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## What to Do in Case of a Nuclear Attack

When the New York City Department of Emergency Management issued a 90-second public service announcement about how to survive a nuclear attack, many people thought it was some sort of a joke, or parody, but it wasn't. It was a serious announcement.\*

Kristin Dooley, the director of Women Against Military Madness responded, "Let's examine how to survive a nuclear attack in New York City, as advised. The announcement begins:

'You, your friends, your family . . .'

Sorry, your bodies have been vaporized, there is NO you and yours.

And continues: '. . . get inside.'

All buildings have been demolished, there is NO inside.

'Remove clothing and shower with soap or shampoo.'

Everything has been demolished. There is NO water, soap or shampoo.

'Follow media for more information.'

Oops! Media has been wiped out. There is NO media to follow."

According to New York City's Mayor Eric Adams, "It's any natural disaster. Pack a bag. Know where your medicines are located. These are just smart things to do."\*\*

Kristin Dooley concludes: "No, Mayor Adams, they're not. And P.S. a nuclear attack is not a natural disaster."

\*\* NYC Mayor Adams denies recent nuclear attack [sic] was 'alarmist.' Fox News. July 13, 2022. [tinyurl.com/2zwp948n](http://tinyurl.com/2zwp948n)



\*A screenshot of a public-service announcement issued by the New York City Department of Emergency Management about how to survive a nuclear attack.

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# The Nuclear Triad and Treaties: A Death-or-Life Struggle

*Intro: The nuclear weapons with the highest amount of destructive power, the ones that can lead to the end of life on earth, are referred to as the Nuclear Triad. They can launch from land “combat ready,” from sea “always on patrol,” and from air “capable of providing massive firepower in a short time anywhere on the globe.” The U.S. Department of Defense informs us that there are 400 land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs), 14 submarines (SSBNs) armed with 240 ballistic missiles (SLBMs); 46 heavy bombers (B-52s) and 20 stealth bombers (B2As).<sup>1</sup>*

*These weapons are held partially in check by the New Strategic Arms Treaty (New START) negotiated in 2018 between the U.S. and the Russian Federation, which together own 90 percent of the world’s nuclear weapons.*

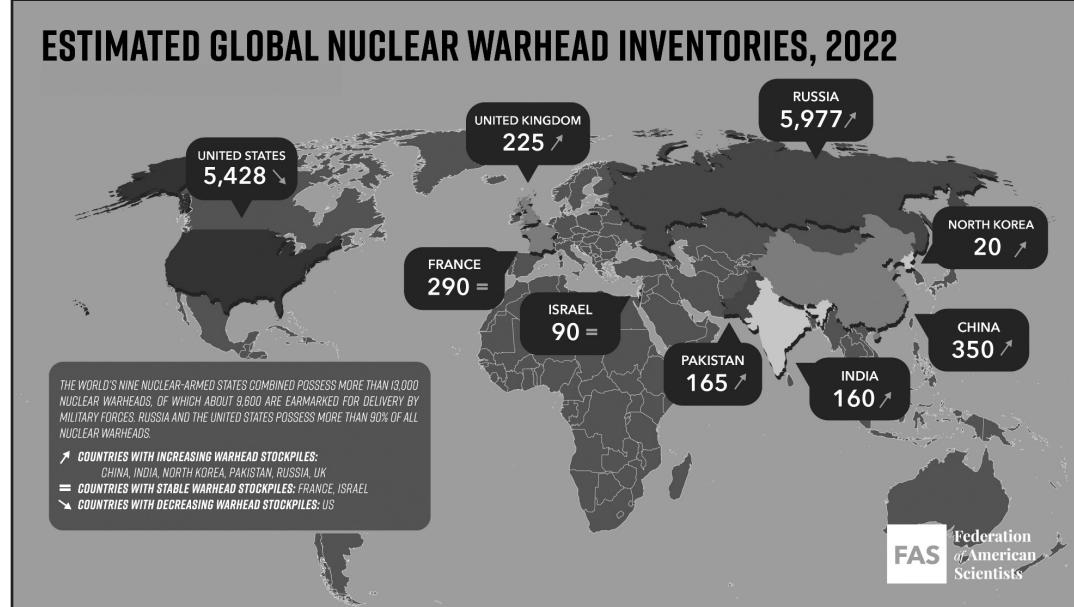
*So – as of now, the number of these weapons is fixed, but “modernizing” the aging systems is in progress. Anti-nuclear activists are working to abolish them altogether. ~ Editor*

