is because the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, passed by Congress and

signed by Trump at the end of 2017, lowered the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent. Amazon, Honeywell, Halliburton, Delta Airlines, Chevron, General Motors, Duke Energy, Occidental Petroleum, Dominion Energy, Deere, and EOG Resources (a hydrocarbon exploration company that split off from Enron) are just a few of the companies that didn't pay taxes. Some companies even received tax rebates. Specifics at: the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy tinyurl.com/yy9h4ll8

Our country's military funding is at the expense of healthcare, education, and human needs. ☺

Polly Mann is a cofounder of Women Against Military Madness and a regular contributor to the newsletter.

ACTION:

Spread the word with Military Spending Cards. Revealing facts. In large or small quantities available from the WAMM office. Call 612-827-5364.

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Minnesota Not Nice! State's Role in Violating Human Rights at the U.S. Southern Border and in Palestine

by Lucia Wilkes Smith

FOCUS ON
DIVESTMENT

We only need to dig through a few facts and figures to learn that the U.S. military is the earth's number one institutional environmental polluter. Meanwhile, corporations – and, therefore, most Americans – profit in very subtle ways from the development, manufacture and use of military equipment, weapons, and technology.

The word “profit” usually brings to mind the shareholders and wealthy executives of large corporations. But, really, most of us benefit from living in a wealthy nation. It's usually a bit abstract to envision. To maintain some semblance of sanity, most of us who take action with the hope of bringing justice and peace in the larger world will focus on smaller, seemingly manageable projects and goals. And, sometimes we find shocking connections and smash-ups.

Who would imagine that my participation with the Middle East Committee of Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) would collide with my usual Tuesday morning practice of standing at a vigil outside the ICE Immigration Court, Bishop Henry Whipple Building, at Fort Snelling in Minnesota? Here, at the vigil, we gather in solidarity with those who are transported through the gates, between 7:30 and 8:30 a.m., in the vans, with ominously-tinted windows, of county sheriff departments as they enter the federal property where the destiny of the migrants will be determined. We



Palestine and Mexican border protest. Image: bdsmovement.net

cannot see the people inside the vans who are headed toward the courtroom, but we call out to them so they might understand we know of their plight. Although our presence may be symbolic, we intend that they not feel absolutely isolated. We hold colorful signs to educate the commuters who park their cars and rush to the nearby light rail station.

Who would suspect that the U.S. abuse and mistreatment of Latin American migrants seeking asylum or shelter at our southern border would be related to Israeli military repression and violence against Palestinians?

But, Minnesota is so far away from those other places, right?

No! Even here, in Minnesota, we are implicated. Strange, but true, I personally am implicated in the violation of human rights at our southern U.S. border and in the Palestinian Territories because I receive a pension as a retired public school teacher. All of us are impli-

cated because the state of Minnesota includes holdings in a specific corporation, Elbit Systems Ltd.

The Minnesota State Board of Investment (SBI) is the state agency responsible for the management of the state's various retirement funds, trust funds, and cash accounts. On March 31, 2019, the market value of all assets was \$95.7 billion. So, you see, it's big. The Board is composed of our Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, and Secretary of State. These elected officials meet in St. Paul, Minnesota, to make decisions about the investments benefiting all public employees plus those who qualify in a “non-retirement fund for trusts and other participating entities.” In addition to the Elbit holdings, the SBI is being challenged by Minnesotans calling for divestment from tobacco companies, corporations proposing copper-nickel mining in northern Minnesota, and the oil pipeline operator Enbridge, per reports during early August in the *StarTribune*.

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Minnesota Not Nice

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FOCUS ON DIVESTMENT

Elbit Systems manufactures killer drones, weapons systems, ammunition, and military surveillance technologies, including those used on the U.S. border with Mexico. The headquarters of Elbit is located in Haifa, Israel, but there are tentacles, or rather a network of more than 80 subsidiaries and affiliates, in the U.S. and many other countries around the world employing more than 12,700 people.

Elbit currently is involved in a project of the Israeli Ministry of Defense to construct an extra hi-tech barrier around the Palestinian Gaza Strip. And, based on Elbit's experience with walls, weapons, and surveillance in Gaza and the Occupied West Bank, the Trump administration has awarded Elbit work on the expansion of the U.S. border wall. Most recently, Elbit's U.S. subsidiary won a \$145 million contract from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to develop surveillance towers on Arizona's border with Mexico. The CEO of Elbit Systems has said that the company's current growth can be attributed to increased U.S. border spending.

Through the Middle East Committee of WAMM and another group called Minnesota Break the Bonds, I've learned about a handful of Israeli weapons manufacturers in which the state of Minnesota holds stock. But, Elbit is the singular corporation with a unique link to the U.S. border wall.

