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The Resistance Is Stronger Than Lies!

Throughout the summer, as the U.S. government-supported genocide continued in Gaza, people of conscience have resisted daily through street protests, boycotts, legal actions, employee resignations, and making demands of political representatives. The resistance continues to grow stronger than ever!

People are driven, repelled by the barbarism expressed in their names and financed with their taxes. Although foreign reporters have been denied access inside Gaza, U.S. corporate media regurgitates Washington institutional talking points, and well over 100 courageous Palestinian journalists have been murdered – the truth about the genocide in Gaza still comes out.

On July 5, *The Lancet*, a highly reputable British medical journal, estimated the loss of 186,000 Palestinian

lives, including indirect deaths due to “the intensity of this conflict; destroyed health-care infrastructure; severe shortages of food, water, and shelter; the population’s inability to flee to safe places; and the loss of funding to UNRWA, one of the very few humanitarian organisations still active in the Gaza Strip.”¹

Independent Palestinian and Israeli journalists from *+972 Magazine*, an English language media site, and *Local Call*, a Hebrew language news site, teamed up to investigate how the IDF used AI-generated lists to target Palestinians for assassination. The AI question: “Where’s Daddy?” found men when they were at home at night with their families because it was easier to locate them and bomb them there.

The slaughter has been fueled by U.S. diplomatic and financial support, weapons and strategic assistance in what U.S. government officials tell us is in an “iron-clad relationship” with Israel. From the time the massacres in Gaza began in October of 2023 to the end of June in 2024, the United States transferred these munitions to Israel: 14,000 2,000-pound bombs; 6,500 500-pound bombs; 3,000 Hellfire precision-guided air-to-ground missiles; 1,000 bunker-buster bombs; 2,600 air-dropped small-diameter bombs.²

On July 9, the Biden administration authorized 500-pound bombs to be

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*Protester’s T-shirt calls out countries in which there was U.S. intervention.
Photo: Kim DeFranco*



NEWSLETTER

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The Importance of Raising Young Activists

by Elizabeth McLister

Across the ages, billions of parents and caregivers have shared the common goal of raising good humans. Nurturing good global citizenship – i.e., the wherewithal to consider how one’s words and deeds impact the rest of the world – is an especially important aspect of child-rearing for those of us doing this work within a nation that’s perpetually at war on other countries. One powerful means by which we can model and teach good global citizenship is to regularly engage our kids in political activism.

Adults sometimes hesitate to involve children in activism, but all age groups benefit from working (and playing!) for a more just and peaceful world. Caregivers must furnish the next generation with the tools they’ll need to contend with the existential challenges that are already upon us. Doing so fosters confidence, critical thinking skills, curiosity, resilience, and radical imagination.

Parents and caregivers can help develop kids’ activist sensibilities by openly discussing issues we care about and ways we’re working on those issues. There’s no need to get far into the weeds when explaining a given issue to the very young. For example, it can be sufficient to say, “That group is bullying others, and the bullied people need help,” or, “This company is making a big mess in the environment and that hurts our animal friends.”

In addition to regular age-appropriate conversations, we can bring our kids with us to a variety of activities such as marches, rallies, legislators’ offices, and community-building events. As kids grow into their own activist identities, we would do well to follow their lead on how and when to engage with a given cause.

Showing up will look different for different families at different times, depending on resources, abilities, access needs, and other factors. That’s ok! Honoring capacity is a valuable lesson in its own right. Mercifully, there’s no fixed, correct way to be an activist. The very root of the word “activist” implies a dynamic (and often messy) state of being.

Plugging into social networks is key for caregiver organizers. Sadly, both dominant political parties in our country prioritize funding a fiendish military-industrial complex for wars abroad over funding human needs in our communities. Creating our own healthy social ecosystems will sustain us in the short term, and provide us with resources we’ll need to survive the fallout from a deeply militarized society and climate collapse.

ACTION:

This past spring, a group of WAMM affiliates struck up a committee called Families Against Military Madness (FAMM). FAMM provides space for people of all ages, genders, races, creeds, sexual orientations, and abilities to campaign against military madness through fun and safe community-building actions.

To learn more and become involved, follow Families Against Military Madness on Facebook or Instagram (@familiesagainstmilitarymadness) or reach out to me at mclizter@gmail.com.