by Jay Kvale, End War Committee

The current Minuteman-3 ICBMs are 50 years old and deteriorating significantly, so the U.S. Air Force decided on new missiles instead of upgrading the old. The new missiles (Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent) are named “Sentinel.” They are due to become operational in 2029 with 400 in place by 2036.<sup>2</sup> An initial outlay of \$100 billion goes to Northrop Grumman, which has some people in Utah cheering because it means 10,000 jobs for a new production facility there. The other two legs of the Triad (subs and bombers) are also being upgraded to provide national security deterrence for decades in the future.

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) is moving ahead with its purpose: promoting the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) that was adopted by the United Nations in 2017.<sup>3</sup> At a conference in Vienna in June, ICAN announced that 66 countries have now

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Map: Hans M. Kristensen and Matt Korda, Federation of American Scientists.

*The 2023 National "Defense" Authorization Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives in a 329-101 bi-partisan vote (180 Democrats, 149 Republicans) on July 14, adding \$37 billion more than the Biden administration even requested. There is always money for war while one in four Americans experience food insecurity, millions lack adequate healthcare, many struggle paycheck to paycheck, students are burdened with onerous debt if they can obtain an education at all, and homeless people live in tents and are reduced to begging on freeway entrances.*

*Image: Katie Davis*

## Congress Approves Record-Breaking Spending of **\$838.8 BILLION to the Pentagon**

### Triad and Treaties, continued from page 2

ratified the treaty with eight more in line soon. The 652 organizations who are a part of the treaty are working to educate people and promote the treaty. [Women Against Military Madness was one of the first 25 such organizations to sign up.]

The UN's Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT),<sup>4</sup> which went into force in 1970 and was extended indefinitely in 1995, conducts a review every five years. It does advocate disarmament as well as non-proliferation, but nations had done little to disarm. Now, the Arms Control Association, which works on support of arms control policy, intends to demand actual disarmament at the NPT conference this August, according to the association director Daryl Kimball.

However, the nine nuclear nations [the U.S., the UK, Israel, France, Russia, China, Pakistan, India, North Korea] show no sign of disarmament, and

Russia, China, and North Korea are modernizing their nuclear forces, in addition to the U.S. modernizing its own. China is expected to double its ICBMs from 300 to 600, and North Korea may increase its ICBMs from 40 to more than 150 in the next decade. Both these countries will have plenty of missiles to target cities in the U.S. mainland, as we can target theirs.

*The nuclear death wish continues while antinuclear advocates press on for humanity's survival.*

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- End Domestic Militarism
- End Military Madness Against the Earth
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# Intermediate Nuclear Weapons: An Invitation To World War III

by Mary Beaudoin, newsletter editor

The Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) of 1987, created under pressure from a mass anti-nuclear movement,<sup>1</sup> required the elimination in Europe of ground-based intermediate-range missiles (GBIRM) that could reach 500 km (310 miles) to 5,500 km (3,417 miles). Just four years later 2,692 missiles had been destroyed and “an entire category of nuclear weapons”<sup>2</sup> ceased to exist.

The treaty was cancelled in 2019. Christian Sorensen, in his 2020 book *Understanding the War Industry*, offered this background: “War corporations loathed the INF Treaty as there is much money to be made in the development, sale, deployment, maintenance, and upgrade of short- and intermediate-range land-based missiles and missile launchers . . . war corporations lobbied hard against it behind closed doors.”

