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Onondaga Lake: What it once was, what it has become, what it could be again. Graphic: Karen Kerney

Neighbor to Neighbor: Nation to Nation Updates on the Onondaga Nation

Midland Solidarity Continues

The EPA's decision to dismiss the civil rights complaint demonstrates exactly why the Nation had to file the land rights case. It constitutes yet another example of federal and state 'environmental protection' agencies not doing their job, which should be to protect people's health and to work towards clean water in all our creeks, rivers and lakes.

—Joe Heath, on behalf of the Onondaga Nation, March 21

The ongoing construction zone at Oxford and Blaine Streets belies the growing momentum to prevent the construction of a sewage treatment plant there. The Partnership for Onondaga Creek (POC) continues to tell the story and gain allies against this ill-conceived project.

Recently, the EPA's Office of Civil Rights wrote a decision stating that their investigation of the Title VI complaint

filed on behalf of the POC found no violations. This was really not an investigation at all, as the EPA *performed no new work*, did *no* on-site research, and never spoke with residents or the POC lawyer.

The Onondaga Nation's response to the EPA's decision has strengthened the solidarity that has always existed on this issue. In their response, Joe Heath stated: "The Nation will now have to examine all of its legal options to continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with the POC and the people of the Midland community."

To those familiar with the legacy of the EPA and Title VI, the finding came as no surprise. Alma Lowry, attorney for the POC, learned that after more than 10 years of investigating Title VI complaints, the EPA had accepted only 30 for investigation.

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Of those, *none* resulted in a finding of violation.

This issue of environmental justice is bigger than Midland, but our smaller struggle has been noticed. Recently, Senator Hillary Clinton requested questions from the POC to submit during the confirmation hearings of the new EPA director. Those questions were submitted by her and specifically address the Midland Avenue struggle.

We are gaining allies. The struggle for environmental and social justice is not over! To learn more visit [www.onondagacreek.org] or call Aggie Lane at 478-4571.

–Tarki Heath works with the Partnership for Onondaga Creek.

A Brief History of Onondaga Displacement

We know what it is to lose our land. Displacement is something we wouldn't want to put on anyone, because our ancestors suffered from it.

–Onondaga Tadadaho Sid Hill

In filing their historic Land Rights Action on March 11, 2005, representatives of the Onondaga Nation have repeatedly stated that they do not seek to take anyone's home or land. Instead, they want to “restore to the Onondaga Nation recognition of title to its aboriginal territory.”

When European colonists began to enter Central New York, the Onondaga occupied 2.6 million acres (“own” is not a meaningful word for the Onondagas when talking about land).

This is an abbreviated history of New York's illegal takings of Onondaga territory, actions which dramatically disrupted their lives.

1788 NYS “buys” nearly two million acres of land from an unauthorized group of Onondagas. Onondaga territory is reduced to approximately 108 square miles. NYS failed to comply with its own laws relative to this taking until 1813.

1789 The United States Constitution becomes effective, which clearly prohibits taking of Native lands by states or individuals.

1790 The first federal Indian Trade and Intercourse Act is passed, which further prohibits states from taking Native lands.

1793 Onondagas lease 79 square miles (over 50,000 acres) to NYS. NYS believes they bought the land.

1794 In the Treaty of Canandaigua, the United States guaranteed that the Six Nations will retain their land, and that: “the United States will never claim the same.” Further, the US promised that each of the Six Nations would retain “the free use and enjoyment” of their lands.

1795 Ignoring the Trade and Intercourse Act, NYS illegally “buys” nearly 6,500 acres of land surrounding Onondaga Lake and rights to the lake.

1817 NYS “buys” just over 4,000 acres of land from the Onondagas.

1822 NYS “buys” 800 acres of land at the south end of the Onondaga Nation, reducing Onondaga territory to its current size of 7,300 acres.

–Andy Mager is active with *Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation* [www.peacecouncil.net/NOON].

