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## Get Ready for Election Season

### *Pivoting of Hate from Russia to China* by Kristin Dooley

Former presidential candidate and current political commentator Dennis Kucinich urged the U.S. public to “get ready for a parceling out of some of the manufactured hate that has been reserved for Russia and President Putin – to hate China and President Xi, and to suffer a fully-manufactured Red Peril.”<sup>1</sup>

Kucinich predicts that while Washington plans for a hot war with China in 2025, cold war psychology will be used for the 2024 election season, “to scare the bejesus out of even the most pacific U.S. voter.” The U.S. military surrounding China and tension over Taiwan makes it obvious that China is the next target, though it’s

a formidable proposition considering that Russia and China, two major nuclear-armed nations, are increasingly allied.

This anti-China hate has also turned up in new state laws enacted by red-state politicians including banning the purchase of farmland, digital storage restrictions and banning the Chinese Communist Party (CPC) “influence” on education in Florida. In Texas, Chinese are banned from owning any land and in Virginia the law bans the sale of farmland to Chinese.<sup>2</sup>

*Kristin Dooley is the director of Women Against Military Madness*

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*Image: Global Times*

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# Chile: The Far Right Strikes Back for White Gold

by Michael Livingston

18 May 2023

On Sunday, May 7th, the Chilean far right struck back with a vengeance. In the national elections for the second constitutional assembly in two years (the first ended in the rejection of a new, post-Pinochet constitution),<sup>1</sup> the far-right Partido Republicano (Republican Party) won 35 percent of the vote and gained 23 of the 50 seats in the assembly. The traditional right wing won an additional 11 seats. Together the far right and traditional right control an absolute majority of 34 seats, or 68 percent of the votes.<sup>2</sup>

This is a major blow for the Chilean people and their efforts to free themselves from the straitjacket of the Pinochet-era constitution with its neoliberal model of capitalism which destroys the social safety net, privatizes health care and education, and gives large corporations control of natural resources.

This is also a major blow for the leftist President Gabriel Boric and the forces for change. Together, Boric's center-left coalition and the far left hold only 16 seats in the constitutional assembly, not enough to block any proposed changes by the far right and traditional right.<sup>3</sup>

The Partido Republicano is a new force in Chilean politics that was founded in 2019 and named after the pro-Pinochet party by the same name that existed in Chile in the 1980s. The party has close ties to the far-right fascist party Vox in Spain. Its leader is 57-year-old José Antonio Kast, a charismatic and telegenic former member of the Chilean congress. In his last presidential run, Kast lost to current President Boric in the second round. At that time Kast boasted that

“if General Pinochet were alive, he would vote for me.”<sup>4</sup>

This September 11th marks the 50th anniversary of the violent U.S.-backed coup that installed the Pinochet dictatorship and destroyed Chile's democratic government, imposing neo-liberalism on the country. That coup was about copper and who got to control it: the people of Chile or transnational corporations.

The current far-right resurgence is about lithium, a key component in electronics and crucial to electronic vehicles. Control of lithium, often called “white gold,” is essential to the current neoliberal model of capitalism. Chile, along with Argentina and Bolivia, is part of the Lithium Triangle, an area that holds 75 percent of the world's lithium supply.<sup>5</sup> The triangle is emerging as a major focus of imperialist attention, just as the Middle East emerged as a major focus 100 years ago with its vast oil supplies. To truly understand the current rise of the far right in Chile as well as the 2019 soft coup against President Evo Morales in Bolivia, focus on the white gold.<sup>6</sup>

*Michael Livingston is a longtime peace and antiwar activist. He has lived and worked in Honduras, Chile, and Spain and is a professor at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University.*

### Endnotes

1 See “Chile Is Having a Constitution Do-over, but the Ghost of Pinochet Remains” Spring 2023 Vol. 41, No. 1 of the *Women Against Military Madness Newsletter*.

2 *El País*, 9 May 2023, p. 2. La ultraderecha chilena encabezar  el consejo para cambiar la Constituci n (The Chile ultra right will head the Council to change the Constitution) by Rocio Montes.

3 Ibid endnote 2

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# U.S. Energy and Electric Vehicles: How Clean Are the Politics?

From 2016–2019, over 90 percent of the lithium imported to the United States came from Argentina (55 percent) and Chile (36 percent).