Italian anti-nuclear, Stop NATO activist Manlio Dinucci warns about U.S. plans to install GBIRMs in Europe. Also very concerning is that Lockheed Martin’s Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense Systems were installed by the U.S. in Romania and Poland and on warships in the Mediterranean, Black Sea, and Baltic Sea.<sup>3</sup>

A section on the Lockheed Martin website called “The Heart of Aegis” proclaims that it was “designed as a total weapons system from detection to kill.”<sup>4</sup>

Anti-missile shield systems sound benignly defensive, but they were designed with offensive capabilities as well, and can be used to launch missiles from land or sea. Dinucci decries that they can be armed with nuclear warheads.<sup>5</sup>

Dinucci sounds the alarm: “Europe is thus being turned by the U.S. into the front line of a nuclear confrontation with Russia. . . .”<sup>6</sup>

But as if Europe is not enough, according to Sorensen, “the day after D.C. formally withdrew from the INF, [then] Secretary of War Mark Esper (former Raytheon vice president) said he was in favor of deploying ground-based missiles to the Far East.” Now Japan may host them. This could place China within reach. Because of U.S. encroachment in the Pacific and the fact that Taiwan is part of One China, it’s not surprising then that Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, third in line for U.S. Commander in Chief, going to Taiwan

in August was viewed by China as highly provocative, resulting in a show of force by the Chinese military.

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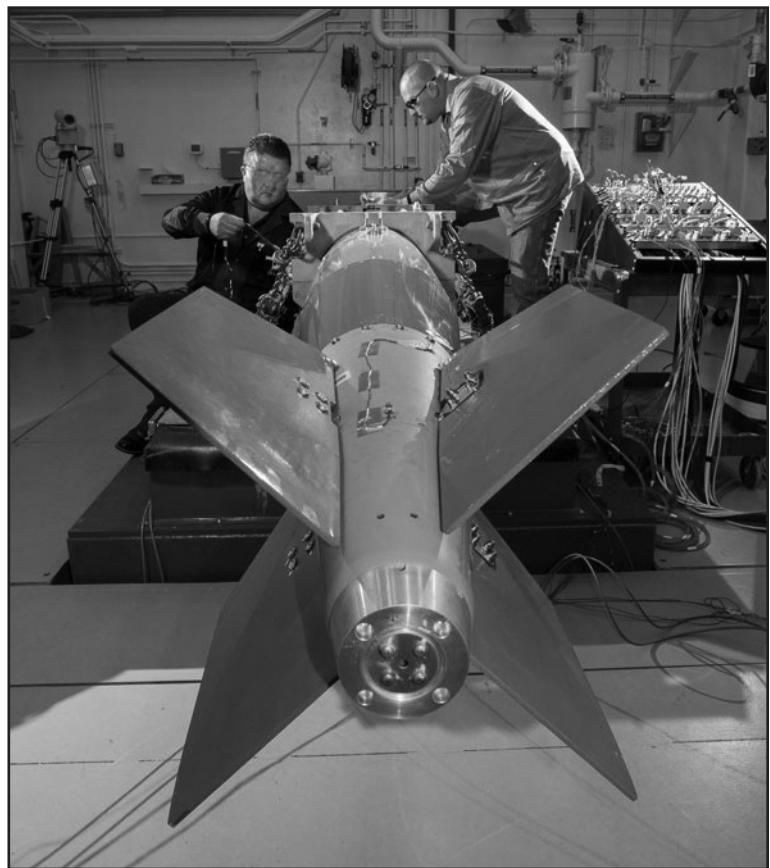
This protest sign shows the danger of escalation. Photo: Kim DeFranco

# Tactical Nuclear Weapons: The Most Likely To Be Used

Nonstrategic nuclear weapons may be the most dangerous of all because they are the most likely to be used.<sup>1</sup> That's because nonstrategic nuclear weapons are considered "tactical" weapons, designed for use against an adversary in limited warfare or "in support of the military commander's scheme of maneuver" and they are not restricted by the New START treaty or any treaty, as strategic weapons are.<sup>2</sup> With lower yield (explosive power) and a shorter range of reach, they can still have approximately three times the explosive power of the 15-kiloton bomb that the U.S. dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, destroying the Japanese city, and killing an estimated 135,000 of its inhabitants.

