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This Is What Democracy Actually Looks Like!

by Sarah Martin and Kim DeFranco

The summer of 2024 saw both the Republicans and Democrats anoint their presidential and vice presidential hopefuls. In response, coalitions were formed to organize tens of thousands of activists to bring their demands for policy change within sight and sound of the conventions. Principal among these demands: standing with Palestine and ending U.S. aid to Israel.

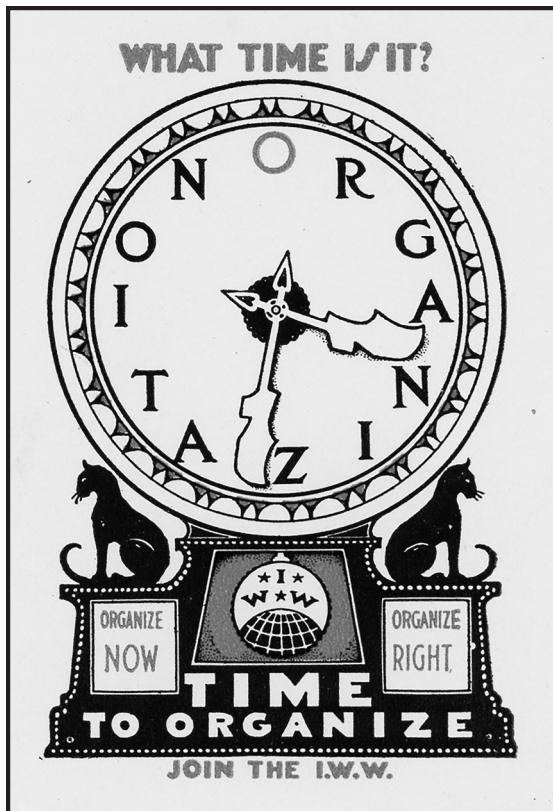
to March on the DNC 2024, which organized the event, included more than 270 anti-war, labor, immigrant, student, Black liberation, climate justice, women's, reproductive, and LGBTQIA+ rights organizations.

Minnesotans had the added incentive to bring a message for boycott, divestment and sanctions to Governor Walz, now Vice President Harris's running mate. They demanded that Minnesota divest its state pension funds and taxpayers' monies from Israeli bonds, banks, Elbit Systems and U.S. arms manufacturers selling the weapons used in the genocide of Gaza.

The Coalition to March on the DNC 2024 had been in battle with the city of Chicago because it refused to issue permits for a route, sound system and even port-a-potties. Finally, just days before the convention, due to the determined fight by organizers and the fact that it was clear the march would be huge, the city was forced to issue the permits, and actually doubled the size of the route, even though it had previously always maintained that it was impossible for the march to even proceed along the original, desired route.

Activists gathered in Union Park in the morning. At noon, Nazek Sankari of the U.S. Palestinian Community Network kicked off the pre-march program saying, "Welcome to

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Sticker design from the Wobblies (IWW), which were founded in Chicago in 1905. These gum-backed stickers helped spread the word to diverse labor groups calling them to organize under a common cause. The 2024 March on the DNC continued the Chicago history of uniting causes.

3,500 activists, including over 100 from Minnesota, converged in Red Arrow Park on July 15th, the opening day of the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Coalition to March on the RNC included more than 120 organizations representing many social movements. The activists rallied and marched to Milwaukee's Fiserv Forum to fight against racist and reactionary agendas.

On August 19, more than 20,000 people from across the country, including more than 200 people from Minnesota rallied and marched at the opening day of the DNC (Democratic National Convention) in Chicago, Illinois. The Coalition

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Chicago, the largest city with a cease-fire resolution, a progressive Mayor Brandon Johnson who identified the acts of Israel as genocidal, and the city that has organized almost 50 mass protests as the Coalition for Justice for Palestine where we shut down roads, highways and Lakeshore Drive over the last ten months. Welcome to this broad and beautiful coalition standing with Palestine making it clear that the Democrats must end the genocide of Gaza and stop arming the colonial settler racist state of Israel.”