– energy.gov

The Biden Administration recently passed legislation investing in clean energy and the lithium industry. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law included an emphasis on electrical vehicles and clean energy technologies. Specifically, the deal contained a \$65 billion investment in innovations within the sphere of clean energy as part of the overall goal to become a zero-emissions economy. . . . the administration passed the Inflation Reduction Act

which provided funding to domestic-based clean energy projects and battery production. These two bills represent a conscious effort to enhance U.S. energy production, thus requiring more lithium. – Zachy Booth, U.S. Involvement in the Lithium Triangle, April 14, 2023, ace-usa.org

“What we are doing now . . . is to nationalize lithium so that it cannot be exploited by foreigners from Russia, China or the United States,” Lopez Obrador said at the event [press conference by the Mexican president]. – Reuters, February 18, 2023



## WAMM Committees

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- End Military Madness Against the Earth
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4 *El País*, 14 May 2023, p. 12. Jose Antonio Kast, el católico de extrema derecha que seduce a Chile, by Rocio Montes. (Jose Antonio Kast, the extreme-right Catholic who seduces Chile)

5 The Lithium Triangle: Where Chile, Argentina, and Bolivia Meet, 15 January 2020. *Harvard International Review*, www.hir.harvard.edu.

6 Bolivia: Anatomy of a Coup, 29 November 2019, by Jeff Mackler and Lazaro Monteverde. www.counterpunch.org.



*The Lithium Triangle  
Map: the Economist*



# Palestine 2023: Reflections on Visiting by Jenny Hartley

*Jenny Hartley and Fred Rogers, members of Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel, visited Palestine and Israel for ten weeks this past spring during an especially intense period of oppression and violence against the Palestinian people under the right-wing government of Israel.*

Living in Palestine is different than visiting it. Previously, Fred had visited twice, for 10 days or more each time in the past four years, and Jenny visited a long time ago. Being there recently for 10 weeks was a decidedly different experience. What we came to feel and understand in a more profound way is how the Occupation is practiced and how it affects the Palestinian populations.

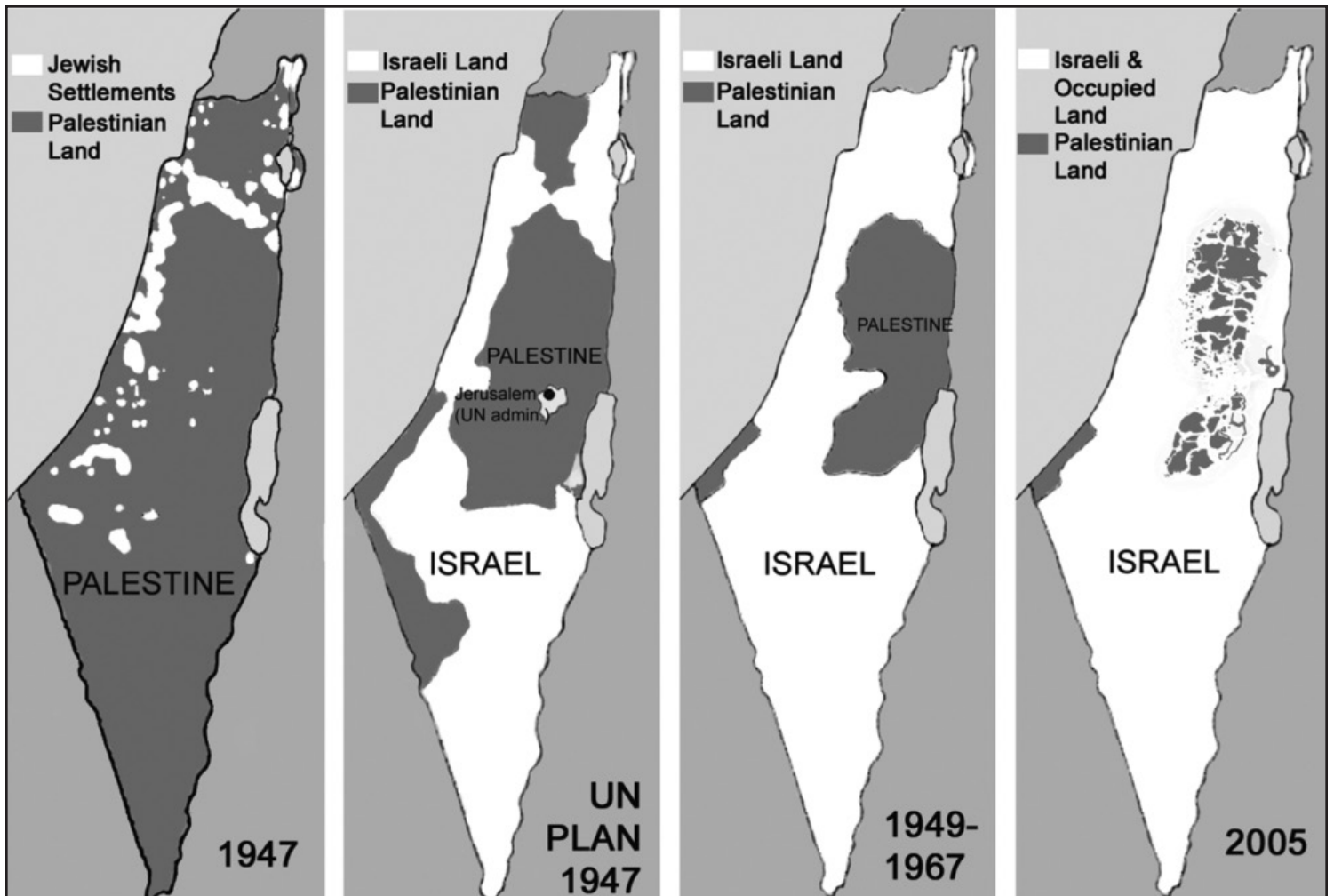
Simply put – it is more than a disagreement or struggles over a particular house or piece of land. The Occupation is pervasive, coloring every aspect of life. It is oppressive and disheartening in a hundred large and small ways. It is brutal and too often lethal. And it is intentional.

