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## Keep Space for Peace! Save the Heavens from Hegemony!

by Bruce K. Gagnon

Recently we learned that the aerospace industry is pushing to turn a former naval air station in Brunswick, Maine, into a spaceport. Promising lots of "high tech" jobs, a bill is being pushed in Augusta, our capital, by some of the most "progressive" legislators in the state.

Similarly, we are hearing from many other states where launch complexes are being promoted—from Hawaii to New Mexico to Alaska—that the industry wants some of the most pristine places on Earth to become spaceports. Why?

A spaceport in Kodiak Island, Alaska (locals call it "Spacepark"), was built some years ago in spite of overwhelming opposition by local residents. They were

promised that it would be used only for civilian launches. So far, all the launches at Kodiak have actually been for Pentagon (and Israeli) space-weapons technology tests.

We've been hearing for several years now that new companies formed by tech-industry billionaires Elon Musk (whose projects include Tesla and SpaceX) and Jeff Bezos (Amazon, Blue Orbit) plan to launch as many as 35,000 mini-sats (satellites) into orbit. Imagine the enormous hole these polluting launches will punch into the ozone layer. The plan is to have a satellite orbiting over the head of every person on Earth 24 hours a day to make it possible for the new 5G wireless

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## Water and Oil Don't Mix: Protecting Against Line 3

Indigenous water protectors and friends in the environmental movement are protesting Line 3, a replacement pipeline with twice the capacity of the existent one. If it goes forward, Line 3 will carry crude oil from Canadian tar sands across more than 300 miles of northern Minnesota, violating treaties and threatening

wild rice wetlands and other clean water sources. Hundreds rallied at the Governor's Mansion on November 14 when the Minnesota regulatory agencies granted permits to the company, Enbridge. Oil pipelines have been proven to leak, contaminating land and water.

## The Philippines Human Rights Act: Your Support Is Still Needed



*Sales to the Philippine military of attack helicopters with Hellfire and Stinger missiles are pending U.S. Congressional approval.*

The Philippine Human Rights Act (PHRA), HR 8313, blocks U.S. funds for police or military assistance to the Philippines, including equipment and training, until such time as human rights conditions are met. For more information, see: *Women Against Military Madness Newsletter*, vol. 38 no. 5, Fall II, 2020

### ACTION:

**Urge your congressional representatives to co-sponsor the Philippine Human Rights Act, HR 8313.** It is especially important to contact those on the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs and Financial Services Committees, as this is where the bill is at this time, and it needs to be moved to the next stage of the legislative process. (Minnesota Congressman Tom Emmer, 6th District, is on the Finance Committee). *There is currently no companion bill in the Senate.*

Follow the progress of the bill: [congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8313](http://congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8313).

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technology system to be profitable. Many questions are being raised about the military (dual-use) applications of these satellites as well.

### Space Force

Earlier this year, Trump was able to “stand up” his new high-tech legacy branch of the military, called the Space Force. Congress was overwhelmingly in favor—that means both parties supported it; the only thing the Democrats (who could have stopped it cold in the House of Representatives) wanted to change was the name—to “Space Corps.” They surrendered on that as well.

When the new leaders of the Space Force speak about it, they keep using the word “lean” to describe the new service branch. They want to make it sound as though it won’t be a “fiscal burden” to the nation, especially at a time when we have more unemployment than during the Great Depression. But facts are facts, and I can testify that the aerospace-industry publications have been bragging since the 1980s, when Ronald Reagan first proposed Star Wars, that this would be the largest industrial project in the history of the planet. So \$15 billion is just the foot in the door. Where will the funds come from to pay for this? Our entitlement programs—Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and what little is left of the social safety net — are on the chopping block to be sacrificed to the aerospace industry.

During his presidency, Trump announced that the U.S. rejects the United Nations Outer Space and Moon Treaties that declare the planetary bodies the “province of all humankind”—meaning that no nation, corporation, or individual can claim ownership of them. Thus the way is open for a new gold rush to grab the planets for resource extraction. And, if Biden were to continue Obama’s legacy, the way will be paved.