Haudenosaunee attend International Religion Conference in Tokyo

The Haudenosaunee have emerged as voices needing to be heard on behalf of the natural world. An invitation to such a prestigious gathering is indicative of a recognition and thirst for the teachings of indigenous peoples by a global community. The Haudenosaunee believe care and respect for all forms of life is fundamental to the survival of all creatures who share our Mother earth.

–Wendy Gonyea, member of the Haudenosaunee delegation

In early 2003 the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR) and the United Nations University invited Oren Lyons, Jr., Faithkeeper of the Onondaga Nation and Professor of American Studies at University of Buffalo, to be a keynote speaker for their April 2005 meeting in Japan. The invitation to Oren was extended to five others of the Haudenosaunee*. The organizers' hope was to connect scholars of religion with indigenous people.

Getting visas for the trip proved to be a complicated affair – the Haudenosaunee are the only indigenous people in North America, and perhaps the world, who travel on their own passports. Oren spent an entire day explaining to the Japanese Consulate Office in New York City why the Haudenosaunee travel on their own passports. They finally got their visas the day before we left.

We spent the first days in Kyoto. The leadership of a Shinto religious movement came and heard Oren speak, and invited us to their museum. We were fed from their organic farm, given a private tour of the collection of art from the world's religions, exchanged gifts, and concluded our visit with a Taiko drumming concert and a healing ceremony.

At the IAHR meeting, scholars and other indigenous people were astonished by the news of the Onondaga Nation's Land Rights Action. It gave all who listened great hope that indigenous people were taking such a stand in favor of Creation. Everywhere we went the Haudenosaunee delegation was treated with tremendous respect.

After this trip I am convinced of the singularity of the Haudenosaunee determination and message. It gave me great joy in knowing that we can help extend the message of the Great Law of Peace to the world. We are fortunate to live in upstate New York so near the Onondaga Nation, the Central Fire of the Haudenosaunee.

*Haudenosaunee are people of the long house, comprised of the traditional governments of the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk and Tuscarora Nations. Onondaga is the Central Fire (analogous to being a country's capital) of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

–Phil Arnold is a professor of religion at Syracuse University who attended the conference with the Haudenosaunee.

Educate, Agitate, Organize

SPC IN ACTION

compiled by Jessica Maxwell



A veteran from Solvay joined our March 25 "Reading the Names" event after reading about it in the Post-Standard. Photo: Ray Trudell.

Exposing the Reality of US Occupation in Iraq

Every Friday, March 25-April 15, noon-2 pm, we read all the available names of those who have died due to the Iraq war – Iraqi civilians and US and coalition soldiers. After eight hours, we had read 4,755 names. This number vastly under-represents the number of Iraqi civilian casualties – the most conservative count of Iraqi deaths is now over 17,000 [www.iraqbodycount.net]. The US government's ongoing efforts to hide US casualties from public view and systematically prevent accurate counts of Iraqi civilian casualties undermine the claim that this occupation has any humanitarian goal.

We recently purchased a 30-minute DVD on the US assault on Fallujah in April 2004, during which over 500 civilians were killed. Contact Jessica to schedule a screening at your school, library, place of worship, organization or other venue. We can facilitate discussion after the film and provide additional information on ending the US occupation.

Youth and Militarism in the Local Media

The *Youth and Militarism Task Force* has had an exciting month! Our coalition tabled at three high schools, gave draft and draft registration presentations to young people at faith communities, and received extensive press coverage about our involvement in the Jamesville-Dewitt Sophomore Career Fair. Professionals of the peace and social justice community were "re-invited" after they were initially "disinvited" from participating in the student career day. The ACLU followed up with the school district to try to deal with some of the confusion. The tabling efforts and speakers have been very well received by students in schools. Contact Elizabeth Stacey, 256-7756.

Activist appreciation— Ed Kinane

We might call him "Red Ed" – the man who wields a mighty red pen, the wordsmith, the person who won't rest until every article is finely edited. Over the past several years, with two "breaks" for trips to Iraq, Ed Kinane has been a persistent and weighty member of the *PNL* Editorial Committee. Ed is full of ideas for articles, thoughtful about potential writers and unstoppable as an editor.