To understand Palestinian life as being part of a ‘conflict’ or a struggle is to miss the depth and evil of the Occupation as it has been practiced. As devised and refined, the Occupation is intended to discourage Palestinians from living in Palestine, to erase hope for independence, and to debilitate, humiliate and degrade individuals at any and every turn.

It is also heavily invested in making it possible for a small but growing (700,000 +) population of Israeli settlers to live and exist deeply embedded into the West Bank geography of Palestinian land. Some of these settlers are racist extremists, others are ideologues wanting to make a statement by their presence, and many are recent immigrants seeking subsidized housing.

The Israeli goal is the eventual occupation and settlement of all of Palestine and the dispossession of its Palestinian inhabitants. Settlement enthusiasts are persistent and growing impatient with progress toward this goal. Israeli military

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*Maps illustrate the loss of Palestinian land from 1947 to 2005. The loss continues to this day.*

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forces deployed in the West Bank protect settlers who burn olive trees, Palestinian homes and cars, and they defend settlers against reprisals or defensive actions taken by the Palestinian people whose livelihood the settlers are attacking.

On our visit we travelled by taxi through Huwara, a Palestinian town of about 8,000 people, approximately four and a half miles from Nablus, located on the main road connecting the city of Nablus to Jerusalem. A settler mob of over 400 persons had recently burned dozens of cars and houses in a violent pogrom in that town.

We visited Nablus after the Israeli army had invaded the city, assassinating Palestinians they had designated as political targets, and killing or injuring a dozen others as collateral damage in a brazen daytime raid of this, the largest city in the north of Palestine. We took buses to Jerusalem, walking through checkpoints with Palestinians who were going to and from work, the markets or the Mosque in Jerusalem. We rode the Israeli trains to Tel Aviv. We walked the streets of many cities and towns. We visited with colleagues in Gaza and witnessed the confining poverty and felt inspired by the good works being done there. Mostly, we visited with our new friends, had dinners in their homes or at restaurants, were informed by them and their work and listened and relaxed with them in the moments afforded to do so.

During our time there both Secretary Blinken and Minnesota Senator Klobuchar visited Tel Aviv and Ramallah. They proceeded to assure the Israelis of U.S. support



*Israel is an apartheid state. Threatening sign directed at Palestinians, warning them to keep off a road.*

and to advise the Palestinian authority of their responsibility to curb the violence against Israelis. They seemed oblivious to what we were witnessing.

We will try to do justice to all of this as we continue our work in solidarity with the Palestinian people. We urge readers to pay attention, speak up and continue in this work that we share.

**For more information,** see Jenny and Fred's presentation at: [tinyurl.com/2utkkmm5](http://tinyurl.com/2utkkmm5)

*Jenny Hartley is a member of the Middle East Committee of Women Against Military Madness, MN-BDS Community, and Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel. Fred is a long-time advocate for the Palestinian people and a member of Northfielders for Justice in Palestine/Israel.*

## ACTIONS:

**Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine. Protest U.S. billions funding of Israel.** Every Friday, 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the corner of Summit and Snelling, St. Paul. Sponsored by the Middle East Committee of Women Against Military Madness.