## The Real Missions of Space Force

In 2015, Obama signed the U.S. Commercial Space Launch Competitiveness Act into law. The act grants companies the rights to whatever they manage to pluck out of these extraterrestrial bodies. Effectively an extension of capitalism into space, the bill is one of the few during Obama’s presidency that received widespread support from the GOP as well as from the Democrats, because apparently nothing screams bipartisanship louder than asteroid mining. (Asteroids are rocky and metallic objects that orbit the sun but are smaller than planets.)<sup>1</sup>

“This is the single greatest recognition of property rights in history,” said Eric Anderson, a founder of Planetary Resources, Inc., a company whose mission it is to mine asteroids. “This legislation establishes the same supportive framework that created the great economies of history, and will encourage the sustained development of space.”

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### WAMM Committees

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*Image: The Sasakawa Peace Foundation. Adding to the objects already circling Earth, plans are to launch 35,000 mini-sats (satellites) into orbit so that 24 hours a day they are orbiting over the head of every person on Earth, making 5G wireless technology profitable. Questions are raised about possible military (dual-use) applications.*

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I've long believed that the Space Force (and before that the Space Command) will have two primary missions: first, to give the U.S. and its Western capitalist allies "control and domination" of Earth; and secondly, the Space Force will be given the task to create the technologies to "control and dominate" the pathway on and off our sacred Mother Earth.

In 1989, the U.S. Congress published an internal study called "Military Space Forces: The Next 50 Years." In this study, the congressional staffer who wrote it explained the need to control the pathway between the Earth and the Moon. He suggested that armed space stations on either side of the Moon would allow the Pentagon to seize the "Earth-Moon gravity well." He wrote: "Armed forces might lie in wait at that location to hijack rival shipments on return." So this plan has been in the works for many years—in fact, since a former Nazi first briefed Congress back in 1958.

### From Nazi Rocket Science to the U.S. Militarizing Space Program

Walter Dornberger was Hitler's head man in charge of his WW II era V-1 and V-2 rocket program. He was the staff link between rocket scientist Wernher von Braun and Hitler. Dornberger, like von Braun and 1,600 other Germans, was smuggled into the U.S. after the war in the secret military program called Operation Paperclip.

Speaking at a congressional hearing in 1958, Dornberger insisted that America's first space priority ought to be to "conquer, occupy, keep and utilize space between the Earth and the Moon."

There has been unanimity in the halls of Congress since Dornberger's testimony—both parties have faithfully kept the funding for the militarized space program alive and growing. Dornberger would be happy today to see that his Nazi prophecy has largely come to fruition.

### International Treaties and an Achilles Heel

The U.S. has been leading the way to militarize and weaponize space since the beginning of World War II. For a while the former Soviet Union was in the game—until its collapse in 1991. Neither Russia nor China could keep up with the U.S. in the ensuing years, and they continually begged the U.S. to join them in negotiating a treaty to ban all weapons in space—in other words, close the door to the barn before the horse gets out. During Republican and Democrat administrations since Bill Clinton, the response to Moscow and Beijing was the same from Washington—*NO*.

So Russia and China slowly but steadily have moved forward since the early 1990s and have begun to close the space gap—always continuing to urge the creation of a space-weapons ban treaty. But Washington still refuses to even consider it. In fact, the U.S. has gone in the opposite direction of international treaties under Trump—pulling out of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty (ABM), Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF), and the Iran Nuclear Deal.

Will the U.S. under Biden renew the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START), which run out in 2021?

It's all really quite simple—the U.S. has not wanted to be bound by any treaties that limit its goal for "control and domination." One could say the U.S. has become a renegade or pirate nation controlled by the soulless

corporate agenda, which is all about power and greed.

This all makes the job of the Global Network<sup>2</sup> terribly difficult. Since our founding in 1992 we've been working hard to build an international constituency to keep space for peace. The corporate agenda is determined to block any progress toward that goal.

But I've always maintained that like everything else, the aerospace industry and its Star Wars project has an Achilles heel. It's money. The current global virus pandemic is only bringing this reality to bear as never before.