Among the 25 speakers was Andrew Josefchak from Minneapolis, representing AWAN (the Anti-War Action Network). He said that Democrats were hoping activists wouldn't come to Chicago that day because Biden was no longer their candidate. He went on to say, “But that's not enough. We want an end to the genocide – not just to have new leadership . . . We understand social change isn't made by delegates to a political convention, but by the people in the streets. So, we'll continue to show up and build our movement until they have to listen.”

Frank Chapman, the executive director of the National Alliance against

Racist and Political Repression and a leading voice of the Black liberation movement in the opening rally, proclaimed, “We're here today to declare our unconditional solidarity with the Palestinian people. And so that nobody misunderstands what I mean by that, let me simply say, we want Palestine to win!”

Hatem Abudayyeh, the national chair of the U.S. Palestinian Community Network, said, “We are not going to give them a pass,” referring to Washington officials inside the convention center “and all the rest of the Democratic Party in there.”

The unifying lead banner: The demonstrators then took to the streets behind the lead banner which displayed their causes unified under ending U.S. support for the genocide in Palestine: “Stand with Palestine. End U.S. Aid to Israel! Money for Jobs, Schools, Healthcare, Housing and Environment, Not for War! Immigrant Rights and Legalization for All! Justice, Peace and Equality! Stop Police Crimes! Community Control of the Police! Defend LGBTQIA+ and Reproductive Rights! Defend the Right to Unionize and Strike!” The people marched along tree-lined streets

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*People filled the streets outside the 2024 RNC calling those inside to represent their demands.
Photo: Unicorn Riot*



The banner that led off the 2024 March on the DNC. United under ending U.S. genocide in Palestine, diverse groups called for supporting human needs instead. Photo: Kim DeFranco

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through residential and commercial neighborhoods to the United Center, home of the Bulls basketball team, where the DNC was about to convene.

The movement banners: While the main focus was on Palestine, many contingents lined the streets of Chicago with banners of various social justice movements: “Fund our Communities,” “Jewish Hoosiers for a free Palestine,” “Dear Walz, We still demand you divest from genocide sincerely, Minnesota Students,” “U.S. out of the Philippines,” “Stop attacks on immigrants – Legalization for all,” “Defend bodily autonomy!” and “Fight for the air we breathe.” While the issues addressed were diverse, all knew that they are affected one way or another by U.S. funding priorities.

The picket signs: Throughout the march, thousands of signs expressed the people’s demands and outrage directed at current U.S. policy: “Free all political prisoners,” “From Chicago to Palestine, occupation is a crime,” “Victory to the Palestinian Resistance,” “Friends don’t help friends commit atrocities,” “No votes for genocide enablers,” “Authentic Rab- bis always opposed Zionism and the

State of Israel,” “Stop the U.S. war machine!”

The chants: The loud chants of impassioned activists filled the streets; among them: “End the siege on Gaza now! Free Free Palestine!”, “The people united will never be defeated!”, “Viva viva la lucha Palestina!”, “Who’s got the power? People have the power!”, “If we don’t get no justice, shut it down!” and “We will fight day and night to protect our rights!”

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Poster affixed to an artist easel on a Chicago street during the DNC demanding an arms embargo. Photo: Kim DeFranco



Minnesota students called for Vice President nominee Governor Tim Walz, to divest from the state's financial investment in Israel. Photo: Kim DeFranco

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As the marchers went through neighborhoods to a city park that was within sight and sound of the United Center, many residents and bystanders cheered, pumped their fists and joined in the chanting. Later as the march went back to Union Park, it went under the Chicago L train lines and continued chanting echoed throughout the neighborhoods.

Every day during the DNC, the genocide of Gaza was front and center with protests persisting inside and outside the convention. On the inside, during Biden's speech, a group of delegates unfurled a banner which read, "Stop Arming Israel!"