**“Take the Apartheid-Free Pledge”** (from [apartheid-free-org](http://apartheid-free-org)):

The international human rights community agrees: Israel's treatment of the Palestinian people amounts to apartheid. . . . Join the network of apartheid-free communities around the world by taking the Apartheid-Free Pledge.

WE AFFIRM our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian people and all people.

WE OPPOSE all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression; and

WE DECLARE ourselves an apartheid-free community and to that end,

WE PLEDGE to join others in working to end all support to Israel's apartheid regime, settler colonialism, and military occupation.

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# It Must Be “Never Again”!

by JoAnn Blatchley

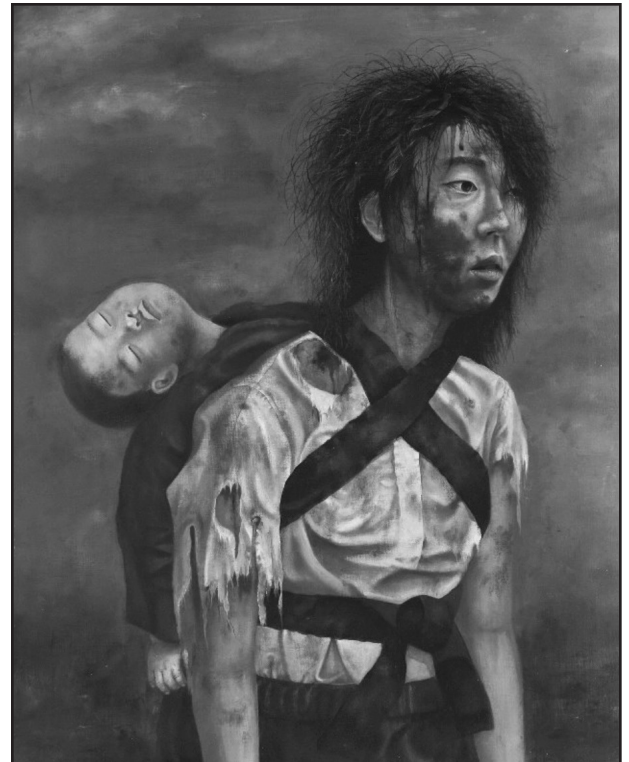
It has been three quarters of a century since the end of World War II, a war with unthinkable cruelty in both Europe and Asia. As we approach the 78th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the threat of using nuclear bombs as a means of warfare is real. The U.S. is supporting the rearmament of Japan. Europe is swimming toward war, spilling over from Ukraine. The U.S. (and its NATO allies) and Russia are actively fighting a proxy war in Ukraine. The days when Mutually Assured Destruction generated fear seem to have disappeared.

The *hibakusha*, survivors of the A-bomb, are dying; their stories must still be told. In Japan, teenagers are learning to tell the stories of *hibakusha* from the survivors themselves, so the reality of nuclear war will be remembered after that generation has passed. Minneapolis author Caren Stelson has

written two books telling the story of *hibakusha* Sachiko Yasui of Nagasaki, one called *Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bombing Survivor's Story* and a picture book entitled *A Bowl Full of Peace*. Yet many Americans don't even know the story of Sadako, the girl who attempted to fold 1000 paper peace cranes before her untimely death from radiation sickness caused by the U.S. dropping a nuclear bomb on Hiroshima in 1945.

Peacemakers felt great joy when the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was approved in 2017. The treaty has since been ratified by 68 nations. The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), a global coalition of nongovernmental agencies whose mission it is to promote awareness of nuclear weapons and the implementation of the treaty was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize the same year. However, none of the nine countries which currently have nuclear weapons has signed on.

Local and national organizations like Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) and Veterans for Peace belong to ICAN and are among those with active campaigns opposing nuclear weapons. Of Minnesota's congressional representatives, Ilhan Omar and Betty



*Painting of a young mother carrying her dead son. By Kana Tsumura, Hiroshima Memorial Museum.*

McCullum have signed a pledge to support the Treaty and act toward reducing the nuclear threat.