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sent to Israel, while only 2,000-pound bombs would remain on hold.³

In addition to the extraordinary number of Palestinians killed, more than 90,000 people have been injured.⁴ The intensity of attacks, the inability for civilians to escape to safety, and the type of weapons used create hellish levels of injury.

Amputating the limbs of the injured (caused by shrapnel from bombs and structures falling on bodies) would have been preventable under normal circumstances. But in Gaza, there are no normal circumstances and amputations are needed because people would die of infection otherwise. In early June, doctors said that at least three thousand children had lost one or more limbs since October. Medical supplies are blocked so that anesthesia has not been available, and amputations must be done without it. Even with amputation, deaths occur because of the destruction of the healthcare system; medical personnel have been murdered or abducted (even tortured to death), bodies are in a weakened condition, and administering follow-up care to prevent further infection is impossible.⁵

Gaza has not been the only part of Palestine marked for what is clearly the ultimate goal of ethnic cleansing. Journalist Tamara Nassar of the *electronic intifada* and Jewish Voice for Peace Health Advisory reported that “Israeli military, at times in collaboration with Israel’s Border Police and the Shin Bet, Israel’s domestic secret police, has continued to conduct deadly raids into the occupied West Bank, wreaking havoc on private Palestinian property and civilian infrastructure in the process.”⁶ Olive groves and agricultural crops are destroyed. Shepherds are beaten in their pastures. Pogroms against Palestinians are

carried out by Hilltop Youth, rampaging teenagers from settlements who act with impunity, burning homes, cars, and crops.

Coincidentally, on July 4, Israel’s Supreme Planning Council approved 5,300 new settlements.⁷

Palestinian people in refugee areas in towns and cities are under attack regularly. According to a UNICEF report on July 22, in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, 440 Palestinian children have been injured by live ammunition since October. On average, one child was killed every two days.⁸

As people die of famine, as the polio virus recently has arisen in Gaza, and as top U.S officials continue to repeat the mantra, “Israel has a right to defend itself,” we are told that our government can do nothing but posture about humanitarian aid and must wait on Netanyahu’s decision to end the genocide.

But people of conscience are asserting their humanity and will continue to demand an immediate end to genocide and occupation and a free Palestine now and forever.

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- End Domestic Militarism
- End Military Madness Against the Earth
- End War
- Families Against Military Madness (F.A.M.M.)
- Middle East
- Movies
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- Solidarity Committee on the Americas
- Tackling Torture at the Top

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Immigration

The Real Immigration Crisis

It is important that we are gathered today, May 10th, which is celebrated as Mother's Day throughout Latin America. Today we honor the courageous migrant mothers who risk everything to cross the southern border as they fight for their right to exist and to create safety for their children. Today we also honor the strength and resilience of mothers in Gaza and all of Palestine who continue to fight for their own liberation as they mourn the loss of their children and loved ones.

This week we saw Apartheid Israel commit a brutal massacre in Rafah, the last refuge that remained for Palestinians fleeing the U.S.-funded genocide of their people. At the same time, the Biden Administration announced the most restrictive asylum policy

in U.S. history: Migrants will be forced to wait in extremely dangerous conditions for unknown amounts of time to try to enter the United States – a policy that moves the U.S. closer to an outright ban on asylum.

The U.S. government funds war, genocide, and political turmoil all over the world. It is inhumane and openly disgusting that the government that forces people around the world to flee their own homes is the same government that denies safe haven to those people. There is no immigration crisis – the crisis is U.S. imperialism, the quest for global domination - and it must be defeated!

~ Erika Zurawski, a member of Minnesota Immigration Rights Action Committee (MIRAC), delivered this speech at the Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine.

Vigil at ICE

The maltreatment of people seeking to enter the U.S. at the southern border has a substantial history and knows no partisanship. After MIRAC held a massive rally in Minneapolis, when the Trump Administration began putting immigrant and refugee children in cages and separating their families at the southern border, a vigilant group of Minnesotans in 2018 initiated a weekly presence, which they continue to hold to this day, near Ft. Snelling and the entrance to the Whipple Building which houses the regional offices for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Homeland Security. This is where vans, driven by sheriff deputies, bring captives for court, detention, and deportation.