130 nonstrategic, tactical weapons are currently stored somewhere in the U.S., or in what it claims as its territories. The U.S. maintains another 100 of these weapons – referred to as B61s – in European states, meaning close to the target. These weapons are considered an important factor in "alliance cohesion," bonding the U.S. with Europe in NATO, with Russia as the intended target.<sup>3</sup>

Modernization of B61 weapons began this year. Design and engineering were a joint project of Sandia National Laboratory, Boeing, and Los Alamos National Laboratory – where the first atomic bomb was developed.<sup>4</sup> The B61-12 was engineered as a flexible nuclear weapon with optional levels of explosive power, supposedly more user-friendly because of increased accuracy (which also makes it more likely to be used).



*Engineers modernize the B61-12. A tailfin was added to increase accuracy, supposedly reducing the prospect of "collateral" damage and political objection, but making it more likely to be used.*

*Photo: Sandia National Laboratory*

In the U.S./NATO proxy war with Russia over Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin intimated that his country could use tactical nuclear weapons if Russia's national survival is threatened. But do we hear about the provocative U.S./NATO combat training exercises involving simulated tactical nuclear strikes on Russia? The organization, Nuclear Watch New Mexico, reported in 2017, five years before the modernization of the B61-12 was finalized at Sandia National Laboratory, that a Russian defense source complained of such exercises in Russia's northwest and the Baltic Sea, concerned that these exercises and the U.S. speeding up the B61-12 modernization was an

indication of U.S./NATO testing a scenario for "limited nuclear war in Europe."<sup>5</sup>

Why hasn't more attention been paid to these extremely dangerous weapons that are the most likely to be used? The 2022 congressional research report to Congress speculates that "in contrast with the longer-range strategic nuclear weapons, these weapons had a lower profile in policy debates and arms control negotiations, possibly because they did not pose a direct threat to the continental United States."<sup>6</sup> In other words, who cares what we do to any other part of the world, as long as we're safe?

*Tactical Weapons, continued on page 10*

## Spread the Word and Build the Antinuclear Movement!

Available as cards on two-sided (4" x 5.5") cardstock. \$10 for 100 to cover mailing costs.

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# WHY BAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

### Remember!

HIROSHIMA August 6, 1945    80,000 killed    100,000 severely injured  
NAGASAKI    August 9, 1945    74,000 killed    75,000 severely injured

- 65% of the casualties were children nine years of age or younger.
- By 1950 ANOTHER 230,000 had died from injuries or radiation sickness.

Note: Some of today's nuclear weapons are 3,000 times more powerful than the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Robert Oppenheimer, lead atomic scientist, witnessing the true power of the bombs, quoted the *Bhagavad Gita*:  
**"Now I have become death, the destroyer of worlds."**

**It Is Possible:** South Africa developed but disassembled its arsenal to sign NPT (Non-Proliferation Treaty). Today the U.S. could take the lead in bringing the nine nuclear-armed nations together to work toward the elimination of these horrendous weapons.

The U.S. led the world into the nuclear age... Now we must lead them out!

Today there are nearly 13,500 nuclear weapons in the world in the hands of nine nations.