Paradoxically, considering her ICAN pledge, McCollum who served as House chair of the 2022 Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, was instrumental in increasing the “defense” budget, which includes the modernization of nuclear weapons. The U.S. plays a leading role pushing the world in this extremely dangerous direction with the nine other nuclear nations also modernizing their weapons. Antinuclear advocates have been unable to persuade their congressional representatives to not increase “defense.” Congresswoman Ilhan Omar protested that members of Congress were voting for record-shattering billions when Minnesotans were struggling with the soaring cost of basic items like

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*The back of a hibakusha, a survivor of a 1945 nuclear bomb in Japan. Her garment is enmeshed with her skin.*

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food and housing, and investments in basic needs like healthcare were blocked. She said that “the bill will only further militarize foreign policy, lining the pockets of defense contractors while inevitably costing the lives of innocent people around the world.\*

What can we as citizens concerned for world peace and social justice do? Our first responsibility is to learn, then tell the true stories of nuclear devastation. And educate the public about the danger of nuclear weapons today. Both the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, adopted “Back from the Brink” resolutions, proving that a small group of committed people can make a difference. Now we must work with people of like minds to build a broad anti-nuclear movement. We must convince our

government officials to stop funding weapons of mass destruction. The latter is very difficult, more so than the issue of gun control, because the “defense” lobby receives billions of dollars of support from the federal government each year.

*JoAnn Blatchley has been the convener of the Minneapolis St. Paul Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration Committee (MSPHNCC) for twenty years. She served as president of the Saint Paul – Nagasaki Sister City Committee (SPNSCC) for ten years and is still very active in that organization and with the End War Committee of Women Against Military Madness.*

*\*Ilhan Omar. Press Release. Statement on National Defense Authorization Act. July 14, 2022. [tinyurl.com/24k7huzv](https://tinyurl.com/24k7huzv)*

### **ACTIONS:**

**Learn the stories and educate children.** The stories of Sadako, Sachiko, and little Shin on his

bicycle pedaling to school on that fateful day.

**Join us at the Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemoration events** on August 5, 6, and 8. See the calendar page 11.

### **Support peace actions.**

Participate in the Lake Street Bridge vigil held every Wednesday afternoon. Share info about the Veterans for Peace Golden Rule antinuclear boat sailing around North America: schedule of port of call, interactive map, actions to take and participate in. [vfpgoldenruleproject.org](http://vfpgoldenruleproject.org)

**Write—or call—without ceasing to our elected representatives.** It is essential to keep the nuclear issue before our congressional representatives and U.S. senators. The Capitol switchboard will connect you with their offices in Washington, DC. Call: 202-224-3121.



*As a gesture of mutual friendship beginning in 1912, Japan donated cherry trees to the U.S. St. Paul welcomes the cherry blossoms, donated by Sister City Nagasaki, in a festival at Como Park each year. Photo: KSTP.*



# What's Your State's Part in the MIC?

by Mary Beaudoin

Every one of the states in the United States is probably engaged in thousands of different ways in the Military Industrial Complex (MIC). It so thoroughly permeates our country that former intelligence analyst Ray McGovern now refers to it as the Military-Industrial-Congressional-Intelligence-Media-Academic-Think-Tank MICIMATT). Here are just a few obvious examples of how Minnesota is directly involved:

## The Minnesota National Guard in Iraq

It's widely accepted that the U.S. war on Iraq was wrong, but that it ended. However, it never did end completely. It only courses through

different phases occupying a U.S. foothold in the region,<sup>1</sup> as well as implementing the other original goal, initiated through the neocons of the Bush administrations, of taking Iraq's oil which is still being pumped out, unmetered, by U.S. (many Texas-based) and international corporations.

It's estimated that about 12 to 25 U.S. military installations still exist in Iraq. In April of 2022, the Minnesota Army National Guard was sent to one of these, Al Asad Air Base, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.<sup>2</sup>