Ed is moving on (at least for the time being; Ed has served several stints on the editorial committee since the late 1970s). He will be sorely missed, though we expect you'll see his byline and perhaps his copy-editing in future *PNLs*. As we go to press Ed is barnstorming the Midwest on the Voices in the Wilderness "Wheels of Justice" speaking tour.

While we don't expect to find anyone to fill Ed's shoes, the *PNL* is looking for additional editors, along with artists, people to work with authors, and more. Contact Carol.

Watch that Mailbox

Keep an eye out for the Peace Council's spring fund appeal, due in your mailboxes the first week of May. Please read the ma-

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terials and give generously to support the Peace Council's work. When money comes in easily, staff spends less time trying to raise it and more time educating, agitating and organizing.

Please consider pledging on a monthly or quarterly basis (this is particularly simple for members of the Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union, see page 6).

You can be sure that your donation, large or small, will be well spent.

SPC-TV Receives Funding

SPC has been airing *The People's 60 Minutes* for 16 years without any outside funding – largely due to the skills and energy of Paul Pearce. We're gratified that the Cultural Resources Council has recognized the value of the program by providing a \$1000 grant to support *SPC-TV* this year. Check out the show – it airs every Sunday from 8-9 pm on Time Warner Channel 98.

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SPC MONTHLY PROGRAM

US Policy Towards Africa: Humanitarianism or Militarism?

Thursday, May 19

7-8:30 pm

Westcott Community Center
(corner of Euclid and Westcott, Syracuse)
followed by refreshments & discussion

Why do US officials condemn the violence in the Sudan, yet prevent Sudanese war criminals from being brought to trial? What are the goals of US foreign policy in Africa? Join us for a presentation by Horace Campbell, professor of African Studies at SU.

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We received a second \$1000 grant from the Arts & Cultural Grant Fund sponsored by NY State Senator John DeFrancisco to create a video about the Peace Council's history. This project ties into our 70th anniversary in 2006.



SPC intern Kelsy Waggaman prepares to talk about militarism with students at Nottingham High School. Photo: Liz Stacey

An Intern Extraordinaire

It's great when the Peace Council has interns who take on tasks and follow through responsibly. When we find someone like Kelsy Waggaman, who carries the work forward with enormous creativity and initiative, we are indeed fortunate.

SPC's *Youth and Militarism* efforts have reached many young people due to Kelsy's energy, and the *White Privilege* work began because of her enthusiasm. Kelsy leaves us in late April, but we are confident that SPC folks will cross paths with her on the barricades (real and figurative) in the years to come.

Bikes 4 Peace

Last year SPC organized five free bike clinics for youth. We helped almost 60 young people fix their own or donated bikes. Besides mechanical skills, youth also learn the value of recycling and working cooperatively. Last year we worked at Northeast Community Center and the Westcott Community

Center. Thanks to generous support from the Gifford Foundation, we were able to purchase tools and supplies.

We hope to double the number of volunteers for this year's clinics and add a site on the South and/or West sides of the city. We need people who know how to fix bikes and work cooperatively with youth. We also need people to help transport materials and organize outreach and publicity. We've already begun signing up new volunteers, and the Onondaga Cycling Club will have an article on *Bikes 4 Peace* in its May issue. If you're interested in getting involved, contact Jessica.

NOON in High Energy

Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON) has become increasingly active since the Onondagas filed their land rights action. We have been speaking to groups, producing and distributing literature, re-working the *Neighbor to Neighbor, Nation to Nation* booklet (originally printed in 2001), tabling at events, and distributing *Proud Neighbor of the Onondaga Nation* buttons. In early April we had our first general meeting.

How you can help:

- Come to the May 10 general meeting, 7 pm at the Westcott Day Hab (522 Westcott St., Syracuse).
- Learn more. Visit our website [www.peacecouncil.net/NOON] and the Onondaga Nation website [www.onondaganation.org].
- Sign the *Statement of Support* (on the SPC website) and circulate it.
- Invite NOON to provide a presentation for groups in which you're involved.
- Wear our button.
- Write a letter to the editor.
- Attend public events at the Onondaga Nation.