Russia.....	6,375
U.S.....	5,800
France.....	290
Israel.....	90
China.....	320
U.K.....	215
India.....	150
Pakistan.....	160
North Korea....	30-40

**90% are held by the U.S. and Russia.**

**"Weapons of War must be abolished before they abolish us."**  
John F. Kennedy

# WHY ACT NOW?

**Three things could trigger a nuclear holocaust:**

**1. Accident   2. Miscalculation   3. Madness**

### WHY TOTAL ELIMINATION:

- Nuclear Weapons threaten our security and our very existence
- Nuclear weapons pose an irresponsible risk to the future of mankind
- No nation can deal with the immediate humanitarian catastrophe or the long-term consequences generated by a nuclear detonation

### DIVEST FROM WAR AND VIOLENCE; INVEST IN HUMAN NEEDS

#### ASK YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS (city, state and federal):

1. To support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
2. To sign the Parliamentary Pledge of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons. Copies of the Treaty and the Parliamentary Pledge available on websites listed below

#### NO ONE CAN WIN A NUCLEAR WAR

Be Active – Stay informed: [ICANW.org](http://ICANW.org) [BanNuclearUS.org](http://BanNuclearUS.org) [womenagainstmilitarymadness.org](http://womenagainstmilitarymadness.org)

# Palestine/Israel and the U.S.: Updates

## The Pillsbury Boycott Is Suspended

There is some good news! In June the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) announced that the No Dough for the Occupation campaign to boycott Pillsbury products has been successful. The campaign was launched two years ago and has been endorsed by members of the Pillsbury family and the Palestinian Boycott National Committee, Jewish Voice for Peace, American Muslims for Palestine, SumOfUs, Women Against Military Madness, and many other local groups.

This campaign focused on General Mills because it manufactured Pillsbury products in the Atarot Industrial Zone of East Jerusalem, an illegal Israeli settlement in the occupied West Bank. In 2020, the United Nations included General Mills in its database of companies doing business in illegal Israeli settlements. WAMM activists organized rallies outside General Mills Headquarters in Golden Valley, to coincide with corporate shareholders' meetings in 2020 and 2021.

Noam Perry of AFSC congratulated General Mills, saying, "General Mills' divestment shows that public pressure works even on the largest of corporations. With this move, General Mills is joining many other American and European companies that have divested from Israel's illegal occupation."

## Minnesotans Continue to Press the SBI

BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) is an international effort to use economic tactics to exert pressure on Israel. The State Board of

by Lucia Wilkes Smith, WAMM Middle East Committee

Investment (SBI), holding pension funds for Minnesota's public employees, continues investments in Israeli weapons manufacturers, corporations, and bonds. Encouraged by the MN BDS Community, individual and group representatives have addressed the quarterly open meetings, pressing the SBI to divest from any and all assets that connect Minnesota to the apartheid system perpetuated by Israel to dehumanize and disenfranchise Palestinian people within Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza. Because the SBI Board consists of elected state officials – Governor Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison, Auditor Julie Blaha, and Secretary of State Steve Simon – Minnesotans are encouraged to communicate with each of them to promote divestment.

### ACTION:

**All are welcome to join a rally** outside the Governor's Mansion to press Minnesota and SBI to divest from apartheid. 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul, starting at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 23.

**Attend the next quarterly meeting** of the SBI to be held Wednesday, August 24, 10:00 a.m., in the Capitol Building. Open to the public but to speak, advanced registration is necessary.

### **U.S. Supreme Court Could Hear the Appeal of Challenged Anti-BDS Law**

Because the nonviolent tactic of boycott is understood to be a protected constitutional right, many individuals and organizations have brought suit against laws passed in 30 states, including Minnesota, that

deny contracts to those boycotting Israel. The chilling documentary *Boycott*, (directed by Julia Bacha, 2021), which details the ongoing lawsuits, debuted during the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Film Festival this year. The lawsuit brought by an Arkansas newspaper won its state case, but the judgment was then overturned by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. This means the case could be brought to the Supreme Court! How might the current SCOTUS decide when considering First Amendment Rights versus a state's "anti-BDS" law? Representatives of several organizations are planning to meet with MN Attorney General Keith Ellison to encourage his filing of an amicus brief in this case. Even before viewing the entire video, anyone can learn a bit of background by watching the four-minute trailer of *Boycott* at [vimeo.com/618212678](https://vimeo.com/618212678).