On the outside, the day before the convention even began, protesters rallied in front of the Israeli consulate. On the third day of the convention, Uncommitted delegates held a sit-in outside the Center because the Democratic Party had refused to allow a Palestinian speaker on the stage, though

they had featured the family of an Israeli hostage.

On the last day, while Kamala Harris was giving her presidential nominee acceptance speech inside, more than 11,000 people marched for Palestine. The protesters outside in the streets chanted against the U.S.-backed genocide in Gaza and delegates inside the convention center reported hearing them. Despite pressure from police – hundreds of them clad in riot gear – demonstrators remained in the



Impassioned demonstrators filling the streets of Chicago outside the 2024 DNC, chanting loudly so that their demands could be heard inside. Photo: Kim DeFranco

streets after the 8:00 p.m. permit deadline expired.

Now that the RNC and DNC have had their conventions, it is clear that both parties and their nominees have no intention of ending arms sales and shipments to Israel, which would immediately stop the genocide. The Palestine Solidarity movement vows to continue to march, demand divestment from Israel and U.S. companies complicit in this genocide and do whatever is necessary to hold the nominees and politicians accountable until the genocide has ended and Palestine is free from the river to the sea!

Sarah Martin and Kim DeFranco are active with both the WAMM Newsletter and the Middle East Committees. They participated in demonstrations at the 2024 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Sarah Martin participated in demonstrations at the 2008 Republican National Convention in St. Paul.

Venezuela: Dictatorship or Democracy?

eyewitness report

by Michael Runyon

I participated for ten days in Venezuela with a delegation from the Alliance for Global Justice, joining a group of over 900 international guests from over 90 countries to observe the presidential election. We were able to see firsthand the Venezuelan electoral process as well as meet with various government officials and, most importantly, the Venezuelan people.

In the lead up to the election we met with the Venezuelan Deputy Foreign Minister for North America, Carlos Ron. He told us about the devastating effects of the U.S. sanctions begun after Barack Obama declared Venezuela an “unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security” of the United States. Those sanctions were put on steroids by Donald Trump and continued under Joe Biden.

The sanctions, combined with a drop in oil prices during the pandemic, caused shortages in food, medicine and other essential goods. This resulted in hyperinflation, devastating the Venezuelan economy and causing it to go from one of the wealthiest countries in Latin America to one of the poorest.

Ron then told us why he was confident that Nicolas Maduro would be reelected. Under Maduro’s presidency inflation has been controlled, it was brought down to 1% in June 2024. The government built 5 million new houses and developed more than 4,500 major social projects designed to help the poor and the indigenous people. During this time, Venezuela went from importing 80% of its food to being more than 80% food self-sufficient. Working with gang leaders, Maduro also greatly reduced crime and

gang violence; he did it by developing alternative programs such as offering employment in public jobs and providing access to sports facilities.

We were able to see these results when we visited Petare, the largest favela (barrio), which was once the most violent in Latin America, but is no longer the case. We were able to walk around there with no security and to talk with many of the people. They were incredibly supportive of Maduro and his programs and welcoming to us.

On election day, our delegation visited seven voting centers and saw thousands of people casting their votes. The process was orderly and transparent. Aside from the international observers, there were observers from several opposition parties as well as pro-Maduro witnesses.

We saw voters identify themselves by both a citizen’s ID card and a thumbprint, which then activated a voting machine on which to cast their vote. Once they cast their vote electronically, the computer issues a paper ballot, which they verify for accuracy and place in a secure ballot box.

At the end of the day, once the polls are closed, the tamper-proof voting machine that is not connected to the internet, transmits the vote count to a central location.

After this transmission, the public is welcome to watch the vote audit, in which the paper voting receipts from 54% of the voting machines (randomly selected and with political party witnesses present) are compared to the paper votes, making systematic vote fraud nearly



Image: Wikicommons

impossible. By comparison, a study in the United States revealed that only one to 10 percent of ballots are audited after the vote.