### We Must Stop an Arms Race in Space!

If we hope to beat this insane and provocative plan, then we must starve the beast. We can do that by bringing our national priorities down to earth and fighting for social progress—for programs like Medicare for All and funding to deal with our real problem today: climate crisis.

Please help us beat the expensive and dangerous Space Force by demanding our government provide programs that honor life on this lovely planet.

Best wishes to all of you. Keep your spirit strong!

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### Endnotes

1 Definition from solarviews.com

2 Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space

# “Let Them Go!” 648+ Peaceful Protesters Arrested in Minneapolis

by Sarah Martin and Kim DeFranco

On Nov. 4, in Minneapolis, activists answered the call resounding around the country from the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression to demand that Trump concede the election. They were joined by other concerned citizens in demanding a People’s Mandate and the funding of human needs. The protest spilled from a Minneapolis street onto Interstate 94.

As the march was just about to exit the freeway, law enforcement officers (most unmasked)—Minnesota Highway Patrol, Hennepin County sheriffs, Minneapolis police, and National Guard, many of whom were brought in from around the state—kettled the protesters, and, without a dispersal warning, refused to let them exit, including families with young children. The State Patrol closed down

the freeway for five hours and pepper-sprayed nearby local residents who observed what was happening and were shouting, “Let them go!” Law enforcement arrested more

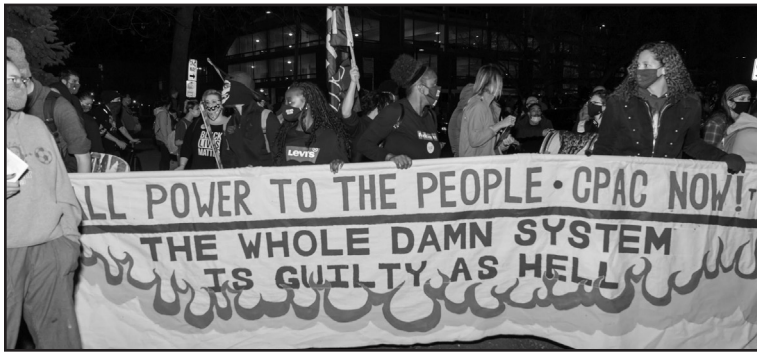
than 648 people. Teenagers were separated from their parents. Protesters were charged with misdemeanors of public nuisance and walking on the freeway.

## ACTION:

### **Demand an end to escalation of political repression!**

Arrestees and the community are demanding that the charges from this costly and outrageous exercise of political repression against peaceful protesters be dropped.

Call Minnesota Governor Tim Walz: (651) 201-3400 and Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey: (612) 673-2100 to demand that 1.) all charges be dropped against protesters arrested November 4 on I-94 in Minneapolis and 2.) the use of militarized forces against people is stopped.



Banner, Nov. 4 rally. CPAC refers to “Civilian Police Accountability Council.” Photo: Phil Ward

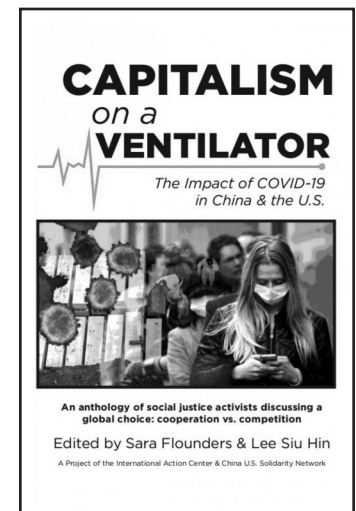
# Capitalism on a Ventilator: The Impact of Covid-19 in China and the U.S.

(an anthology edited by Sara Flounders and Lee Siu Hin, a project of the International Action Center and China U.S. Solidarity Network. Published by World View Forum, New York, NY, 2020)

Last January, China alerted major international scientific bodies about the eruption of a dangerous new virus and heavily promoted basic precautions. U.S. politicians and corporate media ridiculed this and ignored warnings. Washington ramped up its policy of racist propaganda, military encirclement, trade war, and sanctions. The consequence has been that COVID-19 deaths in the U.S. are among the highest in the world. Rather than global cooperation, the U.S. chose competition, profits over people, and military build-up.