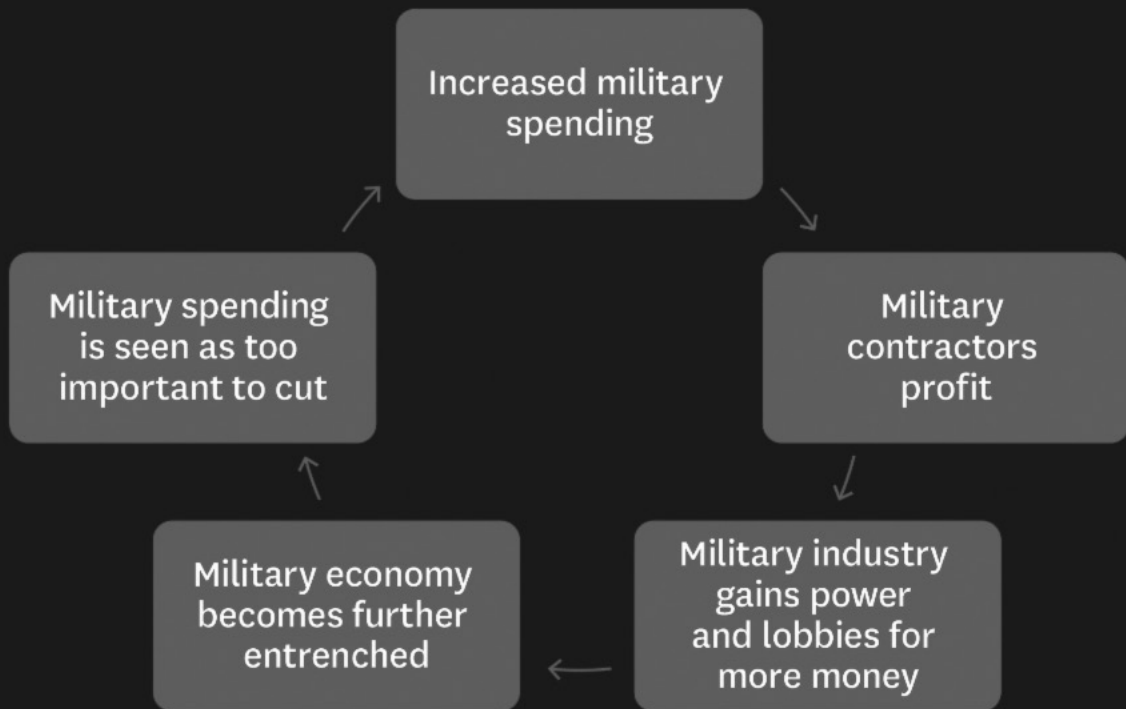
According to the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), Operation Inherent Resolve was established in 2014 with the mission

of eradicating ISIS, the ruthless zealots who were allowed to travel from Syria to Iraq and take control of large swaths of land, including cities and towns in those two neighboring countries. ISIS then served as a rationale for the U.S. military to be in Syria and Iraq.<sup>3</sup>

Operation Inherent Resolve was established under a Combined Joint Task Force, the military component of "the Coalition" which the DoD describes as "the world community." It specifically worked with Iraq Security Forces and U.S.-approved Syrians and asserts that it has always been in coordination with the Iraqi government. (This operation was directed by the U.S.

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## The Perpetual Cycle of Ever Higher U.S. Military Spending



COSTS OF WAR

*Image: Costs of War. Watson Institute of International & Public Affairs, Brown University*



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military, but when you are occupying a country, it always sounds better to claim you have compliant hosts and partners.)

The DoD boasts that “as of Aug. 9, 2017, the Coalition conducted 13,331 strikes in Iraq, and 11,235 strikes in Syria, for a total of 24,566 strikes total in support of Operation Inherent Resolve.”

The DoD further states that “as of June 30, 2017, the total cost of operations related to ISIS since kinetic operations started on Aug. 8, 2014, was \$14.3 billion and the average daily cost was \$13.6 million for 1,058 days of operations.”<sup>4</sup>

When the end of combat was announced in 2018, Operation Inherent Resolve transitioned to act as a military advisory group to Iraqi Security Forces, in case of a resurgence of ISIS – in other words, holding the ground with continued occupation.

It’s important to consider what can happen to U.S. military personnel when their presence isn’t wanted. *Stars and Stripes* reported in 2023 that military personnel who were at Asad Air Base in 2020 continue to suffer devastating brain injuries resulting from a missile hitting the base.<sup>5</sup>

Do we want to put our citizen soldiers, or any military, in conditions so hazardous to their health far from our country?

### **The Minnesota National Guard in the Arctic**

The Minnesota Air National Guard has been receiving SERE (survival, evasion, resistance, and escape) training in the Arctic with the British Army and Canadian

specialists and Rangers. According to U.S. Air Force Sargent Cody Hallas “The Arctic environment is constantly trying to kill you; every task is harder in the cold . . . the risk of serious injury is always present. Moisture management and the inability to dry gear is a huge issue. Cold, wet gear is miserable to wear and work in and extremely dangerous in the Arctic.”<sup>6</sup>

*Oh, why would our military ever be training for the Arctic?*

The Minnesota National Guard also trains with Norwegian forces. While the U.S. seeks Alaska’s oil, Norway is conducting exploration in its northernmost region and reviving plans to drill for oil there, accelerated by the loss of the Russian pipeline to Germany.<sup>7</sup>

If Minnesota is sending its citizen soldiers to Iraq, Alaska and the Arctic, there can be no doubt that other states are sending theirs around the world, endangering themselves and potentially others, as well.