Our delegation observed several of these audits and witnessed no irregularities. There were reports of violence and disruption by opposition supporters at other polling stations.

Therefore, based on what our delegation observed before, during and after the Presidential election, we agree with the decision released by the Venezuelan National Electoral Council (CNE) and affirmed by the Supreme Court of Venezuela, that Nicolas Maduro won in a free and fair election.

We categorically denounce the interference by the United States which has repeatedly tried to undermine the Bolivarian government since its election in 1999. U.S. actions in recognizing Edmundo González as the winner is no more than another attempted coup of a government that dares to not follow U.S. dictates.

This raises the question: is Venezuela a dictatorship or democracy? Since the U.S. holds itself out to be the shining example of a democracy and Venezuela as a dictatorship, a comparison is instructive.

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Let's begin with voter registration. In Venezuela when a citizen turns 18, they receive a national identification card that also acts as voter registration for the remainder of their life. They can make changes to the information on the card, such as a change in address, but they never need to re-register.

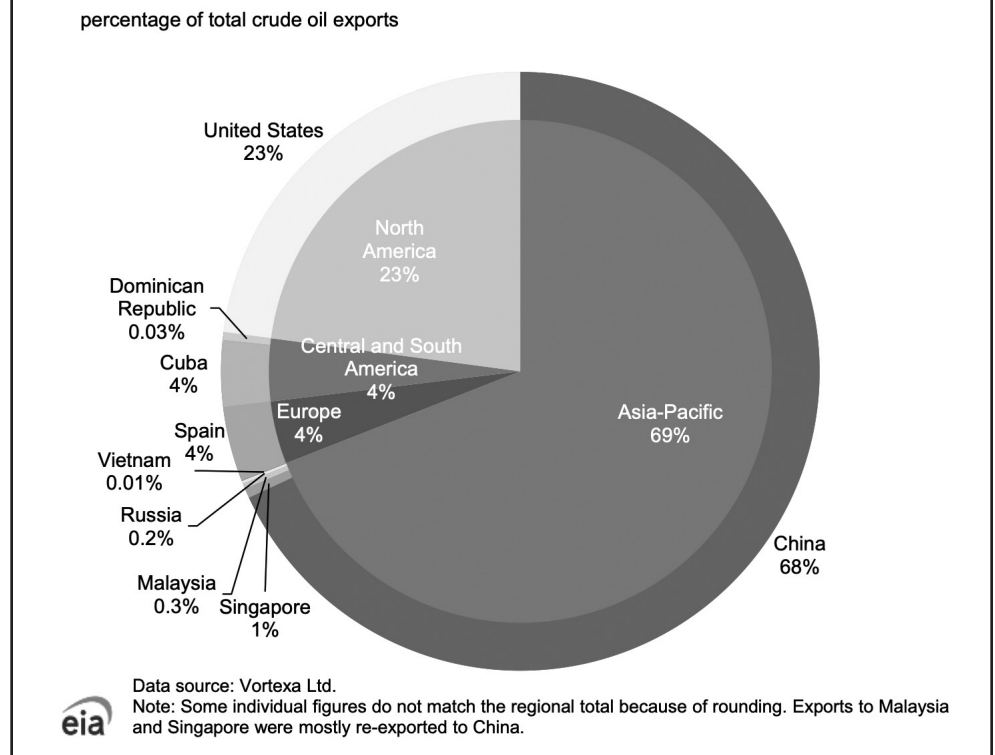
In the U.S., there are no national standards for registering voters. Every state has its own processes for identifying and removing voters from the rolls. This often leads to disenfranchisement in many states, especially for the poor and people of color. Texas recently announced it has "purged" over a million voters from its rolls! Similar purges have occurred in Ohio, Georgia and other key states.