This is a book to break the U.S. media blockade of all positive Chinese

accomplishments and acceptable topics of discussion. An anthology with articles written by people from around the world, some of the areas it explores are: warnings from China, spiraling disaster in the U.S., systemic U.S. racism and COVID-19, global aid from China, the race for a vaccine, and the escalating anti-China campaign. Notable writers and commentators include: Vijay Prishad, Lee Siu Hin, Max Blumenthal, K.J. Noh, Kevin Zeese, Julie M. Tang, Margaret Flowers, Ajamu Baraka, Mumia Abu Jamal, Margaret Kimberley, Sara Flounders, Carlos Martinez, and more.



Amazon is refusing to sell this book. International Action Center is conducting a campaign to oppose the censorship (iac.org). In the Twin Cities, the book is available through May Day Books, 301 Cedar Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55454. Phone: 612-333-4719.

# Total Information Warfare: Sinophobia

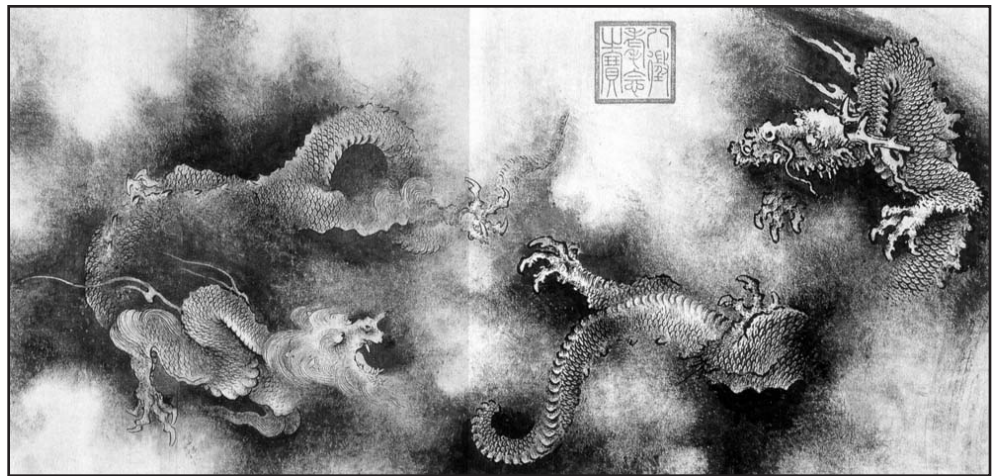
by K.J. Noh

The U.S. is already at war against China. It is currently using the many tactics of a multi-domain hybrid war, and, despite the non-interventionist wishes of the American people who want peace, the U.S. is showing signals of escalating rapidly toward direct military confrontation.

While China demonstrates the possibility of multi-polarity, or the sharing of power, the U.S. is committed to unipolarity: its domination of world power—at any cost. The current “conflict” is a conflict between unipolarity and multi-polarity, not freedom versus authoritarianism, or capitalism versus market socialism (“communism”).

Despite China’s assurances that it does not want war, hot or cold, that it seeks win-win cooperation and co-existence with all countries, and that it disdains hegemony, the U.S. is continually escalating, provoking, and threatening China, even as it dismantles off-ramps, channels of communication, and global institutions for cooperation and de-escalation.

Biden’s doctrine toward China will likely be a continuation of this noxious arc of history and planning. The think tank advising Biden on foreign policy, the Center for New American Security (CNAS), is a near-rhyming clone to the neocon Project for a New American Century (PNAC). CNAS has grandfathered in most of existing



*Ink wash, Southern Song Dynasty, by Che'n Jung (1200-1266 CE)*

anti-China doctrine, and has mapped out, in obsessive detail, the next steps of a highly destructive and dangerous strategy of confrontation with China. The key way it differs from PNAC is that it will “unite” other countries more skillfully against China, pivot away from Trump’s neo-mercantilism towards a more “globalist” approach, and likely implement some revised version of the Trans Pacific Partnership, the 12-nation economic bloc against China.