All of this information brings to mind the word "divestment," and I'm remembering the anti-apartheid movement that successfully called



Palestine and Mexican border protest. Image: bdsmovement.net

upon U.S. institutions, decades ago, to divest from holdings in South Africa. In the case of Elbit Systems, the international community provides us with models for action. This decade has seen divestment from Elbit Systems by the Norwegian State Pension Fund, Danske Bank (largest bank in Denmark), Swedish National Pension Fund, Dutch Pension Fund, and Deutsche Bank.

In Minnesota, several local organizations – including the Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee (MIRAC) – an organization that WAMM works with in coalition are adamant in requesting that the SBI divest from Elbit because of human rights violations attributed to that corporation with the expansion of surveillance at the U.S. southern border wall.

We Minnesotans continue to profit from pain, injustice and tragedy. Until such divestment is complete, we, as Minnesotans, continue to be uniquely implicated in this humanitarian catastrophe. ☺

Lucia Wilkes Smith is an active member of Women Against Military Madness, Secretary of the WAMM Board, and Chair of the Ground All Drones Committee, in addition to

serving as a member of the WAMM Middle East Committee.

ACTION:

Contact SBI members to request divestment from Elbit Systems Ltd.: Governor Tim Walz, 651-201-3400 or comment at mn.gov/governor/; Attorney General Keith Ellison, (651) 296-3353 or Attorney.General@ag.state.mn.us; Auditor Julie Blaha, 651-296-2551 or state.auditor@osa.state.mn.us; Secretary of State Steve Simon, 651-296-2803 or secretary.state@state.mn.us; SBI Executive Director, Mansco Perry III, 651-296-3328 or mn.gov/sbi

Join a peaceful vigil any Tuesday morning, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the ICE entrance near the Fort Snelling light rail station, 6000 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. Second Tuesday programs are sponsored by the Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM) outside the nearby Bishop Whipple Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling. See calendar, p. 11.

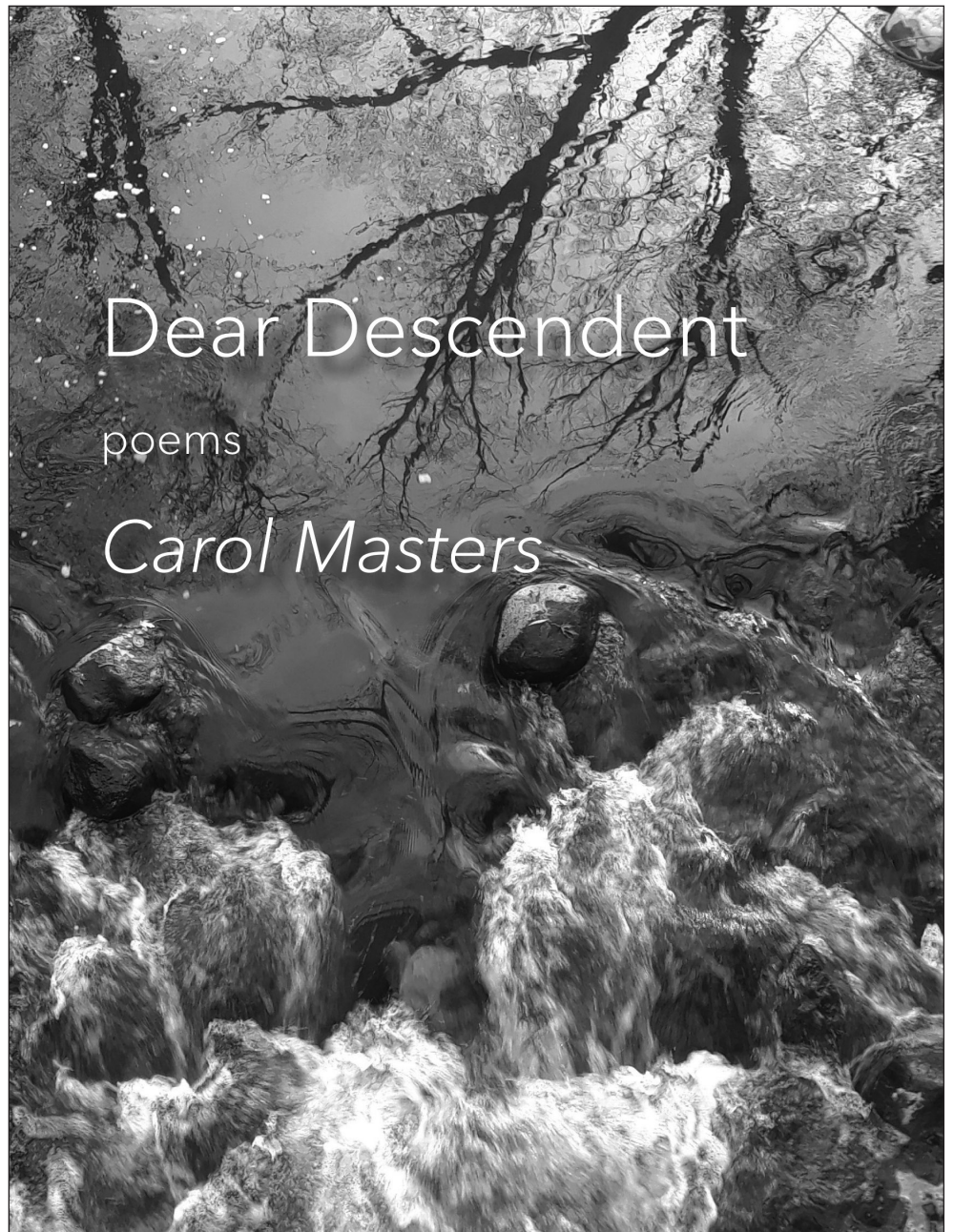
Sign a Petition. Early signatures are being delivered to the SBI public meeting on August 22 by MIRAC, <http://bit.ly/mndivestelbit>. A petition is also being submitted by Minnesota Break the Bonds requesting divestment from Elbit and additional Israel-based weapons manufacturers that violate human rights of residents within Palestinian territories: tinyurl.com/y5z68gs8. Signatures will continue to be accepted after this date