Then let's look at the voting process. In the U.S., voting procedures are again determined by the state and vary greatly. Some states have only machine tabulation, some use both machine tabulation and paper ballot, but very few issue a voter-verified paper audit trail, like Venezuela. None of them have an audit of more than 50 percent of the votes transparent to the public, as in Venezuela.

And let's look at the election itself. The ballot in Venezuela had ten candidates running for office, demonstrating easy access to it. But more importantly, the choices were real. They ranged from the Communist Party, Podemos (a Social Democratic party), to the U.S.-backed Unitary party that wanted to privatize almost everything in Venezuela.

In the U.S., requirements for candidates to access the ballot are extremely prohibitive in most states.

Figure 15. Venezuela's crude oil exports by region and country, 2023



China, which the U.S. regards as a competitor, buys 70% of Venezuela's crude oil.

Even if requirements are met, candidates may face legal challenges from the two ruling parties and are often removed from ballots.

In Venezuela, the President is determined by direct popular vote. Voters in the U.S. do not really vote for the president, they vote for electors to the Electoral College. This has led to five U.S. presidents who lost the popular vote, being elected anyway.

I will let you decide which of these countries is a democracy and which is a dictatorship.

Michael Runyon is a Twin Cities activist and organizer who acted as a witness in the election in Venezuela, July 21-31 2024.

Editors' UPDATE: On September 8, Edmundo González, the U.S.-backed candidate opposing Maduro, was allowed to leave Venezuela and flee to Spain. According to *Venezuelanalysis*, "an arrest

warrant had been issued for him charging him with usurpation of functions, public document forgery, conspiracy, sabotage, and association to commit crimes," based on his claims of having won the presidential election. Continuing the U.S. policy of interference in Latin American and Caribbean elections, Secretary of State Antony Blinken declared González in exile "the best hope for democracy."

U.S. support for the defeated presidential candidate friendly to some U.S. political and business interests, is against the backdrop of Venezuela possessing the world's largest proven crude oil reserves in the world,¹ with China as its largest customer.²

It has been widely reported for the past several years in international, Latin American, and Western media that Erik Prince of the notorious Blackwater global

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We Can Ban Nuclear Weapons!

a briefing on nuclear weapons from the Hiroshima commemoration, Lyndale Peace Park, Minneapolis

by Joel Weisberg

Today there are about 13,000 nuclear weapons possessed by nine nations, with the vast majority being owned by Russia, the U.S., and to a lesser extent, China. The other nuclear-armed states include France, the UK, India, Pakistan, North Korea, and Israel. Among the nine, two have pledged never to be the first to use them. (Those two do not include the U.S.)

Each of the three major nuclear weapons states are currently modernizing their arsenals, at great expense. The U.S., alone, will spend one to two trillion dollars over 30 years on this effort. (A trillion is a million million!)

Just a few months ago the Los Alamos Nuclear Weapons Lab touted the development, scheduled to be completed by 2026, of yet

another, much more highly explosive bomb – with an explosive power of 360 kilotons. In contrast, the bomb dropped on Hiroshima, which had killed 140,000 Japanese people by the end of 1945, had a yield of 15 kilotons.

Political figures in the U.S., Russia, and Israel have suggested using nuclear weapons in a localized, limited war.

Radioactive fallout from nuclear bomb explosions would cause the poisoning of land, water, and people worldwide. Even a “limited” nuclear war could trigger nuclear winter, where the smoke and soot from burning cities and forests would darken the skies worldwide, leading to the extinction-level death of plants and then animals, including most humans.

At least a thousand of the huge world-ending nuclear weapons (ICBM’s Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles), which Russia and the U.S. point at each other, remain on “hair trigger alert,” launchable on a few minutes’ notice. There is great incentive for each side to launch on a mere warning (based on correct information or not) of nuclear attack to avoid the annihilation of their own weapons in the presumed attack, thereby increasing the possibility of a nuclear war starting by accident or miscalculation.