Steve Clemens, a regular participant, described the vigil: “Our purpose for the vigil is threefold: so ICE employees (and local sheriff deputies driving deportation vans) know we are in opposition to their actions; so families and individuals facing deportation coming to the immigration court know there are U.S. citizens who support them and want a better immigration policy; and for the general public to be reminded of our shameful treatment of immigrants and refugees as a nation – and to remind ourselves of our own responsibility to ‘welcome the stranger.’”

ACTION:

Every Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Vigil at the ICE entrance to the Bishop Whipple Building: 6000 Minnehaha Ave., Minneapolis. Parking available at the Ft. Snelling light-rail lot. Co-sponsored by WAMM. FFI: Pepper at 612-701-6963



Welcoming signs at the weekly Immigration Rights Vigil, ICE facility, Ft. Snelling.

Ukraine for Sale

by Mary Beaudoin

Ukraine, with its vast amount of rich black soil, is the breadbasket of Europe and exports agricultural products such as vegetable oil and wheat to Africa and Asia, as well. Unfortunately, predators see the fields of grain as a way to make lots of dough, and not the kind that you bake in an oven.

While Ukrainian and Russian soldiers die by the hundreds of thousands in a U.S./NATO proxy war with Russia, the U.S. State Department promotes the exploitation of Ukrainian agriculture for the profit of Western investors. On July 1 of this year, at the influential Washington think tank Brookings Institute, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken openly announced: “There is extraordinary potential in Ukraine’s economy with the right investment.”

With a message reminiscent of a slick marketing executive if combined with a crude mafia thug, he went on to espouse weaponized asset protection: “. . . you’ve got to make sure that you have air defenses in place to try to protect the areas in which you’re making investments.”¹

On its official website, Blinken’s State Department made the optimistic sales pitch, even with war raging, that most areas of Ukraine are not involved in fighting and that “several existing foreign investments are making new direct investment of tens of millions of dollars.”²

In 2020, Ukraine passed a land reform law which went into effect in 2021,³ despite continued pushback from the majority of Ukrainian citizens. This new law was not intended to secure land fairly and equitably for the smaller farms and people of Ukraine. Rather, it’s opened Ukrainian land up for sale

for the benefit of Western agribusiness and financial institutions, placing small farmers at a disadvantage.⁴ Also affected are Polish farmers. In protest of the dumping of cheap, poorer quality (GMO) grain and chickens produced by Ukrainian agribusiness on the Polish market, Polish farmers have blocked their border with tractors.

The Oakland Institute, which advocates for sustainable and just land policy, says additionally that more exposure is needed about the aid provided to Ukraine as it does not support the ordinary Ukrainian farmer and is tied to a drastic structural adjustment program.⁵ Such programs, while forcing debt repayment, create austerity at the expense of infrastructure and social spending and are to the detriment of quality of life for the people.

Perhaps this is the kind of structure that war promoter U.S. Senator Lindsay Graham was thinking about when he spoke of fighting to the last Ukrainian: “I like the structure we’re on here. As long as they have the weapons they need, we’ll fight to the last man.”⁶

In this devastating war with Russia that Senator Graham is so enthusiastic about, the Ukrainian military took out part of Russia’s early nuclear-warning system, an extremely dangerous move which elevates the possibility of nuclear war by misinterpretation or provocation.⁷ Signs are that the war may end soon somehow, but unless the U.S. stops interfering with proposed peace processes,⁸ Ukraine may be completely gutted either by predators or nuclear annihilation.

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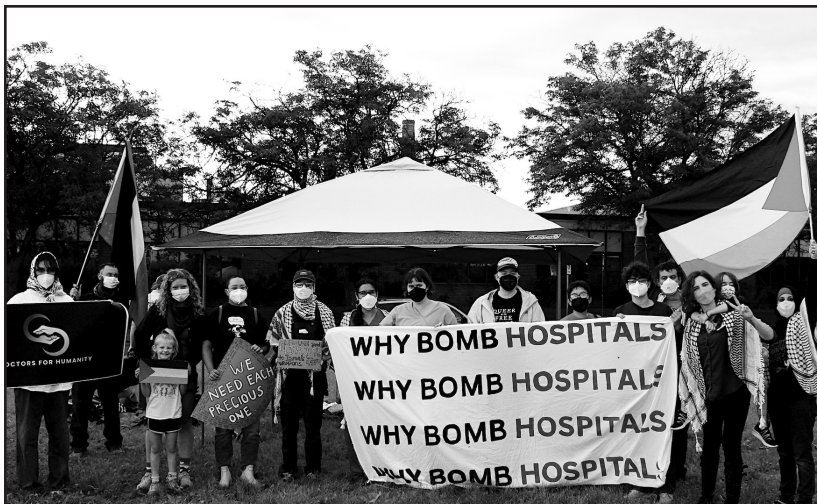


At the border, Polish tractors block cheap grain from Ukraine.