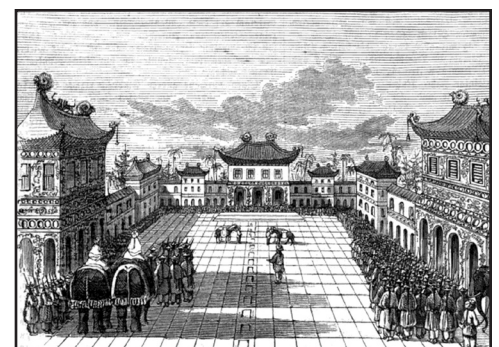
Total Information Warfare is a tactic that always precedes, justifies, and enables war. To instigate a shooting war, it is necessary to curtail any rational discussion and build consensus in a population. At this time, we are all being drenched with lies through media manipulation and propaganda to incite people to fear China (Sinophobia) and to hate China irrationally and unconditionally for the purpose of manufacturing consent for war. This is what military strategists call “the firehose of falsehoods.” The stories about so-called “Chinese human rights abuses,” “Chinese concentration camps,” “Chinese-made-and-released Covid,” assertions that “China has harmed us economically,” “China has stolen its way to the top,” “China is oppressing independent Hong Kong” are part of this

information warfare. It has its roots in, and draws on pre-existing racism against Chinese going back to the 1700s. That’s why it’s important to look at the root of anti-Chinese sentiment in history.

## Culture Shock: The challenge to supremacy

The earliest European travelers were astonished to discover in China a country, in many ways, far more advanced than the West: a rich, diverse, multicultural civilization with sophisticated systems of governance and vibrant cities built with complex systems of planning and management. Above all, they marveled at a harmonious multireligious,

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*German illustration. Part of the Forbidden City, seat of imperial Chinese families and government officials from 1420 to 1912. European travelers were astonished to discover the sophistication of China’s civilization.*

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multiethnic society, free of sectarian strife, and an inclusive merit-based<sup>1</sup> system of political power that selected the most competent people to govern and rule, regardless of creed, color, background, or religion.<sup>2</sup> This contrasted with the Western system of hereditary aristocratic rule within a society torn apart regularly with religious strife. These ideas of diversity, tolerance, inclusion, and earned—not inherited—privilege, would strongly influence the leaders of the Enlightenment, the European intellectuals of the late 17th and the 18th centuries who believed that humanity could be improved through the use of reason and innovative thinking. Western philosophers such as Voltaire and Leibniz believed that the Chinese had “perfected moral science” and that Chinese statecraft was the model for the West to emulate, if it wanted to develop into an enlightened civilization.

These discoveries struck a hard blow at Christian and Western supremacy. Western colonization was built on a foundational belief that the West was more advanced, more evolved—closer to God—than the “barbarous” countries it was invading, subjugating, exploiting, and destroying. It needed at least the pretense of being more “advanced” to justify its colonial “civilizing mission.”

Reactionary thinkers like the German philosopher Herder, who had never visited China—lashed back rapidly by propagating a theory of the depravity of Chinese: that China was an “immoral land with no honor,” an “embalmed mummy” characterized by stagnation, in contrast with Western “dynamism.”

In addition, the Chinese system of meritocratic government was deeply

troubling to a West built on stratified class privilege. A civilization without hereditary aristocrats was unfathomable and terrifying to the Western ruling class. The French political philosopher Montesquieu thus concocted the trope that China’s more egalitarian system had to be “despotic”—despotic for him because it threatened the “liberties” (aristocratic privileges) of his class. The German philosopher Hegel chiseled this canard into the Western consciousness with an armchair theory of “Oriental Despotism,” whereby the Chinese had failed to evolve due to inherent characterological flaws in its people and its political culture. Other influential intellectuals postulated similar ideas. These allegations of “despotism”—despite being total distortions of Chinese governance—have infused all Western discourses about China since.