Not to be forgotten are the nuclear-armed submarines trolling the seas of the world at all times as tensions mount. Each of the 16 U.S. missile submarines currently carries 20 missiles, each typically loaded with

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With the danger of nuclear war greater than ever and the Doomsday Clock ticking toward omnicidal midnight, Women Against Military Madness proclaims the need to ban nuclear weapons. Photo: WAMM website

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four separate nuclear bombs whose explosive energy ranges from half to twenty times Hiroshima's.

U.S. nuclear weapons spending remained relatively flat at about \$7 billion per year in inflation-adjusted dollars until about 1995, after which spending has grown relentlessly. (Note that even after the Berlin Wall dividing East and West fell, supposedly ending the Cold War, spending never shrank much. In fact, spending started to grow just five years later.) Nuclear weapons spending has grown since 1995 by a factor of 2.5, to \$18 billion per year, with projected spending reaching \$25 billion in 2035.

The public and the media have turned their attention away from the danger of nuclear war, despite its being as great or greater than ever. The "Doomsday Clock," kept for decades by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, is closer to midnight than ever.

A Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons – banning all nuclear weapons – has been signed and/or ratified by the great majority of nations on Earth. Early this year, the tally was ratified



Over one million participated in a nuclear disarmament demonstration. New York City, June 12, 1982

by 70 countries, with 27 having signed but not yet ratified it. (It had already entered into legal force becoming international law in 2021, after 50 had ratified it.)

Sadly, none of the nine nuclear weapons-possessing states has signed this treaty and they all ignore it.

But given the challenges, I still firmly believe that we the people can make a difference. I take heart from the Nuclear Freeze Movement of the '80s, which mobilized millions to call for a freeze in building new nuclear weapons and delivery vehicles. It was not completely successful, but it made a big difference. It cooled then President Reagan's alarming rhetoric about fighting and winning a nuclear war and raised consciousness on these issues. People came together and organized to put pressure on the government then and we can again today, leading the world away from nuclear doom and toward nuclear disarmament.

Weisberg also addressed:

Nuclear Power Plants

Meanwhile, nuclear power plants on both sides are being attacked as part of the Russia-Ukraine war, raising the potential of a catastrophic release of radioactivity dwarfing that loosed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

There are many connections between nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants such as the ones in Minnesota at Prairie Island and Monticello. [A movement has been revitalized and is growing to oppose these nuclear power plants and nuclear power.]

Joel Weisberg is the Stark Professor Emeritus of Physics and Astronomy and the Natural Sciences, Carleton College, Minnesota. Remarks delivered August 6.

Nuclear Power Resources:

Nukewatch, Wisconsin:
nukewatchinfor.org

North American Water Office:
nawo.org

ACTION:

STOP NUCLEAR WAR!
YOU CAN DO THIS NOW!

WAMM's Nuclear Winter Cards

Raise awareness of the danger of nuclear war by distributing WAMM's Nuclear Winter cards. Leave stacks at libraries, community centers, friendly shops, cafes and bakeries, places of worship, etc. Pass them out to friends and family. See opposite page for more info.



*Women's encampment protests the nuclear stockpile. Seneca Falls, 1983
UMass Amherst Libraries.*

NUCLEAR WINTER ALERT!!

"Nuclear winter refers to the deadly worldwide climate change that would result from a major nuclear war. Even a relatively small nuclear war between neighboring countries would change climate dramatically." ~ A. Robock, *World Book*

The use of an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM's) or nuclear submarines would destroy much life on earth, but even one low-yield, tactical nuclear weapon could lead to retaliation and multiple explosions in a conflict, triggering nuclear winter.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN NUCLEAR WINTER?

- incineration of urban and rural areas
- smoke and soot blocks sunlight
- drastic drop in temperature
- massive starvation
- crop failure (photosynthesis interrupted), livestock failure
- radioactive fallout poisoning of fields, forests, rivers, lakes, fish, oceans, seafood
- vital medical and trade systems incapacitated
- due to 1,000 mph rotation of the earth, everyone and everything is affected

Scientists deduce results based on historical incidents of smoke in the atmosphere and sunlight blocked during volcanic eruptions; Canadian, Australian, U.S. West Coast fires; 1930's dust bowl; Sahara dust storms, etc.