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### **Related News: Presbyterian Resolution**

The *Washington Post* reported that "on July 8, the 1.1 million member Presbyterian Church's general assembly voted 266-to-116 on a resolution that stated: 'Israel's laws, policies, and practices constitute apartheid against the Palestinian people.'" The assembly also voted to add May 15 to the church calendar as a day of mourning for the displacement of Palestinians in 1948 when Israel was created. The commemoration is often called the Nakba, or catastrophe, in Palestinian communities.

# The Death by Sniper of Journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, a U.S. Citizen

by Sarah Martin, WAMM Middle East Committee

On May 11, renowned journalist Shireen Abu Akleh, a U.S. citizen of Palestinian heritage, was reporting for *Al Jazeera* when she was murdered. She died instantly with a precise hit to her head below the ear in the small, exposed space between her helmet and bright-blue flak jacket clearly marked “PRESS.” This was before Biden’s trip to the Middle East in mid-June. At the time, Shireen was covering an assault by Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) on the West Bank city of Jenin. Many independent investigations found that she had been deliberately targeted and assassinated by an IDF sniper. Despite overwhelming evidence, Israel refused to accept responsibility. As Shireen was a U.S. citizen, she is entitled to accountability and justice for her murder.

The Biden administration announced that the U.S. Security Coordinator (USSC) for Israel oversaw an independent forensic and ballistic analysis and couldn’t reach a conclusion because the bullet that had entered Shireen’s body was too badly damaged. The USSC was then granted access to the IDF and Palestinian Authority investigations.

Although the USSC conclusion was that Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) likely shot Shireen, the U.S. State Department “found no reason to believe that this was intentional.” To add further insult, it ultimately blamed Palestinians by giving the impression that the IDF presence was necessitated at the scene to put down an “Islamic Jihad,” without saying anything about the IDF assault on Jenin: The State Department press release

proclaimed that Shireen’s death was “the result of tragic circumstances during an IDF-led military operation against factions of Palestinian Islamic Jihad on May 11, 2022, which followed a series of terrorist attacks on Israel.” (“The Killing of Shireen Abu Akleh,” Ned Price, U.S. State Department press release, July 4, 2022, [tinyurl.com/55pz37h](http://tinyurl.com/55pz37h))

Furthermore, Biden did not raise the incident of Shireen’s death when he visited the Middle East, just as he reportedly did not raise, with his Saudi hosts, the grisly murder of Jamal Khashoggi, a Saudi Arabian citizen and columnist for the *Washington Post*, despite Biden having called Saudi Arabia a pariah state on the campaign trail.

The U.S. government touts the importance of human rights, but when it comes down to it, economic and political factors take priority. The request for more oil is more important than justice and human rights. As Biden declared himself a “Zionist” when he

stepped off the plane in Tel Aviv, he showed that U.S. unconditional support for Israel’s brutal occupation and treatment of Palestinians is more important than the life of a U.S. citizen or journalist.



For many years Al Jazeera journalist Shirren Abu Akleh, an American citizen of Palestinian heritage, covered the brutality of life under Israeli military rule until she was targeted and shot by an IDF sniper.

# A Campaign to Send Lifesaving Anesthesia Machines and Medical Supplies to Cuba

by Jerris Heckler and Kim DeFranco, WAMM Solidarity Committee on the Americas

The Solidarity Committee on the Americas has been working with the Saving Lives Campaign (SLC). The campaign was developed through the U.S.- based National Network on Cuba and Canadian Network on Cuba. It launched as a collaboration between the United States, Canada, and Cuba to combat the devastating effects of the U.S. blockade of Cuba.