### **A Merchant of Death Returns**

Weapons manufacturers came to be known as “merchants of death” when people began to recognize – and President Eisenhower warned – that such businesses encouraged war for the sake of profit and were giving rise to the MIC as a basis of the U.S. economy. Lockheed Martin is one such company.<sup>8</sup>

Antiwar protesters vigiled weekly for years at the Minnesota corporate offices of the military industrial giant in the suburb of Eagan, vigorously opposing the defense contractor.

Research and development and manufacture of weapons are so compartmentalized that parts can be made in many different

facilities before they are put together for lethal capability. Lockheed Martin has announced that its microelectronics subsidiary, ForwardEdge ASIC, which designs parts for its “commercial, defense, and security customers” will be installed on the West Side of St. Paul. Based on supplying 113 jobs, the state of Minnesota is rewarding it with a forgivable loan and a capital investment rebate, totaling \$1.3 million.<sup>9</sup>

### **No, Not in Our Name!**

Another Minnesota connection is that a U.S. Navy warship was built by Lockheed Martin and launched and christened as the *USS Minneapolis-St. Paul* in the port of Duluth on Lake Superior. Lockheed Martin reported that in May of 2022, “the Freedom-class Littoral Combat Ship for the first time deployed to U.S. 6th Fleet as a measure of assurance for NATO allies and partners in Europe and Africa.”<sup>10</sup>

While Sister Cities have been established between Minneapolis and St. Paul and the Japanese cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and Minneapolis became a Sister city with Najaf, Iraq to further mutual friendship and peace, it’s outrageous that a warship can navigate the world’s waterways literally bearing the names of our cities.

*Mary Beaudoin is the editor of the Women Against Madness Newsletter*

### **ACTION**

**Join the Peace Vigil** outside Camp Ripley. See calendar page 11.

### **Endnotes**

1 Talk by Sami Rasouli, “Iraq Today: since 1991 – 32 years of war, sanctions, and occupation,” sponsored by Women Against Military Madness at St. Albert’s Church, Minneapolis May 17, 2023

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- 2 Department of Defense Operation Inherent Resolve [dod.defense.gov/OIR](http://dod.defense.gov/OIR)
- 3 Independent and foreign news sources, have reported on the enabling of ISIS, but are too numerous to list here. Some revelations have also appeared in mainstream news, i.e. in the *BBC*, on *CBS*, and in *The New York Times*. One article that is particularly revealing: Seymour Hersch's exposure of arms and "rebels" in "The Red Line and the Rat Line," *London Review of Books*, Vol. 36, No. 8, April 17, 2014. [tinyurl.com/24zv7h7m](http://tinyurl.com/24zv7h7m)
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- 1 Kucinich, Dennis. World War III on the Installment Plan. May 4, 2023 [Kucinich.substack.com](http://Kucinich.substack.com)  
For more analysis of the Cold War on China, see the *Women Against Military Madness Newsletter* two-part series by K.J.Noh: "Total Information Warfare," [tinyurl.com/25yhfp82](http://tinyurl.com/25yhfp82) and "Part II: The U.S. War on China: Panda Huggers and Panda Sluggers," [tinyurl.com/j799ftty](http://tinyurl.com/j799ftty).
- 2 Global Times editorial. Tyranny of Anti-China state bills makes it hard to reverse China-U.S. ties. May 9, 2023 [tinyurl.com/zpyhn8ec](http://tinyurl.com/zpyhn8ec)

*Check the WAMM calendar and zoom links at [womenagainstmilitarymadness.org](http://womenagainstmilitarymadness.org) or call the WAMM office: 612-827-5364.*

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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.

### WAMM Ongoing Peace/Justice Vigils

#### *Pipeline Blues Vigil*

(*Stop Line 3, Stop Line 5*) End Military Madness Against the Earth! Monday, June 26, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., outside MN Governor's Mansion, 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Note: Location of the Vigil may change, beginning in July when the Governor will move to a less-visible location, Eastcliff. Future plans may broaden the environmental focus of the vigil. To be determined by participants. Co-sponsored by WAMM and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27. FFI: 612-827-5364.

#### *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.

#### *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.

#### *Immigration Solidarity Vigil*

See "Immigrant Solidarity Vigils" next column.

### 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/Dates pending. Updates at facebook.com/WAMMEDM. 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.

### WAMM Ongoing Events

#### *WAMM Monthly Movies*

Please note: second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Ave. S. (entrance on 42nd Street) Projected on big screen. Free admission. All are welcome. Discussions follows film. No July Movie

#### *A Force More Powerful, Part 1*

Monday, August 14, 7:00 p.m. Documentary series on the nonviolent movement in the 20th Century, covering Gandhi in India, Civil Rights Movement in Nashville and anti-apartheid in South Africa.