WE DEMAND U.S. OFFICIALS: protect future generations, cut the Pentagon budget, stop funding the modernization of nuclear weapons, and INSTEAD FUND HUMAN NEEDS!



Sources: *Federation of American Scientists, Science Advances, Nature, Nature Food* womenagainstmilitarymadness.org

"Perhaps the leaders of the nuclear weapons states do not want the public to understand that their nuclear arsenals represent a self-destruct mechanism for the human race? Such an understanding could lead to a demand that nuclear weapons be banned and abolished." ~ *Nuclear War, Nuclear Winter, and Human Extinction. Federation of American Scientists.*

STOP NUCLEAR WINTER BEFORE IT STARTS!

Nuclear Winter will block the sun and lead to the death of most plants, animals, and human beings on earth. Even 1%, or 100, nuclear weapons would trigger some degree of nuclear winter.*

Disturbing signs that could lead to Nuclear Winter:

- The U.S. is modernizing its nuclear arsenal, a catalyst for other countries to compete modernizing theirs, making the world a more dangerous place.
- Tensions exist between the U.S. and China over Taiwan; the U.S./NATO and Russia over Ukraine; the U.S. and North Korea; Israel, supported by the U.S., and the Middle East. And between India and Pakistan.
- Political figures in the U.S., Russia, and Israel have actually suggested using nuclear weapons.
- Nuclear weapons most likely to be used in a limited war are "low yield" or tactical, such as the kind dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Today, such weapons can be many times more powerful. The Department of Defense says it will be "providing the President with additional options against harder and large-area military targets."
- Use of such weapons could ignite a conflagration, triggering nuclear winter.
- Modernization of nuclear weapons will cost the U.S. 1 to 2 trillion dollars that could be used for human needs instead.
- Candidates from both U.S. major political parties promise to continue the U.S. policy of global military dominance.

Sources: *Department of Defense, Los Alamos Laboratory, International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, Nature Food*

SOOT CAUSED BY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS WOULD INDUCE NUCLEAR WINTER

Soot (Tg)	Number of weapons	Yield (kt)	Number of direct fatalities	Number of people without food at the end of Year 2
5	100	15	27,000,000	255,000,000
16	250	15	52,000,000	926,000,000
27	250	50	97,000,000	1,426,000,000
37	250	100	127,000,000	2,081,000,000
47	500	100	164,000,000	2,512,000,000
150	4,400	100	360,000,000	5,341,000,000

The U.S. led the way in the development and use of nuclear weapons. We can lead the way out! Millions participated in the Nuclear Freeze Movement of the 1980's, resulting in treaties and a reduction in nuclear weapons. Today 70 of the world's nations have ratified the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

DEMAND THE U.S. RATIFY THE TPNW AND WORK TO BRING THE OTHER NUCLEAR NATIONS TOGETHER TO DO SO!

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mercenary organization, has been involved in shadowy endeavors to depose Maduro. A recent report in the *Oronco Tribune* showed Prince brazenly messaging on X (formerly *Twitter*) that “magic could happen,” if the the bounty was raised to \$100 million. On September 15, prompting an immediate denial from the U.S. State Department, it was announced on VTV, Venezuela’s state station, that six foreigners – three Americans, two Spaniards, and a Czech had been arrested in a CIA plot to assassinate Maduro.

Additional Resource:

***Corporate Coup: Venezuela and the End of U.S. Empire* by Anya Parampil (Or Books, 2024).**

For an earlier attempt by trans-national corporate interests at instigating a coup in Venezuela, see investigative reporter Anya Parampil’s explanation of how Juan Guáido, a little known

legislator, who lacked popular and institutional support, was shockingly and falsely claimed to be the president of Venezuela – while Maduro was holding the office. Her book provides historical context, U.S. involvement, Monroe Doctrine redux, theft of resources.