White Privilege

The people involved in designing the February SPC education program on *White People Confronting White Racism* have come back together to form an ongoing group committed to addressing issues of racism and white privilege in our community. We are starting a monthly discussion group and planning an "open-mic white privilege shout-out." New people always welcome! Contact Candace Saunders at 416-4920 for the meeting schedule.

Weekly Peace Outreach

Join us at busy intersections to say "End the Iraq War." Every Tuesday, 4:45-5:30 pm.

- May 3 Valley Dr. and Seneca Tnpk. (Valley)
- May 10 James St. and Thompson Rd. (Northside)
- May 17 S. Salina and E. Colvin (Southside)
- May 24 Rt. 20 (Albany St.) and Lincklaen St. (Cazenovia)
- May 31 E. Genesee St. and Erie Blvd. (Dewitt)

Advertising for Peace


Long-time SPC supporter and *PNL* advertiser Margaret Matthews is leaving town. We greatly appreciate the consistent contribution that Margaret has made by advertising with us each month. We wish her the best with her move.

Many progressive individuals, groups and businesses support SPC by advertising in the *Peace Newsletter*. The revenue generated covers a large portion of the cost to produce and distribute the *PNL*. We encourage *PNL* readers to support the businesses and groups that advertise on our pages. If you are interested in advertising in the *PNL*, contact Carol or check our website for rates and deadlines.

Bookkeeper Wanted

Do you have some previous bookkeeping experience? Would you like to work in a friendly (but at times chaotic) environment for a good cause? SPC is looking for a bookkeeper to do day-to-day bookkeeping and payroll, prepare financial and other government-required reports, and work with the finance committee. The job is for eight hours a week at \$10 per hour. Contact Carol for more details.

SPC 69th Birthday Dinner—Coming in June

SPC's 69th Birthday Celebration will be held in early June. It will feature members of the Onondaga Nation and Joe Heath, lawyer for the Onondagas. The date and more details will be available soon. Check your fund appeal mailing. 

Why Haiti Must Be Crushed

Ed Kinane

Let's begin with 1492. In that year Columbus landed on the Caribbean island he called Hispaniola and which now is comprised of Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Since then, no country in the Caribbean has suffered more pain per capita than Haiti.

In the 15th century, according to Columbus, Haiti was an island paradise. Now it is an ecological disaster. In the 18th century Haiti was the richest colony in the New World. Now it is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere.

Within decades Haiti's indigenous people, the Taino, were rendered extinct. Alien disease took its inevitable toll. But it was the Spanish obsession with gold and Columbus' brutal ways of extracting and extorting what little gold there was that sealed their fate.

Thousands of West Africans were imported to fill the labor vacuum. Africans, under the lash, were put to work raising indigo and then cane sugar.

So savage was the slave regime, at first under the Spanish and then under the French, that a slave's life expectancy in Haiti was only several years. Slaves didn't live long enough to assimilate "Western civilization." To this day Haiti remains essentially an African country – ransacked, and displaced to another hemisphere.

Haiti's Original Sin

In the 1790s, inspired by the 1789 French Revolution, the Afro-Haitians revolted against their French masters. Led by the slave Toussaint L'Ouverture the Africans succeeded, in 1804, in whupping Napoleon's army and driving it off the island.

This was the world's first successful slave revolt. Ignored in our history books, it was an event and an accomplishment as significant and as liberatory as the American or French revolutions.

Western civilization – France and the other white colonial slave-holding powers – have yet to forgive the Afro-Haitians. Like Sandinista Nicaragua and like Castro's Cuba, liberating itself was Haiti's original

sin. Two centuries later the forces of counter-liberation are still being relentlessly applied against it.

For years few would recognize Haiti's independence. The United States, despite the lofty sentiments of its founding documents, did not recognize Haiti until our own slave regime crumbled in the 1860s. France, despite the ideals of its revolution, would not recognize Haiti until it paid a crushing multi-million dollar indemnity.