### Enter the Bandits

At the same time, “embalmed” Chinese “inferiority” notwithstanding, the West craved the exquisite consumer goods of China—tea, silk, porcelain—and this created huge trade imbalances. The Western



*Earliest known photo of the ruins of one of the buildings on the grounds of Emperor's Old Summer Palace, which was looted and burned by the English and the French in 1860. Worldhistory/photo.blogspot*

response to balance the books was narco-trafficking: smuggling in industrial amounts of opium—at its peak, up to nine million pounds a year. When China objected and opposed this on sovereign and moral grounds and confiscated the drugs, war was declared. Reparations for drug seizures were forced, concessions extracted, and the country plundered, looted, and destroyed. In one show of force to the Chinese, in 1860, the Summer Palace of the Emperor was sacked and burned by

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*Opium ships off the coast of China, oil painting 1824 by William John Huggins.*

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Lord Elgin, the British high commissioner to China.

This violence, banditry, and racism, justified by the belief in the subhuman nature of the Chinese, became normalized practice against the Chinese over two centuries, and great American fortunes—Perkins, Astor, Forbes, Cabot, Delano (Roosevelt)—and Ivy league institutions at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia were built on this extraction and narco-trafficking. Hewing to the belief that the Chinese were less than human, drug barons pushed opium that addicted ten percent of the population, which had the effect of essentially incapacitating an entire nation while stealing its wealth. Just as U.S. Southern wealth had been built on the decimation of black bodies through the slave trade, U.S. East Coast wealth was built on the destruction of Chinese bodies through the drug trade, in what historian John K. Fairbank described as “the most long-continued and systematic international crime of modern times.”

Dehumanization, humiliation, assault, theft, rape, colonization, appropriation—these became the standard Western approach towards China and the Chinese; the Chinese people were “filthy yellow hordes,” an inferior, subhuman race, lacking agency, fit only to be colonized, exploited, enslaved, lynched, erased, and wherever possible, extinguished through race war.

It would continue.

### The Yellow Peril and a Chinaman’s Chance

Inside U.S. territory itself, the mythology of the “yellow peril”—originally a German colonial war trope—became pervasive. Horace Greeley, the editor of the *New York Tribune*, argued that the Chinese were “uncivilized, unclean, and filthy beyond all conception, without any of the higher domestic or social relations; lustful and sensual in their dispositions; every female is a prostitute of the basest order.” Greeley, a progressive, was simply mouthing the platitudes of his day.

Much worse than rhetoric was the

routine violence. Chinese immigrant labor was employed during the California gold rush and the building of the transcontinental railroad across the U.S. (1848 to 1869). What followed, prefiguring similar present-day fears, was the idea that the Chinese were stealing jobs, wealth, or threatening America. Thousands of Chinese were massacred, lynched, set on fire, expelled from their communities in the late 19th century. Starting in 1871, violent mobs attacked Chinese immigrants. A mass lynching in Los Angeles’s Chinatown that year was followed in 1880 by the Denver Yellow Peril pogrom. On September 3rd, 1885, during the Wyoming Rock Springs massacre, Chinese workers were scalped, mutilated, castrated, dismembered; 50 were murdered, and 78 Chinese homes burned to the ground. This was followed days later by incidents in Washington Territory: the Issaquah Valley attack, the Coal Creek mines attack, and the Black Diamond expulsions. In November of that year, in Tacoma, 200 Chinese were rounded up at gunpoint and forced into box-cars, expelled on trains whose tracks they had built. After their expulsion, the entire Chinatown of Tacoma was razed and burned to the ground. This string of expulsions and atrocities would continue in 1886: the Seattle Riot expelled 350 Chinese; in 1887, the Oregon Hell’s Canyon massacre robbed, mutilated, and murdered 34 Chinese. At least 150 such attacks against Chinese in U.S. states and territories were recorded.<sup>3</sup> “A Chinaman’s chance” became a common term: To be Chinese was to be subject to sudden death at any time at the whim of white people.

In response, the Chinese hid themselves inside ghettos where they could. They fled pogroms, arson, and mass lynchings, and kept their heads



*In 1885, Chinese laborers were massacred in brutal and sadistic ways at Rock Springs, Wyoming. Harpers Weekly illustration.*

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down, “eating bitter” and trying to stay alive. Where they managed to settle down without being killed, they were subjected to cultural erasure, economic blockade, social isolation, a ban on owning property and businesses, and a proscription on marrying and having children—in short, planned elimination.