Endnotes

- 1 U.S. Energy Information Administration www.eia.gov
- 2 Who is Buying Venezuela Oil? Bnamericas.com. tinyurl.com/mvr7cxk2

Keep Space for Peace

“With the current U.S.-NATO expansion happening worldwide, seeking full spectrum dominance, we are viewing our Keep Space for Peace Week this year as the most important one since the Global Network was founded in 1992. The prospects for space-directed WW3 between the U.S.-NATO and Russia, China, and Iran are greater than ever.

“Most of the global public has little to no understanding how space technology these days is in the driver’s seat in modern warfare. Thus we feel the enormous need to increase our efforts to plant the seeds in the international public consciousness about keeping space for peace.” space4peace.org

– *Bruce K. Gagnon, Coordinator, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space*

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<input type="checkbox"/> \$40–59 Individual membership	\$____ Monthly \$____ Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> \$60–199 Household membership	(WAMM will send a coupon book, if by check)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200+ Major Donor	
<input type="checkbox"/> This is a new membership	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a membership renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Check enclosed	<input type="checkbox"/> This is a gift membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my credit card	Total amount enclosed \$____
Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____	
Signature _____	
Name _____ Phone _____	
Address _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (09/24)	
Email _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Add me to the WAMM email list	
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WAMM Calendar

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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.

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

Solidarity Committee on the Americas (SCOTA)

Every Tuesday via Zoom, 9:30 a.m. FFI: 612-827-5364

Palestine Solidarity Committee

Second and fourth Friday of every month, 6:00 p.m. 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, October 14, 2024 **"The Indian System"**

On November 11, 1865, Medicine Bottle and Little Six were hanged at Fort Snelling, marking the end of the Dakota in Minnesota. Film dedicated to the memory of the Dakota 38 plus 2.

Special Events

Keep Space for Peace Week

October 5 to 12. Initiated by Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space. FFI: space4peace.org or 207-844-8187

Protest One Year of Genocide

Sunday, October 6, Time + Location TBA. On the ONE YEAR mark since Israel began its devastating assault on Gaza. Join the international call for solidarity in mass protest to honor our martyrs, stand in solidarity, and demand that Minnesota divests from genocide. The entire world will be protesting! We will not stop raising our voices for Gaza. *SHOW UP MN! Organized by the MN Free Palestine Coalition. FFI: 612-827-5364

MEPN October Forum: "West Bank in Crisis: Life Under Occupation" with Usama Nicola

Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. By Zoom. Registration: on calendar at womenagainstmilitarymadness.org. Dire situation: tensions, settler violence, human rights violations escalating. Webinar NOT to be recorded. Organized by Middle East Peace Now, sponsored by WAMM. FFI: mepn@mepn.org.

"Til Kingdom Come" Film Screening

Thursday, October 24, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bartsch Room, 2730 E 31st St., Minneapolis. Co-sponsored by WAMM, Holy Trinity, and MN Christians for Free Palestine.

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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**Sunday, October 6, 1:30 p.m. (Longer protest expected)
Hennepin Ave./Washington Ave. S. (Gateway Park Fountain), Minneapolis**

October is almost here; we are nearing the ONE YEAR mark since Israel began its devastating assault on Gaza. Join the MN Free Palestine Coalition's mass protest to honor our martyrs, stand in solidarity, and demand that Minnesota divests from genocide. The entire world will be protesting that week—join the international call for solidarity! We will not stop raising our voices for Gaza. *SHOW UP MINNESOTA!* Organized by the MN Free Palestine Coalition.

Miss that protest?

The Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine

**continues every Friday, rain or shine, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.,
corner of Summit/Snelling Avenues, St. Paul.**

Sponsored by WAMM Middle East Committee FFI: 612-827-5364.

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