Announcing *Dear Descendent*:

a new collection of poetry by activist Carol Masters, a member of the WAMM Newsletter Committee.

In *Dear Descendent*, Carol Masters draws upon her life as an activist and her love of the natural world to fashion thoughtful overlays and wry juxtapositions that can delight the senses or prick the conscience – often both at once. A master of metaphor, yet she doesn't shy away from an occasional grand (and whimsical) metaphysical statement: Everything is Made of Everything. There are prison cells and fields of flowers – even her straightforward descriptions of the moon demonstrate that something new and evocative can still be found in its age-old countenance. Gratitude and grief commingle in her poems about aging and loved ones lost. Topping it all off is an intermittently surreal and sometimes almost crazy freedom in the use of images. In the poem “Fly Ball,” for example, sports, physics, and the Second Coming converge as the sacrifice fly approaches the mitt. (Apollinaire would have approved.) The words flow freely, musically, from the page, ensuring that Masters' voice is one that her descendants – and ours – will want to listen to.

More about Carol Masters: She grew up in Chicago and has lived and worked in Kansas, Texas, and Minnesota. Her children and friends inspired her to actions for peace (with the Honeywell Project and Women Against Military Madness), and in environmental movements. She served useful time in jail after being arrested for civil disobedience in nonviolent protests of nuclear weapons. A number of the poems



Cover photo by Michael Bayly

in this collection, including “jail poems,” reflect her social conscience concerns. Masters is a recipient of a Loft Mentor Series Award, Loft-McKnight fellowship, Minnesota State Arts Board fellowship, and Minnesota Voices Project award for *The Peace Terrorist* (short stories)

(New Rivers Press, 1993). Her biography *You Can't Do That: Marv Davidov, Nonviolent Revolutionary* was published by Nodin Press in 2009, and was selected as a finalist for a Midwest Independent Publishers Award. ☺

Waging Peace Counters the Indoctrination of Youth: Vigil Outside Camp Ripley

by Doug Olson

FOCUS ON MILITARISM

Brainerd Area Coalition for Peace (BACP) and allies, Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) and Veterans for Peace (VFP) are holding a peace vigil during Camp Ripley's Open House Day in September to challenge the pro-war indoctrination of youth. Camp Ripley's Open House Day is, in the words of BACP member Robin Hensel, "a recruitment and retention event." The National Guard training facility, located in Little Falls, Minnesota, is one of the largest such facilities in the nation. Camp Ripley encourages children to eventually join the military when they turn 18 by giving them rides at an early age on tanks, Humvees, and helicopters. National Guardsmen have even instructed young children on how to fire machine guns (They don't use real bullets, but they simulate the action)*.

But Camp Ripley's indoctrination of youth isn't limited to Open House Day. Camp Ripley encourages young people to visit the Minnesota Military Museum, located at Camp Ripley. During a 2013 field trip, children were allowed to climb tanks. The Little Falls Dairy Queen and Boy Scout Troop 51 co-hosted the trip.¹

The peace vigil outside Camp Ripley's Main Gate during Open House Day counters Camp Ripley's pro-war propaganda by sharing our message of peace with visitors entering and leaving Camp Ripley. The vigil is held for the entirety of Open House Day so that as many Camp Ripley visitors as possible see the vigil. Vigil participants interact with visitors and

National Guard soldiers. Peace vigil participants talk about the real harm war does to civilians, soldiers, the environment, and entire nations.