Our country has been at war with Cuba, either directly or indirectly since 1898. Since Cuba first gained its independence from U.S. military rule in 1902, it has been a target.

This was especially the case after the U.S. attempt to invade Cuba – known as the Bay of Pigs Invasion, the failed landing operation on the coast of Cuba in 1961, conducted by Cuban exiles working for the U.S. who opposed Fidel Castro's Cuban revolution. In 1962, President John F. Kennedy proclaimed a comprehensive embargo on trade with Cuba, in response to certain actions taken by the Cuban government and its leaders, even though the government of Cuba made lives better for its people. Kennedy directed the U.S. Departments of Commerce and Treasury to implement the embargo, which remains in place today.

Despite the 60-year U.S. blockade on Cuba, the island-nation has a unique healthcare system free of charge to everyone. It focuses on prevention. Cuba has also sent doctors, nurses, and medical brigades all over the world to provide medical care and aid to people in countries in need.

Despite all the remarkable things Cuba has been able to do, it needs more humanitarian and medical supplies. In April 2021, the SLC implemented the Saving Lives Syringe Campaign. Along with contributions nationally and from around the world, the campaign was able to send eight 40-foot containers containing six million syringes to Cuba, as well as four 40-foot containers of personal protective equipment (PPE) to support Cuba's frontline health-care workers. These vital medical supplies were sent through Global Health Partners, a member of the National Network on Cuba.

In June 2022, Saving Lives initiated a new campaign to combat a dire need – obtaining anesthesia machines. Calixto Garcia Hospital is a leading trauma facility with 23 operating rooms and only two working anesthesia machines. Surgeries are delayed and doctors must make critical decisions about which Cuban citizens get care. The call went out to raise \$125,000 for three anesthesia machines, sutures, and other important medical

supplies such as artificial limbs. Due to U.S. sanctions on Cuba and its limited ability to obtain parts, it was imperative for Cuban doctors and Saving Lives organizers to identify a specific type of anesthesia machine that Cuba will be able to both maintain and repair.

Saving Lives representatives have been able to procure \$150,000 of in-kind medical supplies from medical organizations and facilities around the U.S. At the same time, due to the blockade, Cuba continues to be faced with a desperate need for medical supplies and medicines for its people. The Saving Lives Campaign is hopeful that the money for the anesthesia machines and other medical supplies will be obtained soon. Global Health Partners is responsible for the campaign on behalf of Saving Lives and has obtained the necessary Commerce Department export licenses.

**More information through Global Health Partners at this website: [ghpartners.org/cuba2022](http://ghpartners.org/cuba2022) or the Saving Lives Campaign at: [savinglivescampaign.org](http://savinglivescampaign.org).**



Photo: Yerson Olivares

## Tactical Weapons, continued from page 5

Of course, this ignores the facts that nuclear explosions' effects don't recognize manmade boundaries and that once even a few low-yield nuclear weapons are used in a localized war, it opens up the possibility of escalation.

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Also note: Russia is estimated to have 1,000 to 2,000 tactical nuclear weapons in its possession; they are presumed to have less explosive power than those in the U.S. and some may be on its southern borders, not near Europe. The Department of Defense believes that our country can more than compensate for having fewer tactical weapons with



When you see something that is technically sweet, you go ahead and do it and you argue about what to do about it only after you have had your technical success. That is the way it was with the atomic bomb.

-J. Robert Oppenheimer

Physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer, a creator of the first atom bomb, explains the amoral thinking of the scientists behind it. (He was later active against nuclear proliferation.) Image: All Author

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India and Pakistan are among the countries possessing tactical nuclear weapons, as well, and an increase in tensions between them could mean that they are tempted to resort to their use. China has nonstrategic weapons, too.

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# **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**

### **Pipeline Blues Vigil (Stop Line 3)**

Every Monday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., outside MN Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Co-sponsored by WAMM and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27.