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A Summer of Resistance



Twin Cities Healthcare workers in solidarity with 500 healthcare workers murdered and 36 hospitals destroyed in Israel's U.S.-supported assault on Gaza.



*Protesting in Brainerd, Minnesota against the genocide in Gaza
Photo: Robin Hensel*



*WAMM's Walk Against the Weapons of War
Photo: Kim DeFranco*



Protesting the military aggression of the U.S./ North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).



*Resistance in Milwaukee to U.S. military in the Philippines for domination of the Pacific
Photo: Brad Sigal*

ST.KATES SJP CALL TO ACTION!

WELCOME THE PRESIDENT(S) PROTEST



OUTSIDE PRESIDENT ROLOFFS OFFICE

MONDAY JUL 15TH
1pm, Derham Hall

Welcome back President Roloff from her vacation and introduce our new president, Dr. Evans, to the St. Kate's community and the SJP demands! :D

LET GAZA LIVE

We will not stop
We will not rest!

END US AID TO ISRAEL!

Friday, July 12th from 4 - 5 pm
Corner of Snelling and Summit Ave
(across Macalester campus)
St Paul, MN



WEEKLY FRIDAY RALLY FOR PALESTINE!

HANDS OFF HAITI! NO OCCUPATION!



Wednesday, June 12
5:00 - 6:00 pm
Lake St/Marshall
Ave Bridge, Mpls

The U.S. is financing and orchestrating a multinational military occupation of Haiti that will be led by special forces from Kenya!

Support the right of the Haitian people to self-determination!

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BLACK TRANS LIVES MATTER!
FREE PALESTINE!

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Julian Assange Is Free!

by Mike Madden



Julian Assange, who established a new model of journalism with Wikileaks exposures, raises his arms – free at last!

After fourteen years of arbitrary detention, persecution, and character assassination, Julian Assange is a free man. He has been reunited with his wife Stella and young sons Gabriel and Max, in his home country of Australia.

On June 24, 2024, the *WikiLeaks* publisher was released from London's Belmarsh Prison. He traveled to the U.S. district court in the Northern Mariana Islands where, one day later, he pleaded guilty to one felony count under the Espionage Act for conspiracy to obtain and disclose national security documents.

The plea deal should not be viewed as an admission of guilt, but rather a confession obtained through mistreatment and coercion. Assange endured two years of restricted travel and electronic monitoring, seven years of imposed political asylum in London's Ecuadoran Embassy, and five years in Belmarsh Prison, the cumulative effects of which were characterized as "psychological torture" by UN Special Rapporteur Nils Melzer.

When a rogue nation prosecutes a publisher for revealing its criminal deeds, the resulting felony record is a badge of honor.

While Assange's freedom is celebrated by transparency activists and all those enlightened by *WikiLeaks* revelations, there has been no settlement of the press freedom issues central to the Assange saga.

The plea deal sought by the U.S. Department of Justice, "Conspiracy to Obtain and Disclose National Defense Information," describes activities that journalists engage in every day. Even though the plea cannot serve as precedent in any future press freedom case, the government has displayed its disregard for the First Amendment.

The government has also used the interminable pseudo-legal extradition proceedings and pretrial incarceration to send an unmistakable message to any journalist who might consider breaking with convention on national security

reporting – cross the United States and you will pay dearly.

Nor has public media reckoned with its embarrassing role as stenographer and willing hit man for the US government.

On February 20, 2024, *PBS NewsHour* aired a brazen hit piece on Assange masquerading as a report on the ongoing extradition proceedings. The segment featured an interview of Jamil N. Jaffer by host William Brangham. Jaffer, who has been legal counsel to various institutions of government, takes credit for drafting authorizations for the use of military force against al Qaeda, Syria, and ISIS, the legal framework for the global war on terror (GWOT).