## U.S.-Chinese Foreign Relations and the Red Scare

A minor respite in U.S.-China foreign relations occurred during WWII, when the U.S. allied itself with the Christian-led right-wing Chinese nationalist political party, the Kuomintang (KMT), against the Japanese; it gave a small glimmer of reprieve, as Chinese leaders tried to establish breathing space, and the Japanese took on the role of the “bad Asians.” The alliance between the U.S. and China lasted until the Chinese communists liberated themselves in 1949 and wrested back their own country. “China has stood up”, Communist Party Chairman Mao Zedong declared, igniting jubilation throughout the Third World and sending shockwaves of horror through the colonial West. This arrant act of self-liberation and self-determination—along with the U.S.’s astonishment that the monstrous KMT fascists it had courted and funded had been trounced—unleashed a hysterical new wave of Sinophobia within the U.S. during the McCarthy era. High-ranking Congressional committees demanded “Who lost China?”—as if it had been theirs to lose. They purged the State Department of the moderate “China Hands,” who had been sympathetic or were knowledgeable about China and its political institutions. A paroxysm of anti-China and anti-Asian hatred would shiver and fester throughout

the Cold War, burning, stoking, and consuming itself through two hot wars—the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

However, during the ’70s, the U.S., battered from the Vietnam War, decided, for pragmatic reasons, to use China to counterbalance against the Soviet Union. Thus began a brief realist honeymoon.

This was not to last. After the fall of the Soviet Union, two decades later, two things became readily apparent: 1) there was no further political need to engage with China, since the primary reason (the threat of the Soviet Union) had gone away, and 2) it was clear, both from history and geography, that, due to its size, capacity, and dynamism, the U.S. would consider China a challenger to the United States itself. Thus the long, unabated, and persistent thread of anti-China hatred, reinvigorated with red-scary-yellow-peril-thinking, came back with a vengeance. Despite continued engagement with China for business during the Clinton years, Sinophobia persisted as an underground current, marshalling tremendous force.

Our work is cut out for us: “In war, the first causality is truth.” We must think critically and defensively and not take anything attacking China at face value. Our task is to challenge the lies as we organize and work for peace.

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*Comic book from the 1950s incites readers to “See Captain America (Commie Smasher) defy the Communist hordes.”*

**Next installment in the China series by K.J. Noh:** Who controls the levers of U.S. policy and power toward China: the business class (“Panda Huggers”) who want continued engagement with China, the ideologues (“Panda Sluggers”) who see China as a mortal and irreconcilable threat, and the comingling of the two?

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# Chileans Vote for a New Constitution *by Michael Livingston*

On Sunday October 25th, one year to the day since over a million Chileans flooded the streets of Santiago in protest against neoliberal policies, Chileans voted overwhelmingly for a new constitution. Of those voting, 78.24 percent voted for a new constitution while 21.76 percent voted to keep the current constitution.

The current constitution was drafted by former dictator Augusto Pinochet, who ruled Chile from 1973 to 1990 after overthrowing Chile's democratically elected socialist government. The coup was supported by the U.S., and the CIA was instrumental in planning and laying the groundwork for it.

Chileans will now go to the polls in April 2021 to elect a 155-person constituent assembly to draft a new constitution. This assembly must have gender balance given the proposal approved by voters. The assembly will exclude any current elected official and will have until

2022 to complete a new constitution. All provisions to the constitution must be approved by two-thirds of the delegates. Once the draft is completed, it will go to voters for approval in mid-2022. A simple majority will be required to approve the new constitution. If the new constitution is not approved, the old constitution will remain in effect.

Chile is now the most advanced country in Latin America, according to the UN Human Development Index (HDI). The HDI is a composite measure of health and longevity, education, and per capita income. Yet this measure hides major social problems and injustices. Chile has a highly unequal income structure, an expensive health care system that limits access to decent care, and a semi-privatized education system that provides the elite with a high-quality education and the majority with a mediocre education. It was these injustices that sparked the mass

protests in October 2019 that rocked the country.