In effect the former Haitian slaves, perpetuating their bankruptcy, had to buy their already hard won freedom and pay for the land their captors had stolen from indigenous people.

This enormous debt was not unlike the invidious debt many countries owe the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund for loans the people themselves never contracted – debt which, unless expunged, will surely keep many nations in thrall for the indefinite future. Haiti didn't finish paying the indemnity until well into the twentieth century.

President Aristide's Mortal Sins

In the Catholic theology of my youth, we are all born – like Haiti – with original sin. And many of us go on to commit grievous sins of our own. These are called *mortal* sins.

In the last dozen or so years unrepentant Haiti and President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, whom it keeps electing, has committed a number of these. This is why the so-called "international community" – especially the US, France and Canada – are determined to keep Haiti in hell.

In Haiti's 1990 presidential election the US-financed candidate, Marc Bazin, was pre-ordained to win. At the last minute, however, a Catholic priest preaching liberation theology entered the race. Fr. Aristide won the election by a 67% landslide. (Has



The author (far right) and friends demonstrate in front of the US Embassy in Port-Au-Prince in April. Photo: Vladimir

any US president been backed by so many of the voters?)

Within eight months Fr. Aristide was toppled by a US-sponsored coup. The next time Aristide stood for election – in 2000 – he won by an even greater share of the vote. And this was an election internationally certified as fair. Aristide was, and continues to be, the choice of the vast majority of Haiti's people.

But on February 29, 2004 Aristide, now no longer a priest, was again overthrown. The US military abducted Aristide at gunpoint. This time, instead of his returning to exile in the US (Mrs. Aristide is a US citizen), he was flown to the Central African Republic, one of the most isolated countries on the planet.

Why does the US government hate Aristide so? What mortal sins did he commit? Space here isn't sufficient to catalog them all. I'll only mention some of the most prominent.

Upon first becoming president, Aristide sought to raise Haiti's miserable minimum wage. A major no-no. US corporate interests aren't all that great in Haiti; a doubling or tripling of the minimum wage would barely impact US consumer prices.

However, such an attack on corporate interests would set a dangerous precedent. Just as Haiti's bid for freedom two centuries ago risked infecting US slaves with wayward ideas, raising the minimum wage on this economically-insignificant island might inspire workers in the US and elsewhere

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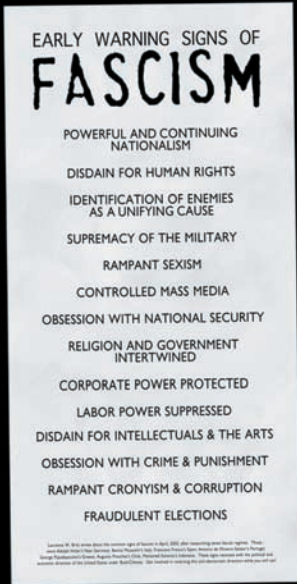
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to also keep agitating for fair wages.

For five centuries the imperial powers have only seen Haiti as nothing more than a dark, placid pool of super-cheap labor. That typecasting was not to be tampered with. Haiti must know its place. The Emancipation Proclamation was never meant to apply to wage-slavery.

Aristide further alienated business interests by aggressively collecting taxes and utility bills. Before Aristide, taxes were collected from peasants but not from large landowners or urban businessmen. (At the same time, almost no money went to providing rural services or developing rural infrastructure.) Taxing the rich won no points from the Clinton and Bush administrations.

Aristide kept up his offensive behavior. In 1994 when he returned from exile in the US and resumed his presidency, Aristide abolished Haiti's brutish military. Only its marching band was kept intact and its headquarters were given over to Aristide's newly-established ministry of women. Talk about a dangerous precedent!

As in many Latin American countries under gringo influence, the Haitian military's only function had been to topple one president or another and to bully and exploit its own people.

The US had trained and armed the Haitian military, in its modern form, when the marines occupied Haiti from 1915 to 1933. It was during that era that the US rewrote the Haitian constitution to permit foreign investment. Also during that era the US re-introduced forced labor and jim crow segregation to Haiti and killed thousands of Haitians who resisted the occupation.