After a cursory explanation of extradition hearing, Jaffer and Brangham teamed up to repeat debunked allegations against Assange and generally smear his character. Brangham brought up discredited allegations of rape. Jaffer said Assange was expelled from the Ecuadorian Embassy for his bad behavior and claimed: "Assange is not a real journalist." "He's been a hacker all his life." "He doesn't redact sources." "He doesn't protect the innocent."

PBS NewsHour was provided a detailed rebuttal to its vilification of Assange. The rebuttal cited UN Special Rapporteur Nils Melzer, whose investigation into the allegations of sexual misconduct found that it was the Swedish authorities who manufactured the rape narrative and did so against the wishes of the two women involved. It cited Fidel Narvaez, consul of the Ecuadoran Embassy, who described Assange as a welcome,

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Shut Down Aging, Leaking Monticello Nuclear Reactor!

by Kelly Lundeen and John LaForge of Nukewatch, Wisconsin

Lies, Deception, and Delay Should Prohibit License Extension

In his eye-opening remarks at the Monticello Community Center on May 15, Stephen J. Koenick, the senior environmental project manager for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), apologized for the commission staff's often-repeated claims. For a year and a half, the NRC, which is responsible for oversight, has insisted that radioactive tritium from a November 2022 leak at Xcel's Monticello reactor did not reach the Mississippi River.

In his underreported apology, Koenick said, "I know we . . . reported there were no indication[s] of [a] tritium leak [which] made it to the Mississippi. However, . . . we conclude there were some very low concentrations of tritium in the Mississippi River." In this rare and incriminating confession, he went on, "We apologize for this miscommunication."

Unfortunately, an apology does not alleviate the risk to all 20 million people – including 3.7 million in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area – whose drinking water comes from the Mississippi River.

Tritium is the radioactive form of hydrogen. It cannot be removed by any kind of filtering. Tritium is a danger to health when there is internal exposure, through drinking or breathing, because it moves like water to every part of the body. Pregnancies are especially at risk because it crosses the placenta where it endangers the fetus and can cause birth abnormalities.

Now Xcel has applied for a second

extension of the operating license for the antiquated Monticello facility which, if granted, would allow the reactor to run until it is 80 years old.

Another scandal brewing?

While studying hundreds of pages of documentation that Xcel and the NRC filed to apply for the license, Lindsay Potter of Nuke-watch discovered an extremely odd coincidence.

Two important events occurred on August 18, 2023. This was both the date that the NRC stopped collecting data to inform its Monticello license decision, as well as the day that radioactive tritium contamination in Xcel's groundwater tests near the Mississippi River exceeded the federal EPA drinking water limit.

Why might Xcel and the NRC stop tritium test reporting on the same day that levels exceeded EPA drinking water levels? Your guess is as good as ours.

The backstory to this scandal is that it took Xcel and the NRC four months before alerting the public to the leak at the Monticello reactor in November of 2022. It was a whole year after the discovery of that leak before Xcel disclosed that the amount was double what was originally reported.

ACTION: **Shut down this risky nuclear reactor!**

Citizen activism is vital in showing opposition to the continued operation of the Monticello reactor. Members of Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) and the North American Water Office joined Nukewatch on May 15 in Monticello and on June 20 in Minneapolis at Public Utilities



*Life depends on water and must be protected throughout the land of the Mississippi River and Great Lakes.
Art by Isaac Murdoch.*

Commission (PUC) meetings. You can help spread wider awareness and become part of the larger popular movement that is needed.

Send your written comments to the PUC by August 9. Talking points at NukeWatch of Wisconsin: nukewatchinfo.org/monticello.

Reports can be found at:

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polite, and engaging guest. It listed the numerous journalistic awards that Assange won, including the Martha Gellhorn Prize. It explained the exhaustive redaction process Assange engaged in with major news outlets like *The New York Times*. It noted that it was the on-line library Cryptome that first published the unredacted *Wiki-Leaks* files. And it cited a Pentagon report that found not a single person named in the leaked documents had come to harm.

But, coming from Jaffer, it was the “He doesn’t protect the innocent” remark that was most galling. The irony of Jaffer, author of the “legal” underpinnings for the GWOT which has killed hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians, accusing Assange of endangering innocents is just too rich.