The constitutional assembly will face many difficult issues, including the issue of abortion rights, economic policy, and the recognition of the Mapuche people, Chile's largest indigenous population.

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**For more information about the protests in Chile demanding a new constitution, see:** "Revolution against Neoliberalism in Chile," by Michael Livingston, vol. 38, no. 2, spring 2020, and "Chile in the Time of Pandemic," vol. 38, no. 3, summer 2020, of the *Women Against Military Madness Newsletter*.

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# WAMM Calendar

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## Ongoing Peace/ Justice Vigils

### *Vigil to End War*

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* Every Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:00 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: 612-827-5364.

### *Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine*

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* Every Friday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### *Peace Vigil*

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* Every Tuesday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the east side of the Franklin Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis. Sponsored by: Prospect Hill Neighbors for Peace. FFI: 612-379-7398.

### *Grandmothers for Peace Vigil*

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* 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.*

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* 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

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

*Wear masks and practice social distancing!* 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 via Zoom, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### *Book Club*

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

### *End Domestic Militarism*

Every other Monday via Zoom, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### *End Military Madness Against the Earth*

Time/dates pending. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### *End War*

First Monday of every month via Zoom, 6:00 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### *Middle East*

Second Monday of every month via Zoom, 10:00 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### *St. Joan of Arc/ WAMM Peacemakers*

Fourth Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. FFI: Call Barbara 612-722-4444 or Bill 612-926-8459.

### *Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA)*

Every Thursday via Zoom, 1:00 p.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### *Tackling Torture at the Top (T3)*

Second Wednesday of every month via Zoom, 10:00 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

## Ongoing Events

### *Grandmothers for Peace*

First Wednesday of every month, 12:45 p.m. via Zoom. Justice issue programs for understanding our role in changing systems. FFI: 701-260-7566.

### *Middle East Peace Now*

Usually second or third Saturday. Program 10:00 a.m. Location varies. FFI: Visit [mepn.org](http://mepn.org).

### *WAMM Second Monday at the Movies*

During the pandemic, we are no longer screening movies. However, the Movie Committee is posting links to important movies available on line. Check WAMM's Calendar and Facebook page for details. FFI 612-827-5364.

## Special Events

Access Zoom events through the Women Against Military Madness Calendar at [womenagainstmilitarymadness.org](http://womenagainstmilitarymadness.org) and Women Against Military Madness Facebook. All events on CST zone.

### *Human Rights Day Rally*

Saturday, December 12, 1:00 p.m. Mayday Plaza, 301 Cedar Ave So on the West Bank, Minneapolis. Join us for our annual Human Rights Day protest to demand human rights at home and abroad. Initiated by Anti-War Committee. FFI: 612-379-3899.

### *Update on Elections in Latin America*

SCOTA Coffee Hour with Leonardo Flores, Code Pink. Saturday, December 12, 10:00 a.m. Sponsored by WAMM Solidarity Committee of the Americas (SCOTA)

### *The Nuclear Fuel Chain, webinar with Leona Morgan*

Saturday, January 9, 11:00 a.m. CST. An indigenous community organizer and activist, Leona Morgan, cofounder of Nuclear Issues Study Group, will address consequences of the nuclear issue from plutonium mining origins to final destination as storage. Sponsored by WAMM committees: End War and End Military Madness Against the Earth with Veterans for Peace, Chapter 27.

### *Winter Peacestock: "Where Do We Go From Here?"*

Saturday, January 16, 12:30 p.m. webinar. Speakers include Sara Flounders, International Action Center, and a Peace Plaza Forum with national, regional peace and justice groups (including WAMM). FFI: Peacestock on Facebook for updates and how to register.

### *Martin Luther King Day Justice March and Rally*

Monday, January 18, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Spruce Tree Center, 1600 University Ave W in St. Paul. Initiated by Black Lives Matter Minnesota.

### *Mystery Writer Dorothy Van Soest Reading*

Monday, January 25, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dorothy reads from her latest mystery novel. Details back page.

## Correction:

The correct website for *Black Agenda Report* is [blackagendareport.com](http://blackagendareport.com) (incorrect as "agendareport.com" in Fall II newsletter).



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