I don't recall who won the Nobel Peace Prize for 1994, but Aristide would have been a worthy candidate.

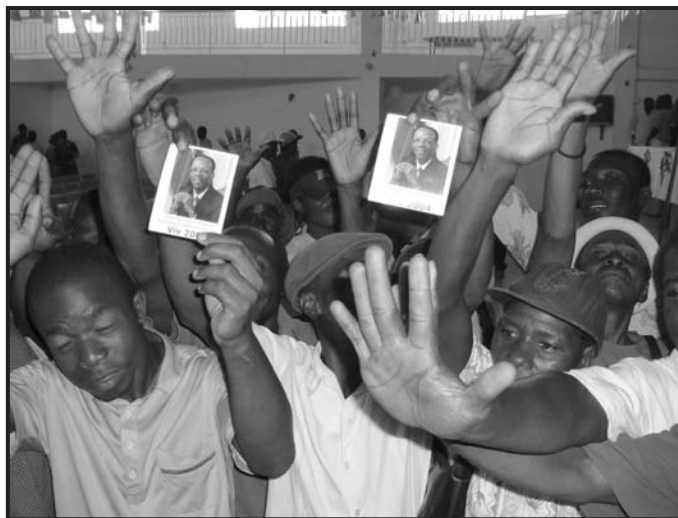
Further proof of Aristide's baseness is that he recognized his next door neighbor, Fidel Castro's Cuba. Cuba, it seems, provides many desperately needed medical doctors to Haiti. Last year when the US Marines converted the medical school in Port-au-Prince into its military base, Fidel brought the displaced students to Cuba to finish their training.

And, finally, consider this brazen deed. During his second term Aristide sued France for reimbursement of the aforementioned indemnity. Aristide presented France with a meticulously documented bill – corrected for inflation and with 5% interest compounded.

The bill totals \$21 billion. France, in its grandeur, was not amused. It reportedly told the US that if the US did not remove Aristide, France would....

For the time being President and Mildred Aristide live in South Africa. Aristide's party, Lavalas ("flash flood"), has once again been forced underground. Even so, it insists there can be no elections in Haiti without the return of its President and the democratic Constitutional order he embodies.

In April when several of us dem-



Lavalas rally, Aristide Foundation, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Lavalas is Aristide's political party. Photo: Ann Tiffany

onstrated in front of the US Embassy in Port-au-Prince, my sign read, "Restore Democracy. Restore Aristide."

Key Reading:

- Jean-Bertrand Aristide, *In the Parish of the Poor*, Orbis, 1990, 112pp
- Beverly Bell, *Walking on Fire: Haitian Women's Stories of Survival and Resistance*, Cornell University, 2001, 258pp
- Noam Chomsky, Paul Farmer, Amy Goodman, *Getting Haiti Right This Time: The U.S. and the Coup*, Common Courage, 2004, 180pp
- Paul Farmer, *The Uses of Haiti* (introduction by Noam Chomsky), Common Courage, 1994, 432pp
- Stan Goff, *Hideous Dream: A Soldier's Memoir of the US Invasion of Haiti*, Soft Skull Press, 2000, 499pp
- C.L.R. James, *The Black Jacobins: Toussaint L'Ouverture and the San Domingo Revolution*, Vintage 1963, 2nd edition rev (originally 1938), 426pp