The Camp Ripley peace vigils have become a tradition for BACP and our allies in WAMM and VFP since 2012. While the 2012, 2013, and 2015 vigils received a hostile reception, the 2017 vigil received a mixed reception. A majority of passing motorists berated vigil participants, but a substantial minority, including a handful of National Guardsmen, offered their support for the vigil by honking their horns, giving thumbs up, and making peace signs. Hopefully, the 2019 vigil will receive even more support as Americans grow increasingly weary of never-ending U.S. wars in the Middle East and Afghanistan. ☮

Doug Olson is a member of Brainerd Area Coalition for Peace. He can be reached at djo819@hotmail.com

Endnote:

*"Kids 'tankful' for fun at Military Museum" *Morrison County Record*. Sunday, July 21, 2013. tinyurl.com/y3ugd47g

Teens Targeted Too!

Camp Ripley was also the location last May of the Marine's Minneapolis Regional Office's Mini Boot Camp. Teenagers from all over the state of Minnesota were bused to Camp Ripley to experience what



it's like to train as a Marine. The camp is predictably not designed to encourage independent and critical thinking in youth, but rather absolute adherence to authority. A gunnery sergeant who trained the teens described it in a local newspaper, the *Morrison County Record* (emphasis WAMM's) "Overall our initial reason is to *establish dominance* and set a standard immediately. We expect the best and will *not allow them to deviate from that at all*."

ACTION:

Vigil: Join peace activists, and anyone opposed to war, militarism, pro-war indoctrination, police militarization for all or part of the vigil outside main gate, Camp Ripley, Sunday, September 15, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 15000 Highway 115, Little Falls, Minnesota 56345.

Potluck follows at Morrison County Park with tribute to BACP member Theresa Skorseth, an extraordinarily kind, beloved person who participated in BACP events and Camp Ripley peace vigils.

Please note: The Brainerd Area Coalition for Peace Vigil takes place on the same day as the Women Against Military Madness Silent Auction. It is hoped that some people will be able to attend both.

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 Peace/ Justice Vigils *Vigil to End War*

Every Wednesday, From 5:00 to 6:00 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.

Immigrant Solidarity Vigils

Every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Stand up for justice, say NO to family separation, deportation. Gather weekly with signs (bring your own or use one provided) at ICE entrance closest to Fort Snelling light rail station. Vigil on Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis by the sign at the

driveway entrance to ICE. Rain or shine. (If using GPS—6000 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis). FFI: Call Pepper 612-701-6963 or Mary Lou 612-280-0354

Second Tuesday of every month, 7:30 a.m.

Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM) gathers in solidarity with immigrants and refugees to achieve justice and stand up to systems of oppression. Vigil outside the Bishop Whipple Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling. St. Paul. FFI: Facebook: Interfaith Coalition on Immigration (ICOM).

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 WAMM 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

Times/dates pending. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Middle East

Second Monday of every month, 10:00 a.m. at Kenwood Isles Condominiums, 28th and Hennepin Ave. So., Mpls.. 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

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

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 612-827-5364 or email wamm@mtn.org.

Rachel Carson September 9.

The woman who launched the environmental movement. Drawn from Carson's own writings, letters and recent scholarship, the film illuminates both the public and private life of the scientist.

Emma Goldman October 14.

For nearly half a century, Russian emigrant Emma Goldman was

the most controversial woman in America, taunting the mainstream with her fervent attacks on government, big business, and war.

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

Special Events

Iraq Today: An Eyewitness Account by Sami Rasouli

Monday, August 26, 2019. 7:00 p.m., 4200 Cedar Ave. So. in Mpls. Sami will speak about the current situation in Iraq today from the point of view of the Iraqi people. He will also make the connections between the situation in Iraq and the current U.S. economic war on Iran. FFI: 612-275-2720 or 612-827-5364.

Camp Ripley Open House Protest/Vigil

Sunday, September 15, 2019. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., outside main gate, Camp Ripley, 15000 Minnesota 115, Little Falls. FFI: See action, page 10. Call 218-839-2985 or 320-360-3931.

WAMM 35th Annual Silent Auction

Sunday, September 15, 2019. 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bidding closes at 7:00 p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church, 4537 Third Ave S., Mpls. FFI: 612-827-5364. See add on back cover.

Rage Against the War Machine

Weekend of October 11, 2019. Washington D.C. and Twin Cities actions. Check womenagainstmilitarymadness.org for details.



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