### Special Events

#### *Free Assange Banner*

Monday, July 3, Julian Assange's birthday: Julian Assange Defense-MN is planning a nationwide Day of Action to mark the occasion! Details to be determined. FFI: 612-827-5364

#### *Peacestock23 – Is Militarism Providing the Security We Seek?"*

Sunday, July 16, 1:00-7:00 p.m. Central Park Bandshell, 415 West 4th St., Red Wing. Hosted by Veterans for Peace Chapters 115 and 27, the LIVE event will feature: Coleen Rowley, Jack Nelson-Palmeyer, and Sami Rasouli and poetry and music. Food trucks, music and important conversation. FFI: 612-821-9141 or vfpchapter27@gmail.com

#### *Open Streets – Glenwood*

Sunday, July 16, 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., between N. Washburn Ave and N. Bryant Ave. WAMM tent and literature table. Meet the public. FFI: admin@wamm.me or call 612-827-5364 to volunteer

### *Say No to Nuclear War – Say No to World War III Antiwar Protest*

Saturday, August 5, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Lyndale Ave. S. and Vineland Place, Minneapolis. Say NO to Nuclear War, Say NO to World War III, Stop U.S./NATO proxy war with Russia in Ukraine, No War with China, Stop Endless U.S. Wars, Funds for Human needs, housing and health care, not the war machine. FFI: 612-827-5364

### *Hiroshima and Nagasaki Commemorations*

FFI all Commemoration events: email msphncc@gmail.com or call 952-261-3891.

website: stpaulnagasaki.org

**Tea Ceremony.** Saturday, August 5, 6:00 p.m., Lyndale Park Peace Garden, 4124 Roseway Road, Minneapolis. by Yukimakai Tea Study Group

#### **Hiroshima Commemoration**

Sunday, August 6, at 7:30 a.m., Lyndale Park Peace Garden, 4124 Roseway Road, Minneapolis. (Minneapolis and Hiroshima are Sister Cities) John LaForge, keynote speaker; music by Chickpea and Stringbean, Sadako and the 1000 Cranes.

#### **Nagasaki Commemoration**

(St. Paul and Nagasaki are Sister Cities) Tuesday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m., Global Harmony Labyrinth at Como Park, St. Paul. A Bowl Full of Peace, meditation, music, dance.

#### **Camp Ripley 2023 Peace Vigil**

Sunday, September 17. Vigil 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Open House Day at Camp Ripley, 15000 Minnesota Highway 115, north of Little Falls, MN. Stand outside Camp Ripley with a peace message. Sponsored by Brainerd Area Coalition for Peace (BACP), WAMM, and Veterans for Peace.





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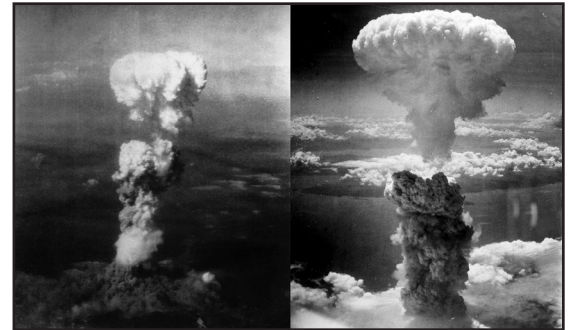
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*Revealing war crimes  
is not a crime!*

# Say No to Nuclear War Say No to World War III

**Saturday, August 5, 2023 1:00 pm**  
**Lyndale & Vineland in Minneapolis**  
**next to the Sculpture Garden**



*Images of Nagasaki and Hiroshima bombs. Source: Wikipedia*

On the 78th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima & Nagasaki,  
the world is at great risk of a new world war, a nuclear war!

- **Stop the U.S./NATO Proxy War with Russia in Ukraine!**
- **Not One More Dollar for the War – Negotiation Not Escalation!**
- **No War with China!**
- **Stop Endless U.S. Wars and No New Wars: Iraq, Iran, Syria, Somalia, Korea, Palestine – Everywhere**
- **Funds for Housing, Healthcare & Human Needs, Not the U.S. War Machine**

*Be part of a visible anti-war statement as we remember the only uses of nuclear weapons in war: by the U.S. against Japan on August 6 and 9, killing 129,000 & 226,000 people.*

Initiated by the Minnesota Peace Action Coalition  
For more information, call 612-827-5364.