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<p>1 CNY Labor Religion Coalition 4th Annual Solidarity Supper. Speakers Thomas Hobart & Brian O'Shaughnessy. Empire Room, NYS Fairground. 5:30pm. \$60. 431-4040 Ext. 40.</p> <p>International Rally for Nuclear Disarmament. 2pm. Central Park, NYC. Call 466-8039 or 478-7442 to arrange carpooling.</p> <p>Syracuse City High School Art Exhibit. April 7-May 3. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 9am-5pm. Steve 478-8634. FREE.</p> <p>Syracuse Gay/Lesbian Catholics & Friends Mass: St. Andrew's Church, 124 Alden St. 5 pm. 636-7726.</p>	<p>2 Terrorism and Just War Theory. Speaker Michael Walzer. 4:30pm. Maxwell Auditorium, SU. [SU.dlcooke@maxwell.syr.edu].</p> <p>Inner Peace, Creative Expression: A Multicultural Course for Youth in the Arts. Series of workshops for teens. Every Mon, May 3-23. 2-5pm. Syracuse Zen Cntr. 492-9773. \$2-10 sliding scale.</p> <p>Lifting the Shadow: Toward a Nuclear-Weapons-Free World. Speakers Dr. Helen Caldicott, John Burroughs, & Jonathan Schell. 9:15am-5:30pm. City University of New York, Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Ave at 34th Street, NYC.</p> <p>Farmworkers March for Justice! Solidarity Rally 2 pm. State Office Building, 333 East Washington Street (next to City Hall). Bill Abram [bmmwestny@yahoo.com].</p>	<p>3 Weekly Peace Outreach: 4:45-5:30 pm. Valley Drive & Seneca Tpk. (Valley) 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Book Discussion <i>Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It</i> by Jim Wallis. Open to public. Soule Branch Library (across from LeMoyne College). 7pm. FREE.</p>	<p>4 Workshop Performance of Sundance (local opera about Native American political prisoner Leonard Peltier). 8:30 pm. Hendricks Chapel, SU. Matt 478-9312. FREE.</p> <p>EVERY WED: SPC Worknight til 8 pm. Many diverse tasks. 924 Burnet Ave. Jess 472-5478, [jessica@peacecouncil.net].</p>	<p>5 EVERY THURS: Free Legal Services for people denied unemployment benefits or who have a welfare hearing. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 6-8 pm.</p> <p>EVERY THURS: Womens' Voices Radio. WAER - 88 FM. 8 pm.</p>	<p>6 Folkus Project's Music Series with Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen. May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee St. 8pm. 440-1818. \$12.</p>	<p>7 EVERY SAT: Democracy Now! w/Amy Goodman. Time Warner Cable Ch. 98, 9-11 am.</p>
<p>8 CNY SOA Abolitionists and Caribbean Latin America Coalition Joint Monthly Potluck Meeting: 4-7 pm. Brady Faith Center, 404 South Ave.</p> <p>Banjo Workshop with Frank Lee. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 10am-1pm. 457-2290. \$35.</p>	<p>9 SPC Study Group on the US Global Agenda: 7-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Carol 472-5478, [carol@peacecouncil.net].</p> <p>Westcott East Neighborhood Assoc. Mtg: Petit Library, 105 Victoria Pl. 7-9 pm. Starke Donnelly 472-2140.</p>	<p>10 Weekly Peace Outreach: 4:45-5:30 pm. James St and Thompson Rd. (Northside) 472-5478.</p> <p>Educational Meeting on the Onondaga Land Rights Action. 7pm. Westcott Day Hab Center. 522 Westcott St. Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation, 472-5478, [noon@peacecouncil.net].</p>	<p>11 SPC Volunteer Orientation. 7pm. SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY WED: Open Figure Drawing Inc. 7-10 pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. FREE. 478-8634.</p>	<p>12 Town Meeting w/NYS Sen. Dave Valesky. 7 pm. Southwest Community Center. 474-6823.</p> <p>Kidz Cafe Nite. Featuring jazz singer, Missy Seigler. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 6-9pm. Andre 478-8634. \$20.</p>	<p>13 Westcott Community Center Annual Meeting & Election. 7-9pm. 826 Westcott St. 478-8634.</p>	<p>14 Poet's Coffee House. Featuring Elana Levy, Evelyn Ayers-Marsh, & Roslyn Rasberry. 7-10pm. Women's Information Center, 601 Allen St. \$2-5 (sliding fee).</p> <p>New York State Peace Action Workshop on Membership & Fundraising. Small fee. Call 446-8039 for details and location.</p>