So when the plea deal was finalized and Assange was freed on June 25th, who did *PBS NewsHour* have on to discuss the implications? None other than Jamil N. Jaffer, legal counsel for American military misadventure. And what did he bring this time to the *PBS* desk? The same tired and discredited slander he brought the last time, with this additional ingratiating comment to interviewer Nick Schifrin: “He’s never been a journalist. Let’s be real. Honest journalists like you, Nick, don’t even consider him a journalist.”

Despite the best efforts of the government and its public media toadies to imprison the 21st century’s most consequential journalist for life, Julian Assange has walked away from this fourteen-year saga unbowed. His steadfast adherence to principles of truth and transparency, and his refusal to back down in the face of seemingly endless persecution have

resulted in a qualified victory for the First Amendment. There will be no precedent-setting conviction at trial, and though the cost was high, a new model for national security journalism has been established.

Viva Assange!

Mike Madden led the Assange Defense, Twin Cities, and is a member of Veterans for Peace.

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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)

Every Monday, 4:00 to 5:00 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.

Vigil to End War

Every Wednesday. Please note time change: 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Signs available and brief circle up for announcements after 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.

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, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Ave. S. + hybrid Zoom. 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 Bill 612-926-8459.

Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA)

Every Friday via Zoom, 10:00 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Families Against Military Madness

Every Thursday evening via Zoom. FFI: 612-827-5364.

Tackling Torture at the Top

Every other Wednesday, time/dates pending. FFI: 612-827-5364

WAMM Ongoing Events

WAMM Monthly Movie:

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 follow film. Masks and social distancing by choice.

Monday, August 12

"The Beginning of the End of Nuclear Weapons"

History of the bomb and the anti-nuclear activism that pushed to eliminate bombs since their invention.

Special Events

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemorations

Hiroshima Commemoration (Ceremony of the Cranes)

Tuesday, August 6, 7:30 a.m., Lyndale Park Peace Garden. See back page for details.

Nagasaki Commemoration

Thursday, August 8, 7:00 p.m., Global Harmony Labyrinth in Como Park. See back page for details.

Protest MN Investment in Apartheid Israel

Saturday, August 10, 1:00 p.m., MN State Capitol, 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, St. Paul. MN Says Divest Today! Join us to send a loud message to the State Board of Investment before their meeting on August 14. Initiated by the Anti-War Committee, sponsored by WAMM.

Pack the State Board of Investment Meeting! Divest From Genocide!

Wednesday, August 14, 10:00 a.m., Room 1200 MN Senate Building, 95 University Avenue W., St. Paul. Tell Governor Walz and the State Board of Investments to divest from genocide! Organized by the Free Palestine Coalition.

March on the DNC

Monday, August 19, 12:00 p.m., Union Park, 1501 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60606 **AND** on Thursday, August 22, 5:00 p.m., Union Park, 1501 W Randolph St, Chicago, IL 60606 A March for Palestine and the Peoples' Agenda. Movements united against Trump's racist, reactionary agenda and Biden's genocidal administration. Protest both parties on the national stage! Organized by March on the DNC. Bus tickets leaving from the Twin Cities available until sold out: tinyurl.com/tcdnc

"Israelism" film, discussion

Wednesday, August 28, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. New City Center. 3104 16th Ave. S., Minneapolis. Film screening followed by discussion with Jewish Voice for Peace. Snacks provided. Sponsored by Jewish Voice for Peace, MN Christians for a Free Palestine, WAMM, Ceasefire Choir-Twin Cities.

FOR NEW ACTIONS

Check the calendar on the WAMM website:

WomenAgainstMilitaryMadness.org, Women Against Military Madness FB, and social media, or call the WAMM office: 612-827-5364



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Hiroshima Commemoration (Ceremony of the Cranes)

Tuesday, August 6 • 7:30 a.m.

Lyndale Park Peace Garden, 4124 Roseway Road, Minneapolis

Joel Weisberg, keynote. Sadako and the 1000 Cranes. Bellingringing by Veterans for Peace, Chapter 27. Moment of Silence at 8:15 a.m.

Procession to Peace Garden Bridge. Music by String Beans.

Organized by the Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration Committee.



Nagasaki Commemoration

Thursday, August 8 • 7:00 p.m.

Global Harmony Labyrinth in Como Park, 1199 Midway Pkwy., St. Paul

Greetings from Nagasaki and St. Paul City Hall. *A Bowl Full of Peace*, read by author Caren Stelson. Walking the labyrinth. Music by CharBara.

Organized by the Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration Committee.