FFI: 612-827-5364.

### **Peace Vigil**

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.

### **Vigil to End War**

Every Wednesday, 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. Sponsored by WAMM End War Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

### **Grandmothers for Peace Vigil**

Every Wednesday, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. 50th Street and Halifax (1 block west of France), Edina. FFI: 612-827-5364.

**Vigil to End the  
Occupation of Palestine**  
Every Friday, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. Sponsored by WAMM Middle East Committee. FFI: 612-827-5364.

## **Immigrant Solidarity Vigils**

### **Every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m.**

Vigil at the ICE entrance on 6000 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. (Not far from Bishop Whipple Building where Immigration Court is held.) Park at the Ft. Snelling commuter light-rail parking lot. Sponsored by WAMM. Call Pepper at 612-701-6963.

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

Vigil at 1 Federal Drive, Ft. Snelling, (Minneapolis/St. Paul), 55111, outside the Bishop Whipple Building, where Immigration Court is held for five-state area. Prayer, song, courtwatch. Sponsored by Minnesota Interfaith Coalition on Immigration. FFI: mnicom.org

## **WAMM Action Groups**

### **Board Meeting**

Third Tuesday of every month via Zoom, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.  
FFI: 612-827-5364.

### **End Domestic Militarism**

Times/Date pending  
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, 6:30 p.m.  
FFI: 612-827-5364.

### **Middle East**

Second and fourth Monday of every month via Zoom, 9:30 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 Friday 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.

### **WAMM Movies**

During the pandemic, 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**

### **WAMM 40th**

#### **Anniversary Party**

Sunday, August 21, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Highland Park Picnic Pavilion, 1200 Montreal Boulevard, St. Paul. Join us for our 40th Anniversary Party with potluck picnic food, beverages provided, music by Garbanzo and Chickpea, a slideshow: "Saying No to War for 40 Years," picnic baskets to be auctioned, a peace and justice trivia game and more fun! Suggested donation: \$4-\$4000!  
FFI: 612-827-5364

### **Divest MN from Israel**

#### **Rally**

Tuesday, August 23, 5:00 p.m., outside the Minnesota Governor's Residence, 1006 Summit Avenue in St. Paul. Groups demand that the State Board of Investments (SBI) divest from Elbit Systems, an Israeli weapons company AND from the entire occupation of Palestine. Join us at Walz's mansion the day before the next SBI meeting to send a loud message: Divest from apartheid! Divest from Israeli's brutal military occupation of Palestine! FFI: 612-827-5364

## **12 Days of Nonviolence**

September 21 to October 2. Campaign Nonviolence Week of Action. From the International Day of Peace (September 21) to the International Day of Nonviolence (October 2). WAMM action committees are participating in this worldwide movement. Details TBA.

## **Certified Fair Trade Extra Virgin Olive Oil from Palestine.**

A delicate, full-bodied olive oil with a sweet, smooth taste; peppery finish. 750 ml bottle olive oil \$23 from Zatoun, a registered non-profit. All sale proceeds go to projects serving Palestinian youth education, planting olive trees in Palestine, promoting awareness of Palestine. Available at WAMM office. Call first: 612-827-5364.

**Access Zoom events**  
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*You're invited!*

# Celebrate 40 Years of WAMM

## Sunday, August 21, 2022 – Rain or Shine

### *Highland Park Pavilion, 1200 Montreal Blvd., St. Paul*

PICNIC: 4:00 to 7:00 PM

PROGRAM: 5:30 PM

Potluck picnic food. Beverages provided.

Music by Garbanzo and Chickpea.

Slideshow: "Saying No to War for 40 Years."

Picnic baskets will be auctioned.

Peace and justice trivia game.

Suggested donation: \$4-\$4000.

**Call the WAMM office 612-827-5364 for more information!**

**40th Anniversary 1982-2022**

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