<p>15 EVERY SUN: People's 60 Minutes. Time Warner Cable Channel 98. 8 pm. Produced by SPC. Tape it, share it!</p> <p>Syracuse Gay/Lesbian Catholics & Friends Mass: St. Andrew's Church, 124 Alden St., 5 pm. 636-7726.</p>	<p>16 Syracuse United Neighbors/Skunk City Mtg: Mundy Library, 1204 S. Geddes St. 6:30 pm. 476-7475.</p>	<p>17 Weekly Peace Outreach: 4:45-5:30 pm. S. Salina and E. Colvin. (Southside) 472-5478.</p> <p>Positive Alternatives: Beyond the Military. 6pm. Senior Room, Northeast Community Center, 716 Hawley Ave.</p>	<p>18 EVERY WED: Military & Draft Counseling. Noon-3pm. SPC, 924 Burnet Ave. Marge 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY WED: Syracuse Community Choir. 7:30-9:30pm Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 472-9386. Open to all!</p>	<p>19 US Policy towards Africa: Humanitarianism or Militarism? Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 7-8:30 pm. See page 3.</p>	<p>20 Folkus Project's Music Series with Erika Wheeler & Jake Armerding. May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee St. 8pm. 440-1818. \$10.</p>	<p>21 Folkus Project's Music Series with Tanglefoot. May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee St. 8pm. 440-1818. \$17 (\$15 for members).</p>
<p>22 WENA presents Westcott Nation Jazz. Featuring Hanna Richardson and Phil Flanigan. 7:30 pm. Erwin Methodist Ch., 920 Euclid Ave. \$15.</p> <p>EVERY SUN: Common Threads, Acoustic local music. WAER FM 88. 2-5pm.</p>	<p>23 SPC Study Group on the US Global Agenda: 7-8:30 pm, Friends Meeting House, 821 Euclid Ave. Carol 472-5478, [carol@peacecouncil.net].</p> <p>EVERY MON: Morris Dancing. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 7-8:30 pm. 478-8634.</p>	<p>24 Weekly Peace Outreach. 4:45-5:30 pm. Rt. 20 (Albany St.) & Lincklaen St. (Cazenovia). 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Partnership for Onondaga Creek Meeting. 6 pm. For place call Aggie 478-4571.</p> <p>PFLAG Monthly Meeting. First Unitarian Universalist Church at 250 Waring Road 7:30 pm. 446-0009.</p>	<p>25 Syracuse Progressive Coalition Mtg. 5:30-7pm. CNY Labor Federation, 404 Oak St. Andy 472-5478.</p> <p>Friends of Dorothy Benefit Dinner. 5:30-7pm. St. Vincent's Parish Center, 342 Vine St. Donation. [friendsofdorothy@twcny.rr.com].</p> <p>HIV Testing Procedures. 2-Day training. 9am-5pm. Regional Training Ctr, 1010 James St. 424-0009.</p>	<p>26 SPC Newsletter Mailing Party: 4-6:30pm. SPC Office, 924 Burnet Ave. Free pizza.</p> <p>Monthly Vigil Against Death Penalty: Noon. Columbus Circle. 637-3344.</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28 Pax Christi Mtg: 9:30am. 208 Slocum Ave. Frank 446-1693.</p> <p>EVERY SAT: Sharing the Earth. 10 pm. Time Warner Ch. 98. People for Animal Rights.</p>
<p>29 </p>	<p>30 EVERY MON: Meditation. Women's Information Center. 8-9:45am. 601 Allen St. 472-5711. FREE.</p>	<p>31 Weekly Peace Outreach. 4:45-5:30 pm. E. Genesee St. & Erie Blvd. (Dewitt). 472-5478.</p> <p>EVERY TUES: Rough Times Live. Television by, for & about teens. 8 pm. Time Warner Cable Channel 98. 478-UNIT.</p>	<p>1 COMING IN JUNE</p> <p>SPC's 69th Birthday Celebration will be held in early June. It will feature members of the Onondaga Nation and Joe Heath, lawyer for the Onondagas. Final details will be available soon.</p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>Syracuse Peace Council Community Calendar MAY 2005</p> <p>To list your group's event or meeting, call 472-5478 or send the info to SPC at pnl@peacecouncil.net</p>	

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